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President's Report

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Hello again Fellow Retirees,

In the last newsletter, I discussed some of the results of the ETSURA Survey and focused on the "Summer Luncheon." Recall that our first luncheon at *The Depot* at Food City in 2016 received excellent reviews. However, the event last year was a disappointment, as the food was cold and the service non-existent. The reason, it turned out, was the manager was AWOL after abscond

ing with \$10,000.

I talked with the new manager, who said they were devastated by last year's incident, which affected many other groups. She said they were working hard to restore their reputation. As a result, your board agreed to continue using *The Depot*, because it's a good facility and because other locations would be significantly more expensive. We have also agreed to return to traditional hot foods, such as hamburgers & barbecue.

Other survey items with poor ratings were "Bridge," "Bowling," and "Mini-Library." This is understandable, as bridge and bowling are offered by the JC Senior Center, and ETSU-related books can be found elsewhere. "Service Opportunities" also received mixed responses. One explanation is a dichotomy in our membership—those who are interested and able and those who are not able to participate. In this regard, your board has voted to expand its outreach to shut-ins by offering rides to ETSURA functions, in addition to sending cards and making welfare calls. For those able to help, we have had good turnouts for 2nd Harvest Food Bank and Move-In Day Registration. Hopefully, this will continue with the WETS Fund-Raiser in Oct.

Survey items that generated high interest were "Field Trips" to buildings currently under construction. Renovation of Bldg. 60 on the VA campus is now complete, and we are tentatively scheduling a tour + luncheon at the VA for Mar. 2019. A tour of the Fine Arts building will depend on its completion, which realistically will be in 2020. Another possibility is a tour of the renovated Culp Center, which also has a projected completion date in 2020.

Survey ratings for "Annual Meeting/Banquet" were excellent with regard to location, food, speakers, and entertainment. Accordingly, the board is delighted to continue this venue. One hitch is a change in management at the JC Country Club and possible increase in charges. Recall that Kyle Colvett (Director of the Radiation Oncology Center) will be the keynote speaker and that the Jonesborough Novelty Band will provide the entertainment. We will also have senior Mack Davis scholarship recipients as our guests.

Another survey item with a high rating is "Membership," which includes reasonable membership dues and newsletters worth reading. Remember that we are able to keep dues low because of generous donations by Eastman Credit Union and University Advancement. While we greatly appreciate their help, we are considering a back-up source of revenue *just in case*. This would involve taking out ads in our newsletters and flyers and making them interesting to our readers by incorporating a "Where's Waldo" type game with prizes.

The Tennessee Higher Education Retirees Association (THERA) meeting normally held at Fall Creek Falls State Park in Nov. has been canceled. The Inn at the Park was demolished in preparation for a new facility, and the consensus among regular attendees was to skip this year and plan for 2019.

Jeff Wardeska will be running ETSURA for a month, as I will be taking a trip to Hawaii to maintain my accreditation as a native scoundrel. After the deluge there, this may involve "draining the swamp." They say that Oklahoma is in "Tornado Alley." Evidently, they can now say that Hawaii is in "Hurricane Lane."

Aloha and Best Wishes,
Mike Miyamoto

Our Condolences

Hazel Mae Gardner passed away June 20 at home. She served 35 years with the Physical Plant. She is survived by daughters, granddaughters and other family members.

Dr. Robert Shepard passed away June 21, he served as an Associate Professor in the College of Education. He is survived by his wife, Mary, one son and daughter and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mary L. Gammo, ETSURA life member, passed away May 13. She was the first woman professor in the school of business to teach Computerized accounting information systems. Dr. Brian Noland awarded the status of Faculty Emerita in 2015 to Mary Lou.

Dr. John Kenneth Herd, ETSURA life member, passed away August 28. He was an ETSURA President in 2007.

Become a Volunteer at Second Harvest

Second Harvest of Northeast Tennessee

Join other ETSURA members at Second Harvest in Kingsport

Upcoming dates: September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11.

Time: 9 a.m. - noon (ETSURA lunch will follow)

Don't have time to volunteer?

You can donate directly to Second Harvest by mailing your donation to the address below:

Second Harvest Food Bank of
Northeast Tennessee
1020 Jericho Drive
Kingsport, TN 37663

Eat & Chat

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Chat**

Sept. 20, 2018 Cold Cases Are Hot Topics. Our next "Eat and Chat" will be held on Thursday, Sept. 20th at 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral. You have probably heard about the DNA testing kits that are commercially available and about the decades-old cold cases that were recently solved. Scott Champney will tell you the connection between the two in his presentation on "**Ancestry and Forensics from Your DNA.**" He will also tell you about other information obtainable from these test kits. Finally, he will discuss the idea of "Mitochondrial Eve" and how we might all be related with roots in Africa.

Feb. 2019 Nonsense in Nashville. Bob Patton will talk about his book **Tennessee Political Fireworks**, which contains anecdotes of his time in office as our state representative. *Date to be determined.*

Apr. 2019 Dynamite Days on the Holston River. Colin Baxter will talk about his book **The Secret History of RDX: The Super Explosive that Helped Win World War II.** *Date to be determined.*

Do you have questions about your Retiree Insurance?

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**Elected at the Organizational Meeting on November 3, 2017*

WETS-FM Fall Fundraiser

If you are interested in participating in the Fall fundraiser for WETS-FM please contact Charles Moore at cfm46@mounet.com or chas.moore01@yahoo.com. "You should meet some interesting people, get some free food, pick up a few complimentary CDs, and, of course, help WETS maintain its usual programming."

We need a head count of ETSURA volunteers and will then begin to schedule time(s). The shifts are usually one hour that goes by quickly. Fundraising starts October 6 and then October 8-12. The system at the station is highly automated, easy to use and you'll have fun. Contact Charles if you want to volunteer.

Save the Date

ETSURA Annual Meeting

Date: Friday, November 2, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Kyle Colvett

Location: Johnson City Country Club

Entertainment: Jonesborough Novelty Band



Move in Day at Governors Hall



Thank You!

Thank you , ETSURA, for your many hours of service with Move-In Day, your group is such a great help for our staff and students. Please keep us on your calendar for next year. Thanks again.

Brian Thompson,
Area Coordinator for East Campus:
Governor's Hall

Become a Volunteer at Second Harvest



Volunteering at the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee is one of the signature activities of the East Tennessee State University Retiree Association (ETSURA). The

Food Bank is housed in the old Sam's Club building located at 1020 Jericho Drive in Kingsport, within a quarter of a mile off of Interstate 81 North, airport exit 63. The scheduled time ETSURA has coordinated with the food bank for our members to volunteers is during the second Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. -12 noon. A growing number of children and adults are experiencing food insecurity in our region. The Food Bank provides food to some of Tennessee's most impoverished counties, which are located in Northeast Tennessee. Last summer the food bank provided meals for more than 2,500 children, including nearly 7,000 meals, when school meals were not available. The food bank hopes to meet this goal again this year as part of its Summer Food Service Program. When school is in session, children benefit from the food bank's backpack program.

Summer Luncheon 2018

Registration and attendance were down from previous years, in part because of conflicting events held on the same day. Other possible factors were the bad experience with food service last year and the "cold menu" and slight increase in cost this year. All things considered, your board opted to continue working with the new crew at *The Depot* and return to a traditional "hot menu" next year. Despite the reduced attendance, we did not hear of any complaints, and in fact received a few complimentary comments. Although Dr. Noland was scheduled to speak, he was called away to Nashville, and a last minute attempt to get Athletic Director Scott Carter was unsuccessful. We did hear from the new Director of Campus Recreation, Kari Albarado, as scheduled. As director, Kari is in charge of the Center for Physical Activity (CPA), but her primary job is to direct the recreational programs for ETSU students, such as outdoor adventure, intramural sports, sports clubs, fitness, and

aquatics. Before coming to ETSU, Kari was Senior Associate Director of Operations and Special Projects at Texas A&M at Commerce. She is a native of Scott County, VA and earned her bachelor's in history at UVA-Wise and her Master's in Sport Management from Western Illinois Univ. Kari gave a power point review of the facilities available at the CPA and distributed brochures with specific details. ETSU retirees are able to use the facility free, but spouses must pay the same fee that other non-students pay.

Finally, there was the awarding of door prizes, consisting of ETSU memorabilia, and a top prize of a free oil change at Precision Tune-Up (St. of Franklin Rd.) won by Betty Moore. She was offered the choice of conventional oil or heart-healthier olive oil. With the reduced program, there was a lot of free time for attendees to mingle and catch up on old times, which seemed to be just fine with many.



Congratulations To Our Recent Retirees

Sherry Armitage - Director of Operations,
College of Pharmacy

Cecil Blankenship - Professor, Counseling &
Human Services

John Cockerham - Assistant Professor,
Counseling & Human Services

Jack Cotrel - Chief, Public Safety & Security

Joyce Duncan - Lecturer, Counseling & Human
Services

Steve Greenwell - Electronic Technician,
University Center Administration

Delbert Hall - Professor, Theatre & Dance

Diane Hayes - Lecturer, Curriculum & Instruction

Vida Hull - Professor, Art & Design

Robert Justice - Director, Small Business Program

Betsy Kappes - Business Director, Office of
Practice

Debra Knisley - Professor, Mathematics &
Statistics

Madaline Lewis - Executive Aide, Division of Lab
Animals Resources

Carmen Linne - Director, Academic Affairs

Linda Lyons - Executive Aide, College of Medicine

David Magee - Director, University Career Services

Jeffrey McCray, Maintenance Utility Helper,
Custodial Services

Jayantilal Mehta, Professor, Internal Medicine

Charlene Perrigan, Information Research Tech
2, Student Services COM

Sonja Rhodes, Testing Technician 1, Testing
Services

Rande Sanderbeck, Professor, Music

Ralph Slatton, Professor, Art & Design

Terry Story, Deputy Chief, Public Safety &
Security

Jerry Taylor, Associate Professor, Engineering
Tech Surveying

Ikie Tolley, Boiler Operator 2, Power House
Operations

Judy Whittimore, Director, Biomedical Sciences

Yavas Ugur, Professor, Management & Market



2 ways to join!

Join ETSURA

ETSURA's membership count for the 2018 calendar year is 329. All retired ETSU employees and their spouses, and spouses of deceased ETSU employees are eligible for membership. In addition, other persons employed by ETSU for five years or more who are retired from other institutions or corporations are also eligible for membership with their spouses.

- Membership is \$10 per person per calendar year, or
- \$100 Lifetime membership, or
- \$150 Joint lifetime membership for retirees and spouses

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM ETSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION

NAME: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (MI) _____ (Title) _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (MI) _____ (Title) _____

ADDRESS: (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

TELEPHONE: (____) ____ - ____ EMAIL: _____

FORMER STATUS WITH ETSU: FACULTY ☐ STAFF ☐

AMOUNT PAID (\$10 PER PERSON): \$10 ☐ \$20 ☐

ACCOUNT NO: FUND 821350, ORG 79998, Banner Account: 29300

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Johnson City, TN 37614-1707

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION FORM

Enclosed is the applicable life membership fee. It is understood that this is a nonrefundable deferred gift to the ETSURA Endowed Scholarship Fund in the ETSU Foundation. The funds will be invested by the university with the income being used for current expenses of the association until my (our) death at which time it (one half if husband or wife) will be transferred to the Endowed Scholarship Fund. It is understood that any benefit received from ETSURA, the university or its foundation or this contribution will be of nominal value and it is fully deductible for tax purposes in the year paid.

NAME OF MEMBER _____ SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: (Street) _____ (City) _____

(State) _____ (Zip) _____ TELEPHONE: (____) ____ - ____

EMAIL: _____

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER: \$100 ☐

HUSBAND & WIFE: \$150 ☐

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PROGRAM 999; CHART: E

ETSURA SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT DONATION FORM

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