In Memoriam

We wish to remember the following UMKC Retirees.


Bowles, Quinton 08-22-07  Fricke, Vernon 09-17-07  Ramsey, Marvin L. 08-27-07
Cato, Ray M. 11-19-06  Gerrity, Marline 02-17-07  Speca, John M. 09-10-07
Cole, Opal 12-13-06  Jeans, James Sr. 10-30-06  Stafford, John R. 06-23-07
Doiron, Claude Jr. 12-21-06  Kelly, Patrick 04-27-07  Young, George R. 07-31-07
Douthat, Julian 04-05-06  Popper, Robert 02-09-07

OTHER UMKC RETIREES WHO PASSED AWAY BETWEEN AUGUST 1, 2006 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

Abelson, Norman E. 11-13-06  Hiatt, William Robert 08-24-06  Mosby, Edward L. 08-08-06
Austin, Robert Andrew 01-31-07  Johnson, Margaret 06-05-07  Peeler, Doris J. 12-27-06
Cleary, John D. 06-16-07  Kemner, Gerald Eugene 1-26-07  Redd, Gerald D. 06-21-07
Cooper, Eugene 02-28-07  Langley, Leroy Lester 12-14-06  Reynolds, Marguerite 12-31-06
Francesconi, Angelo 03-24-07  Levy, Solomon "Sol" 09-21-07  Sapp, Donna R. 05-01-07
Garlington, Doris M. 11-07-06  Lund, Annabelle-03-06-07  Sutton, Gaye E. 09-09-06
Gidden, Artie B 08-17-07  Miller, Bernice L. 12-16-06  Wiswall, Henry C. 10-09-06
Glenn, Virginia Lee 02-09-07  Mills, Margaret K. 06-05-07  Wright, Gary Lee 06-07-07
Did you know?

Currently we have about 1400 UMKC Retirees with many still residing in the metro area. We have nearly 300 members in the Retirees Association. Think what a resource the collective skills of UMKC retirees can mean for the campus and community when mobilized as volunteers! We are working on a number of such opportunities for those interested.

October Reception

More than 50 members, including new members Janet Bartosik and Sandy VanEngelenhoven, enjoyed a wine and cheese reception October 6, 2007. Dick Hetherington, our VP and President-Elect, made a presentation on the new RA Website and invited comments and suggestions as he is working to make it user-friendly, informative and current. You might wish to try it out at: http://www.umkc.edu/advancement/umkcra/temp

We hope to be able to use the website for timely announcements as well as to allow you to check our program plans, volunteering opportunities and other things that may be of interest. If you want to send comments to Dick, his email is Hetheringtond@umkc.edu.

Chancellor Provides Funds

We are pleased to report that Chancellor Bailey has agreed to help fund additional activities of the Retirees Association this year.

In past years, that office has supported the receptions held prior to our two luncheons. This year the support has been increased to cover travel by UMKC RA officers to meet with their counterparts from other campuses when we meet with the President of the University or to attend Curators Meetings when retirement issues are considered.

In addition, we will be able to have a one-page insert sent along with a copy of UMKC Perspectives once a year to all UMKC retirees addressing retiree matters. (We had planned to send out the first of these with the March 2008 Perspectives but it will not be possible since copy deadline is January 2 and much of what we need to report on will not be completed until February). So we will aim for the September 2008 issue.

Look for some exciting new opportunities in the colorful version of the newsletter. In brief, on many topics, the UMKC RA represents all retirees and the support from the Chancellor is intended to help us to do just that.

Reception for All UMKC Retirees in Plans

Your RA Board is working with the UMKC Advancement Office to host a reception in 2008 for all UMKC Retirees. Preliminary plans include refreshments, entertainment and, for all who attend, some attractive opportunities to attend a variety of UMKC events at no or low cost during the academic year 2008-2009. Watch for more details on this reconnect with the campus reception.
### RA Officers and Board 2007-2008

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### Thinking About Paying Your Dues?

Many members pay their annual RA dues at this time. Please check the mailing label on this newsletter before you write the check. If you see an “L” in the corner of your mailing label, you have paid for a lifetime membership and need not pay annual dues. Last year more than a dozen life members sent in annual dues. We contacted them and some asked for refunds and others donated the money to the RA.

### Help Your Officers and Board

The RA is your organization and can only be as active and effective as you will help it be. If the nominating committee contacts you to serve, please give it serious consideration. When the Awards Committee seeks input on naming a UMKC Retiree for our new outstanding service award, look at the requirements and help us identify worth candidates. When other RA committees ask for suggestions, do not be shy.

### They Called; We Answered

When help was needed to work the refreshment tent at the May 2007 Commencement, your RA provided five helpers who gave out dozens and dozens of donuts. A similar request for help, again serving food and beverages, to parents and incoming students during the New Students Move-In Day at the dorms in August 2007, sixteen RA members were there. Maybe RA members just like to be near tasty food—but maybe they like to continue to be part of the UMKC family even more.
Newest Association Members

These UMKC Retirees have joined the RA since April 2007.

We welcome them and look forward to their participation with us in the life of the organization.

Linda K. Baker          Edwin T. Hood          Kathryn Rode
Janet Bartosik          Edith Hunter           J.D. “Sandy” Van Engelenhoven
Wilson Berry            Barbara I. Kleinman      Warren Wheelock
John A. Ditto           Lee Cester Lowe

Two new Board members have been appointed to fill vacant positions.
RICHARD 'DICK' HETHERINGTON fills the Vice President slot vacated by Dorsey Moore and JEANNE WHITAKER was appointed to fill Dick's position.

RICHARD 'DICK' HETHERINGTON received his BA from Drew and PhD from Wisconsin. In 1961 he came to KU to teach Math and Computer Science and taught there until 1984. He directed the KU Computation Center and helped start the KU Computer Science Department. He was the principal author of the PhD program in Computer Science, which is still operated jointly by KU and K-State. Dick joined UMKC in February 1984 as Director of the new program in Computer Science and Telecommunications, which has become the current School of Computing and Engineering. He hired the faculty who helped him create academic programs at all degree levels and launched nationally recognized research/PhD programs in Telecommunications, Computer Networking and Software Engineering. He retired in 2002 but continued teaching part time until 2005.

Dick is married with five adult children. He takes pride in having faithfully run every day since 1979. In addition to learning his duties as the new Vice President, he is the developer of the UMKC RA website.

JEANNE WHITAKER was a staff member at UMKC from 1979-1995. She began in the School of Education, and served as Senior Secretary at the University Center Office for 14 years under Director Bill Phillips. Jeanne has belonged to the Association since she retired and enjoys the fellowship, programs, and trips with other retirees. She has also enjoyed traveling to Europe with her daughters.
November 8, 2007

TO: UMKC Retiree Association Members

FROM: Dale Neuman, President

RE: Two Items of Interest to the RA

First, we would like to join with the Alumni Association and the International Student Affairs Office in the “Home for the Holidays” activity outlined below.

- People are being asked to sign up to host a student (or 2-3 if they are able) in their homes for a meal sometime during the holiday season. It doesn’t need to be ON a holiday but can be anytime between Thanksgiving and New Year’s.
- There are not specific dates as yet as those will be based on the host’s availability.
- Once people have indicated an interest in serving as a holiday host, the staff working with ISAO and the alumni/retirees will coordinate date possibilities and details and do the matching of students.
- The hosts will be responsible for the meal and for any necessary transportation of the students to their homes, if needed.
- Your RA Board is encouraging RA members to sign up – or even for several couples to get together to host several students.
- The goal for this first year would be to host as many international students in alumni/retiree homes during the holidays as possible – there is a lot of interest on the part of the students. Many of these students will never get an opportunity to be in an American home without this experience.
- If you are interested, please call 816-235-1563. You will receive more information when the numbers of hosts and students are determined.

Second, the RA Committee charged with recommending UMKC Retirees for our “Outstanding Contributions Award” needs your input. Any UMKC retiree is eligible and they need not be a member of the RA. Their contribution may be to UMKC, to the community or to the RA. Complete details about procedures and criteria are available in your copy of the By-laws, or under the label “Organization”, then “Constitution and By-Laws” on our website at www.umkc.edu/advancement/UMKCRA/temp or by calling Leo Sweeney at 235-1017. Since the awards are to be voted on in April, the committee needs your recommendations soon.
Reception - Holiday Luncheon

Business Meeting - Entertainment

SATURDAY • DECEMBER 1, 2007 • UNIVERSITY CENTER

RECEPTION – 11:00 a.m.  LUNCHEON – Noon  Pierson Auditorium

Musical entertainment will be provided

Cost - $14.00 per person

Annual Holiday Luncheon and Reception Reservation Form

Saturday, December 1, 2007

Name(s) ___________________________________________________________

Address__________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip___________________________ Phone (____) ______________

Number Attending ________ @ $14.00 each.  Total $_____________

Make check payable to UMKC Retirees Association and mail to:

UMKC Retirees Association
Administrative Center 300-B
5100 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO  64110-249

Questions? Telephone 816 235-1563

Deadline for Luncheon Reservation is November 28, 2007
Your check is your reservation.
HOLIDAY GREETINGS

As the weather grows colder and the days darker, we turn more and more to the joys of convivial coming-together, renewing old friendships and making new ones, sharing common interests, and continuing to learn from each other. Let us enjoy the repasts of both food and music!

Merton Shatzkin
President Emeritus