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## **Board Adjusts Policy On Newsletter Mailings in Response to Rising Costs**

### **Our Costs Have Risen Dramatically**

As newsletter editor, I had an amazing week in September 2013. I had just sent in our completed print file for our 12 page Fall International Edition, which was to be mailed in paper copy to 4,125 retirees. Here are the messages I got from our printer, at approximately one new message per day:

1: We will need to print this on 70 pound paper instead of 60 pound paper because the post office will not accept it on 60 pound paper any longer. This will cost a little more.

2: We can't fold 12 pages of 70 pound paper in a way that conforms to postal regulations. We will have to mail the newsletters flat, and that will cost more in postage.

3: The post office has disqualified your newsletter for mailing at the nonprofit rate because it contains advertising. You will have to mail at bulk rate, which will be much higher.

My response in all these cases was that we will go ahead and pay the increased costs, because we need to communicate with our members. You are automatically a member of the MSU Retirees Association if you are retired from MSU.

When I followed up on our loss of nonprofit mailing privileges I found out that we could regain them if our underwriters would become sponsors, but we would not be allowed to print either the web site addresses or the phone numbers of our sponsors. I don't think our underwriters would agree to that, and we get too much financial help from our underwriters to do without them. I reported these problems to our board for consideration.

### **Future Paper Copies Will Require a Paid Subscription**

After considerable study and discussion, our board reaffirmed that except for one initial mailing a year, probably the August issue, getting a paper copy of the newsletter will require a paid subscription. That policy was already in place, but during the past three years we have actually sent paper copies of two or three issues per year to members without a paid subscription. This was done as an investment in communication with our members. The board felt that we cannot afford to do that any more. The subscription price for one year of paper copies (six or seven issues) will remain at \$ 10.00 for the current year while the board studies the cost of continuing to mail paper copies. If you would like to subscribe, please use the subscription form reproduced in this newsletter or go to our web site to subscribe. If you would like to help a little more, you can take out a paid subscription but elect to read the electronic version instead of getting a paper copy in the mail. Our association also welcomes donations, and a donation form can also be found in this newsletter.

### **Electronic Copies Continue to be Free**

If you already receive E-Notices, our E-Notices Editor Gordon Williams will send you an e-mail notification as soon as each new issue is placed on our web site by Webmaster Anders Johanson. If you then go  
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## President's Message

Can we talk?

The MSURA newsletter and the cost of producing and and mailing it has to be discussed.

Recently, we were told by the post office that we could no longer pay the non-profit rate because we accept advertising. We prefer to call it underwriting (much like NPR) and we will continue to argue that point but right now we are paying the bulk rate that is significantly higher than the rate we were paying as a non-profit organization. In addition, all postal rates are increasing in January. The cost of printing is also increasing.

How can you help? When you subscribe or renew your subscription ask for it to be sent electronically rather than us mailing you a hard copy. It will help us keep down costs and we are all helping the environment.

In surveying other Big Ten schools there were schools that send out their newsletter electronically only and there is one school that sent out the newsletter electronically at one rate and mails a hard copy at a much higher rate. We are not at that point now but who knows what the future holds.

Would you be willing to receive the Spartan Senior newsletter by e-mail?

Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_ If you answer "yes" to this question and send an email message to: [msura@msu.edu](mailto:msura@msu.edu) with "yes" in the subject line, you will help the MSU Retirees Association save significant monies. Thank you for responding.



**Ron Smith**

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## Old Newsboys Hit the Streets Again

The Old Newsboys Association has worked since 1924 to raise money to buy footwear for needy children in the greater Lansing area. The old newsboys (and newsgirls) hit the streets again on December 5, and we thank our volunteers who helped make this sale a success. Both retirees and nonretirees came out to sell our papers. They include Rudy Abood, Kay Butcher, Nancy Craig, Jim Detjen, Fred Graham, Jim Graves, Sally Harwood, Vern Johnson and daughter, Rosemary Pavlik, Joan Smith, Ron Smith, Brenda Spackman, Cassandra Travitz, Bob Wenner, and Darlene Wenner. The efforts of these volunteers helped MSU raise more than \$2,600 for this year's drive.

—Brenda Spackman

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to our web site, you will see the latest newsletter in color and about two weeks before the paper copy would be likely to reach your mailbox. We will have your e-mail address if you have an e-mail account and have given this information to the MSU Human Resources Department. That department is also the place to send all your contact information, including your current address (don't send it to us). For safety reasons, the HR department cannot accept updates by telephone. If you need to give them an e-mail or address update, you can send paper mail to them at MSU Human Resources, 1407 S. Harrison Rd., Nisbet Building, East Lansing, MI 48823. From the internet you can go to the HR website at <http://www.hr.msu.edu>, select the EBS log in menu item, a form will drop down, and you can log in securely using your MSU ID and password.

### Local and International Editions Will Be Combined

For a number of years we have published "Local" and "International" editions of the newsletter. In theory, this made sense. We tried to limit the local editions to things that would be of interest to our local members (local was defined as being within 50 miles of East Lansing). This would include the details of local meetings, special interest group activities, and a calendar of future meetings. In actual practice, we also published things that would be applicable to members who lived further away. This included general interest articles such as those on the chained consumer price index and generic versus brand name prescription medicines, and any notices requested by the MSU HR department. I once included a news item about a member who had recently published several books, only to get a note from him a couple of months later asking why I hadn't published his news item. I was puzzled about this until I realized that he lived in Oregon and I had published his news in an edition that went only to local members.

The board feels that we should combine local and international editions as a matter of fairness and good communication. Our members from far away pay the same subscription for a paper copy as those who live nearby, but we were sending six or seven issues to the nearby subscribers and only two or three to those who live far away. Effective January 1, 2014, all newsletters will be mailed to those who have paid for a paper copy subscription, regardless of where they live. This will cost the association more money, but we feel it is a very good idea.

Thank you for your support of our newsletter and our association. Please send us news of your activities, and any suggestions for how we can improve communication with our members.

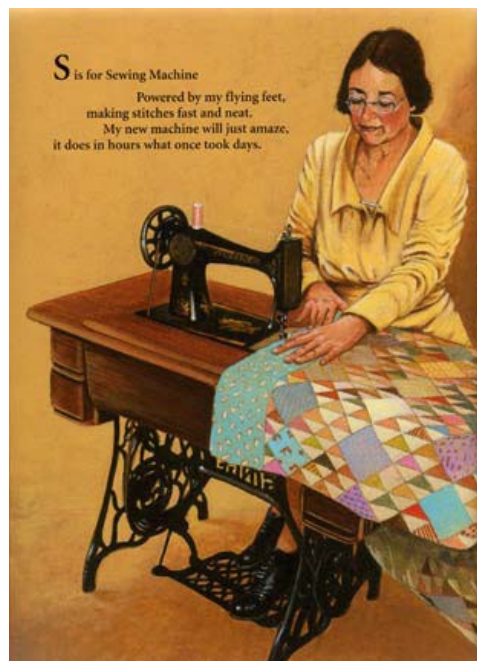
--Al LeBlanc, Editor

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## Quilting Expert Beth Donaldson to Present at January 13 Meeting

Beth Donaldson made her first quilt in 1974 at age 17. She reports that she happily cut 957 triangles from various fabrics without worrying about "silly things like fiber content or accuracy." She soon became hooked on a new hobby, and began teaching and selling things at craft shows to help pay for this hobby. She has taught for Country Stitches and published books titled *Block by Block* in 1995 and *Charm Quilts* in 1997. She has organized quilt retreats and has been associated with the MSU Museum for the last 16 years. You can find her and free patterns online at <http://bethdonaldson.blogspot.com/>.

Donaldson's topic will be the history of the American quilt, illustrated with quilts from the MSU Museum's Great Lakes Quilt Center. She will trace this history from the revolutionary era, when fabrics were expensive, through the 1970's which saw the beginning of the new American quilt revival. Members of MSURA are invited to bring their quilts to the January meeting for an "Antiques Road Show" analysis.



# What's New at MSU

By Stan Hecker

## Block S Yielding to Sparty Helmet in Michigan License Plates

Because MSU is changing its logo from the block “S” to the Spartan helmet, the block “S” license plate will not be issued after February 1. Will they be collectible?

The transition will take a while, however; the “S”PARTY and the “S”T8 FAN and their ilk will be cruising Michigan for another decade. The rules allow the state to renew a plate for up to ten years after the metal is stamped. The license plates won’t even necessarily be rusty, because many of the block “S” enthusiasts are setting aside identical, shiny, new replacements before the deadline.

The Michigan Department of State will offer a new MSU fundraiser license plate that features the Spartan helmet logo. Apparently the rules limit an organization to one logo at a time. Those who wish to order the new plate may do so from the Secretary of State starting Feb. 1, 2014. Revenue from the MSU fundraiser plates is used to support student scholarships, athletics and University Activities Board. Do you think the Sparty helmet will be as popular as the block “S”?

## New Microscope Invented at MSU Allows Tracking of Movements of Atoms, Molecules

A new microscope invented at Michigan State University allows scientists to zoom in on the movements of atoms and molecules. Electron microscopes allow scientists to see the structure of microorganisms, cells, metals, crystals and other tiny structures that weren’t visible with light microscopes. But while these images have allowed scientists to make great discoveries, the relationship between structure and function could only be estimated because of static images. In the 1990s, researchers added a fourth dimension – time – by using a laser to capture images of gaseous molecules as they were reacting.

Now, Chong-Yu Ruan, MSU associate professor of physics and astronomy, has brought these “molecular movies” down to the nanoscale level, where the properties of materials begin to change. The work has applications in nanoelectronic technologies and in clean-energy industries. Ruan’s team is one of the few in the world actively developing electron-based imaging technology on the femtosecond timescale. One femtosecond is one-millionth of a billionth of a second – a fundamental timescale that atoms take to perform specific tasks, such as mediating the traffic of electrical charges or participating in chemical reactions.

In 2010, Ruan received a U.S. Department of Energy grant to set up his lab at MSU. In 2011, he and Martin Berz and Phillip Duxbury, MSU professors of physics and astronomy, and Martin Crimp, professor of chemical engineering, were awarded a National Science Foundation grant to begin building the device. “Implementing such a technology within an electron microscope setup allows one to examine crucial functions in nanoscale devices,” Ruan said. “The goal is to explore the limits where specific physical, chemical and biological transformations can occur.” “An electron microscope costs between \$1 million and \$10 million,” Ruan said. “I expect our device to cost as little as \$500,000. It would allow electron microscopes to be updated with increased resolution for less money than buying a new one.”

## New Lights in Munn Arena

Hope you didn’t give up your Spartan hockey tickets because you couldn’t see the action. New lights in Munn Arena are providing a better game experience for hockey fans while significantly cutting the university’s energy bill. Munn is among the first ice rinks in the United States to be equipped with the light-emitting diode, or LED, lights. The new lights, installed over the summer, are part of a major renovation project on the arena where the MSU hockey team plays. Other ongoing upgrades include replacing the arena’s ice-making process, as well as a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.

The lights will use about one-fifth of the energy currently being used. Because the LED lights produce little or no direct heat, the ice-making process doesn’t have to work as hard, saving still more energy. “We lessened the heat load,” said Jeff Bonk, a project manager in MSU Infrastructure Planning and Facilities, “so  
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## Retiree's Book Recounts Pacific World War II Experiences

Today there are perhaps fifty surviving members of the notorious Bataan Death March that took place early in World War II. One of them, Lansing Anesthesiologist Dr. Eugene Bleil, has written a riveting first hand account of his experiences on the march, and the continued forced labor, starvation and torture he endured over the net three and a half years in Japanese prison camps.

Eugene Bleil was nineteen in 1939, the tenth year of the Depression. He made little pumping gas, and his brother could find no work at all. The newspaper ad – “Join the Army Air Corps and learn to Fly!” – seemed the answer to their problems. They enlisted for three years. Failing to pass the physical for flight school, Bleil was trained in aircraft maintenance at Selfridge and Chanute Airfields and in October 1940 he shipped out with the 17<sup>th</sup> Pursuit Unit bound for the Philippines.

The United States had seized the Philippines during the Spanish-American War and was preparing to grant the islands full independence in 1946. By 1940, however, war with Japan and an invasion of the Philippine Islands appeared inevitable. General Douglas MacArthur, the American commander in the Philippines, was confident he could defeat the Japanese on the beaches and did not prepare for retreat or evacuation. But without air or naval support he was forced to withdraw to the Bataan Peninsula.

Crew Chief Eugene Bleil was stationed at Nichols Field. But when our planes were destroyed there, he was assigned to army units defending the beaches of southeast Bataan. He spent five months in this campaign – “The Battle of the Points” – in rough terrain, brutal heat, sick with dysentery, fighting with whatever food, weapons and ammunition he could find. He and his buddies knew they could only slow the Japanese advance. “There are times in war,” Secretary of War Stimson had said, “when men must die.” Bleil was still alive when surrender orders were given but there was worse to come.

The surviving American soldiers, along with many more Philippine troops, were marched from southern Bataan to San Fernando – eighty miles in five days without food and water. Those who fell behind were beaten senseless and bayoneted. Others died from disease, exhaustion, and starvation. Perhaps 650 Americans and thousands of Philipino soldiers died on the march. With death all about him Bleil could only wonder when a moment of weakness would end his life.

The horror continued when they were packed into boxcars, without food, water or sanitary facilities, packed so tightly they could only stand, and transferred to a series of “Death Camps” where hundreds more would die from beatings, malnutrition and disease. At one point, his weight down to seventy pounds – he was a hundred ninety when he enlisted -- Bleil nearly died. At another time, during a prolonged beating from a guard, he nearly retaliated, an act that would have brought his own death and that of fellow prisoners.

After eighteen months of these conditions Bleil was transferred to a Japanese POW camp near Osaka where for the last two years of the war he did hard labor, subsisting on small amounts of rice each day. Most of the POWs got beriberi, an autoimmune disease caused by Vitamin B deficiency. Many died from it and Bleil's symptoms have continued throughout his life. The prisoners were certain, moreover, that if they did not succumb to disease and starvation they would be killed before the war ended. But one morning in August 1945 they arose to find the guards vanished and food, clothing, and medicine was falling by parachute into the camp. (Continued on next page.)

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This has been an inadequate account of a book remarkable for its vivid description of what Eugene Bleil endured. The details keep the book lively and absorbing: what he was forced to eat, the brutality and despair, small triumphs like stealing food and sabotage. Like soldiers in all times he despised not just the enemy but also those whose decisions consigned him, six times, to death. He's especially scornful of "Dugout" Douglas MacArthur: "a profligate, pompous, antiquated, asinine, inept, egocentric renegade." Anyone who wants a close look at Bataan and its aftermath should read this remarkable book.

Milt Powell  
December 2013

\*Eugene E. Bleil, MD, [Consigned to Death Six Times; Surviving Bataan, the Death March, and Life as a POW](#), 2011 Copies are still available at Schuler Books and may also be purchased at <[ConsignedtoDeath6Times@gmail.com](mailto:ConsignedtoDeath6Times@gmail.com)>

### Board of Directors Members and Officers Needed

Members of the Board of Directors and key officers are elected each year at the Annual Meeting of the MSU Retirees Association. The Board of Directors has power to establish policies and to adopt rules and regulations for conduct of Board of Directors meetings and to manage the Association. The Board of Directors consists of (a) all elected officers, during their term of service, (b) the immediate past President, (c) a representative of every Standing Committee appointed by the President, for the term of the appointment, and (d) two at-large members elected for overlapping two-year terms with one term expiring each year. Each Standing Committee leader is recommended by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

For next year (2014-2015), several officers, committee leader positions, and one Board of Directors position are available for members to fill. Please consider nomination for one of these assignments. Outstanding leadership of the MSU Retirees Association will continue as long as MSU retiree members are willing to volunteer their services. The Board of Directors meets monthly, but not during two summer months, and at the call of the President, which seldom happens. To express interest in any of these assignments, please contact Ron Smith, President, at [smithro6@msu.edu](mailto:smithro6@msu.edu) or Jerry Hull, Nominations Committee Chair, at [jhull@msu.edu](mailto:jhull@msu.edu) Thank you.

### Support Our Interest Groups

**Knitting Group** meets every second Thursday in Room 27 of the Nisbet Building. Call Rosemary Pavlik at (517) 882-2030 for information.

**Military History Study Group** meets the second Friday of each month at 3:00 PM in the coffee shop of the Schuler Book Store in Meridian Mall. Leave a message for Al LeBlanc at (517) 655-6454 or send e-mail to [aleblanc@msu.edu](mailto:aleblanc@msu.edu) to be placed on the e-mail or call list.

**Opera Study Group** meets upon occasion to study and discuss opera, especially the Live in HD theatre broadcasts of the Metropolitan Opera. Meeting locations vary according to the program. Leave a message for Al LeBlanc at (517) 655-6454 or send e-mail to [aleblanc@msu.edu](mailto:aleblanc@msu.edu) to be placed on the e-mail or call list.

**Golf Group** meets during good golfing weather. Call Bob Wenner at (517) 339-1685 or send e-mail to [wenner@msu.edu](mailto:wenner@msu.edu).

## Retirees Thanked for Participation in United Way Campaign

*Darlene Wenner, Chair of the MSU Retirees Association United Way campaign, received the following message of thanks:*

I would first like to THANK the Retirees of MSU for their continued and generous support of the Michigan State University Community Charitable Campaign. There are no better individuals in the world than those who devoted their time to MSU and continue to provide for those people in the community who truly need our assistance. Thank you! I would also like to remind you that you can get updates on what is going on in the community through emails coming from the Capital Area United Way. If you would like to receive information concerning the many activities benefiting our community including the United Way Newsletter, please send an email to [t.stevens@micauw.org](mailto:t.stevens@micauw.org) Have a wonderful New Year!

Craig Gunn and Jeff Brodie, Co-Chairs, MSU Community Charitable Campaign

### Stephanie Barch, Longtime Production Specialist, Steps Down from Newsletter Duties

Stephanie Barch, who has designed the look of this newsletter since 1995, is stepping down from newsletter duties. In a recent interview, Barch described the earlier operation of this newsletter and told how she came to be in charge of its design. In the mid-1990's editor Don Gregg was creating the newsletter on computer using Microsoft Word, and cutting and pasting to fill the pages. He was running off copies by hand on the photo-copy machine that was available to the MSU Retirees Association. The machine would frequently overheat, and when that happened no more copies could be made until the machine cooled off. Barch would help with copying the newsletters, and on one especially frustrating copy run she wrote a personal check for \$ 35.00 so that the newsletters could be taken to a commercial printer.

At that time desktop publishing was coming into broader use and Pagemaker software was considered the standard of excellence. Barch bought herself a copy of Pagemaker, and learned it on her own. She then volunteered to take over design of the Spartan Senior newsletter. She has served under four editors, Don Gregg, Fred Graham, Pat Scheetz, and Al LeBlanc.

Barch came to East Lansing in 1953 as a faculty spouse. Her husband was the late Abram Barch, a professor of psychology. Her first job was at MSU in 1954, when she was hired as a research assistant for zoology professor John Shaver. Later she took a job as elections supervisor for the City of East Lansing, a post she held for 23 years, retiring in 1994.

Spartan Senior Editor Al LeBlanc says that Barch was a valuable source of knowledge as he worked to learn the editor's job. "Stephanie remembers everything that needs to go into the newsletter on a recurring basis, and she knows when to put it in so that people get the message in spite of our delays for printing and mailing. She also has an irreverent sense of humor, and knows where to find amazing clip art. We will miss her a lot."

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## Nominations for Volunteer of the Year Award Requested

By L. Patrick Scheetz, MSURA Past President

The Awards Committee of the MSU Retirees Association requests your nominations for the **Spartan Senior Volunteer Award of 2014**. This is the only award presented annually by MSURA. It is the most significant achievement award given to the retirement community of Michigan State University. The MSURA established this award to recognize persons whose volunteer activities have provided a positive influence and an important impact on the MSU retiree community, the University, and others in need. This award is presented annually during the MSURA annual luncheon meeting which will be held this year at noon on Monday, May 5, 2014 in the Lincoln Room of Kellogg Center.

Please answer the following questions and submit your nomination(s) by e-mail or by postal mail as instructed below.

Name and address of MSURA retiree or retiree spouse nominee.

Where nominee has been active as a volunteer? (This award emphasizes service to the MSURA and to Michigan State University but also notes service in other organizations and "person to person" helping roles.)

List specific volunteer responsibilities and activities (including leadership roles, accomplishments, length of service times, etc.) performed by the nominee.

Describe your perspective on how this person's work has brought significant benefits to the MSURA and/or MSU thus meriting special recognition.

Your own name, address, phone, and email, as the nominator.

Nomination deadline is April 1, 2014. Send via email to the MSU Retirees Association at: [MSURA@msu.edu](mailto:MSURA@msu.edu) or mail to: MSU Retirees Association, Suite 22 Nisbet Building, 1407 S. Harrison Rd, East Lansing, MI 48823-5239 This award is given only once to any individual. Occasionally, two well-qualified persons receive this award in a single year. Past recipients include: John Forsyth, Fred Graham, Charlie Downs, Stephanie Barch, Rosemary Pavlik, Fred Kletke, Nancy Craig, Bob and Darlene Wenner, Marlene Wamhoff, and Ruth Jameyson. Thanks for assisting with nominations for this most important award given annually by the MSU Retirees Association. **Please think seriously about whom most deserves this award.**

### Save this Date to Attend a Lansing Lugnuts Baseball Game

Membership Chair Nancy Craig is planning for our attendance at a Lansing Lugnuts game this summer. Save the date of June 20, 2014 for this fun event.

### About Our February Speaker

We have received the following information about our February speaker: Ginny Haas serves as Director of Community Relations in the Office of Governmental Affairs at Michigan State University. She is responsible for enhancing relationships between MSU and the local communities within the Lansing area to ensure that the university and community are good partners, and to mitigate town-gown conflicts. She also works with colleges within the university to coordinate initiatives that further the university's presence and relationships throughout the region. Prior to coming to MSU in 1994 she served as Director of State Operations for U.S. Senator Donald W. Riegle, Jr., where she was responsible for directing legislative, service and communications activities throughout Michigan. Ginny holds a BA in Political Science from Drew University in Madison, N.J. Her topic will be town-gown relationships: What MSU is doing to bridge the gap and help the Lansing region be successful for everyone.

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we could better fit the new ice system to the building, conserving energy.” Bonk said the the new lights also eliminated concerns that a larger electrical substation was needed.

One other advantage: Because the lights are LED, they can switch on and off instantly, rather than having to warm up. The price tag to install the new lights was about \$575,000. Ianni and Bonk said they expect it to pay for itself in about five to seven years.

“Another plus is the lamps don’t need to be replaced as often,” Ianni said. “Their life expectancy is about 10 years or 100,000 hours.”

“Fans will notice an amazing difference in light quality,” said Greg Ianni, deputy director of MSU Athletics. “And it’s a bright, clean light. Not yellow. It’s like opening a retractable roof.” He added that the colors are more vivid and a fan can better see the faces of the players. “It magnifies the ability to see what’s going on,” Ianni said. “And goalies say they can see the puck a lot better.”

### **Mark Our Coming Meetings on Your Calendar**

(All at MSU Federal Credit Union, Community Room, Mt. Hope and Farm Lane Roads, 2:00 PM)

**January 13, 2014** Beth Donaldson, MSU Museum, on Quilts: Bring in family quilts for a little "antiques road show" where she tells people a bit about when and how their quilts were made. She will also bring some quilts to share with the audience.

**February 10, 2014** Ginny Haas, MSU: Town-Gown Relationships: What MSU is doing to bridge the gap between town and gown, and help the Lansing region be successful for everyone

**March 3, 2014 MSU Florida Retirees Luncheon**, 11:00 AM, Bradenton Country Club, Bradenton. Speakers: Acting Provost June Youatt and Sharon Butler and Renee Rivard from MSU Human Resources Department. Email for Info: [hestenes@msu.edu](mailto:hestenes@msu.edu)

**March 10, 2014** Professor Gary Hoppenstand, MSU: What Happened to the Western: From Programming Dominance on Television to Obscurity and Transformation

**April 7, 2014** representative from Tri-County Commission on Aging to talk on Medicaid/Medicare fraud and abuse.

**May 5, 2014** Annual Luncheon with presentation by members of Summer Circle Theatre

### **A New Permanent Location for Summer Circle Theatre on the MSU Campus**

The Department of Theatre intends to renovate and improve the courtyard located between the Kresge Art Center and the Auditorium Building to construct a stage and raised seating area for Summer Circle Theatre, which will provide a much needed permanent space for student actors, designers, and technicians to present their creative work. This space will replace the location on the Red Cedar River below the Auditorium which has been constructed each June for Summer Circle Theatre. In addition, this outdoor theatre venue will host performance-events for the entire community. Conceptual drawings can be seen at: <http://theatre.msu.edu>. Friends of Theatre at MSU have committed to raising \$100,000 towards this new space. If you feel you can help us (every \$ amount helps), donations are being accepted online at the same website address by clicking on the "donate now" link.

—Jacqueline Babcock, President, Friends of Theatre

## Spartan Senior Subscription Form

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## Best Wishes for the New Year!

### HOW TO MAKE GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION

Your association is financially stable because many individuals have chosen to make charitable contributions to the association. These donations are used to pay for the programs and services budgeted by your board of directors. Most expenses incurred by the association are for communication to MSU retirees and their spouses through the newsletter, the website and special bulletins when it is urgent to forward information. Newsletter subscriptions are the other source of income to the association.

Make your charitable contributions to a University Development account as described below. ***This is the only way your gifts can be tax deductible.*** Your gifts also will count toward university donor recognition clubs and societies. You may also make gifts to this account in tribute to deceased or living loved ones or former colleagues.

***To make a donation by mail, make your check payable to MSU—Retirees Association, AB272, enclose your name and full address, and mail to: University Advancement, 535 Chestnut Road, Room 300 , Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824.***

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