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Flinn to kick off 2018 speaker meetings

Ron Flinn will share highlights of his book “Rendezvous with MSU: Building a Campus Aligned with MSU’s Evolving Mission and Stature” at the Jan. 8 meeting. The book was published by MSU Press in 2017. Flinn was one of the major driving forces in the building of south campus in the 60s.



Ron Flinn

When Monday, Jan. 8, 2018

Time 2 p.m., refreshments at 1:30 p.m.

Where Community Room, MSUFCU Branch, Mt. Hope & Farm Lane, East Lansing

Feb. speaker to share travel tips, more

Planning on traveling in 2018? Regina Cross, director of Travel, MSU Alumni Association, will be on hand at the Feb. 13 membership meeting to share tips and opportunities for smart traveling. She’ll discuss planning overseas travel, travel insurance, any new regulations under the Trump administration, tips for traveling safely/wisely, what traveling seniors should know, and more. Don’t miss this informative meeting!



Regina Cross

When Monday, Feb. 12, 2018

Time 2 p.m., refreshments at 1:30 p.m.

Where Community Room, MSUFCU Branch, Mt. Hope & Farm Lane, East Lansing



Patty Oehmke from IM Sports East talks to retirees about the AARP programs being offered at IM Sports East. See page three for information about two upcoming events.

Old Newsboys volunteers saluted

Many thanks go to MSU retirees and friends Rudy Abood, Dave Brower, Kay Butcher, Fred Graham, Jim Graves, Nikki Johnson, Vern Johnson, Bruce Smith, Ron Smith, Rick Vogt, Allene and John Tucker for volunteering to “sell” the spoof edition of the Lansing State Journal to raise funds for the Old Newsboys Association who, in turn, use the funds to purchase footwear for needy children.

Although the Old Newsboys Association has not yet announced the total amount raised from this year’s

sale, all indications point to a successful fund raiser.

This year we raised \$3,124.51 at MSU with several people calling and wanting the address for the Old Newsboys Association in order to send funds because they had missed the sale. The overall goal for this year’s sale was \$167,000. Thanks also to the MSU Federal Credit Union, the Infrastructure Planning and Facilities Department and the Department of Public Safety. Thank you all again.

—Bruce Smith, Old Newsboys Coordinator for MSU

Nominations sought for MSURA Volunteer of the Year Award



We are seeking nominations for the Volunteer of the Year Award, which is presented at our Annual Meeting Luncheon in early May to a member for outstanding service to the organization. Please submit the name of the nominee to Ron Smith, smithro6@msu.edu, by Feb. 28, 2018. For more information about the award and a list of past winners, see <http://retirees.msu.edu/awards.html>.

Florida retirees luncheon details set for March 5

The 36th annual luncheon of the MSU Retirees Club of Florida will take place on Monday, March 5, 2018. This year, there is a new venue for the luncheon, Pier 22 restaurant, which is located right on the Manatee River near downtown Bradenton.



The speaker will be Provost and Executive Vice-President for Academic Affairs June Youatt. Provost Youatt always gives an interesting and informative overview of all the exciting things going on at MSU.

Assistant VP for HR Sharon Butler will also be there to update retirees on benefits.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. with a social hour, followed by lunch and Provost Youatt's talk. At the end, door prizes will be awarded.

All MSU retirees who are in Florida on that date are encouraged to attend. Please fill out and return the reservation form. This can be found on the MSURA website, retirees.msu.edu.

Contact Marsh Hestenes, hestenes@msu.edu for more information.

When Monday, March 5, 2018

Time 11 a.m.

Where Pier 22 restaurant, located on the Manatee River near downtown Bradenton

To attend Fill out the reservation form at <http://www.retirees.msu.edu/2018FLMSURAnnouncement.pdf>



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rick Vogt

As you start your new year, please plan to join us and reconnect with friends. We meet monthly, the second Monday of each month, September to April, 1:30–3 p.m. in the Community room, MSUFCU branch office at Mt Hope and Farm Lane, East Lansing. January's program speaker, Ron Flinn, will talk about development of campus over the past 55 years. February's program speaker, Regina Cross, will talk about overseas travel opportunities and tips.

Visit the MSU Retirees website at retirees.msu.edu to learn about other programs and information especially geared to MSU retirees.

I want to thank all the retirees who make MSU Retirees Association's programs and information available. I also want to invite you to join us and share your time and talents making MSURA even better.

We are saddened by the news of Mary Zehner passing. She was past president 2001-2002 of MSURA. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

On behalf of the MSURA Board, best wishes to you and your family in 2018. Happy New Year!

Go Green!

Looking to try something new in 2018? Join an MSURA interest group

MSURA has a number of Special Interest Groups. If you would like to be part of the group, contact the group coordinator. See the MSURA website at retirees.msu.edu for more information. If you have an interest but do not find it here, we can start one. Email Pam Marcis at marcis@msu.edu.

Bike Riders Contact Tim Potter at pottert@msu.edu

Bowling Contact Patrick Scheetz at Scheetz@msu.edu

Dire Human Needs Overseas Group Contact Bill & Linda Schoenl at schoenl@msu.edu

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MSU Retirees Club of Florida Contact Marsh Hestenes at hestenes@msu.edu

Quilting Contact Ann Booren at boorena@msu.edu

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Square Dancing Contact Ron Hamelink at hamelin2@msu.edu

Tennis Contact Heather Mactaggart at mactagga@rhs.msu.edu

US Military History Discussion Group Contact Al LeBlanc at aleblanc@msu.edu

Attend free programs for MSU Retirees

These events are part of the series offered by AARP and MSU Department of Recreational Sports and Fitness Services specifically for MSU retirees. Sessions are FREE to MSU retirees with their MSU Retiree Identification card. Free parking is available in the Wharton Center for the Performing Arts parking ramp using your MSU parking sticker and gate card (enter from the south entrance). For planning purposes AARP asks that participants register in advance by calling 1-877-926-8300. Registration will open 45 days prior to the event.

■ LIFE REIMAGINED

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

10 a.m. to Noon

Location: IM Sports East, Multi-Purpose Room

Life Reimagined offers a unique opportunity for individuals to take inventory of their accomplishments and guide them to identify their, "What's Next." This session offers participants the opportunity to reflect on their lives, identify new or existing goals and develop a plan to accomplish these goals. We offer a positive, supportive environment, allowing participants to discuss and plan their next steps.

■ AARP HomeFit Program

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

10 a.m. to Noon

Location: IM Sports East, Multi-Purpose Room

The AARP HomeFit program was developed to educate older adults how to navigate all living spaces independently to allow them to remain in their own homes as they age. Participants receive information on how to easily evaluate their own home for "livability" should they themselves or one of their family members become unable to use stairs, or must rely on assistive devices. It is designed help individuals plan for independence, choice and dignity as they age. Participants will receive a personal copy of the AARP Home Fit Guide.

Meetings Recap

■ Teresa Irish was the speaker at the December membership meeting. She told her father's story of his service in the United States Army in World War Two in Europe. Letters between him and his wife, separated by thousands of miles, tell a poignant story of the war and how they coped during that difficult time. It was a reminder that as we look back on our holiday season, let us all remember to thank those who have served and people who have given so much.

■ We were happy to have November's speaker, Dr. Simon Peterson-Jones, Professor, Myers Dunlap Endowed Chair in Canine Health, Small Animal Clinical Sciences, MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, speak to us on "Ophthalmology Research in Veterinary Medicine & Its Implications for Human Health." It is amazing the progress being made on treatments to address eye diseases. Our canine friends help us find solutions to human eye diseases as well. Thank you, Dr. Peterson-Jones, for an informative, helpful and interesting topic.

85%
of grandchildren
ages 18-24 want to have
conversations with their
grandparents about money
and savings.



Share Your Knowledge

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Happy New Year!

Lessons on Investing – Did you know?

StraightLine is a fiduciary that was chosen by MSU to provide professional advice and management to both employees and retirees at MSU. Our experienced advisors and dedicated research staff allows us to offer unbiased information to the MSU faithful. We present the following for your review:

Straight to the Point

Economic Update - 2017 has been a good year for the global economy, and looking ahead we are cautiously optimistic about the prospects for 2018. After several years of lagging behind, international economies are finally showing signs of life, as the first synchronized global growth since before the financial crisis has boosted global markets. We expect that the global economy will remain fairly healthy next year. Europe and Japan are showing signs of economic strength that in some cases hasn't been seen in decades, and Emerging Markets have been rebounding from their recent lull and remain the biggest driver of global growth. Despite the constant barrage of negative headlines there are positive things happening in the world and while there are always some concerns, we shouldn't dwell on them.

Investment Implications - With the global rebound we've seen international stocks post their best gains since the initial bounce off the 2009 lows. We have been calling for this reversal for some time and have had a higher weighting to international equities than many of our peers. We continue to believe that global equities can do well in the coming year, but do expect to see some more volatility and a normal market pullback at some point. Domestic markets are nearing the later stage of their recovery and we should expect lower returns than we've seen in recent years, however US stocks remain a key holding in any diversified portfolio. We expect more of the same out of fixed income, low returns with occasional volatility, but bonds will remain a key hedge against a downturn in stock markets.

Our quarterly newsletter (StraightTalk) walks through the macro information that we are utilizing in respect to our near term strategy. Please contact us if you are interested in receiving these newsletters or discussing our macroeconomic views.

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