

ETSURA President's Report

Dear Fellow Retirees,

In our last ETSURA newsletter I shared that we are now considering opening our social events “now that the Omicron variant(s) numbers are starting to come down”. Despite the fact that new sub-variants are showing up, and the number of new infections is again rising, most of the COVID infections have been mild. We recently held a face-to-face board meeting at the Langston Center at the invitation of Mr. Adam Dickson. The folks at the Center were most gracious, and we had a productive board meeting. We plan to have future board meetings face to face.

In addition, we are opening our social events after a long 2+ years of cancellations and zoom meetings. Our (hopefully) last zoom event was an EAT & CHAT presentation from Julia Turpin, head librarian of the Johnson City Public Library on April 14. A separate article in this newsletter by Charles Moore describes this very informative event.

Our most recent social event was our annual brunch/luncheon held on June 9 at the second floor Food City event room on State of Franklin. This was an exciting and entertaining event with a picnic style luncheon. Our guest speaker was Kiran Singh Sirah, president of the International Storytelling Center in Jonesborough. Opening for Kiran was a highly accomplished teller, Mr. James Corbitt Howard (“Cory”). He was not only a great teller but very funny. He provided wake up services for that drowsy period right after lunch!

Mark your calendars for our fall annual social event on November 10 at the Johnson City Country Club. Our speakers will be ETSU's new provost, Dr. Kimberly McCorkle, and President Brian Noland. It promises to be an excellent and informative event.

We are always looking for suggestions and ideas from you regarding upcoming events. If you have recommendations for future topics, speakers, activities, or tours, please let us hear from you.

Finally, I'd like to express our deep appreciation and thanks to Eastman Credit Union for their continued support of ETSURA. This support makes it possible for the Association to defray expenses for many of our activities, including mailing this newsletter and annual meetings.

Fred Tudiver

“You are closer to glory
leaping an abyss
than upholstering a rut”
...James Broughton

Bucky's Food Pantry

Donations can be made to the Bucky's Food Pantry. The mission of the Bucky's Food Pantry is to diminish or end hunger on ETSU campus for students and others who face food insecurity. If you wish to donate, please make check to ETSU and write Bucky's Food Pantry in the check's memo line and mail to:

University Advancement, PO Box 70721,
Johnson City, TN 37614.



ETSU Celebrates the Class of 2022 at Commencement

East Tennessee State University conferred degrees to more than 2,000 graduates during the two Commencement Exercises May 7, 2022.

The Class of 2022 is Quillen College of Medicines 41st graduating class with 66 students completing their medical education and receiving their Doctor of Medicine degrees.

The Hooding and Commencement ceremony for the Bill Gatton college of Pharmacy was held for 73 new student pharmacist earning their Doctor of Pharmacy as part of the college's 13th graduating class.

Dr. Kim M. LeDuff, Vice President of People and Culture at the National WWII Museum in New Orleans, addressed one of the ceremony's of ETSU graduates.



ETSURA Schedule 2022

August 30, 2022

Board Meeting 3:30 p.m. Last Tuesday of Month

September 27, 2022

Board Meeting 3:30 p.m. Last Tuesday of Month

Eat and Chat

September 20, 2022 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

Joy Fulkerson, Dr. Ramsey McGowen

“League of Women Voters”

Culp Center

September Newsletter

October 25, 2022

Board Meeting 3:30 p.m. Last Tuesday of Month

Review Board members and elections

November 29, 2022

Board Meeting 3:30 p.m. Last Tuesday of Month

Annual Brunch/Luncheon

November 10, 2022 11:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

Dr. Kimberly McCorkle, Provost

Dr. Brian Noland, President (tentative)

Johnson City Country Club

Meal price TBD

December—No meeting

December Newsletter

Annual Luncheon and Meeting

Sponsored by Eastman Credit Union

November 10, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Johnson City Country Club

Provost Dr. Kimberly McCorkle, Speaker

Garden Salad

Fresh Baked Rolls & Butter

Grilled Herb chicken

Roasted Pork Loin

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Southern Style Green Beans

Cherry Cobbler with Vanilla Ice Cream

Inflation has hit every business and every person, due to the increased cost this year the ticket price is \$50.00,

through the generosity of Eastman Credit Union your ticket price is \$35.00 per person.

More information to come.

We extend a special thanks to Eastman Credit Union (ECU) for their recent donation of \$2,500 to the ETSU Retiree Association. ECU has been a long-time supporter of ETSURA. This support plays an important role in helping our Association meet its mission. This support makes it possible for ETSURA to defray expenses associated with activities provided to our membership, especially annual luncheon gatherings and mailing of the ETSURA newsletter. This support does not go unnoticed. The ETSURA membership is extremely appreciative for ECU's generosity, and we value the association we have with them. Thank you!



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Liaison Committee: Dr. Priscilla Ramsey, (Faculty Senate Report)

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer on the board, please let us know of your wishes.

June Summer Luncheon



Cory Howard, ETSU Graduate Student Storyteller, was entertainment for the ETSURA Summer Luncheon. Joining Cory was Karin Singh Sirah, President of the International Storytelling Center. With approximately 60 in attendance the first face-to-face outing was a great success.



The Board of Directors for the Retirees Association met in May for a face-to-face meeting at the Langston Centre, in Johnson City. We want to thank Adam Dickson for making the space available and for his leading a tour of the facility.

The Langston Centre was built in 1893 and named after John Langston who was a Black representative in the Virginia legislature. But the initiative for the school came from a prominent Black doctor in Johnson City, Dr. Hezekiah Hankel. You might have seen his name before, on the Washington County Public Health Building, on Princeton, in Johnson City.

Langston was eventually closed in 1964-65 when integration was completed in Johnson City public schools.

What remains of the original structure is the gym on the second floor and several classrooms on the first floor. The gym is not like today's winged assembly halls with hide-away bleachers. For those of us of this generation might recall (I don't) how small gyms were in those days. The Langston gym put a premium on being able to drive for the layup and stop within a stride or risk slamming into the wall. Like any high-school gym of its time and budget, the walls are close in but above are alcoves for seating. The benches and some fans were right in the faces of the players. You can imagine the noise, all part of the home team's advantage. But it was high school and high schoolers doing the things high schoolers always do, yell and cry, cheer, boo, hold hands when someone is watching, steal a kiss when no one is watching, sitting with your friends, and avoiding your enemies. No other time is quite like it. Except in this case for the strong, obvious exception. But there are classrooms, training rooms, and meeting rooms available.

We'd like to thank Adam Dickson for being our tour guide and historian. The Langston Centre is a different kind of place to hold a meeting. Contact them at (423)-434-5785 for more information.



New Scholarship Awards:

Alexis England	Freshman
Allison Monroe	Freshman
Olivia Zimanek	Freshman

Returning Current Scholarship Students:

Brickey	Nathaniel
Briggs (Price)	Katlyn
Brown	Elijah
Liew	Weng
Lopez	Erwin
McCoy	Jalynn
Owen	Taylor

The purpose of the Dr. Mack P. Davis ETSURA Scholarship Endowment is to provide scholarships for deserving students attending ETSU.



Congratulations to Retirees

March

Mr. Timothy Erwin, University School, Instructor
Dr. Koyamangalath Krishnan, Internal Medicine, Professor/Chair of Excellence
Dr. Barbara Lowe, Office of Admissions, Advisor
Dr. Wendy Nehring, Nursing Graduate Programs, Associate Professor
Mr. Stephen Palmer, Custodial Services, Associate Director
Dr. Kimberly Sell, Nursing Undergraduate Programs, Associate Professor
Ms. Svetlana Wright, Family Medicine, Manager

April

Ms. Connie Clyburn, Family Medicine, Coordinator
Ms. Mary Lou Mellons, Office of Professional Development, Technical Clerk
Coach Randy Sanders, Men's Football, Head Football Coach

May

Dr. Robert Plummer, University Advancement, Executive Director
Mrs. Leisa Wiseman, Business and Finance, Director, Foundation Accounting

If you have recently moved or have an email address you would like us to use, please be sure and update your information with
Tisha Harrison:

**ETSURA
Box 70564
Johnson City, TN 37614-1707
423-439-6145**

Our Condolences

Dr. Richard A. Wissell, died March 1, 2022, he was an Associate Professor of Public Health.

Rebeca S. Grindstaff, passed away March 14, 2022.

Ms. Georgia M. Greer, died March 27, 2022, she was a Secretary 3 for the Archives of Administration.

Dr. Nancy Acuff, died April 7, 2022, she was a Professor, Director of early Childhood Education and Director of Advisement. She demonstrated great initiative in establishing the Child Study Center, and the Early Childhood Education degree programs.

Dr. Francis "Ruth" Ketron, died May 14, 2022. Dr. Ketron held several positions at ETSU, several in the Dental Hygiene Department as well as positions in the College of Medicine Geriatrics/Gerontology.

Dr. Howard P. Ledbetter, died May 19, 2022. Dr. Ledbetter was an Advisor in the College of Education.

Dr. Gordon (Don) Lee Bailes passed away on May 28, 2022. He founded the Computer Science Dept. at ETSU, and over 49 years at ETSU. He was nationally recognized for his work in computer science education.



Second Harvest Food Bank and Volunteer Opportunities by Dr. Jack Rhoton

We invite you to join other ETSURA volunteers the second Wednesday of each month from 8:00 to 12:00 noon or whatever time you might be able to arrive that morning. The Second Harvest Food Bank is located in the old Sam's Club building at 1020 Jericho Drive in Kingsport, off of Interstate 81 North, airport exit 63. Upon arrival, drive all the way around to the back of the building and enter the door.

We thank Dr. Brian Noland and some of his staff for joining us June 8, 2022 for a morning of hard work assembling boxes of food for our families in need. We enjoy having our President and staff working side by side with our retirees of ETSU, continuing to serve our communities.



Do you have questions about your Retiree Insurance?

Contact the Benefits Administration and select Option 2.

Hours 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Central Time
800-253-9981



Martin Center for Performing Arts Schedule of Coming Events

August 16	John Hiatt & the Goners	7:30 p.m.
August 18	Brit Floyd: The World's Greatest Pink Floyd Show	7:30 p.m.
August 20	Amy Grant	8:00 p.m.
September 23	Black Jacket Symphony - Van Halen	8:00 p.m.
September 24	Brian Wilson/Beach Boys Co-Founder	8:00 p.m.
October 4	Scott Bradley's Postmodern Jukebox	7:30 p.m.
October 29	Straight No Chaser	8:00 p.m.

For tickets call 423-439-ARTS (2787)



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM ETSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION

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FORMER STATUS WITH ETSU: FACULTY STAFF

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

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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.

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PROGRAM 999; CHART: E

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