

Fall 2022

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I hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather.

The UM System Town Hall took place on October 18 and

make sure their contact information is correct.

Annual Enrollment is from October 24 - November 4, 2022. Retirees have received detailed information regarding Annual Enrollment in the mail at their home address at the beginning of October. Please review and update your contact information as needed [or email HRSC](#).

## Campus Association News & Announcements



| Miner Retirees Association

Updates:

The retirees of MSM/UMR/S&T began our monthly meetings with a potluck BBQ picnic in September at Lions Club Park in Rolla. About 70 attended. In addition to the potluck salads, sides and desserts that members brought, we had Dickey's cater pulled pork, roasted chicken, smoked turkey and brisket burnt ends.

UM Director of Benefits Carol Wilson was the speaker at our October luncheon regarding health, dental and vision insurance. Cari Lyman assisted. S&T's Marcia Lane also attended to offer assistance from our local campus upon request.

The November 14 luncheon meeting will feature [Chancellor Mo Dehghan](#). He will provide a

S&T. Several Miner retirees volunteer at each career fair to assist students, COER staff

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Retiree of the Year award and a Staff Retiree of the Year award. These individuals have recognized at our annual State of the University celebration. This year we are codifying the process of nominating our retirees to be recognized by including the process in our constitution. We are proud of our candidates and want to ensure that the recognition becomes a standard annual campus event.

Major issues this year include interacting with various campus events and donating resources and time to the university. We are also continuing our work to contact as many new and current retirees as possible. Our committees are working diligently on these goals, and we look forward to a very productive year.



*UMSL Retirees Association Board of Directors*

Upcoming for UMSL Retirees is the Holiday Luncheon, to be held on December 10th at Glen Echo Country Club. We look forward to seeing retirees there and enjoying an in-person celebration of the holidays.

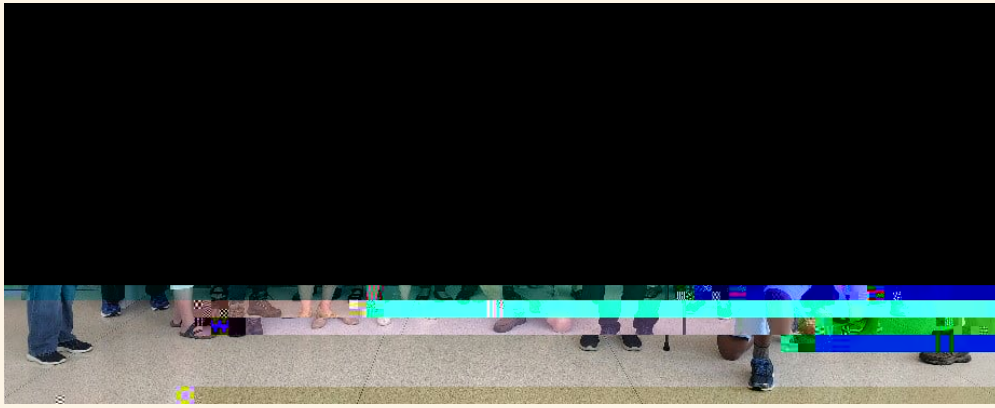
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#### Second "Field Trip" of the Year to the Truman Library & Museum

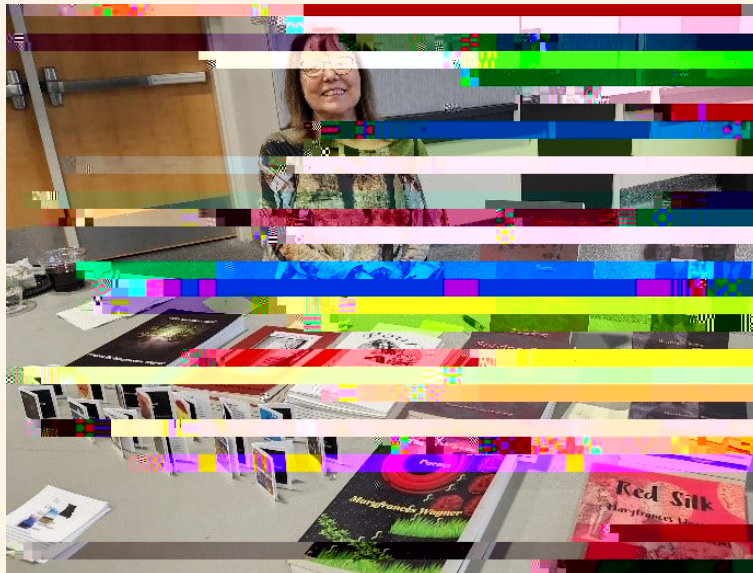
For its second outing of the year, UMKCRA arranged a tour of the newly renovated Harry S. Truman Presidential Library & Museum in Independence. The tour on August 25 allowed a group of approximately 25 participants to see various phases of Truman's life, from his early years through his rise in the political world, to his momentous decisions as President, such as dropping the atomic bomb on Japan to end World War II and recognizing the state of Israel. Truman's landmark decisions on civil rights, such as desegregating the Armed Forces, were also highlighted. After the tour, the group had lunch at a local Independence landmark restaurant, Vivilore.



*UMKCRA Truman Library & Museum Tour*

### New Retirees Reception

The annual New Retirees Reception took place on September 22, featuring Missouri Poet Laureate Maryfrances Wagner as keynote speaker. The event typically provides a welcome to new UMKC retirees and an invitation to join UMKCRA. For her remarks, Ms. Wagner, a UMKC alumna and former instructor, described her journey as a poet and included poems that represented various phases of her journey. Ms. Wagner has published nine collections of her poetry, including "Salvadore's Daughter," "Light Subtracts Itself," and "Red Silk," which won the 2000 Thorpe Menn Literary Excellence Award. She will serve as Poet Laureate until 2023.



*Missouri Poet Laureate Maryfrances Wagner at UMKCRA New Retirees Reception*

### Upcoming UMKCRA Board Events

A key item of business at the fall UMKCRA Board meeting was to nominate candidates for Board offices and membership starting on January 1, 2023. The election to finalize new officers and Board members will take place at our annual Holiday Luncheon/Business Meeting, to be held this year on December 10. A special holiday program is planned, with the new head of the UMKC Conservatory, Dean Courtney Crappell, as keynote speaker. He will address his vision for the Conservatory going forward. He comes to UMKC from the University of Houston as director of the Moores School of Music and associate dean for operations of the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts. While there, he was involved in

numerous collaborations, including interdisciplinary work in the field of arts and health.

#### News of Note from UMKC

The Dr. Raj Bala Agrawal CARE Center has been launched to assist in providing basic needs for UMKC students, including food, shelter and emergency financial assistance. Services offered by the center include the Kangaroo Pantry, through which students can receive up to 20 food items per week picked up at several campus distribution sites, and the UMKC Student Emergency Fund, which supports students who have an urgent need for temporary financial assistance, especially if it might prevent a student from continuing a degree program. The CARE Center presented information on its services at the fall UMKCRA Board meeting.

This fall UMKC is hosting the Burrell Foundation's 7-week exhibit "Art of Being Me," which showcases the personal stories of 20 individuals who have lived with mental health diagnoses or conditions. The artist is Randy Bacon, and the exhibit aspires to educate the community about mental health, normalize the experiences of those who live with challenges, and inspire others to share their stories. The exhibit will be displayed throughout UMKC's Miller Nichols Library beginning October 18 through November 30.

For information about UMKCRA, go to [umkcra.umkc.edu](http://umkcra.umkc.edu); for questions or comments, go to [umkcra@umkc.edu](mailto:umkcra@umkc.edu)



#### Updates:

The [MU Retirees Association](#) (MURA) serves MU and UM System retirees as well as faculty and staff who are nearing retirement. We also welcome retirees from all universities to join as associate or non-voting members.

1. Retirees meet with UMHR Staff - MURA leadership reached out to UMHR executive staff for a conversation of topics relevant to retirees. Ina Linville, MURA President, Ken Dean, MURA President-Elect, Ruth Tofle, MURA Past-President and Betsy Garrett, TRAC Member at-large representing retirees met with Marsha Fischer, Vice President for HR and Chief Human Resources Officer, Jessica Baker, Assistant Vice President, Carol Wilson, Director Benefits, Deb Rogers, Senior Manager HR Service Center, Casey Owens, Assistant Director Internal Communications and Ashley Rhode, Engagement and Outreach Associate.

#### Topics of mutual interest were:

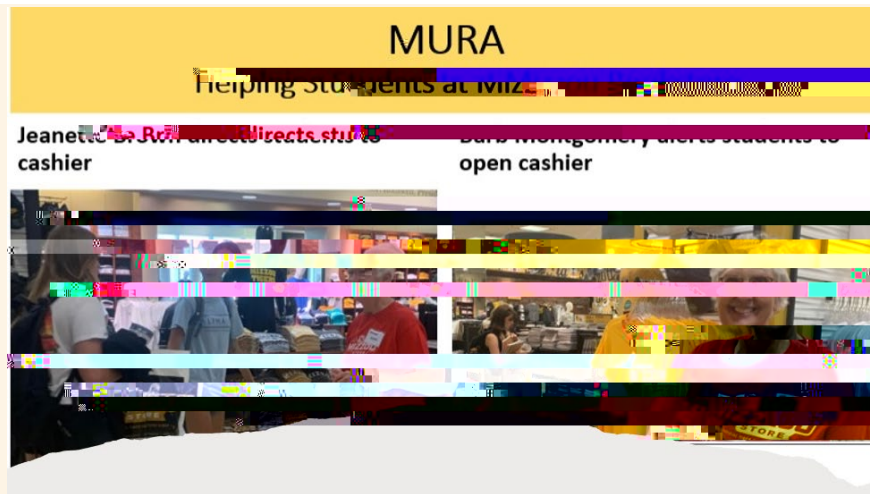
- Outreach to retirees systemwide (including those without computers)
- Recruitment of members to the retiree associations
- Suggestions to enhance the experience of retirees on the upcoming Town Hall
- Retirees' concerns of actions and comments by the Board of Curators that have caused angst among retirees that the legacy of time, talent and treasure (including many planned) gifts seemed unappreciated.

Things we learned from the UMHR staff are as follows:









### JOIN US

MURA dues are \$12.50 per year for annual members and \$100 for a lifetime membership. You can join at any time, but sooner is always better! You may apply online and pay dues via PayPal. Use our printed or fillable form online [membership application](#)

#### *Contacts for more information:*

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### Get Involved!

For more information about your campus retirees association and upcoming events, please contact the following representatives:

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