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## President's Message

Hello again, Fellow Retirees, Previously, we discussed what ETSURA is and what it does. Today, I'll cover what ETSURA does...for others. One aim of the association is "to assist the university in carrying out its objectives and policies" and "be responsible...for courtesy, welcoming, and service functions when requested" (ETSURA bylaws). This goal has since been expanded to include service to the community, as indicated by the designation "University/Community Service Committee."

Service has included helping with Homecoming events, Alumni activities, ETSU booth at the Appalachian Fair, Information/Welcome station on ETSU Pride week, SGA elections, and the Reese Museum. ETSURA has also sponsored several Medicare Education workshops. In 1995, the association raised over \$1,000 for the Career Skills Enhancement Program, which helps ETSU employees improve their basic math and other skills. Today, we assist primarily at the 2nd Harvest Food Bank and at ETSU Move-In Day. There has also been talk of helping WETS during their fund-raising campaigns.

By far, the most significant service to ETSU is providing students with financial aid. The ETSURA scholarship fund was established in 1992 and subsequently named the Mack Davis Memorial Endowed

Scholarship Fund. Awards were not made for a number of years, as \$5,000 was required at that time to generate enough interest for one scholarship. The minimum amount today is \$20,000. Details of the scholarships (number, amount, recipients) are handled by the University Scholarship Committee. The first award made was one scholarship of \$300 per year.

Over the years the endowed amount has grown to ~\$200,000, in large part from generous gifts by the Davis family. The interest generated is ~\$7,500 per year through investments in the ETSU Foundation. From this we are able to fund about 15 scholarships of \$500 per year (keeping an equal amount in reserve brings the fund balance to ~\$14,500).

Asset Categories on ETSURA's balance sheets are: 1. Operating Fund (~\$5,000), 2. Life Membership Accounts (~\$20,000), 3. Scholarship Endowment Fund (~\$200,000), 4. Endowment Interest Fund (~\$14,500), and 5. Special Projects Fund (~\$270). The Operating Fund is used for printing and mailing costs, attendance at THERA meetings, and other lesser expenses. It is funded by annual dues, interest from the Life Membership Accounts, and contributions from Eastman Credit Union and University Advancement. Because of the latter gifts, we have been able to subsidize about half the costs of the Annual Picnic and Banquet (combined subsidy ex-

ceeds your \$10 membership dues).

Events occurring since the last newsletter are the Annual Picnic and Move-In Day (see accompanying articles). We have also had monthly service projects at the 2nd Harvest Food Bank under the leadership of Dave Kalwinsky.

Upcoming events are the Sept. 15 (Thurs.) Eat & Chat, with Geoff Stunkard talking on the Carter RR Museum, and the Oct. 14 (Fri.) Annual Banquet/Meeting at the JC Country Club. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Steve Wallace, who will discuss events and plans at the Gray Fossil Site (you may have seen news of the Mastodon find and joint venture with the "Hands-On" Museum). We will have a "Dinosaur" theme, which is appropriate for the association, as many of us *feel* like dinosaurs when it comes to new technology. Ed Snoderly will provide the music, while telling the history of the "Down Home" (which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year). We also hope to have a drawing for door prizes (so that you will stay to the end).

Again, let us know what you're thinking and how you're doing. Priscilla Ramsey has been sending "Get-Well" cards to members with infirmities, as part of our outreach to our dear Ohana (extended family in Hawaiian).

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## News and Events

### Annual Picnic

We had 98 reservations for the ETSURA picnic on June 17! The venue this year was The DEPOT at Franklin Commons in the new Food City at the corner of State of Franklin and Sunset. They were greeted and directed to the elevator by members of the ETSURA board. The venue was much appreciated by those using walkers and canes. The food was marvelous and the view was fun as one could see all the aisles in the grocery store.

Guests were Dr. Wilsie Bishop, COO, ETSU; Scott Carter, Senior Athletic Director and COO Athletics; and Yaser Zaatini, Director of Tennis and Men's Head Coach. All three guests gave updates in their areas of responsibility. Dr. Bishop updated us briefly on some of the things going on on campus. Scott Carter spoke about fund raising opportunities he is pursuing for the new stadium. When the stadium is finished there will be a space which will be dedicated to group activities. This space would be available for use for our picnic if we were to choose to use it. Yaser Zaatini spoke about the success of the Men's doubles team in reaching the NCAA Final Four after three upsets. We are all very proud of that. The Men's and Women's Tennis Teams earned intercollegiate Tennis Association All-Academic Team Honors while having 10 students named as Scholar Athletes.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the venue, the parking, and the accessibility. We will certainly look into using The DEPOT next year. One member said we would have to change the name. Any suggestions?



See more pictures of the Annual Picnic and other ETSURA events at [www.facebook.com/etsuretires](http://www.facebook.com/etsuretires)



Ethel Garrity

On Thursday August 18 ETSURA members once again assisted in Move-in-Day in Governor’s Hall on the ETSU campus from 7:30am to 1:00 pm. Thanks to Charles Moore for the coffee and I promise to bring napkins for the donuts next time! Volunteers were Ethel Garrity, Charles Moore, Gail Burseson, Judy Story, Ted Hughes, Priscilla Ramsey, Dave Kalwinsky, Betty Tester, Mike and Janis Miyamoto.

As usual the lines were long and many parents hovered over their student. I try always to address the student. No, you do not have to stand in line for “your” student! My sister commented to me that Move-in-Day is hard work. Not true for us retirees; we don’t have to lift anything! It was rumored, and true that Dr. Noland was seen moving heavy things. Students and their parents continue to look younger and younger every year. This is still one of my favorite days of the year. Readers should consider volunteering next year. It is always lots of fun.

**Annual Meeting**

The 29th ETSURA Annual Meeting and Brunch will be held on Friday, October 14, 2016 from 11am-1 pm at the Johnson City Country Club. Please join us for the is well-attended event and return your payment and the attached reservation by October 7.



## ETSURA Scholarship Endowment

Current Balance as of August 2016:

Investment: \$195,204.80

Interest Income: \$20,910.18

## Scholarship Donations

Individuals are encouraged to express their sympathy to the family of a deceased retiree or spouse by making a contribution to the ETSURA Scholarship Fund. The deceased's family will be notified by card of the memorial. Make checks payable to: East Tennessee State University and mail to:

ETSURA  
Office of Human Resources  
Campus Box 70564  
Johnson City, TN 37614-1707

## Dr. Mack P. Davis Scholarships

ETSURA is proud to award 16 ETSURA Scholarships for 2016-2017 @ \$500 each to:

Hannah Calhoun

Jasmine Martin

Christian Watson

Heath Hill

Kylie Lackey

Caleb LaFleur

Katelyn Miller

Miranda Noe

Cory Swinney

Megan Westmoreland

Megan Woody

Elizabeth Tolliver

Keleigh Galloway

Elizabeth Wilson

Julian Torres

One additional to be named.

## New Retirees

Dr. Neil Borja, Assistant Professor, Family Medicine

Ms. Carol Bevan, Instructor, University School

Ms. Cathy Damoth, Coordinator, Nursing

Dr. Masoud Ghaffari, Associate Professor, Nursing

Dr. Karen Harrington, Associate Professor, Literature and Language

Dr. Michel Helfgott, Associate Professor, Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Mark Holland, Professor, Literature and Language

Dr. James Mead, Chair Professor, Geosciences

Dr. Louis Modica, Faculty in Surgery

K.B. Morrow, Associate Professor, Counseling and Human Services

Mrs. Mary Myron, Instructor University School

Dr. Elizabeth Randall, Professor, Social Work

Ms. Carolyn Rochelle, Lecturer, Economics and Finance

Dr. Edith Seier, Professor, Mathematics and Statistics

Mr. James Sledge, Photographer, Photo Lab

Ms. Jean Smith, Director of Field Exp. & Residency, Education

Dr. Fraser Tudiver, Professor, Family Medicine

Dr. John Whitehead, Professor, Criminal Justice

## Our condolences for the families of retirees who have passed.

**Hoyt R. Bragg** passed away on May 6. Mr. Bragg retired as a Postal Clerk. He is survived by his wife, Lou; and his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

**Leah "Bunny" Carter** passed away on June 19. Bunny was a life member of ETSURA along with her husband Don. She is survived by her husband, Donald; and, two steps-sons and their families.

**Martha Street Culp** passed away on May 6 at the age of 100. She had served as the First Lady of ETSU with her husband D.P. Culp. She was a Life Member of ETSURA and an active participant in events. She is survived by her three children.

**DeLores Faye Edwards** passed away on February 11. She is survived by her husband, Charles, and her son Timothy. DeLores had been a former member of ETSURA along with Charles.

**Joan B. Fisher** passed away on May 27. She was a life member of ETSURA along with her husband, Bill. She is survived by her two sons and their families.

**William "Bill" J. Fisher** passed away on June 3. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan; and is

survived by his two sons and their families. He had retired as a professor of management & marketing. Bill was a Life Member of ETSURA and a long-serving former Board Member. He was a driving force for ETSURA and his knowledge and dedication to ETSURA will be sorely missed.

**Virgie I. Frisco** passed away on June 22. She retired as a secretary in Student Affairs. She is survived by several cousins.

**Beverly Church Hurt** passed away on May 24. She retired as an Information Research Technician in procurement office. She is survived by her husband, Eugene; her daughter; and two grandchildren.

**Anne K. LeCroy** passed away on May 6. She retired as a professor of English. She was a Life Member of ETSURA. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Bobbi. She is survived by her two children and their families.

**J. Willene Paxton** passed away on July 23 while traveling in London, England. She had retired as the Director of the Counseling Center, and had previously served as Dean of Women. Willene is survived by her four nieces and nephews and their families. Willene was a Life Member of ETSURA, a former Board Member, and an active participant in ETSURA and ETSU activities.

**Albert “Pee Wee” Smith** passed away on June 2. He had retired as a custodian. He is survived by his wife, Imogene; two daughters and their families.

**Barbara Sucher** passed away on July 17. She had retired as Associate Dean of Continuing Medical Education. Barbara was a Life Member of ETSURA. She is survived by her daughter and several grandchildren.

**Fred S. Witty** passed away on August 12. Fred was a life member of ETSURA. He is survived by his wife, Joy; and his children and grandchildren.

## Membership Committee Report

Priscilla Ramsey

Letters of invitation to join the ETSURA were sent out to our newest retirees. We currently have 363 ETSURA members. The ETSURA is one of the largest retirees associations of colleges and universities in the state. We are so pleased that faculty and staff continue to support ETSU and encourage everyone to invite others to join us.

## Communication Committee Report

Priscilla Ramsey

The Communication Committee keeps in contact by telephone with those without emails to make sure they are aware of upcoming events. Several have enjoyed the calls just to stay in touch even though they are unable to come to events. The Committee is also trying to identify members who are ill or home bound so that we can send cards or make contact by phone. Please let Diana McClay know if any of our members in the community who needs a cheery card or a chat.

### Retiree “Perks”

The Perks program provides a wide range of discounts to ETSU retirees and family members including discounts at hotels, restaurants and other local and nationwide businesses as well as online purchases and gift cards.

To sign up, visit [www.perkscard.com](http://www.perkscard.com) and click ‘Register Now!’. Enter **ETSU16** as your Group Code to get your ETSU discount benefits. Click ‘Printable Card’ from your home page to print your Perks Connect card to show or scan at local businesses. To scan from your smart phone, download the PerksConnect app at the App Store or Google Play.

For more information on this and other retiree benefits, visit the ETSURA website at [www.etsu.edu/humanres/etsura/benefits](http://www.etsu.edu/humanres/etsura/benefits).