



## President's Report

Hello Fellow Retirees,

Aloha! ...Okay, right about now, you're probably saying to yourselves, "Oh, no, it's that Hawaiian guy again! I thought we got rid of him!" Well, that's true. However, at the January meeting of the board, our president, Don Carter, asked to step down because of health issues. Thankfully, he agreed to remain on the board, where he has been indispensable in organizing programs and obtaining donations. As there were no other takers to fill his spot, it appears you will be stuck with me again. The good news is that this is my last year on the board.

Since the last go-around as president, I have learned a lot about ETSURA, so we will not reinvent the wheel. Instead, we have come up with a few new ideas.

First, we will survey the membership on satisfaction with our current programs and activities. We also want input on other directions we might take. We thought that putting the survey on the back of your membership renewal form would be an easy way to get results back. You can send in your membership renewal/survey using the same envelope and

stamp. For lifetime members, you may have to sacrifice an envelope and stamp. Truly, this will help the board keep programs you like and drop activities you don't like.

Second, we will invite ETSURA scholarship recipients, who are in their last year of college, to the Annual Meeting/Banquet. This will be a chance for ETSU seniors to meet the real "seniors" from ET-

SU—for us to see them in person and for them to meet our distinguished retirees. Of course, our devious hope is that this might spur further donations to the scholarship fund. From the letters we have received, these are fine individuals who appreciate the help you have given them. You may remember Heath Hill, a scholarship recipient who gave a superb vocal performance at this past Annual Meeting/Banquet. His e-mail to me was "Thank you for your kind words. Today's performance gave me the perfect chance to properly thank the retirees for the impact they have on my life and countless others. I'm very thankful for you facilitating the opportunity to express my gratitude toward them."

Third, we floated the idea of having a "mini-library" of books or other literature of interest to our members or near-retirees. These will be kept in the Office of Human Resources and be available to anyone who wants to check them out. Our first acquisition will be "The History of the ETSU School of Public Health" by Bob Patton.

So far, we have had Doug Taylor's "Eat and Chat" presentation on College of Medicine graduates (see attached article). Our next speaker will be Bob Patton, who will talk on Thursday, April 12, 2018, on his new book. Our summer luncheon (picnic) is set for Friday, June 15, 2018 at the Food City Depot, with Dr. Noland and Kari Alborado scheduled to attend. Kari is the new Director of Campus Recreation and will tell us about recent developments there. Our Annual Meeting/Banquet program is not yet set, but we have some exciting leads to pin down. Lastly, we have the November meeting of THERA (Tennessee Higher Education Retirees Association). This is held at Fall Creek Falls State Park and attended by ETSURA board members but is open to anyone. We regularly help at 2nd Harvest Food Bank every second Wednesday of the month and at "Move-In Day" at ETSU in the fall.

I hope to report the survey results in the next newsletter. We may opt to modify the remaining schedule pending those findings, and I plan to discuss this more at that time. We look forward to seeing you

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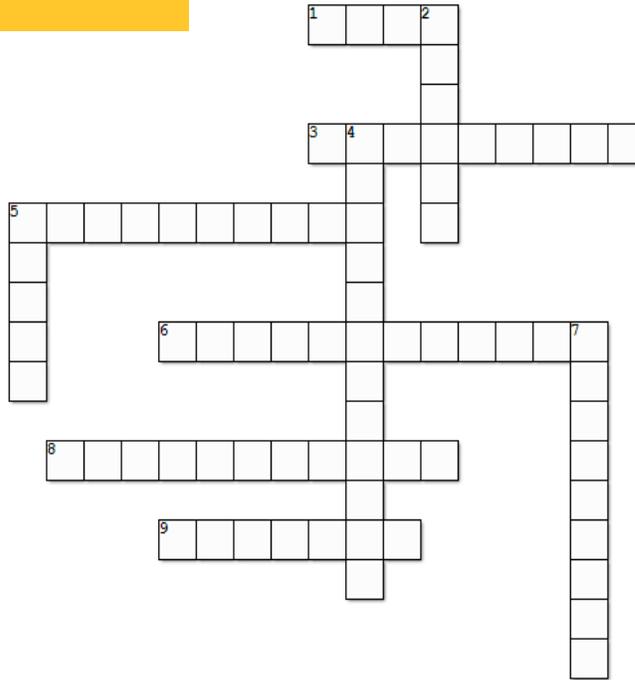
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## Crossword Puzzle

Answers can be found on page 5



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### Across

1. The Annual Picnic is held in this month
3. This animal told us to expect six more weeks of Winter
5. Who was the College of Pharmacy named after?
6. Name of the guest speaker at the 2017 Annual Meeting
8. Location of the annual ETSU Egg Hunt
9. April showers bring May \_\_\_\_.

### Down

2. You are a member of this association
4. Name of the new ETSU Head Football Coach
5. ETSU's mascot
7. The number of ETSU school sports

### 2018 Board of Directors

Ms. Susan Burkey	3 years left in tenure*
Ms. Gail Burleson	2 years left in tenure
Mr. Donald Carter	1 year left in tenure
Dr. John Hancock	2 years left in tenure
Dr. David Kalwinsky	Past-President
Dr. Mike Miyamoto	1 year left in tenure
Dr. Louis Modica	3 years left in tenure*
Dr. Priscilla Ramsey	1 year left in tenure
Dr. Jack Rhoton	2 years left in tenure
Dr. Dale Schmitt	3 years left in tenure*
Ms. Judith Story	1 year left in tenure
Dr. Fred Tudiver	3 years left in tenure*
Dr. Jeff Wardeska	2 years left in tenure

\*Elected at the Organizational Meeting on November 3, 2017

## Annual Luncheon

Food City

June 15, 2018

Invites coming soon!



## Our Condolences

**Ms. Euretha Anderson** passed away on February 22. She worked as a Secretary 2 in the Department of Music for 15 years before her retirement. She is survived by her sons, Steven and Tony Anderson.

**Mrs. Thelma Britton** passed away January 28. She was a former ETSURA member and wife of late retiree, Johnny Britton. Thelma is survived by her sister, Reida Salyers and multiple nieces and nephews.

**Ms. Betty Burdine** passed away February 20. Ms. Burdine worked as a Secretary 3 for nearly 20 years until her retirement in 1994. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Ray Burdine, and son, Dr. Les Burdine. She is survived by her daughter, Dr. Becky Vestal.

**Mrs. Phyllis Cooper** passed away January 22. Phyllis was an Executive Aide in Health Sciences before her retirement in 2015. She is survived by her husband, Fred Cooper, their two daughters and one son.

**Dr. Jean Flanigan** passed away December 6, 2017. She is the daughter of the late D.P. Culp and Martha Street Culp. Dr. Flanigan retired as Professor Emerita in 2012 and was an ETSURA Lifetime Member. She is survived by her son, Stephen Flanigan.

**Dr. Noman Hankins** passed away February 11. Dr. Hankins retired Professor Emeritus in 1989 and was an ETSURA Lifetime Member. He is survived by his wife of forty-seven years, Dr. Marilyn Hankins, and their son.

**Mr. David L. Johnson** passed away January 30. David retired from his position as an Information Research Tech in the Department ID Services in 2014. He is survived by his nephew, Scott Johnson.

**Mrs. Carsie Lodter** passed away January 19. Mrs. Lodter was an Assistant Professor in Home Economics for twenty-three. She was a founding Secretary of ETSURA and current member. Mrs. Lodter was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Lodter. She is survived by her daughter and son.

**Mrs. Bonnie Patterson** passed away January 16. She worked as a Secretary 3 at University School for many years before her retirement. She was a former ETSURA member. Ms. Patterson is preceded

in death by her husband, James Patterson. She is survived by her three sons, James, Patrick and William Patterson.

**Mrs. Blanche "Bea" Roark** passed away January 4. Mrs. Roark worked as a Custodian and retired in 2001. She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Roark and son, Randy Roark. She is survived by her daughter, Reta Hicks and son, Jim Roark.

**Mrs. Shirley Turkett** passed away January 5. Shirley taught in Curriculum and Instruction for twenty-five years before her retirement in 1996. She was an ETSURA Lifetime member. She is preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Keith Turkett. She is survived by her daughter, Angela Kennedy, and son, Clayton Turkett.

**Mrs. Loretta Thomason** passed away December 9, 2017. She worked in the Office of Sponsored Programs until her retirement in September 2017. She is survived by her sister, Kaye Thomason, aunt Wanda Thomas, and her beloved cat, Smokey Joe.

**Elizabeth "Betty" Williams** passed away on February 17. She was an Instructor in the Department of English until her retirement in 1988 and was an ETSURA Lifetime Member. She is survived by her son, Edward.



For current news and information go to the ETSURA website at:

[www.etsu.edu/humanres/etsura](http://www.etsu.edu/humanres/etsura)

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### 2018 Officers

Dr. Mike Miyamoto President

Dr. David Kalwinsky Past-President

Dr. Jeff Wardeska President-Elect

Ms. Gail Burleson Treasurer

Ms. Susan Burkey Secretary

## February Eat and Chat

Thirteen people gathered at the Golden Corral on Feb. 15th to hear Doug Taylor talk about Quillen College of Medicine students and graduates. He is the current Associate Dean for Admissions and Records. He brought copies of *Quillen Magazine*, *Benchmarks* (magazine on the ETSU Academic Health Sciences Center), and data sheets on the College of Medicine.

Doug said that applications to the medical school average over 2,000 each year, from which 250 are interviewed and 72 are chosen. For the Class of 2021, the mean GPA is 3.73 and mean MCAT is 506. There are 2,033 graduates from the school, 73% of whom have stayed in Tennessee to practice. Over 53% have chosen Primary Care, in keeping with the original purpose of the institution. Others have gone to competitive specialty programs such as dermatology, ophthalmology, radiology, neurosurgery, and plastic surgery at institutions such as Hopkins, Duke, Vanderbilt, Emory, and Mayo. Quillen is a veteran-friendly school, having the most vets except for the Uniformed Services School of Medicine.

The College of Medicine is part of an Academic Health Sciences Center (AHSC), one of 120 in the country. The AHSC at ETSU includes the Colleges of Public Health, Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Medicine. The focus is to promote inter professional education and research at the university. Headquarters for the Center will be located in Building 60 on the VA Campus. Renovation of this structure (former Quartermaster's storehouse and fire station built in 1905) will include simulation labs, research space, classrooms, study space, and food service. The projected cost is \$13 million and anticipated opening is



this summer. There will be a mock apartment to enhance teaching activities of daily living on standardized patients (people trained to act as patients with one or more specific disorders). The 3rd level will be devoted to a high fidelity simulation area with 4-bay surgery/treatment suite and simulated patients (mannequins). Some expressed interest in seeing the building, and Doug said he would be happy to take the retirees on a tour when it opens.

Doug is originally from Morristown and came to ETSU in 1970. He joined the College of Medicine in 1978 when it opened and has been there ever since. He said he was first hired by Ted Mowery, who was in attendance.

I've known Doug for a long time, having worked on the Admissions Committee for many years. We were recently asked to serve as pallbearers at the funeral of a mutual friend. So there we were, in dark blazers with ETSU "E" pins in our lapels, looking like two peas in a pod. Doug: "So, Mikie, how does it feel to be a pallbearer?"

Me: "Well, it feels a lot like being an Alabama football coach."

Doug: "Whaddah yah mean by that?"



**April 12th at 11:30 a.m.**

Bob Patton will speak about his new book, "History of the School of Public Health".

Golden Corral (3104 Brown's Mill Road, behind Logan's Roadhouse)

# Congratulations

To our new retirees

**Dr. William Blanton** - Associate Professor, Engineering, Engineering Technology, and Surveying

**Ms. Carole Carter** - Patient Care Specialist, Family Practice Residency-Johnson City

**Dr. Balvin Chua** - Professor, Quillen Chair of Geriatrics and Gerontology

**Ms. Amy Collins** - Director of Archives of Appalachia, Archives Administration

**Dr. Patricia Conner** - Associate Professor, Family Practice Residency-Bristol

**Ms. Laure Craddock** - Office Coordinator, University Advancement

**Dr. Lon Felker** - Professor, Political Science, International Affairs, and Public Administration

**Ms. Billie Lancaster** - Curriculum & Catalog Coordinator, Registrar

**Mrs. Janice Lyons** - Coordinator, Psychiatry

**Ms. Catherine Murray** - Professor, Art and Design

**Dr. Peter Pawlowicz** - Associate Professor, Art and Design

**Dr. George Poole** - Professor, Mathematics and Statistics

**Dr. Timothy Urbin** - Associate Professor/Clinical Psychologist, Family Practice Residency-Bristol

## Crossword Answers

### Across

1. June
3. Groundhog
5. Bill Gatton
6. Grant Summers
8. Shellbridge
9. Flowers

### Down

2. ETSURA
4. Randy Sanders
5. Bucky
7. Seventeen



**Do you have questions about your retiree insurance?**

Contact the Benefits Administration at 800-253-9981 and select Option 2.

Their hours are 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, **Central** time.



WE

NEED



YOU



## Second Harvest of Northeast Tennessee

Join other ETSURA members at Second Harvest in Kingsport

Upcoming dates: March 13th, April 10th, May 8th, June 12th

Time: 9 a.m. - noon (ETSURA lunch will follow)

### **Don't have time to volunteer?**

You can donate directly to Second Harvest by mailing your donation to the address below:

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee  
1020 Jericho Drive  
Kingsport, TN 37663

# Service Focus Month

March 2018

March 23: Arbor Day Celebration, give + plant trees

March 26: Blood Drive, Culp 3rd Floor

Other Spring Events

April 11-12: Blood Drive, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

April 20: TN Campus Civic Summit, Knoxville, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

April 20: Earth Day Festival, Quad, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

April 21: Service Saturday

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**2 ways to join!**

## Join ETSURA

ETSURA's membership count for the 2018 calendar year is 303. All retired ETSU employees and their spouses, and spouses of deceased ETSU employees are eligible for membership. In addition, other persons employed by ETSU for five years or more who are retired from other institutions or corporations are also eligible for membership with their spouses.

- Membership is \$10 per person per calendar year, or
- \$100 Lifetime membership, or
- \$150 Joint lifetime membership for retirees and spouses

## ETSURA SURVEY

I. Indicate your satisfaction with current programs/activities by filling in the blanks below with **1 = total disagreement** to **5 = total agreement** and **NA = not applicable**.

A. *Annual Meeting/Banquet*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Johnson City Country Club is a suitable location.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Food is acceptable in quality and quantity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Last 3 speakers (Grant Summers; Steve Wallace; Dan Schumaier) were good.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Entertainers the last 3 yrs (Heath Hill/ Heather Killmeyer; Ed Snodderly; Appalachian Men's Express) were good.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Having door prizes is a good idea.

B. *Summer Luncheon (Picnic)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Food City Depot is a suitable location.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Speakers the last 3 yrs (Brian Noland/Anita DeAngelis; Scott Carter/Yaser Zaatini; Steve Forbes/Brittney Ezell) were good.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Luncheon should be primarily to meet with old friends (be more laid-back).

C. *Eat and Chats*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Golden Corral is a suitable location.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Last 3 speakers (Doug Taylor; Jeremy Ross; Ron Roach) were good.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Number of Eat and Chats should be increased.

D. *Service Opportunities*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I intend to help at 2nd Harvest Food Bank sometime in the future.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I intend to help at ETSU Move-In Day sometime in the future.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I intend to help at WETS Fund-Raising Campaign sometime in the future.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. We should focus more on ETSU-related service projects.

E. *Membership*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Annual dues (\$10) and lifetime membership cost (\$100) are reasonable.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Newsletters are worth reading.

F. *ETSURA Website ([etsu.edu/humanres/etsura](http://etsu.edu/humanres/etsura))*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I have visited this site in the past.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Website is useful. It would be more useful to me if \_\_\_\_\_

*Other Comments:* \_\_\_\_\_

II. Indicate your interest in the following, with **1 = not interested** to **5 = very interested**.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. A free "Mini-Library" of books/literature relevant to ETSU retirees.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Lunch as a group following work at 2nd Harvest.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Tickets to ETSU events & local merchant items/services as door prizes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Tour of Bldg 60 & simulation (mannequin) lab by Doug Taylor on its opening.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Tour of Fine Arts Bldg by Anita DeAngelis on its opening.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. ETSURA Bridge (cards) Group.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. ETSURA Bowling Group.

*Suggestions* (e.g., speakers, entertainment, activities): \_\_\_\_\_

III. If needed, I prefer to be contacted by \_\_\_\_\_ (mail, email, text, phone, etc.).

My updated contact info is: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: East Tennessee State University

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM ETSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION**

NAME: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (MI) \_\_\_\_\_ (Title) \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

NAME: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (MI) \_\_\_\_\_ (Title) \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (MI) \_\_\_\_\_ (Title) \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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