



## Retirement Ceremony 2016

The annual Retirement Ceremony was held on Friday, April 22, in the Prillaman Auditorium. Sponsored jointly by the President's Office, Human Resources and the Retirees Association, this ceremony was attended by 20 of the 44 new retirees this year. Dr. Ken Harmon, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, welcomed new retirees and recognized their combined total of 775 years of service to the institution. Amy Phillips, Benefits Manager in Human Resources, served as mistress of ceremonies and regaled the gathering with important "texting" abbreviations to remember in retirement. She invited each retiree to come forward to be recognized and receive a gift of a photo memory book. Following the ceremony, retirees and their guests were invited to a luncheon in The Commons where we enjoyed a time to visit with friends and share retirement plans, travels and activities. (cont'd p. 2)

### Upcoming Events

**Star-Spangled Spectacular**  
Saturday, June 25, 4:00 pm  
Campus Green, Kennesaw  
campus

**Steering Committee meeting**  
Friday, Sept. 9, 10:00 am.  
KSU Center room 327

**"Brunch on the Bricks"**  
October 7, 2016, 10:00 am  
Legacy Gazebo



New retirees who attended the Retirement Ceremony

## Retirement Ceremony (from page 1)

New retirees for 2016 are: Richard Allen, Lillie Barber, Charlie Bowen, Susan Brown, Rebecca Casey, Marsha Cearns, Judy Clark, Joshua Du, Hoyt "Steve" Dunn, Jim Elledge, Lynn Fedeli, Judy Grancher, Bob Harbort, Marie Holbein, Henry "Doc" Holliday, Christine Jenkins, Connie Johnson, Teresa Joyce, Deborah Kinnett, Ann Lay, Janice Long, Jane McKinzey, Jana Mitchell, Linda Noble, Sandra Novak, Bernice Nuhfer-Halten, Cynthia Parkins, Sandi Pitts, Katherine Rodgers, Norman Russell, Lynn Samples, Ben Setzer, Helen Spivak, Eva Thompson, Karen Thompson, Frank Tsui, Penny Verhoeven, Franckline Vernet, Linda Whinton, Astrid Wilson, Eileen Wirpsa, Glenna Woodard, Taixi Xu, and Tim Zeigler.



Dr. Bob Harbort retired with over 32 years of teaching Computer Science at Southern Poly and KSU.



## Passports & Pastimes

### *Artistic Creations using Gourds*

On December 5, we were treated to a lecture and demonstration by Ed Bostick, retired professor of Biology. Ed taught us about different varieties of gourds and how to prepare them for use in creating decorative containers. He displayed some of the many finishes that he



applies to his gourds after cutting and carving to achieve a variety of colors and textures that are stunning. Ed generously gave away the gourds he had brought to the program as door prizes.

Congratulations, lucky winners!

Our next Passports and Pastimes will be during fall semester. Watch your email, our website or our Facebook page for updates.

## In Memoriam

John Anderson  
husband of Kaye Anderson  
January 11, 2016

John Hutcheson  
husband of Carol Pierannunzi  
February 18, 2016

Mary Ann Camann  
School of Nursing  
March 16, 2016

Betty Robertson Matson  
Academic Affairs  
March 23, 2016

Terry Luther Lucas  
Department of Management  
March 18, 2016

Patricia "Trish" Buchanan  
Alumni Affairs (not retired)  
April 26, 2016

*See page 8 for memorial donation information.*

# Second Biennial Reunion Brings Retirees Together Again

On February 20, over 60 retirees gathered at the KSU Center to celebrate the Second Biennial Retirees Reunion. Did you guess who our special guest would be from the clues in the invitation emails? George Washington (played by Harry Trendell) joined us to celebrate his 284th birthday! George visited with the crowd, posed for photos with retirees, and graciously accepted an energetic rendition of “Happy Birthday” while enjoying a piece of birthday cake.

The retirees who attended also enjoyed a rousing and highly competitive Trivia game led by KSU webmaster Chris Ward, son of retiree Diana Ward. The winning team received a gift of a small flashlight to help them “shine the light of knowledge” on the rest of the group!

Lunch, a photo booth, and plenty of time to visit with friends rounded out the day. More photos of all the fun are available on our website at [retirees.kennesaw.edu](http://retirees.kennesaw.edu). Look for the photo gallery under “News and Events.”

We hope to see you at the next Biennial Reunion in 2018!



# Leadership Changes at KSU

With the retirement of Dr. Papp slated for June 30, the University System has named an interim president while a search is conducted to find a new president. Chancellor Huckaby named Dr. Houston Davis, who is currently the executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer for the University System, to serve as interim president and take over the leadership of KSU for probably the next year. Recently, Dr. Davis sent a letter to employees on campus introducing himself and identifying some other changes. Since many of you don't receive campus communications, we are sharing that letter below.

*As your incoming interim president, I am very excited to be here and to be a part of Kennesaw State University. Recently, I have been making introductions and meeting with many on both campuses. Each of you play an important role, every function is a fundamental piece of the continued success of the institution, and I look forward to maintaining that momentum. Going forward, I have made some initial leadership changes, and these individuals will work directly with me during the transition: Interim Chief Financial Officer—Julie Peterson, who served as controller in the Office of Finance and Accounting; Interim Chief Information Officer—Lectra Lawhorne, who served as associate chief information officer and associate vice president for UITs; Interim Chief Human Resources Officer—Alicia Stignani, who served as director of Human Resources Services. Each of these leaders have an unequivocal role in carrying out essential functions for this institution. You know each of them as they are already familiar leaders on campus. I am excited to work with them in this transition. Over the coming weeks, I will be visiting both the Kennesaw and Marietta campuses, so if you see me out and about, please come up and say hello. I am eager to personally meet you in the weeks and months ahead. As we move forward, I have the utmost confidence in you - the talent that makes Kennesaw State the university it is today. In the meantime, I'll continue to provide campus updates to keep you informed through this transition. ~Houston D. Davis*

## Baseball Outing



A small but animated group of retirees attended a KSU baseball game on May 14 to cheer for our team as they beat the Stetson

Hatters 9-2. It was a beautiful day at the ballfield with a light breeze and just enough sun to start working on a tan. Prior to the game, seniors Alex Liquori, Justin Motley and Brennan Morgan along with their parents were introduced to the attendees. The team beat Stetson again on Sunday, putting them in top place in their division with three conference games remaining. The following week, the Owls clinched the top seed in the ASUN tournament with a win over FGCU 7-2. The Owls went on to win their first-ever division championship but lost out in the ASUN conference tournament. Mike Sansing was voted "Coach of the Year" in the conference.

Overall, the baseball team had a great season, and we enjoyed attending a winning game.

Watch for more sports outings with the Retirees Association next year.

**Go Owls!**





## Starlight Summer Concert Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for June 25th!

Again this summer, KSU will present the “Star Spangled Spectacular” event featuring a concert and fireworks show. The Retirees Association will have a booth selling snowcones and other items to benefit our Legacy Scholarship fund.

The pre-concert “Family Fun Festival” begins at 4:00 pm and features a bounce house, face painting, and other family-friendly activities. Vendors from KSU and the community will be located along the walkway between the Green and the new Recreation Center. You can bring a picnic and sit on the Green or purchase a variety of foods available at the event. The concert will feature music from pops to patriotic beginning at 7:00 pm with fireworks following at around 9:30 pm.

### Free Tuition For Seniors

Seniors citizens (over age 62) who would like to take college courses may do so for free in the University System. According to a recent article in Georgia magazine, many seniors sign up for personal interest courses such as foreign language or art, or to increase their knowledge in specific areas such as economics or geography.

Seniors must complete the application process just as any other student, including providing transcripts and proof of residency. Application fees and some fees are not covered, nor are textbooks, but tuition and some other fees are waived. The Bursar’s office at KSU says that all mandatory fees are waived, but special fees (such as online course fees or parking decal fees) are not waived. Be sure to check on fees and costs before you sign up for classes. Seniors register for classes each semester just as other students do.

We need volunteers to help with pre-event planning, booth set-up, selling items at the event and clean-up after the event. If you would be willing to help, please email [retirees@kennesaw.edu](mailto:retirees@kennesaw.edu) and let us know!

Last year, we raised over \$1,200 for the scholarships. We have been challenged to beat that record this year! Please come out for the event and buy a snowcone or make a donation even if you can’t help with the booth. You can find more information at <http://arts.kennesaw.edu/star-spangled-ksu.php>

### Missing Communication from the University?

If you do not have an active email address, you may be missing important information from KSU and the Retirees Association. Is there someone (family member, neighbor, friend, etc.) who would share their email address with you and pass along any information received? Please let us know so we can update your record with us. Call us at 470-578-7984 to update.



## “Brunch on the Bricks” 2016

The annual “Brunch on the Bricks” ceremony is scheduled for Friday, October 7, 2016, beginning at 10:00 am. “Brunch on the Bricks” recognizes new retirees and allows them the

opportunity to find their engraved brick on the patio at the Legacy Gazebo. A guest speaker and a brunch round out the day’s activities. Watch your email, our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/kennesaw.retirees](http://www.facebook.com/kennesaw.retirees)) and our website ([retirees.kennesaw.edu](http://retirees.kennesaw.edu)) for more details as they are finalized. We will also have a “Gazebo Work Day” a few weeks before the program to plant flowers, spread mulch, and brighten up the Gazebo area in preparation for the program.

## We Would Love to Hear from YOU

We welcome your suggestions for programs and activities for the Retirees Association, particularly for the Marietta campus. Please let us know what you would like your Association to be doing for the coming year.

Call us at 470-578-7984, email us at [retirees@kennesaw.edu](mailto:retirees@kennesaw.edu) or drop by the office between 9:00 and 2:00 Tuesday through Friday. We are located in KSU Center in the Burruss Institute suite.

## Membership Renewal Coming Soon

You will soon be receiving the annual membership renewal request from the Retirees Association. Please renew your membership so that we can continue to offer programs and activities to keep retirees connected to the University and to each other. New members of the Retirees Association will receive a Retiree I.D. Card upon payment of the \$20 membership donation. The card can be used to access many benefits offered to retirees, including -

- Free parking on both campuses in the visitor lots with your Retirees I.D. card.
- Access to Library services on both campuses
- Your card can be programmed to provide access to the Employee Fitness Center upon request and with EFC membership
- Access to KSU Employee Discounts at local merchants

You may start or renew your membership online through our website at [retirees.kennesaw.edu](http://retirees.kennesaw.edu) under “Membership,” by returning the completed membership form when you receive it, or by dropping the form and payment by our office, Room 313 in the Burruss Institute suite at KSU Center. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

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## Learn Something New This Summer

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) has added some new courses to their summer lineup of classes. Interested in drawing? Try “Drawing FUNdamentals” or “Beginning Watercolor.” Do you like to write? Join “Publish Your Own Book” to learn more about independent publishing. If you’re planning to travel this summer, how about “Spanish is Fun!”? If you wish you were more knowledgeable about wines, the new “Introduction to Wine—A Journey” may be just the thing. Combined with the other great courses that are regularly offered, OLLI has something for just about every interest. You can find their summer catalog at [ccpe.kennesaw.edu/olli](http://ccpe.kennesaw.edu/olli).

Have a particular expertise that you would like to share with other seniors? Look for the instructor application on the OLLI website and contribute to the adventure of learning something new!

## AROHE Biennial Conference

The Association of Retiree Organizations in Higher Education will hold its biennial conference in Seattle August 14-16. The KSU Retirees Association has been actively involved in AROHE for several years. This year, Dorothy Zinsmeister will attend the conference and participate in at least one presentation representing our Retirees Association and GA-HERO, the state organization for retirement groups in higher education. The theme of this conference is “*Transforming Retirement: Re-Writing Life’s Next Chapter.*” Dorothy will gather information from retiree organizations across the country and will share her findings with us at the Steering Committee meeting in September.

## Traveling This Summer? Some Things To Consider

The **National Park Service** offers a senior pass for admission and some amenities at national parks. <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/senior.html>

**Rail Europe** offers senior discounts to travelers age 60 and older. The discounts are not good for all passes, but grant first-class access where they are accepted. <https://www.raileurope.com/promotions/promotions-for-seniors.html>

**Amtrak** passengers age 62 and older are eligible for a 15 percent discount on train tickets. In most cases, the discount is applied to the lowest available fare. If your train journey takes you across the border into Canada, you will receive a 10 percent discount, but it will also be applied to your VIA Rail Canada travel. Cross-border discounts apply to seniors age 60 and older. Some restrictions apply.

**Roads Scholar** (formerly Elderhostel) offers many organized trips as well as tips for senior travel. <https://www.roadsscholar.org/special-offers/>

**AARP** (American Association of Retired People) provides an extensive online library of travel-related articles and advice for seniors, including destination guides, budget travel recommendations, and an interactive trip finder. The AARP also offers info on retiring abroad.

Tuesday is when most airline special pricing is in place. Some seats are discounted by 15% to 25% or more late Monday night and are available on-line Tuesday.



I used to go to the beach  
with just a towel.

By Debbie Vaughan

## Join the Retirees Association

If you have not done so already, we invite you to become a member of the Retirees Association and maintain your connection with the University. Benefits of membership include free parking on campus, use of Library services, access to the Employee Fitness Center on request, and discounts at the KSU Bookstore as well as many local businesses. To join the Retirees Association, visit [www.kennesaw.edu/retirees](http://www.kennesaw.edu/retirees) and click on "Membership." To learn more about the Retirees Association, check out the website or "like" us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/kennesaw.retirees](http://www.facebook.com/kennesaw.retirees).

## Donate to the Retirees Legacy Scholarship Fund

Donations, including memorial donations, may be made to the Retirees Legacy Scholarship annual and endowment funds with checks made payable to KSU Foundation, 3391 Town Point Dr., NW, Suite 4000, MD 9102, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Or you may make a donation online at <https://community.kennesaw.edu/givetoscholarships>. Select the Retiree Legacy Scholarship from the menu. Families of memorials will receive a notification of the memorial gift donation.

**KSU Retirees Association: Connecting retirees to the University and each other.**

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please remember to copy your  
retiree ID card and place the copy  
on the dash of your car.**

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