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UofL Association of Retired Personnel



January 2024



President's Message

Happy New Year! We have a lot of exciting news to share with you in this Winter edition! The ULARP Board was thrilled to be able to provide a full year of activities for our members in 2023 with the reopening of the University Club. We hope to be able to continue these efforts in 2024.

A big thanks to all of you who were able to join us for the polypharmacy wellness seminar and the inaugural Retiree Homecoming Brunch in October, and our annual Holiday Luncheon in December. We are planning several spring events including a Women's Basketball game and pizza party on February 18 as well as two additional wellness seminars. As always, coffee gatherings will continue to be held on the second Friday of the month.

In October, the Board voted to allow retired part-time faculty to become members of ULARP, and in November, the Board voted to become a member of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). The Board will seek best practices from this organization and its members as we strive to improve the services and support that ULARP provides to the university's retired faculty and staff.

Several Board members were on hand to greet and welcome the 2023 cadre of university retirees at a reception held in their honor on November 30 in the Student Activities Center. New retirees were given an overview of the ULARP organization and encouraged to become members. We are happy to report that several retirees signed up on the spot and are listed as new members later in this newsletter.

Mary Rising was the first retiree to be featured in the fall/winter issue of the UofL Magazine. We are so excited to have retirees become a regular feature in this publication, along with faculty, staff, and students. We are also continuing to work with the Employee Success Center on the creation of an annual presidential award for a retiree who has contributed to the success of the university post-retirement. This should be completed in time for the 2025 nominations.

Lastly, I want to thank those of you who gave over \$600 to ULARP in the annual "Raise Some L" Day of Giving. We will be using these donations to help fund the monetary portion of the Presidential Retiree Award.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have suggestions on how we might improve your experience as a ULARP member.

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Women's Basketball Outing

February 18

Reservations for the women's basketball outing on Sunday, Feb. 18, must be made before Feb. 12 by registration for the 11:15 a.m. pregame reception at Bearno's Pizza (NOTE new location: 301 W. Market) and tickets to the 1 p.m. Virginia Tech game at the Yum! Center. A game ticket (and one additional ticket for a non-ULARP guest) will be provided at the reception to ULARP members who do not have tickets for the best basketball in town.

[Registration](#)



Coffee and Conversation

February 9

Monthly coffee gathering is open to any ULARP member, 10 a.m. on the second Friday of each month at [Fante's Coffeehouse](#), 2501 Grinstead Drive 40205. The next gathering is Feb. 9. Ample free parking is available.



Fall-term Social Events

Fall-term social events brought ULARP members and campus supporters together for festive and informative sessions. At the October 25 inaugural Homecoming Brunch, about 30 ULARP members and their guests enjoyed spending time with fellow retirees and hearing from Jeff Walz about his experience as the head coach of the women's basketball program. Also at the club, 55 members and guests enjoyed the annual ULARP holiday party, Dec. 6 at the University Club.



2023 Retiree Recognition Reception

The Employee Success Center invited all 2023 new retirees to brunch on November 30, featuring a welcome from President Schatzel and from Employee Success Center Executive Director Brian Buford as well as comments and encouragement from recent retirees and an invitation from ULARP President Sande Johnson-Byers to join the association. New retirees were also welcomed individually by representatives from the ULARP board. Several new retirees joined ULARP at the reception, taking advantage of the first-year free membership to which each new retiree is entitled upon their application to the association.

[See More Photos](#)



Members in the Spotlight

ULARP has been glad to welcome these new members since the October newsletter:

Donna Bartman – IT Systems

Mary Bradley – Mathematics

Jim Cheski – Information Technology

Sherri Gary – SOM Student Affairs

Sharon Handy – Business

David King – University Counsel

Nubia Pacheco – Payroll

Kathy Rogers – University Libraries

David Young – Envirome Institute

Two ULARP members have recently been recognized in UofL events and publications because of their contributions to the university. [Leo B. Jenkins](#), one of the founding members of ULARP, has been honored as the 2023 J. B. Speed School of Engineering Alumni Fellow, and Mary Rising, A&S/ Mathematics and ULARP president 2018-23, is spotlighted in the [fall 2023 UofL Magazine](#), p.21, the first retiree spotlight planned as a regular feature in the magazine, one of several new initiatives that the university has undertaken to affirm retirees as a recognized constituency.

Another important initiative is preparation for an annual “Distinguished Retiree Excellence in Scholarship/ Community Service Award” to parallel awards for distinguished faculty and staff performance. Award criteria are now under discussion with the Office of the President and will be circulated in time for 2025 award nominations.

Membership Development

- Part-time lecturers who have ended their university service are invited to join ULARP in recognition of their contribution to the university’s mission to its students. ULARP members are encouraged to send the names of eligible PTLs to ularp@louisville.edu; PTLs may also apply on their own.
- Annual dues notices have been sent via e-mail to members needing to renew and to lifetime members to update their contact information by February 15 as well. The [dues and update form](#) is accessible online.
- [Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education](#) granted ULARP a no-cost trial membership (December 2023-June 2024) at the request of the ULARP

board to review AROHE benefits and services available to members before deciding whether to continue the membership in dues status (\$120/year).

University Club Notices

- University Club Greeters volunteer to create a welcoming environment for members and guests Monday - Friday from 11:00am - 1:30pm. ULARP members are invited to participate and to enjoy lunch at the Club after their shifts. For more information, please email University Club Board member Ron Zorn at zorn.ron@gmail.com.
 - Free parking in the UClub/CEHD lot is provided by the Club and the Alumni Association, in cooperation with University Parking. Admission to the gated lot is by code, which changes monthly as published in the University Club weekly newsletter. Registrants to ULARP events should receive a confirmation notice with the code during the week before the event they plan to attend. Please call the University Club office (502) 852-6996 for an update if the gate does not open when the code is entered.
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In Your Spare Time, Consider Going to Class

In 1976, the General Assembly approved [free tuition for any Kentucky citizen 65 or older](#) at any state institution. Those wishing to use the benefit must be admitted to the institution, and they must be 65 years old on the first day of class with a Kentucky state ID (Indiana residents are not eligible). At UofL, persons eligible and enrolled are eligible to join a recognized student organization, Donovan Scholars, which provides social, academic and advocacy support during enrollment.

If you are interested in using this benefit, contact the Office of Admissions (502-852-6531) and ask for the Office of Adult and Transfer Services.

Upcoming Events

**Feb
18**

Women's Basketball Outing

11:15 a.m. | Bearno's Pizza

[Register](#) to attend the 11:15 a.m. pregame reception at Bearno's Pizza (NOTE new location: 301 W. Market), where tickets to the 1

p.m. Virginia Tech game at the Yum! Center will be given to those not already ticketed. One guest ticket will be available per member's request.

Mar
08

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10 a.m. | Fante's Coffeehouse
2501 Grinstead Dr. No registration is necessary

Apr
12

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**Spring seminars — physical and financial — will be announced by email when they are scheduled.*



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