

A Message from ETSURA's Outgoing President

Dear Members of the East Tennessee State University Retirees Association,

I hope that this newsletter finds you healthy and in good spirits. As the immediate past president of our association, I want to share some brief but important thank you notes.

First, I want to express my thanks to **YOU OUR MEMBERS** for your continued support and participation during 2023 as we began rebuilding after the pandemic. It was gratifying to see good attendance as we restart face-to-face session after a two-year gap. Our eat-and-chat sessions, the summer luncheon with magician Matt Fore, and the November members' meeting with Dr. Hageman and Ms. Kluk from ETSU's Addiction Science Center were all successful. It is clear that ETSU's retirees continue to be committed to the values of the university.

I also want to thank the members of the Board of Directors for their support and efforts in 2023. My special thanks to past president Fred Tudiver, who has rotated off the board after six years of service, to Jack Rhoton, who served as our liaison to Second Harvest Food Bank, and to Priscilla Ramsey, who served as our liaison to the ETSU Faculty Senate. As always, thanks to Heather Ledwell, our capable support person from Human Resources.

And, finally, I want to thank the Board of Directors and officers for 2024 that you our membership, approved at the November:

President: Judy Slagle

Secretary: Marie Tedesco

Treasurer: Ellen Drummond

Board: Bonny Stanley, Constance Alexander, Chu-Ngi Ho, Don Gotterbarn, Carolyn Bond, Cynthia Burnley, Charles Moore, Kathleen Grover.

Best wishes for 2024,

Norma Hogan

Past President-ETSURA.

Eat & Chat Presentations, 2023 and 2024

The first 2023 Eat & Chat presentation took place on April 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the conference room in the Model Mill building on State of Franklin Road. Dr. Scott Honeycutt (pictured right), Associate Professor in the Department of Literature and Language, and Secondary Education Coordinator, gave a presentation on book banning, including a short history of banning from the nineteenth century to the present and reasons for banning of certain texts. At present, in the US, local governments, parents, school boards, and politicians, may override book selections by educators and ban certain texts from being read by public school students. Reasons for banning usually relate to objections to content being sexually explicit, relating to LGBTQ+ identity, or language being “offensive.” Some currently-banned texts are Art Spiegelman’s Pulitzer Prize winning *Maus*; *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini; and *Gender Queer: A Memoir* by Maia Kobabe. As the department’s student-teacher supervisor, Dr. Honeycutt commented on the impact of book banning on student teachers. Approximately 35 brown-bagging individuals enjoyed the presentation and the question and answer session that followed.





Night view of Powell Observatory

The second 2023 Eat & Chat took place on August 23, 10:30-noon, in the ETSU Planetarium, Room 207, Hutcheson Hall. Using the planetarium’s visual sky program, Dr. Gary Henson (pictured below), Director of the Harry D. Powell Observatory and the ETSU Planetarium discussed the

formations of major constellations, history and mythology associated with them, and where they can be seen in the Northeast Tennessee sky at different seasons of the year. After the question and answer session, a number of the 40 or so attendees made their way to the Main Meal in the Culp Center for lunch and additional conversation.



The first Eat & Chat program for 2024 took place on February 7, again in the conference room of the Model Mill, noon to 1:30. The featured speaker was Dr. Scott Contreras-Koterbay, of the departments of Art & Design and Philosophy. He also serves as Director of the Bert C. Bach Fine & Performing Arts Scholars Program in the Mary B. Martin School of the Arts and Interim Director of the Martin School. Contreras-Koterbay’s presentation, “Helping to Shape the Future of the Arts at ETSU,” focused on changes in the scholars program, the Honors College, and the efforts



to maintain an educational emphasis on the arts in a time when arts education nationwide has faced criticism.

35th Annual Summer Luncheon

The 35th Annual Summer Luncheon took place on June 21, 2023, in the meeting room at the Johnson City Food City, 920 N. State of Franklin Road. ETSURA was pleased to have Matt Fore, humorist, writer, speaker, award-winning comedy magician, and Johnson City resident perform at the luncheon. Fore routinely serves as the main stage performer for corporate and association-based events around the country. Notably, he has performed for Carnival Cruise Lines, the Magic Castle in Hollywood, and has appeared on several national television shows.



Above: Matt Fore interactively performs with retirees and their family members.

Left: (left to right) Tom Burton, Bonny Stanley, Rita Scher, and Cynthia Burnley enjoy the entertainment.

Recent Retirees

The following individuals recently retired from university service.

James Batchelder	Finance & Administration
Merrica Bell	Tax and Revenue
Myra Carew	Nursing, Graduate Program
Evelyn Couch	Student Housing
Pamela Davison	Social Work
Jodi Epps	Surgery
Roger Hall	Custodial Services
Dale Godsey	Plant Maintenance and Repair
Mark Jee	Environmental Health
William Hall Knight	Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis
Kimberly Miller	Pediatrics
Marguerite Naylor	Clemmer College of Education
Ramona Salyer	University Advancement
Laura Terry	Student Activities and Organizations

Service Opportunities

Second Harvest Food Bank. ETSURA members continue to volunteer for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee, every second Wednesday morning (8:30 a.m.-noon) of each month. Second Harvest, 1020 Jericho Dr., Kingsport, helps school children with backpack food items, seniors with food boxes, and anyone who needs assistance with the organization's mobile food pantry. ETSURA members who desire to volunteer can contact Jack Rhoton, rhotonj@etsu.edu.

Bucky's Food Pantry. A campus organization, Bucky's strives to diminish food insecurity among members of the ETSU community. Organized in 2012, Bucky's initially operated in the Ballad Athletic Center (aka the "Mini-Dome.") In 2016, the pantry moved to 325 Treasure Lane, near the Buc Ridge Apartments and in 2021 to the D.P Culp Center, near the passport office. Recently, a distribution point opened on the Kingsport campus. To receive help, one applies at www.etsu.edu/foodpantry/forms/request.php

There are several ways one can assist the pantry: volunteer time during semester breaks, summer, and during winter coat distribution; donate food items; or donate money. . Contact Bucky's by phone at 423-439-2825 or email at foodpantry@etsu.edu. ---Carolyn Bond

35th Annual Meeting and Luncheon

ETSURA’s fall meeting and luncheon took place on November 15, 2023, in the Taylor Room of the Carnegie Hotel. Attended by 58 or so retirees, the event featured two speakers: Angela Hagaman, Research Assistant Professor in the ETSU College of Public Health and Co-director of the ETSU Addiction Science Center (ASC) and Marissa Kluk, Director of Recovery Ecosystem alignment for the ASC. Their presentation summarized epidemiological data related to substance use disorder, and fatal and non-fatal overdose in East Tennessee



Marissa Kluk



Angela Hagaman

and Central Appalachia, two areas hard hit by opioid use disorder. The presenters also reviewed the latest evidence on supporting individuals who seek help for substance use abuse and related concerns. The presentation also provided an overview of the Northeast Tennessee Recovery Ecosystem Asset Map and the National Recovery Ecosystem Index. After the speakers finished their informative talks, audience members followed up with questions.



In Memoriam

In 2023, ETSU said goodbye to those retirees listed below. Thanks to Darla Alford of Human Resources for providing this information.

last name	first name	dept	position	dod
Adams	Judith G.	Psychiatry	Coordinator	11/30/2023
Andrews	Walter	Physical Plant	Painter Lead Worker	1 /7 /2023
Bach	Bert	Special Assistant to the President	Provost Vice President Academic Affairs	08/14/2023
Bader	Steven S.	Student Affairs	Vice Provost/Chair Student Affairs	10/17/2023
Bagnell	Philip C.	Quillen College of Medicine	Dean	07/15/2023
Burgess	Gary	Public Safety	Public Safety Officer	07/31/2023
Carrier	Linda G.	Biological Sciences	Secretary 1	5/14/2023
Davis	Alma	Physical Plant	Custodian Lead Worker	08/22/2023
Driskell	Katie T.	Curriculum & Instruction	Professor	06/06/2023
Edwards	Betty B.	University School	Assistant Professor	5/17/2023
Goodrow	Bruce A.	Family Medicine	Professor	2 /13/2023
Greenwell	Steven	University Center Adm	Electronic Technician	2 /6 /2023
Hasbrouck	Clara	Curriculum & Instruction	Adjunct	09/21/2023
Higgs	Irene L.	Communications	Secretary 2	2 /13/2023
Hoffmann, Jr.	James D.	Facilities	Custodian	1 /24/2023
James	Doris C.	Pathology	Administrative Assistant	05/28/2023
Maupin	Patricia F.	Financial Services	Cashier	1 /12/2023
McGinnis	Cathy L.	Computer Information Systems	Executive Aide	1 /11/2023
Miller	James Lawrence	Chemistry	Professor	06/07/2023
Nave	Diane B.	University Relations	Information Research Tech 2	2 /28/2023
Oliver	Paula R.	Library	Instructor	11/10/2023
Randolph	Janice P.	President's Office	Office Manager	4 /28/2023
Russo	Daniel M.	Economics & Finance	Associate Professor	06/28/2023
Scalf	Steven D.	Facilities	Painter	3 /17/2023
Shell	L. J.	Plumber	Plant Maintenance & Repairs	10/15/2023
Shepard	Frank M.	Pediatrics	Professor	1/16/2023
Sherwood	Beverly	Graduate Program COM	Coordinator	08/26/2023
Speer	Wayne E.	University Career Services	Assistant Director	07/06/2023
Stamper	Maude I.	Custodial Services	Custodian	06/26/2023
Toohy	Patricia	Management & Marketing	Executive Aide	11/08/2023
Torbush	Carl	Football	Head Coach	11/06/2023

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM ETSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION

NAME: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (MI) _____ (Title) _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (MI) _____ (Title) _____

ADDRESS: (Street) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

TELEPHONE: (____) ____ - _____ EMAIL: _____ Make check payable to ETSU and mail

FORMER STATUS WITH ETSU: FACULTY STAFF

AMOUNT PAID (\$10 PER PERSON): \$10 \$20

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION FORM

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 OF MEMBER _____ SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: (Street) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

TELEPHONE: (____) ____ - _____ EMAIL: _____

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER: \$100

HUSBAND & WIFE: \$150

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