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ULARP (University of Louisville Association of Retired Personnel) seeks ways to meet the needs of our current faculty and staff retirees by actively promoting and seeking to protect retiree benefits, by sponsoring programs and events that are thought provoking and entertaining, by providing opportunities for retirees to engage in continuing conversations about lifelong interests, and by seeking ways to support the university’s mission and strategic plan. To that end, we work with the Alumni Office and the Employee Success Center to encourage new and recent retirees to join ULARP and to stay involved in the university community.

ULARP will participate in the Reception for New Retirees (all of 2022) sponsored by Employee Success, on December 8, from 6-8 PM. More information will follow.

A popular event sponsored by ULARP several times a year is a series of Wellness Seminars. On October 26, a seminar on Understanding Medicare was held at the University Club, with a speaker from the national AARP organization who addressed both Medicare and Medicare Part D. She presented clear explanations of all options and answered the many questions of the 30 attendees. Folks who are close to retirement who have taken a look at the myriad of options will understand how much this seminar was appreciated! The next seminar will focus on the topic of Sex After Sixty, date and time to be announced. Healthy attendance is anticipated.

At its October 18 meeting, the ULARP Board noted that the process of archiving ULARP minutes and newsletters is progressing nicely and the new electronic system of paying annual dues has been tested and is ready. The annual ULARP Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Red Barn on Tuesday, December 6, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Other agenda topics:

Work Day: Training for retirees has yet to be announced.

Benefits: It is our understanding that new retirees in 2023 will no longer have access to current vision and dental care policies. Instead, retirees will be directed to specific vendors. The change likely affects any retiree who hoped to add this insurance.

Annual Giving: ULARP was listed as an option for donor giving on the Alumni Council page of the Raise Some L web site.

The November ULARP Newsletter is in preparation, as is a Welcome Letter to new members.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, at 10 am, University Club.