

## **ULARP REPORT TO THE FACULTY SENATE**

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### **Elaine Wise, ULARP Liaison (University of Louisville Association of Retired Personnel)**

Members of the ULARP Board include the following retirees: Dale Billingsley, Michael Cuyjet, Bev Daly, Brenda Gunn, Brenda Hart, Virginia Hosono, Sande Johnson-Byers, Ginger Brown Masden, Patrick Murphy, Carol Olorunsola, Mary Rising, and Elaine Wise. Officers are President Sande Johnson-Byers, Treasurer and Interim Vice President Mary Rising, and Secretary Michael Cuyjet.

This year, ULARP participated in Homecoming with an inaugural Homecoming Brunch, held at the University Club on October 25, with Women's Basketball Coach Jeff Walz as the keynote speaker. As always, Coach Walz, was very entertaining. A good time was had by all!

ULARP continues to sponsor seminars on wellness and other issues of interest to retirees. The workshop on Polypharmacy, held on October 19, was exceedingly informative. Dr. Demetra Antimisiaris provided multiple examples of ways the drugs we take might interact, and she recommended that all of us pay close attention to medications that might be counterproductive in combination or no longer needed. Polypharmacy is a leading cause of death in persons over 65.

ULARP agreed to participate in Raise Some L, with proceeds this year to help underwrite a \$1000 stipend to the recipient of the new annual retiree award. Criteria for that award will include continued and exceptional community service or scholarship and alignment with the values of U of L.

ULARP is contributing a number of documents to University Archives in order to preserve its history at U of L. The Board voted to join the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education for the coming year, to glean ideas from other associations like ours and to share our story with them.

Dale, Sande, and Bev will meet with the VP for Advancement next week, for a follow up on issues presented to President Schatzel. The new HR Retirement Guide is available and under review, to be discussed at the next Board meeting. A member of the ULARP Board will be chosen by the President for a one-year appointment on the Board of Trustees' new Retirement Oversight Committee. Mary reported that the Benefits Design Workgroup met in September. U of L will keep Met Life for vision and dental insurance. Open Enrollment is underway and will continue until November 8. It was announced that Angela Curry is taking the place of Mary Elizabeth Miles as VP of Human Resources.

The ULARP Annual Holiday Luncheon will be held on December 6, at the University Club. Members and their guests are asked to register by November 27 for this long-standing holiday favorite.