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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Retirees:

It appears that the Austin Peay State University Retirees Association (APSURA) is off to an incredible start—better than I could have ever imagined two years ago in November, 2007 when I attended my first state-wide Tennessee Higher Education Retirees Association meeting at Fall Creek Falls State Park.

I will be attending that meeting again this fall to report on our progress and accomplishments at APSU—and, of course, to get more valuable information and advice to bring back home. I owe a sincere thanks to every member of that body for giving me information, advice, and especially encouragement over the last two years. It has been an exciting experience to start a Retirees Association—largely due to the efforts of our Officers and Board members who have worked tirelessly to get us where we are today. (check our website for officers and members of the board) A year ago we did not exist. Today we do. But we still have a long way to go—a very long way, if we wish to become an organization that the University can truly be proud of and one that can serve retirees in every conceivable way by bringing retirees, the University, and the community together. My major focus in this note FROM THE PRESIDENT is twofold: 1) to encourage Retirees to join the Association, and 2) to inform both members and non-members about some of the activities we have already planned and those we are planning.

First, we have had an excellent response from retirees to join the Association, those who joined at our inaugural reception, and those who joined when they received our initial newsletter. We even had one retiree join on Convocation Day when we attended the Faculty Picnic and held our initial meeting. In fact, this member has already become active in our efforts. It is extremely gratifying when we experience such a response from our retirees.

At the same time I have recently met a few retirees who are not members, and they emphasized that they really support the work we are doing. And we certainly appreciate their support, but I also encourage them to join with us to create a truly representative Retirees Association. So there is again included with this newsletter a membership form for you to join our ranks. I believe that the benefits will be many, and the rewards will be great—even if you are primarily interested in simply keeping up

with what the Association is involved in and what members are doing. And as I said in the previous newsletter, there just might be something that strikes your fancy. But for a first- year introduction to the Association , ALL RETIREES —members and non-members of the Association--can take advantage and participate in our activities before we establish a yearly dues for

full membership beginning in 2010. We need to thank our members for funding our present activities with their donations. Secondly, there are several things we already have going or are in progress. Let me point out that your responses on our initial questionnaire indicated that over 70% of you indicated that you were primarily interested in social events and activities, so that is the topic we discussed exclusively at our first members meeting on August 26. Of course, we all realize that this is a developing process, and this is the beginning. So for now we focused on benefits and social activities close to home.

***TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES AND HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM OR PARTICIPATE IN THEM, GO TO OUR WEBSITE FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS.

****TWO SPECIAL MEAL PLANS IN THE MORGAN UNIVERSITY CENTER**

Daily Meal Plan: 35 meals for \$158.00 (\$4.54 per meal) which includes sales tax, and you can use it for your family as well.

Sunday Meal Plan: 10 meals for \$50.00 (\$5.00 per meal) which includes sales tax, and you can use it for your family as well.

There is a third University benefit that is now in process, so check our website to see when it is up and running this semester:

The P-card will shortly go on sale for \$30.00 for the academic year. This card will provide free tickets for an employee, their spouse, and children to any event sponsored by the department of Art, Music, Theater and Dance, or by the Center of Excellence in the Creative Arts. This offer applies to all retirees as well. But you don't have to wait until the plan is finalized. You can pre-order your card at the ticket office in the lobby of the Trahern Building and start using the benefits of the program immediately for more information call 221-7379. Go to [www.apsu.edu/creative arts](http://www.apsu.edu/creative%20arts) for a schedule of events for Fall semester.

****UPCOMING EVENTS**

Two Days are the Roxy Theater:

Saturday, October 24, 2:00 pm **The Beauty Queen of Leane**

Saturday, October 31, 2:00 pm **Poe Unearthed**

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Thursday, November 5, 7:00 pm **The Nashville Symphony: A Musical Space Odyssey** includes works by Bela Bartok and Richard Strauss and features famed pianist Yefim Bronfman in the Bartok Concerto for Piano No. 2. Before the concert there is optional dinner, and a "Conversation" with the Conductor.

As I stated above, please check our website for all specific details.

****OTHER**

Free football tickets for Homecoming. See our website on how to obtain them.

Convocation Address: If you are interested in viewing President Hall's convocation address on September 26 to the faculty and staff, go to <http://www.apsu.edu/President>.

Volunteers: The Association is exploring the possibility of a volunteer program serving the University. If you are interested in volunteering your time and expertise on campus, you can call or e-mail any of the officers. Tutoring, advising, substituting in the classroom for faculty, computer assistance, office work, etc., are all possible areas for participation. Please let us know if you are interested or may have some suggestions for volunteer services.

Faculty Senate: By the time you receive this newsletter I will have addressed the Faculty Senate to discuss offering a series of

seminars and workshops focusing on post -retirement and retirement. Check our website for an update.

I hope that you will take advantage of some of the opportunities and activities I have mentioned above and that many of you will decide to join the Association. Please also feel free to e-mail (addresses list on our website) us for any information or comments that you may have.

Al Bekus, President

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