

President's Corner

I hope for everyone this past summer was an enjoyable one. It was certainly a hot one. Your new Council had its first meeting in September and welcomed first-time member Carolyn Rosenthal and returning members Helen Barton and Brian Beckberger. Anna Fleming from Human Resources also attended; Anna henceforth will be our principal contact person in Human Resources and we look forward to working with her to ensure a continuing strong flow of information between her department and our organization. At its meeting, Council approved the establishment of the Stuart and Paula Winn bursary that is described later in this Newsletter (see p. 2).



Council also received the news that Bob West has decided to step down as MURA's representative on the Pension Trust Committee and as MURA's auditor. Bob has served in these roles for a number of years and has always provided Council with full and informed reports on the Pension Trust Committee's work and on MURA's finances. All of us in MURA will miss his valuable contributions, and in thanking him warmly for his dedicated service we also wish him well in the future.

Enjoy the fall colours.

Les King, MURA President



MURA Christmas Lunch on Monday, December 5, 2016. See p. 6 of this issue for more information.

We also received an interesting report from our Volunteering Committee about the participation of retirees in mentoring students in the University's Discovery Program. The McMaster Discovery Program is a free, university-level, non-credit course offered to adults living in Hamilton who experience barriers to accessing higher learning opportunities. MURA's Volunteering Committee has been involved over the past year or so and recently assumed two new activities with the Discovery Program. Retiree Eleanor Frank will be acting as a mentor to help Discovery students who have completed the program to register in regular university courses and programs. Three faculty retirees will act as mentors to groups of Discovery students who wish to meet informally for discussions of readings, free discussions, mentor-led talks, or whatever suits the mentor and students. The Volunteer Committee hopes that this initiative will continue to evolve. This is but one activity in which retirees can participate; others are mentioned on pp. 4-5 of this newsletter and I encourage you to volunteer.

MURA is looking for a Trips Coordinator

MURA is looking for a volunteer to set up day trips for MURA members and friends. If you like to go on day trips with other retirees, please consider taking on this role.

You would work with other members of MURA's Trips & Special Events Committee to plan and coordinate one or more day trips per year. These might be to theatres or art galleries, but could include any activities of interest to our members.

If you would like to volunteer or to find out more, please send an email to mura@mcmaster.ca or leave a message at 905-525-9140 ext. 23171.