
McMaster 2016 United Way Campaign

MURA member Martin Dooley, who is a member of the McMaster United Way Campaign Committee, has asked us to share the following letter with retirees.

Dear Fellow McMaster Retirees:

The United Way campaign is one of the most important ways in which the McMaster community engages with the communities of Burlington and Hamilton. Your donations fund 117 programs through 63 agencies. The specific goals of the UW campaign are all very worthy of our attention whether it be providing shelter to the homeless; meals on wheels to seniors; or homework assistance to children from low income families. Due to the decline in donations from other sectors, especially manufacturing, the campaign is more dependent than ever on McMaster's contribution. Our current McMaster campaign goal is \$325,000. We are excited to take our campaign to new heights, and it starts with help from you. Please add your support through a personal donation. The people accessing services are our neighbours, friends, and family. Learn about the work that your donation supports at:

www.workingatmcmaster.ca/uway

Thank you for considering a donation to the United Way of Burlington and Greater Hamilton.

*Nancy Gray and Bryan Mehi, Staff Co-Chairs
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News from CURAC Opportunities to Travel with Other University Retirees

MURA is one of the largest retiree associations within CURAC (College and University Retiree Associations of Canada). CURAC's primary aims are to promote communication among member organizations, share information, provide mutual assistance, and speak publicly on issues of common concern to its more than fifteen thousand members across Canada. Over the summer, CURAC volunteers have been busy working on behalf of college and university retirees.

CURAC's Health Care Policy Committee recently produced two bulletins: one on *Palliative Care/End of Life Care* (<http://www.curac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/5/BULLETTIN12.pdf>) and another entitled *Taking the Pulse of Seniors' Health Care in 2016* (<http://www.curac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/8/Seniorscare2016.pdf>). The latter was sent by CURAC to the Council of the Federation comprising all 13 provincial Premiers, the Prime Minister and the federal ministers of Health and Finance. The bulletin sets out arguments for a National Seniors' Strategy that is supported by a multi-year, adequately funded Health Accord and urges us to communicate our concerns to elected representatives at both federal and provincial levels.

The Fall issue of the CURAC newsletter is available through the MURA web site ([\[retirees.ca\]\(http://www.mcmaster-retirees.ca\)\) as a pdf document to read online or to print at home. The newsletter contains summaries of the talks given to delegates at the 2016 CURAC conference as well as an account by CURAC President Ken Craig of the river cruise between Amsterdam and Budapest taken by several CURAC members in June. This cruise was the first group travel event arising from CURAC's affinity agreement with global tour company Collette. Given the success of the 2016 trip, two Collette tours will be designated as CURAC trips in 2017:](http://www.mcmaster-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

- A second *Legendary Waterways of Europe* river cruise, June 21-July 6th. For details, visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/758699>.
- *Shades of Ireland*, April 24 to May 6, 2017. <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/758614>.

MURA members and friends are welcome to find out more and to join these trips by contacting Newmac Travel at 604-745-0088 or newmactravel@nexioncanada.com.

If you do not have access to a computer and would like a copy of the CURAC newsletter or the bulletins described above, please leave a message on the MURA phone (905-525-9140 extension 23171) and we will print a copy and mail it to you.