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It is my hope one day to make a positive contribution to the field and most importantly, to have a positive impact on the lives of those around me.

Thanks to generous donations such as yours, these goals have become closer within my reach.”

All retirees can play a part in supporting students like Roshi and Krystal in their pursuit of education in Gerontology by contributing to the MURA Academic Awards Fund. Make a donation at http://MURA scholarship.ca, or by calling Kris Gadjanski, Development Officer, at 905-525-9140, extension 21837.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT MAC

Albert Lager Lecture Series

This series of educational lectures and events is named after McMaster graduate Albert Abrum Lager. Albert, a great believer in the value of life-long education, created the Albert Abrum Lager Foundation which supports several organizations in their efforts, including the McMaster Alumni Association.

There are two upcoming lectures that may be of interest to MURA members. Both are free and take place at the Discovery Centre, Hamilton Harbour.

Thursday, May 9, 2013; 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
The Sleep Lab and Sleep - Peter Powles
This presentation will give some insights into what occurs in a sleep lab and during sleep, types of problems that are commonly studied, the affects of age on sleep, and the effective and ineffective ways of treating sleep problems.

Wednesday, June 5, 2013; 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Historical Hamilton - Architecture and Preservation - Sharon Vattay
This illustrated lecture will explore various local and national examples of historic buildings and landscapes that have been successfully restored, rehabilitated and adaptively reused. Focusing on sites in Ontario (including Hamilton), it will look at the creative opportunities, as well as some of the challenges of heritage preservation.

For more information go to the Alumni Association web site1 or call 905-525-9140, ext. 23900.

The Daily News

Want to keep in touch with what’s happening at McMaster? The DailyNews web site (http://dailynews.mcmaster.ca/) is an excellent source of information. New stories about the University community appear every day, along with photos and links to McMaster-related articles in the media. Events are listed on the left-hand side of the web page.

The big news on April 10th, for example, was the appointment of McMaster graduate and leading Canadian businesswoman Suzanne Labarge as the University’s next Chancellor. Labarge will assume her three-year role as Chancellor on September 1st, 2013 succeeding Red Wilson, who has held the position for the past six years.

DONATING YOUR BODY

FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION

Have you ever considered donating your body for use in training future medical professionals? When MURA Council member Lorraine Allan died last December, she did just that, bequeathing her body to the McMaster University Education Program in Anatomy.

The Anatomy Program’s web site (http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/anatomy/bequeathals.html) addresses a number of questions about their bequeathal program. You can contact them by telephone at 905-525-9140 ext. 22273 for more information. You may also want to visit the Government of Ontario web site on whole body donation.

If you are interested in pursuing this further, you should know that:

• There is no age restriction for body donation.
• Illnesses and cause of death largely determine who may actually be accepted. For example, autopsy, recent trauma or surgery, certain infectious diseases, or extreme emaciation make a body ineligible for donation. Large individuals, i.e. those taller than 6’3” (196cm) or weighing more than 190 lbs (85 kg), are not eligible. The suitability for acceptance will be determined as soon as possible after the time of death.
• If a person wishes his/her body to be bequeathed to a School of Anatomy, only the eyes can be donated as a tissue gift for transplant1. If you donate other organs or tissue for transplant, you will not be eligible for whole body donation.
• Anatomical study and/or research in the Education Program in Anatomy is usually completed within five years after receiving a body. The cremated remains are then interred in the McMaster University crypt at Bayview Cemetery & Crematory in Burlington, Ontario. The remains of each donor are kept separate and identifiable. All expenses for cremation and interment in the McMaster University crypt are paid for by the Education Program in Anatomy. Within a year of the donation, the donor will be recognized at a Service of Gratitude.

2 http://www.mcsacs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/DeathInvestigations/WholeBodyDonation/DI_body_donation.html
3 For information on organ and tissue donation, please see page 3 of the Winter 2011 issue of MURAnews (http://mcmaster-retirees.ca/Pages/MURA_Activities/MURAnews/winter2011_20JAN_FINAL.pdf), visit the Trillium Gift of Life web site (http://www.giftoflife.on.ca/) or call 1-800-263-2833.