

McMaster University Retirees Association (MURA)

<http://mcmaster-retirees.ca>

Who are we and what can we do for you?

- MURA is Canada's largest and longest-standing university retiree association. Its goal is to foster retirees' connections with each other and with McMaster, and to be a voice for our members.
- Every person who retires from McMaster University is entitled to be a lifetime member of MURA, to participate in MURA events, and to serve on MURA Council or committees.
- There are no membership fees. MURA is run by volunteers, and operating expenses are funded by grants from MUFA, Unifor 5555, SEIU and the University President's office.

New retirees

- New retirees receive a welcome letter from MURA, and an invitation to participate on Council, committees, events

MURA Council

- Assists, supports, advocates for and represents MURA members
- Liaises with Human Resources, Parking Services, University Technology Services, etc. as needed
- Has representatives on Pension Committees, Board of Governors and other campus bodies
- Sends cards and flowers to families of members as appropriate

Scholarships

- Members are encouraged to contribute to University academic objectives through donations to a MURA scholarship endowment fund
- A fully endowed fund, established in 2009, provides an annual scholarship of \$2,500 and a \$750 graduand prize to undergraduate students in Health, Aging and Society.
- MURA's current fundraising campaign is for a \$1000 annual graduate scholarship in technological advances for seniors; donate online at MURAscholarship.ca

Member Events

- Holiday luncheon – December
- Annual General Meeting, lunch and presentation – June
- Special events and occasional trips
- Invitations to join events sponsored by McMaster Alumni, Mohawk retirees and other groups

Communication

- Keeping you informed and connected via the quarterly *MURAnews* and MURA website
- Regular email bulletins for time sensitive communications from MURA, various University units, or other groups providing information or services that may be of interest to members, such as volunteer opportunities and special seminars or events

College and University Retiree Associations of Canada (CURAC)

- MURA's membership in CURAC gives our members a source of communication, information sharing, mutual assistance, and national advocacy
- Negotiated Canada-wide benefits, discounts and opportunities, e.g. group rates on home, auto, travel and health insurance