

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I was very pleased to see so many of you at last month's Annual Christmas Luncheon. We thank President Patrick Deane for his encouraging remarks in support of our activities, and also for his office's financial subsidy which allowed the event to be held on campus again.



Due to the generosity of many MURA members, our Academic Awards Endowment Fund for Gerontology students has exceeded its \$40,000 goal. We are now able to increase the annual value of the MURA Scholarship to \$1250, and that of the MURA Prize to \$350. These increases will commence in March 2012, or even earlier should the fund generate sufficient income to support the increased value of the awards. We will continue to accept donations to the fund.

The most recent winner of the MURA Scholarship, Dawn Mateus, has plans to apply for graduate studies at an Ontario university in the area of Occupational Therapy. Upon graduation she would like to work with seniors in the community. Our latest MURA Prize recipient, part-time Gerontology mature-student Marsha Schofield, has indicated to us her honour in receiving the award, her sense of accomplishment, and her added incentive to continue studies. What a great testimony these two women provide to the benefit and worth of the MURA Gerontology awards.

This month we are embarking on discussions with MURA's supporting groups for a 3-year renewal of the agreement to fund our budgetary requirements, so our members can continue to enjoy the dues-free benefits of MURA membership. We'll keep you informed about our progress.

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2011.

Joe Laposa, MURA President  
[jklaposa@cogeco.ca](mailto:jklaposa@cogeco.ca)  
905-648-6610



## SALARIED PENSION PLAN UPDATE

Les Robb

MURA representative - Pension Trust Committee

Last January I reported that no pension increase would be forthcoming in the Salaried Pension Plan in January 2010 and that it was unlikely one would be forthcoming in January 2011. I reported that the plan would need to earn 18% or more to generate an increase – an earning rate very rare in the history of our Plan. I am sorry to report that I was correct, as the Plan earned only 6.47% for the year ending June 30th, 2010.

I have again done a calculation looking ahead and calculate that the plan would need to earn 17.25% or more to generate an increase next January 1st (2012). Things do not look good for indexing beyond that date either. As readers of this column will recall, the formula is based on the 5-year average return. Both the 2008 and 2009 returns were negative (-3.98% and -11.69%). Until these negative returns work their way through the formula and are replaced by decent positive returns, we can expect our pensions to remain fixed at the current level.

For information on the Hourly Pension Plan, please see Cliff Andrews' article on page 1 of the the Fall 2010 issue of *MURAnews* (<http://tinyurl.com/47hp4y6>).

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The duly constituted MURA Nominating Committee is now receiving input for the nomination of Council members for 2011-2012. The Committee comprises



Helen Barton (Chair)  
Linda Grocott  
Jim Kramer  
Kathy Overholt  
Pam Penny

Please forward expressions of personal interest and/or suggestions for nominees to the Committee Chair, Helen Barton, at: [barton@mcmaster.ca](mailto:barton@mcmaster.ca) or 905-528-8951, or to any Nominating Committee member, not later than February 9th, 2011.

Submitted by Wayne Rouse  
MURA Secretary

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

March 23 – 26, 2011 at Mohawk College



The 51st annual Bay Area Science and Engineering Fair (BASEF) is an exhibition and competition of science, technology, and engineering projects for grades 7 to 12 students from Hamilton, Halton Region, and Haldimand, Norfolk and Brant Counties.

**Mac retirees from all backgrounds can help make this event a success.**

**Please volunteer.**

Volunteer Judges – Judging takes place on Thursday, March 24th. If you are interested in volunteering to be a judge, visit [www.basef.ca/judging](http://www.basef.ca/judging) or e-mail [judging@basef.ca](mailto:judging@basef.ca).

General Volunteers – Tasks include set-up and registration, supervising student activities, and welcoming and guiding participants and visitors. To register as a general volunteer, visit <http://www.basef.ca/volunteers>, e-mail [volunteers@basef.ca](mailto:volunteers@basef.ca), or call Helen Barton at 905-528-8951.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO GREET WEARY STUDENTS DURING APRIL EXAMS

The Chaplaincy Centre provides cookies, tea and coffee to students in a comfortable area (Room 230) in the Student Centre. Your role is to greet students, refill the cookie tray and replenish the beverages. We use ceramic cups and students wash their cups in the kitchen near the Chaplaincy Centre.



If you are interested in volunteering, please contact: Jenny Velasquez at [chaplain@mcmaster.ca](mailto:chaplain@mcmaster.ca), or phone 905-525-9140, extension 24207.

The dates are April 6th to April 17th, 2011, with the exception of Saturday evenings as there are no exams on Sunday.

Volunteer for a two-hour shift (either 5:30-7:30 or 7:30-9:30 p.m.).

### MAC RETIREE VOLUNTEER NETWORK

Want to stay involved on campus?

Here are some of the many opportunities available for Mac retirees to continue to support our McMaster

community, while participating in fulfilling and rewarding volunteer work.

#### Convocation Volunteers – Office of the Registrar

Volunteers are required to assist at the front desk at convocation where your role would be to meet, greet and direct guests, as well as check tickets. You will work alongside a full-time employee who can offer assistance and training.

#### Undergraduate Lab Volunteers – Faculty of Science

Knowledgeable volunteers in Science labs can help professors and lab co-ordinators increase opportunities for one-on-one learning, as well as providing additional resources for students requiring assistance. Volunteers may assist in setting up and closing down lab sessions, assist students with their learning during the lab session, or help professors with other tasks.

#### Event Volunteers – Various Departments, Faculties, Offices



Each year numerous events are held to support McMaster, its staff and alumni. Assistance is often required with planning and running these events. Since events and needs change frequently, a small group of 'on-call' volunteers that can be contacted as needed is being formed. Tasks may include organizing registration lists, distributing tickets, creating name tags, greeting guests.

Detailed descriptions of these and other volunteer positions are available at <http://mcmaster-retirees.ca/Pages/volunteer.html>

For more information, and to volunteer, call Laura Escalante at 905-525-9140 ext. 21314, or e-mail her at [volunteers@mcmaster.ca](mailto:volunteers@mcmaster.ca).

Don't want to do it alone? Most volunteer activities work well with a team-work approach. So feel free to join with your retiree friends and volunteer as a team. Or tell Laura that you're looking for a partner.

### CONTACTING MURA

**Mail:** Gilmour Hall B108, McMaster University  
1280 Main Street West, Hamilton, ON L8S 4L8

**Phone:** 905-525-9140, extension 23171  
(checked several times per week)

**E-mail:** [mura@mcmaster.ca](mailto:mura@mcmaster.ca)

**Web Site:** <http://mcmaster-retirees.ca/>

## YOUR MONEY, YOUR HEALTH



### Ontario Health Card Renewal

It should be easier now to renew your OHIP card. 'ServiceOntario' has increased the number of locations where you can go to renew your health card.

In the past, Hamilton area residents had to go downtown to the 10th floor of the Ontario government services building at 119 King Street West. Now there are several locations in Hamilton that are easier to get to. Some are in small strip malls. A couple are at auto club (CAA) offices - at 50 Dundurn Street South and 163 Centennial Parkway North. There is another ServiceOntario location at the Glanbrook Municipal Service Centre, and yet another at 17 King Street East in Dundas. There's also an office at 865 Upper James Street.

This increase in the number of service locations has occurred all across Ontario. You can find your nearest locations by using the ServiceOntario web page <http://tinyurl.com/4ohwrox> or by calling 1-800-267-8097.

If you are unable to get to a site where your card can be renewed, phone ServiceOntario's INFOline at 1-888-376-5197. That government department will mail you forms to be filled in by your doctor. This will allow a family member or friend to go to a service location and renew your health card on your behalf. Card renewals for nursing home and long-term care residents are handled through the staff of those facilities.

### Organ and Tissue Donor Consent

Organ and tissue donor consent for Ontarians has also changed a lot in the past few years. The paper donor consent form that you may be carrying in your wallet or purse is obsolete. To register your consent to donate your organs and/or tissues upon your death you need to complete a "Gift of Life Consent Form" and submit it to the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care. You can get this registration form from the ServiceOntario web page <http://tinyurl.com/379dblw> or by calling 1-800-263-2833.

After registration, if you carry a Photo Health Card you will be sent a new Health Card with the words 'Donor/Donneur' on the back, along with a code indicating your donation choices. If you carry a red and white Health Card you will be sent a notification of registration and a sticker with the words 'Donor/Donneur' to put on the back of your card.

## A NOTE ABOUT RETIREE \$10,000 OUT-OF-PROVINCE EMERGENCY MEDICAL COVERAGE

MURA has had inquiries from members about the \$10,000 (\$10k) out-of-province emergency medical coverage provided as part of McMaster retiree extended health care benefits.

Retirees have been informed by Human Resources (HR) that the \$10k coverage is not adequate by itself in almost all out-of-province travel situations. HR recommends retirees purchase additional coverage appropriate for the location where they will be travelling. MURA Council agrees with this recommendation.

The explanation of the \$10k coverage and procedures to access the coverage in most of the retiree benefit booklets is incomplete, and in some cases inconsistent. Some booklets, since they do not state specific contact information, imply that one should contact Sun Life in case of an out-of-province emergency. Others indicate an administrator named Europ Assistance must be contacted, although no phone number is provided. MURA suggests you contact HR for specific contact information before embarking on a trip (e-mail [working@mcmaster.ca](mailto:working@mcmaster.ca) or phone 905-525-9140, extension 22247).

Retirees have also questioned how they can make use of both the McMaster coverage and a purchased insurance policy.

MURA has written to the Administration asking for clarification of the terms and conditions of the coverage, a clear and complete explanation of the coverage and procedures, and for the University to take steps to make the \$10k coverage more useful.

MURA representatives will be meeting with the Administration in late January on this issue and will update members as soon as there is further information.

Comments from retirees on their experiences with this coverage may be directed to Marianne Walters, Chair of MURA's Pension & Benefits Committee (e-mail: [waltersm@cogeco.ca](mailto:waltersm@cogeco.ca)) or by phone to MURA at 905-525-9140, extension 23171.

### HELP KEEP MURA'S COSTS DOWN

If you receive *MURAnews* via the post and are an internet user, you can save MURA postage and printing costs by reading the newsletter online instead. To switch to the online version of *MURAnews*, please phone Pam Penny at 905-627-0463 or e-mail her at [penny@mcmaster.ca](mailto:penny@mcmaster.ca).

## MURA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 25th, 2011

Starting with lunch at Noon

See the Spring 2011 issue of MURAnews for details

## MURA CHRISTMAS LUNCH – DECEMBER 2010

For the second year in a row, MURA held its Annual Christmas Lunch on Campus.

Celebration Hall was transformed with poinsettias in every window, all the tables were dressed in colourful cloths and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree greeted everyone as they entered.



Paradise Catering once again provided a fabulous Christmas buffet. An Open Bar was set up for those who wanted a little Christmas libation to accompany their lunch.

163 retirees attended the event, which was crowded almost to capacity. President Joe Laposa greeted everyone and welcomed special guests, including new President Patrick Deane and Chancellor Red Wilson.



Retirees had an opportunity to catch up on what was happening in the lives of their former colleagues and work mates.

## UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Patrick Deane, McMaster's new President, is making his reports to the University's Board of Governors available online. These reports are issued about four times a year. Look for the link to the President's reports at the bottom of MURA's home page: <http://mcmaster-retirees.ca/>, or access them via <http://tinyurl.com/4zm8wok>

If you do not have internet access, and would like us to mail a paper copy of the most recent report to you, please contact the MURA office at 905-525-9140 extension 23171 and leave a message.

## 2011 LUNCH BUNCH DATES

"Lunch Bunch" is an informal lunch get-together, open to all MURA members and friends, usually held on the first Friday of each month. We currently have about 50 retirees on the monthly e-mail list and continue to grow through word-of-mouth from our 'regulars', who usually number around 15 - 20 each month.

If you would like to join the 'Lunch Bunchers', contact Pam Penny, [penny@mcmaster.ca](mailto:penny@mcmaster.ca) or phone 905-627-0463. She will add you to the monthly e-mail notification list. Mark these 2011 dates in your calendar: Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, June 10, July 8, Aug 5, Sept 9, Oct 14 and Nov 4. Also, please let Pam know if you have a restaurant suggestion.

## YOUR MURA EXECUTIVE & COUNCIL FOR 2010/11



*From left to right, bottom row:* Helen Barton, Beth Csordas, Pam Penny, Anne Sinclair, Marianne Walters, Lorraine Allan, Mary Johnston, Helen Dietsche, Kathy Overholt, Al Fraser, Joe Laposa, Wayne Rouse; *Top row:* Les Robb, Marianne Van der Wel, Mike Hedden, Cliff Andrews, Shari Mercer, Stefania Miller.

## MURA EXECUTIVE MEMBERS APPEAR IN PHILANTHROPY VIDEO

Joe Laposa, Helen Barton, Beth Csordas and Wayne Rouse recently appeared in a video as part of the Campus Community Campaign in recognition of National Philanthropy Day at McMaster. They spoke about retirees' efforts to give back to the McMaster community and to support the next generation of students by establishing and supporting the MURA Endowed Scholarship and Prize Fund. You can see the video at:

<http://tinyurl.com/4n9kkxk>

## MURA Endowment Fund Campaign

The MURA Endowed Scholarship and Prize Fund, to fund academic awards for Gerontology students, is still open for donations. You can donate online at <http://MURAscholarship.ca> or by calling Jenny Thomson, Development Officer, at 905-525-9140, ext. 23071.

# COMPUTER TIPS AND TRICKS

by Marianne Van der Wel

## E-Mail Security and Etiquette



E-mail is a great way to stay in touch with family, friends and colleagues - especially those who don't live close by. E-mail also is a great asset for making organizations such as MURA more effective. As with all tools, however, there are a few things to keep in mind when using e-mail:

### ***E-Mail is not Private***

Please do not assume that e-mail is private, ever! System managers have legitimate access to all information on the computers they manage, through which your e-mail passes and on which your e-mail resides. Did you know that when a message is returned as undeliverable, a copy is often automatically sent to the system manager? Did you know that your e-mail can pass through many host computers on the web before it reaches its destination?

It's also possible that you might send e-mail to an incorrect but similar address. I have personally received e-mail intended for others and, yes, I have unintentionally sent e-mail to the wrong person.

Finally there are those unscrupulous people who intentionally try to "crack" other people's internet traffic including e-mails.

### ***Watch Your "P's and Q's"***

Since your e-mail is never 100% private and because it's the nice thing to do:

Use capitals sparingly. The use of capitals implies SHOUTING and is often interpreted as anger. Also a message in all capitals is difficult to read. If you have trouble changing case, send your message in all lower case letters.

Choose your words carefully. If you are feeling angry or upset and wish to express that in an e-mail, send it to yourself first. That way, if you hit the send key prematurely, you send your worst first draft to yourself. After reading the message you sent yourself you may wish to reword it, being just as emphatic but more polite. There's an old saying: "Honey catches more bees than vinegar".

Do not share e-mail addresses without permission. When sending e-mail to several people or a large group, do not assume that everyone on your list wants to share their e-mail address with others on your list. To prevent people from seeing each other's

e-mail addresses, use Blind Copy (Bcc for many e-mail systems).

Do not always use "Reply All". When replying to an e-mail message, ask yourself if everyone on the list wants to see the response or if it's useful to them. If the answer is no, reply only to the sender.

When replying, consider removing some of the previous conversations. When replying repeatedly to a message, it can be a good idea to remove some of the earlier text if it no longer adds to the e-conversation. Long older messages below the current conversation are often difficult to read, particularly for small mobile devices frequently used to read e-mail.

### ***Subject Line***

Use your subject line to indicate what the message is about. If you need a reply by a certain date, also indicate that on the subject line. Many people get a large number of e-mails. Glancing at the subjects of incoming e-mails helps them decide what to read first. If searching at a later date to find an e-mail, a subject line that has little to do with the message content does not help. When you are responding to a message and you change the subject of the original message or add another topic, alter the subject line to indicate the change or addition(s). Do not leave the subject line blank as that is of no help.

### ***Scams and Phishing***

Though the use of e-mail is mostly positive in my experience, scoundrel and criminal activity does exist. I recently received an e-mail from a friend saying she was stranded in England, had been robbed, and was desperate for financial assistance. I knew my friend was not in England but right here in Hamilton and ignored the e-mail. Someone had cracked her facebook account and from there got into her gmail account and used it to send phoney pleas for cash. (My friend has since changed her facebook and gmail accounts and is using separate passwords for both accounts, which we recommend.) Cases like these are rare but do happen. While some e-mail systems do a better job of protecting you from scams and phishing than others, the only guaranteed protection is to be ever vigilant.

### **DIRECT ACCESS TO INFORMATION FOR RETIREES ON THE HR WEB SITE**

Human Resources at McMaster has made it easier for retirees to access the retirees section of the HR website. Check out the main retiree page <http://www.workingatmcmaster.ca/retirees/index.php> when looking for information about pensions, retiree benefits, and other services for retirees.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

### Concerts

#### **Free Lunchtime Concerts in Convocation Hall**

No need for tickets. Just show up and take a seat.

- ◆ Tuesday, February 1, 2011 - 12:30 p.m.  
Feely/Mahon Duo (Classical Guitar Duo)
- ◆ Tuesday, February 15, 2011 - 12:30 p.m.  
Máté Szigeti (Flute)
- ◆ Tuesday, March 1, 2011 - 12:30 p.m.  
Nagata Shachu (Japanese Drums - Taiko)
- ◆ Tuesday, March 22, 2011 - 12:30 p.m.  
Rebecca Morton (Cello)

For more information visit

<http://sota.mcmaster.ca/events/concerts/lunch.html>  
or phone 905-525-9140, ext. 24246 or 27671.

#### **Chamber Orchestra Concert at Convocation Hall**

Sunday, March 13, 2011 - 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 each. To order or for more information, go to <http://tinyurl.com/28c3bsy> or phone 905-525-9140, ext. 24246.

#### **Celebrity Concerts at Convocation Hall**

- ◆ February 18, 2011 - 8 p.m.  
Georgy Tchaidze, Piano
- ◆ March 11, 2011 - 8 p.m.  
Rémi Bolduc, Jazz Saxophone
- ◆ March 25, 2011 - 8 p.m.  
Johannes Linstead, Guitar of Fire



Tickets are \$15 each for Seniors.

To order or for more information, go to <http://sota.mcmaster.ca/events/concerts/celebrity.html>  
or phone 905-525-9140, ext. 24246 or 27671.

### Public Lectures

If you have iTunes installed on your computer and wish to view a past public lecture from McMaster online, try McMaster University on iTunes U at [introsych.net/itunes](http://introsych.net/itunes).

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENTS

**The Albert Lager Lecture Series** takes place at the Parks Canada Discovery Centre, Hamilton Harbour. Upcoming talks that might be of interest are:

- ◆ Wednesday, March 9, 2011. 7-8:30 p.m.  
*Blue Notes & Sharp Chicken: The Linked Senses of Synaesthesia* – Daphne Maurer
- ◆ Thursday, March 31, 2011. 7-8:30 p.m.  
*Autism Spectrum Disorders* – Peter Szatmari
- ◆ Tuesday, April 19, 2011. 2-3:30 p.m.  
*The Year of the McQuesten Family* – Mary Anderson

These lectures are free but require registration at <http://tinyurl.com/24qjnot>, by e-mail to [alumni@mcmaster.ca](mailto:alumni@mcmaster.ca) or by calling 905-525-9140 ext. 23900.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr. William F. Bennett, Surgery  
Mr. Michael L. Brown, Media Production Services  
Mr. Patrick Davidson, Facility Services  
Mrs. Dianne Donovan, Medicine  
Ms. Elaine Hay, Human Rights and Equity Services  
Mrs. Evica Kostic, Hospitality Services  
Miss. Louise Lepage, UTS Application Services  
Mrs. Nancy D. McKinlay, Media Production Services  
Mrs. Sheila Rieth, Human Resources Services  
Dr. Sudesh Sood, Medicine  
Mr. Tim Standish, Medicine  
Mr. Bruce Thong, Medicine  
Mrs. Beryl Verrall, Office of the Registrar  
Mrs. Marlene D. Webb, Brockhouse Institute



## RECENT PASSINGS

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown,  
Facility Services, Oct. 2/10  
Mr. Roland Carter,  
University Technology Services, Dec. 2/10  
Mrs. Annelise Giddins,  
Psychiatry, Sept. 11/10  
Mr. H. Lawrance (Larry) Haisell,  
University Library, Oct. 15/10  
Ms. Marta Hidy,  
School of the Arts, Nov. 4/10  
Miss Elizabeth Hornicsar,  
Building Operations, Jan. 5/11  
Mrs. Amy Keenan,  
Housing & Food Services, Dec. 14/10  
Dr. George F. Lewis,  
Anatomy, Aug. 29/10  
Dr. Gordon Means,  
Political Science, Aug. 12/10  
Dr. Owen Morgan,  
Modern Languages & Linguistics, Sept. 1/10  
Miss Norma Wylie,  
School of Nursing, Nov. 21/10



## RETIREE BENEFITS REMINDER

Retirees should carefully review all Sun Life claim responses and follow up with Sun Life if there is any question regarding accuracy (e.g. denial of a claim because it is in excess of the maximum limit).

Please contact Sun Life at 1-800-361-6212. In addition to contacting Sun Life, you can also contact Human Resources Services at 905-525-9140, extension 22247 or through the HR web Site: <http://www.workingatmcmaster.ca/retirees/index.php>.

## ANNE'S TRIPS

For more information about the trips described below, please contact Anne Sinclair at 905-627-0968, or [sincla@mcmaster.ca](mailto:sincla@mcmaster.ca).

### Upcoming trips

Use the booking forms on the last page of this newsletter to register for trips.

**STRATFORD.....CAMELOT**  
LUNCH AT THE QUEEN'S INN  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22ND, 2011  
\$137.00 PER PERSON  
POST DATE CHEQUES TO MAY 15TH



I have scheduled an hour of free time in Stratford so that everyone can shop or just enjoy a stroll through the town before lunch. The Queen's Inn is a popular spot for lunch, and is very close to the town centre. After lunch our coach will take us to the Festival Theatre, where we will

enjoy the delightful *Camelot*. We should be home approx. 6.30 p.m.

**STRATFORD.....12TH NIGHT**  
LUNCH AT DEMETRE'S  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2011  
\$126.00 PER PERSON  
POST DATE CHEQUES TO AUGUST 15TH.

After 45 minutes of free time, we will have lunch at Demetre's Family Eatery (a new spot for us to experience). Then on to the Festival Theatre, where the wonderful Brian Dennehy will entertain us in *Twelfth Night*. We should be home approx. 6.30 p.m.

**SHAW FESTIVAL.....MY FAIR LADY**  
LUNCH AT THE PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 2011  
\$120.00 PER PERSON  
POST DATE CHEQUES TO AUGUST 29TH, 2011

As with Stratford, I am scheduling some free time in Niagara-on-the-Lake, before we enjoy lunch at the Prince of Wales. After lunch, the coach will take us to the theatre for a performance of that great musical *My Fair Lady*. We should arrive home approx. 6.30 p.m.



Well that should keep us busy until November, so please get your reservations in early because time flies.

The mailing address for cheques is: Anne Sinclair, 207-104 Osler Dr., Dundas, ON. L9H 4B7. Please make cheques payable to MURA

### Update on other trips

**Billy Elliot**.....March 9th.....SOLD OUT

**Enchanting Danube River Boat Cruise**...August 2011...SOLD OUT

**Bermuda Package** (Coach & Cruise) May 27th - June 5th, 2011....I have 2 cabins left for this package, but the final date for booking is January 31st. If you would like more information, please call me at 905-627-0968 or e-mail me at [sincla@mcmaster.ca](mailto:sincla@mcmaster.ca).

I have received requests to do another **Alaska Cruise** (the first one was 6 years ago, and was very successful), and I would be happy to plan one for May, 2012. Please would you let me know if you are interested, and I will keep a list of names so that I can keep in touch with everyone as I receive the information.

Cheerio,  
Your Trips Co-ordinator, Anne Sinclair

## MURA SPECIAL EVENTS

Many of you enjoyed the special events organized in the past for MURA members by Margaret Jenkins. These included tours of local art galleries, concerts and lunch on campus, a trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens, and several other events. We are making plans to get MURA members together to enjoy similar events over the coming year. Our preliminary plans include an on-campus event in June and a bus trip to a gallery or museum in the Fall. Look for more about these events in the next issue of *MURAnews*.

We would love to hear from you about ideas for special events. Was there a past event that you would like to see repeated? Is there a building on campus that you would like to tour? Is there a gallery or museum within an hour or two's drive of Hamilton that you would like to visit? Please get in touch with Shari (phone: 905-336-5568; e-mail: [mercera@mcmaster.ca](mailto:mercera@mcmaster.ca)) or Mary (phone: 905-627-1409; e-mail: [johnston@mcmaster.ca](mailto:johnston@mcmaster.ca)) to share your ideas or if you would like to help with special events.

Shari Mercer and Mary Johnston  
Special Events Co-ordinators

**BOOKING FORMS  
TRIPS**

*To book any of the following trips, please complete and mail the relevant section of this form, along with a cheque payable to McMaster University Retirees Association, to*

**Anne Sinclair, 207-104 Osler Drive, Dundas, ON L9H 4B7.**

*You can reach Anne by phone: 905-627-0968 or e-mail: [sincla@mcmaster.ca](mailto:sincla@mcmaster.ca) for more information.*

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**CAMELOT AT STRATFORD - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22ND, 2011**

**Book by May 15th, 2011**

**\$137.00 per person**

**# of persons: ..... Amount (# persons X \$137) \$: .....**

**Name:.....**

**Address:.....**

**Postal Code: ..... Telephone #: ..... e-mail address: .....**

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**12TH NIGHT AT STRATFORD - WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2011**

**Book by August 15th, 2011**

**\$126.00 PER PERSON**

**# of persons: ..... Amount (# persons X \$126) \$: .....**

**Name:.....**

**Address:.....**

**Postal Code: ..... Telephone #: ..... e-mail address: .....**

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**MY FAIR LADY AT THE SHAW FESTIVAL - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19TH, 2011**

**Book by August 29th, 2011**

**\$120.00 PER PERSON**

**# of persons: ..... Amount (# persons X \$120) \$: .....**

**Name:.....**

**Address:.....**

**Postal Code: ..... Telephone #: ..... e-mail address: .....**