



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Kim Trupp, AURA President, 2019-20

Hello, and I hope you're off to a great start to this new decade. If you weren't able to be with us at the Fall Dinner meeting, you missed a special treat. The dining venue at the President's Home was beautiful and the food, catered again by Terra Cotta Café, was outstanding. We are so appreciative to Dr. and Mrs. Gogue for hosting the dinner. Dr. Gogue gave an update on all the positive things happening at

Auburn University and AU Athletics Director Allen Greene recapped the seasons of the university's successful sports teams. He also emphasized that he and his staff are focused on the holistic development of their student-athletes and that approach breeds success on the athletic fields, in the arenas, or wherever a student-athlete is competing.

Looking ahead, your AURA Board of Directors has planned an Alabama Education Retirees Association (AERA) informational program at the Harris Center in Auburn on Friday, February 21. AERA is the "umbrella" organization for all the K-12 education retiree associations and for higher education retiree associations such as AURA. Details for the program are outlined later in this newsletter.

Finally, now that we have entered the new year, it's time to renew your AURA membership for 2020, if you haven't already done so. You will find the membership form on the back of this newsletter. I look forward to seeing many of you at the workshop and at our annual meeting in May. ♦

Alabama Education Retirees Association (AERA) INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM

DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2020 **DOORS OPEN:** 10:15 A.M. **PROGRAM:** 10:30 A.M. TO 11:45 A.M.

LOCATION: HARRIS CENTER, 425 PERRY ST. (ACROSS FROM THE AUBURN POST OFFICE)

RESERVATIONS: Contact Lynne Hammond at hammolb@auburn.edu or (334) 744-1602.

Reservation deadline is February 19 or until all seats are filled, whichever is sooner.

The program will be presented by AERA Executive Director Jill Jackson. Jill will speak about AERA's involvement with the state legislature and PEEHIP in terms of advocating for retiree benefits. She will also explain other benefits of being a member of AERA.

AURA ANNUAL MEETING

Save the date!

AURA's annual meeting will begin at noon on Thursday, May 21. Please join us for lunch at Saugahatchee Country Club followed by the meeting.

The spring newsletter will provide details and instructions for making reservations. The annual meeting includes the installation of officers and new board members as well as the presentation of the Wilford S. Bailey Award. Hope to see you there!

SEEKING BAILEY AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Auburn University Retiree Association (AURA) Board is accepting nominations for the Wilford S. Bailey Award. The award was established in honor of the pioneering work of Dr. Wilford S. Bailey, who recognized the need for an organization to advocate on behalf of Auburn University retirees. Dr. Bailey was instrumental in the creation of AURA, which advocates for the protection of retiree benefits and provides social and educational opportunities for the association's members.

The purpose of the award is to honor an individual or organization for contributions made to society and to the welfare of retirees from the educational community. Organizations or individuals whose character reflects the ideals and standards exemplified by Dr. Bailey may be considered for the award.

Candidates should have demonstrated high moral character and a unique and significant association with activities concerning the benefits and welfare of education community retirees. Additionally, candidates should display social and professional qualities that are commensurate with the education community and educational institutions. Individual candidates must be citizens of the United States, and organizations must have been established within the United States.

Past award recipients include:

2019: Dr. Mary Q. Burkhart

2018: Sen. Gerald Dial

2017: Mr. Joseph Borg

2016: Rep. Pete Turnham

2015: Ms. Janice Charlesworth

2014: Dr. Gerald Johnson

2013: Auburn Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

2012: Dr. Stanley Wilson

2011: The Auburn University Athletic Department

2010: Dr. Wayne Teague

2009: Gov. Albert P. Brewer

2008: Speaker Seth Hammett

2007: Dr. Harry M. Philpot

2006: Sen. Henry "Hank" Sanders

2005: Dr. Paul Hubbert

2004: Dr. David Bronner

Letters of nomination should include biographical information regarding the candidate and an explanation of why the candidate is deserving of the award. Please submit nominations to Kim Trupp at either: trupski@auburn.edu

or:

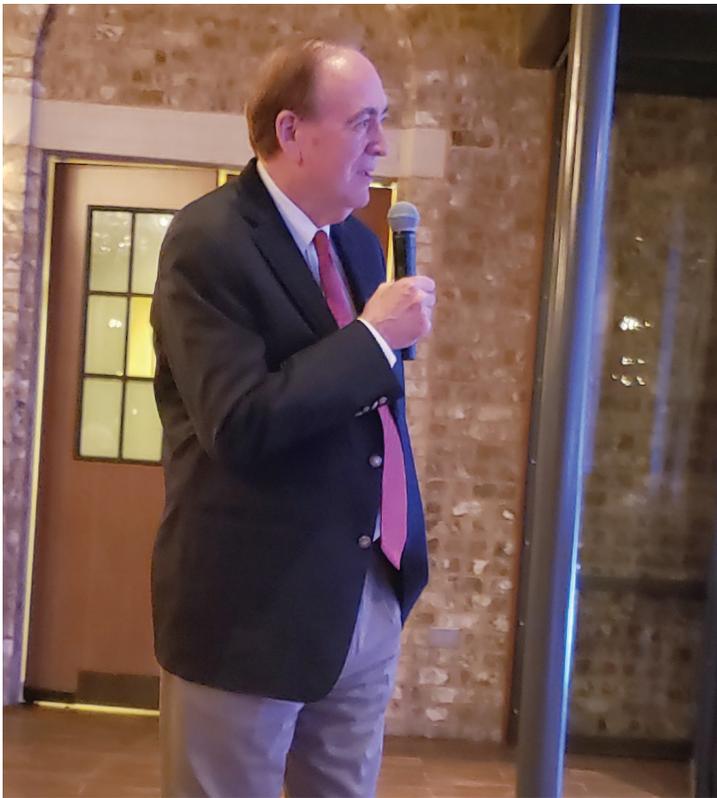
Auburn University Retiree Association

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FALL DINNER MEETING

Here's a few pictures from the Fall Dinner meeting.



For your membership dues status, check your newsletter address label.

After your name, there will be a "P" followed by a year. This means your dues are paid through December of that year. *Dues for 2020 are due and payable now (they became due on January 1 of this year).*

AU-AUM Retiree AURA Membership Form

Name _____ AU _____ AUM _____

Check One: Dr. Mrs. Ms. Mr. Other (please list): _____

Spouse's Name (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Retiree..... | \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Surviving Spouse | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree and Spouse..... | \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor | \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree & Retiree Spouse | \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Contribution \$_____ | |

If you have any questions, please contact **Marcie Smith** at smithmkc@gmail.com or **Kim Trupp** at trupski@auburn.edu.

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