Election - Proposed Slate of Officers and Bylaws
The following members of the Retirees’ Association have been nominated to the slate of Executive Board Officers for the 2012-2013 Academic Year:

President: Bob Acker
Vice President/President-Elect*: Ron Brunell
Secretary/Treasurer: Lynne Koester

*President-Elect will automatically become President for the 2013-2014 Academic Year.

VOTE NOW for the proposed slate of officers and bylaws.

The proposed bylaws for the association can be viewed HERE. If you don’t have access to the internet, please call Michelle at 243-4866 to request a copy of the bylaws or a mail-in ballot.

Charter Members
The Retirees’ Association is still actively seeking charter members. Currently, there are no membership dues, but very modest dues might be necessary in the future to maintain financial integrity. If you wish to become a Charter Member, please send an email to Michelle Quinn at michelle.quinn@umontana.edu. Please note that in the future, mailings about Association events will only be sent to members. Not sure if you are a member? Visit www.umt.edu/retirees and view the Membership Roster.

Biking Group
Our biking group will continue to meet every Wednesday as long as the weather cooperates. We will meet at different specified locations. If interested, contact Rustem Medora at (406) 243-4943 or email rustem.medora@umontana.edu or Lily Eidswick at (406) 542-0603 or email lily.eidswick@gmail.com for the scheduled meeting place.

Registration for Lifelong Learning Courses
Fall 2012 courses offered by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Montana (MOLLI) for community members ages 50 and older will take place October 4-November 9, 2012. Registration is now open for all fall courses. The cost is $60 per course or you can take advantage of the Fall Special discount of two courses for $100. To view complete course descriptions or to register online, please visit www.umt.edu/molli. For more information or to register over the phone, please contact the MOLLI office at 243-2905.

Retiree Fitness Opportunities
Don’t forget that a retiree may obtain access to the Campus Recreation Center and Grizzly Pool for the affordable price of $10/month. A retiree’s spouse may also enroll for the same price. A variety of fitness classes are available each semester. For example, the retiree appropriate “Active for Life” class meets at 9 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday for a fee of $40/semester. These sessions aim to improve cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength, flexibility and balance in a relaxed and friendly environment. Other classes offered include Pilates and Yoga. Visit www.umt.edu/fitness for up-to-date schedules. Also, personal trainers are available for personal instruction. For more information, call Sonja at 243-2833.
Missoula Curling Club
For those of you who may have heard about the sport of curling or even saw it played during the winter Olympic Games and wondered if it would be fun to try, we have a special offer for you. As part of the activities organized for the UM Retirees’ Association, the Missoula Curling Club will provide ice time and instructors for a free “Learn To Curl” session at the Mauler’s Ice Rink at the fairgrounds on **Sunday, October 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** This will be open to all UM retirees and family members and equipment will be provided. You must sign up in advance. Contact David Strobel at david.strobel@q.com or 728-1942. Deadline to sign up is October 19.

Volunteer Opportunity!
**Would you like to be a Senior Partner?**
During each fall semester, the Skaggs School of Pharmacy pairs the 65 new students in the first year of the pharmacy program with an older adult in the Missoula community for an intergenerational service learning project. The partners meet three times to get to know each other. The goal is to acquaint the student with an active senior in the community to learn more about the lives of older people. Too often students in health professions see older individuals in hospital and nursing home settings, creating a negative impression of older people and the aging process. We also want students to enhance their communication skills with older patients. In addition, we find that seniors enjoy having contact with students on the UM campus, learning about the life of today’s college student.

There is no obligation for the student and senior to continue meeting after the fall semester, but some of the pairs continue to meet periodically and some even become good friends! If you would like to participate, or for more information, contact Gayle Hudgins at 243-6495 or gayle.hudgins@umontana.edu.

Inter Unit Benefits Committee
UMRA is currently in the process of appointing a staff retiree member as a representative to the Inter Unit Benefits Committee. An update of that appointment will be posted on the website soon.

Highway Cleanup
Our next Highway Cleanup is scheduled for Monday, October 8, 2012. Meet at 10 a.m. in the UM “Park & Drive” parking lot. We will carpool to mile-marker #8 on Highway 200. Please bring a brownbag lunch. We will return to the UM parking lot around 1:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please contact Bob Pfister at (406) 244-5442 or rmpfister@montana.com. For more information, contact Bob or Rustem Medora (406) 243-4943 or rustem.medora@umontana.edu.

Current Groups/Activities
The following groups/activities are currently being established by the organizers listed below:

- **Fitness for Fun** – Mary Jean Brod
- **Mahjong** – Mary Jean Brod
- **Bird Watching** – Jerry Fetz
- **Film Discussion Club** – Lynne Koester
- **Photography Group** – Jerry Fetz
- **Robotics Group** – David Strobel
- **Curling Club** – David Strobel
- **Bicycling Group** – Rustem Medora
- **Out to Supper Club** – Marleen Bain

If you are interested in joining or participating in any of the above activities, email Michelle Quinn at michelle.quinn@umontana.edu or call 243-4866 and we’ll connect you with the appropriate organizer.

Do you have a group or activity you would like to organize? Email michelle.quinn@umontana.edu and we’ll post it on the website.