Mark Your Calendars!
The Annual Retirees’ Luncheon to honor new retirees is scheduled from 12:00pm – 1:30pm on Monday, June 2. It will be held on the 3rd Floor of the University Center in the Ballroom. This event is co-hosted by the UM Retirees’ Association. Watch for an invitation from the President’s Office to arrive soon.

Membership – New and Improved Process
Through a joint effort of Human Resource Services and the Alumni Office, a new process has been developed to manage the UMRA membership database. If you retired in 2011 or later, your name is already included in the database. If you retired prior to 2011, have not already joined the Association and wish to join, please contact Janie Spencer at janie.spencer@umontana.edu. Retirees can choose to opt out of the Association at any time. Spouses of retirees are always welcome to participate in UMRA activities and events and to join the Association. Currently, there are no membership dues, but very modest dues might be necessary in the future to maintain financial integrity. Mailings about Association events will only be sent to members.

Meet Our Members – Would You Like to be Featured?
The new website includes a “Meet Our Members” section, where you can be featured. We would love to know how you are experiencing retirement and hope you will share any advice you might have for those getting ready to retire. If you are willing to have a conversation that will be shared on the website, contact janie.spencer@umontana.edu and set up a time to meet.

Inter Unit Benefits Committee
Roni Patrick, retiree from Biological Sciences, has generously agreed to continue her appointment to the MUS Inter Unit Benefits Committee. Visit www.umt.edu/retirees for current information and benefit rate charts.

Opportunities to Volunteer On Campus
Do you wish to continue serving the University campus by volunteering? Some volunteer opportunities are for one-time or annual events and some opportunities are available on an ongoing basis. If you would like to share your expertise and energy, check out the opportunities to volunteer at www.umt.edu/retirees.

Biking Group
A group of retired biking enthusiasts will start meeting regularly starting on Wednesday, April 9th at 2:00 p.m. sharp. Meet the group on the South side of the Van Buren Street footbridge near the
Jacobs Island Park. The group will ride the Milwaukee Trail-Target Range-Fort Missoula Museum area and back (round trip of about 17-18 miles). Those who wish shorter rides may choose to turn around at any point on the trip. The group will switch to the morning hours once it starts to get warmer. For further notices, visit www.umt.edu/retirees, contact Rustem Medora rustem.medora@umontana.edu or Lily Eidswick at lily.eidswick@gmail.com for further information.

Highway Cleanup
This group is still active and would like to get some new members! If interested, contact Bob Pfister, 406-244-5442, rmfpister@montana.com or Rustem Medora, 406-243-4943, rustem.medora@umontana.edu

Mahjong
Lily and Jack Eidswick would like to invite interested UM retirees to join them for Mahjong every Sunday. Starting in May, Lily will teach classes to those who wish to learn Mahjong. For information and directions to their home, call Lily Eidswick at 406.542.0603 or email her at lily.eidswick@gmail.com

Retiree Fitness Opportunities
Don’t forget! Retirees who wish to take an exercise class (Active for Life) designed for those over 50 should call Sonja Tysk at 243-2804. Campus Recreation offers other group fitness classes a week, including dance, cycling, yoga, Pilates and more. Visit www.umt.edu/fitness for up-to-date schedules. For those who are new to exercising in a gym setting, or just need some personalized fitness recommendations, Campus Recreation has personal trainers on staff for consultation. One must be a paid member of the Campus Recreation Center to participate.

New Activities
New activities are being developed. Check the website at www.umt.edu/retirees regularly for more information.

What do you love to do?
Do you have a group or activity you would like to organize or lead? Please contact janie.spencer@umontana.edu and the information will be posted on the website.

We hope you have a wonderful summer!
Executive Board Members:
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Inter-unit Benefits Representative ~ Roni Patrick

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Marleen Bain ~ Mary Jane (M.J.) Brod
Rustem Medora

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Marleen Bain ~ Charlie Thorne

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We will continue to email and link the newsletter on www.umt.edu/retirees, but may no longer be able to postal mail the newsletter to you in the future. Please let Janie know at 406.243.2705 if you have neither web nor email available, and I will postal mail the newsletter to you.

If you have any news about retirees, please let us know and we will do our best to include it in the Newsletter.