



McMaster University Retirees Association  
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## President's Corner



Attending the recent meeting of the College and University Retiree Associations of Canada (CURAC) brought into fresh perspective the areas in which MURA is very fortunate, and for which it can be proud. (See Nora Gaskin's conference report on page 7.)

MURA is the largest CURAC member association due to our model of including all employee groups. This model is envied, and just recently has been emulated by the McGill University retirees.

MURA is also well placed amongst our fellow associations in that we have the financial support of our active employee groups and the University, so Mac retirees do not pay dues for MURA communications and activities. If you have the opportunity, please ensure your respective employee groups know that you appreciate their support.

MURA's best resource is our members. As you know, retirees have lots of ways to spend their time, so having a Council and committee members who dedicate some of that precious resource, as well as their wealth of knowledge and expertise, for our collective benefit is worth a hearty thanks.

We encourage any of you who may be interested in exploring where you could contribute, or have ideas you think would be of value or interest, to contact any member of Council.

On behalf of MURA and especially the MURA Council, I would like to acknowledge Les King's most capable

leadership as President over the past two years. We also owe Mary Johnston a huge debt of thanks not only for her many years in various Council roles, most recently as Past President, but also as our CURAC liaison. Goodbye and well wishes as well to Dianne Bird who served on Council for 3 years. And a special note of appreciation to Sue Spence, who took on the role of Auditor on very short notice after the untimely death of Bob West.

Your 2017/18 MURA Council is listed on p. 2. Welcome to our new Councillors John Horsman and Shep Seigel. I look forward to working with the new and continuing members of Council in the year ahead.

*Health Grigg, MURA President*

### Retiree Benefits Reminder

The benefit year-end is June 30th. Be sure all benefit claims dated from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 are submitted to Sun Life **no later than September 30, 2017**. Late claim submissions will not be reimbursed.

Review all responses you receive from Sun Life and follow up with them at 1-800-361-6212 if there is any question regarding accuracy (e.g. denial of a claim due to excess of maximum limit).

If you still have questions regarding your benefits after contacting Sun Life, please contact the HR Service Centre at 905-525-9140, ext. 22247

To find out more details on your benefits or how to submit claims electronically, visit:

<http://www.workingatmcmaster.ca/retirees/index.php>