Fall 2026

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
RETIREES ASSOCIATION


Engineering Technology Center
Marietta Campus

Welcome!

The Kennesaw State University Retirees Association (KSURA) is busy planning for Fall.

In the Fall newsletter you will find:

- Event Calendar for Fall
- Ideas for Spring 2027 events
- Call for a faculty co-chair
- Explanation of registration fee

We hope you find this newsletter helpful and we encourage you to attend any and all events that match your interests. KSURA events are open to ALL retirees regardless of whether you are a member. Attending an event will give you the opportunity to learn something new as well as catch up with your fellow KSU/SPSU retirees!

Find us on Facebook -
https://www.facebook.com/kennesaw.retirees



Bernard A. Zuckerman Museum of Art

Join your fellow Golden Owls as we take a docent guided tour of the current exhibits at the Zuckerman Museum of Art.

Wednesday
October 21, 2026
10:00 A.M.

You can meet at 9:30 A.M. at Town Point and take the shuttle to campus or you can meet at the Zuckerman at 10:00 A.M. when our tour begins.

Click here to register for this event.

KSU Retirees Association Fall 2026 Event Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event	Details	Location
Oct 13, 2026	Tuesday	11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.	Colloquium	Dr. Chinomso Nwozichi, Assistant Professor of Nursing	Kennesaw Campus, Town Point Building, Room 4750
Oct 21, 2026	Wednesday	10:00 A.M.	Museum Visit	Visit to Zuckerman Museum of Art	Kennesaw Campus
Oct 29, 2026	Thursday	1:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.	16th Annual Pumpkin Launch	Join fellow retirees as we watch Mechanical Engineering students launch pumpkins!	Marietta Campus, Multi-purpose Field
Oct 31, 2026	Saturday	2:00 P.M.	KSU Volleyball vs Liberty	Join Golden Owls as we cheer on the girls volleyball team.	VyStar Arena Kennesaw Campus
Nov 4, 2026	Wednesday	10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Annual Medicare/Health Insurance Update	Dr. Dorothy Zinsmeister, Professor Emeritus	Kennesaw Campus, Town Point Building, Room 4750
Nov 10, 2026	Tuesday	11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.	Colloquium	Dr. Dorothy Zinsmeister, Professor Emeritus	Kennesaw Campus, Town Point Building, Room 4750
Dec 7, 2026	Monday	11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.	Annual Holiday Gathering	Social Event to celebrate the holiday season	KSU Center Room 400



Join the Retirees Association for the 16th Annual Pumpkin Launch on the Marietta campus on **Thursday, October 29th**. We will have a tent so we can stay cool in the shade and watch students launch pumpkins from the trebuchets they designed.

Volleyball

Join your fellow Golden Owls as we support the KSU Girls Volleyball team. We will be attending the game against Liberty on **Saturday, October 31st** in the VyStar Arena (Convocation Center) on the Kennesaw campus. **Admission is free!**



Have an idea for an event? Let us know!

We want to plan events, outings, and sessions that are of interest to you. If you have an idea, please reach out to the Retirees Association.

You can reach us at:
retirees@kennesaw.edu
470-578-2112
or
Come to a Steering Committee meeting!

Photos!

You can see photos from past events by going to our website: kennesaw.edu/retirees, then click on "News and Events", then click on "Photo Gallery" under "Quick Links".

Needed
Faculty Co-chair
for Steering Committee

The Retirees Association has four co-chairs, two faculty and two staff. One of our faculty co-chairs, Pat Pierce, has resigned her position so that she and her husband can move closer to family in South Carolina. Therefore, **we are in need of a faculty co-chair**. This person would be completing Pat's term which ends June 30, 2028. If you are interested or have any questions, you can contact one of the remaining co-chairs or contact Glynnis Holt.

Spring Field Trip

We are considering a field trip to one of the museums in the Cartersville area in January or February of 2027. The possible locations are: Tellus Science Museum, Savoy Automobile Museum, or Booth Western Art Museum. If you have a preference please let us know so we can begin planning this event. Thank you!

Ushers Wanted

Want to see top-tier student and professional performances and concerts for free? Volunteer as an usher for exclusive access and opportunities with the Geer College of the Arts patron services team. **Use this link to Sign-Up**



Registration Fee

At the September meeting of the KSU Retirees Association Steering Committee, the committee voted to institute a Registration Fee for selected events. The fee will be $5.00 and will apply to events that are held off campus or events that incur significant costs, such as catering. This fee will help recoup costs involved and also help provide a more accurate headcount of those attending events

North Georgia Apple Daytrip

On a beautiful September day, a group of Golden Owls made their way to Blue Ridge to visit Mercier Orchards. We enjoyed yummy fried apple pies and fritters, rode the wagon through the orchards, and even picked our own apples! We hope you will join us next time!



Pastimes and Passports

We would like to bring back our Pastimes and Passports series this coming Spring with a "show and tell" of your recent vacations. We are looking for 3 people to each give a 15-20 minute talk about your recent travels. Show us your favorite pictures, tell us what you loved, what you learned, and what you would avoid. We will put the 3 speakers in one event so you can get lots of ideas for your next trip! We will have plenty of time for Q&A and some refreshments!



If you are interested in presenting, please email retirees@kennesaw.edu

Join the KSURA

The Kennesaw State University Retirees Association provides opportunities for all former KSU and SPSU employees to stay connected to one another and the University.



We have several committees that help keep the association organized and running smoothly. Please consider joining any of our committees. We need committee chairs as well as committee members.

The Retirees Association Steering Committee is the overarching committee that reviews and approves programming and financial decisions, as well as sets the direction of the association.

Committees

Membership - creates and maintains a plan for recruitment of new members.
Scholarship - promotes a culture of giving among retirees and annually reviews the criteria for our Legacy Endowed Scholarship.
Bylaws - ensures that association activites align with our bylaws and reviews our governing documents annually.
Events - assist the association with planning and implementing events and provide ideas and feedback for new events.
Communication - provides timely announcements of importance to the membership through emails, newsletters, and social media.
Colloquium - invites experts in the field to present their work to the membership.

How to get involved:

1. Email or call the KSU Retirees Association
2. Contact one of the Co-Chairs
3. Come to a Steering Committee meeting (2nd Friday of each month at 10am in Town Point room 4750, Kennesaw campus - August through May, we do not meet June and July)

Your Golden Owls Newsletter

The KSU Retirees Association Golden Owls Newsletter is for you. Please let us know what features you would like to read about, information you would find helpful, and suggestions you may have for us. You can send your comments to retirees@kennesaw.edu, and they will be shared with the Communications Committee.

2026-2027 Steering Committee Members

The Kennesaw State University Retirees Association Steering Committee members for the 2026-2027 year are:

Brenda Arthur
Chuck Aust
Charlotte Doolin
Bill Hamrick
Suzy Millwood
Michael Redd
Kathy Rodgers
Ben Setzer
Gail Scott
Herb Smith
Diane Willey
Elaine Williams
Jan Wilson
Dorothy Zinsmeister

The Co-Chairs are:
David Baugher
Ann Vancza
Christine Ziegler

Program Manager: **Glynnis Holt**

You may join the Steering Committee at any point in the year. Just contact the Retirees Association and let us know. Meetings are the 2nd Friday of each month (Aug-May).

Retiree Resources

(Click the link to open that resource)

- KSU Retirees Association
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)
- KSU Fitness Center
- USG Retirees page
- AROHE - Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education
- GA-HERO - Georgia Association of Higher Education Retiree Orgs

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