



KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

RETIREES ASSOCIATION



Welcome!

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

In the Summer newsletter you will find:

- Event Calendar for Fall
- Other events we are working on for this Fall
- Ideas for Spring 2027 events
- Call for volunteers to fill our various committees

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>

Fall Welcome Meeting

Come learn about the events and services offered to you as a retiree and bring any suggestions you may have to enhance our organization!

ALL KSU/SPSU retirees are invited to attend.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Location: KSU Town Point, Conf Room 4750,
3391 Town Point Dr NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144

Program:

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.: Social

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.: Kennesaw State Retirees
Association's General Meeting

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.: Social

Pastries & Refreshments to be provided.

**Use this link to register for the Welcome
Meeting**

KSU Retirees Association Fall 2026 Event Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Location</u>
Aug 19, 2026	Wednesday	10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Fall Welcome Meeting	Annual update with social time and refreshments	Kennesaw Campus, Town Point Building, Room 4750
Sep 8, 2026	Tuesday	11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.	Colloquium	Dr. Lance Crimm, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering	Kennesaw Campus, Town Point Building, Room 4750
September	TBD	TBD	Campus tour and Museum Visit	Tour of Kennesaw campus followed by visit to Zuckerman Museum	Kennesaw Campus
October	TBD	TBD	Trip to Ellijay for Apple season	Ride to Ellijay to visit apple farms	Meet at Kennesaw Campus
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 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
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
November	TBD	TBD	Annual Medicare/Health Insurance Update	Dr. Dorothy Zinsmeister, Professor Emeritus	Kennesaw Campus, Town Point Building, Room 4750
Dec 7, 2026	Monday	TBD	Annual Holiday Gathering	Social Event to celebrate the holiday season	Kennesaw Campus, Town Point Building, Room 4750

Don't Forget!



KSU Night at the Braves

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Game Time - 7:15 P.M.

Braves vs. NY Mets

[More info and ticket pricing here.](#)

**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!

Campus Tour and Museum Visit

Members expressed interest in a campus tour and also a cultural event on campus. We are currently discussing combining those events into one afternoon with a campus tour ending at the Zuckerman Museum. Our hope is to use campus golf carts to give a riding tour of campus and then finish with a small reception while enjoying the museum. We will work on a date and details at our August Steering Committee meeting.



Fall Colloquia

Each semester Dorothy Zinsmeister arranges for three faculty to present their research. They cover a broad array of topics. This Fall semester the line up includes:

Sept 8th, Dr. Lance Crimm, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Oct 13th, Dr. Chinomso Nwozichi, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Nov 10th, Dr. Dorothy Zinsmeister, Professor Emerita of Biology

Colloquia take place in the Town Point Building, Room 4750, on the Kennesaw Campus, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

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!

Apples!

At our planning retreat we discussed a trip to North Georgia during apple season. We will set the date at our first Steering Committee meeting in August. We are looking at a weekday in late September or early October. The plan is to car pool to Ellijay and stop at an apple farm. We will need volunteers to be drivers and will share more information as soon as we have the date.



Pumpkins!

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



Pastimes and Passports

We would like to bring back our Pastimes and Passports series this coming Spring with a “show and tell” of your 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!



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”.

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 activities 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

Thank you to **Becky Frame** and **Linda Stanley** as they "retire" from the committee!

The Co-Chairs are:

David Baugher

Patricia Pierce

Ann Vancza

Christine Ziegler

Program Coordinator: **Glynnis Holt**

You may join the Steering Committee at any point in the year. Just contact the Retirees Association and let us know.

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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