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This is the first edition of the Newsletter that we hope to send out periodically to those interested in the activities of the Association of Retired Faculty of MSU. Even though some of you who receive this newsletter are not yet retired, we thought that you might like to know something of what we do and have available to you as you look forward to retirement.

**WHERE WE ARE LOCATED:** We have offices located in room 106 Hamilton Hall (the second floor up from the ground level). We have four computers and desks located here and you are most welcome to use these rooms if you have need for an “office” on campus. Call Don Mathre at 994-5157 to find out how to open the lock on the door. Later this spring through Dec. 2009 the first floor of Hamilton Hall will be renovated but the rest of the building will be occupied and available for use through the west or north doors to the building.

**SPRING LUNCHEONS:** We have monthly luncheons scheduled for the following days: Feb. 18, March 18, and April 22. We meet at noon at the Valley View Country Club on Kagy Blvd. Come and enjoy lunch while visiting with fellow retirees. We often have a “topic of the day” to discuss such as how to handle the current economic situation, or what’s new with the retiree medical benefits program, etc.

**ANNUAL BANQUET:** We will have the annual retirees banquet again in May (exact date not yet determined) probably the week after graduation. This is always a fun time with a great turnout of retirees and spouses and friends. We’ll let you know the details as they develop.

**CAPSTONE LECTURE:** We are sponsoring the first Capstone Lecture for retirees this spring. Gordon “Corky” Brittan from History and Philosophy will give this first lecture on a topic of his choice. We are hoping that this will kick off other capstone lectures that each retiring faculty member will be invited to give. Stay tuned for the date and location.

**EMERITUS STATUS POLICY:** ARF has been very active in getting the policy changed on how retirees are selected for Emeritus status. In the past this has been a very hit or miss situation. We wanted to make it a more formal process. As a result a policy has emerged that puts in place a system whereby each retiring faculty member can request to be considered for Emeritus status. To initiate this process, you will go to ARF’s web site ([www.montana.edu/retired](http://www.montana.edu/retired)) and follow the instructions. We expect this policy to be formally in place soon.

**RETIREMENT HANDBOOK:** To provide folks considering retirement with help in getting through the process, ARF has put together a “handbook on retirement” that has

lots of information in it on the steps to take, the things to consider both financial and activity-wise, etc. that should be of help in deciding whether to retire, the things to do and the people who can help you get through the process. This handbook is available on our web-site ([www.montana.edu/retired](http://www.montana.edu/retired) and click on “retirement planning”), or hard copies are available from Don Mathre (994-5157). Call him to get a copy.

WEB SITE: Dwight Phillips has worked hard to get our web site up and running. To get to it, go to [www.montana.edu/retired](http://www.montana.edu/retired).

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