New Location for ARF Office: Recently, the office for ARF has been moved to the Nopper Building on the MSU Tech Park, rooms 206 and 207. To find our office, go to the very east door of the Nopper Building, and go up the flight of stairs and we are immediately ahead of the landing. There is plenty of parking available and it’s free. We are indebted to Mike Stevenson, CEO of the MSU Alumni Foundation for providing this space to us.

Annual Dinner: The annual alumni/retiree dinner will be held Monday, Sept. 23 at 5:30 PM in the Great Room of the Foundation Building on South 11th Ave. You should have received a written invitation by now but in case of have not gotten one, contact 994-2053 to RSVP. The cost is $25 each. Doug Young will be the keynote speaker and will share with us “Adventures in Retirement – from Montana to Kenya”.

Meeting with the President and Provost: On Monday, Aug. 26, the executive committee of ARF met with President Cruzado and Provost Potvin to report on our activities of the past year. Emphasized were the following: the collaboration between Human Resources, the Alumni Foundation, and ARF. The President indicated that she was very excited about this development; the review of post-retirement contracts has been handed over to the Faculty Senate for implementation; we are still working on the Rights and Privileges document; 2014 is the tenth anniversary of the establishment of ARF and that as part of the celebration of this event, we would like to work with the President, the Alumni Foundation and others to bring in outside speakers; finally, the desire of ARF to see an Emeritus College established. This will be pursued vigorously in 2014.

Luncheons: The Fall luncheon series will be starting very soon so watch for the announcement of the first lunch and speaker. If you have ideas for speakers that you would like to hear, please convey this to Pierce Mullen.

Annual Report: The annual report for 2013 has been prepared. You will receive it as a separate message and attachment. It is very complete and gives an excellent overview of all of ARF’s activities this past year and our plans for the coming year.
10th Anniversary of ARF: ARF was established in 2004 so this coming year will mark the 10th anniversary of our formation. The Executive Board of ARF has decided to mark this occasion by bringing in one or more outside speakers so stay tuned to the announcement of who and when they will be speaking.

Dues: Our dues have not increased and for those of you who are not Life Members, the annual assessment is now due. They are $15 for regular membership; $25 for a sustaining membership; $50 for a contributing membership; $100 to become a benefactor; and $200 for a lifetime membership. Mail your checks to the ARF treasurer, Don Mathre, 731 South 12th Ave, Bozeman, MT 59715. Make checks payable to the MSU Association of Retired Faculty.