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## Retirees Enjoy AARP-Sponsored Reception at Galaxy Conference

On March 17, AARP-Arkansas sponsored a pre-luncheon reception for retirees in the President's Lodge at the Winthrop Rockefeller Center on Petit Jean Mountain in Morrilton, offering retirees refreshments and a place to reconnect with other retirees and current Extension faculty and staff.

The reception was held in conjunction with the Galaxy Conference March 16-18. AARP-Arkansas also conducted a workshop, "How to Fight Fraud," that retirees were invited to attend. *(More photos from the reception and the retiree luncheon which followed can be found on page 3.)*

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Darlene Millard, Louise Walker and JJ Pitman.



Tom Leslie, John Payne, Ora Lee Yates and Eddie Hubbell.

## Retiree Scholarships Awarded to Shore and Zawislak



Cally Shore, a 2016 Retiree Scholarship winner, poses with retiree editorial board member Stan Chapman.

Cally Shore, 4-H program assistant, Randolph County, and Jon Zawislak, instructor - apiculture, each received a \$500 Extension Retiree Scholarship at the Retiree Luncheon March 17 at the Galaxy Conference at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute on Petit Jean Mountain.

The scholarships were presented by Brian Helms, Extension fund development officer, representing the retiree editorial board.

Shore has been with Extension for more than seven years and, in that time, has effectively communicated the bene-

fits of the 4-H program to individuals, groups and the community. She has organized many volunteer leader clubs and numerous school clubs and serves as the 4-H National Mentoring Program facilitator for Randolph County.



Jon Zawislak, a 2016 Retiree Scholarship winner, with retiree editorial board member Stan Chapman.

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## Betty Oliver, Former Staff Chair and Volunteer Coordinator, Dies

Betty Oliver, 79, died April 8.

Oliver began her Extension career in 1958 when she graduated from Ouachita Baptist University, where last year she was elected to the school's board of trustees.

She started as an assistant home demonstration agent in Miller County and over the decades worked her way to Pulaski County extension staff chair. After "retiring" from that position in 1991, she worked at the extension service headquarters in Little Rock as volunteer coordinator in Family and Consumer Sciences.

"In her nearly 60 years of service to Arkansas, she not only touched, but she also changed for the better the lives of thousands of Arkansans. In so many ways, Betty was the embodiment of our extension mission in Arkansas," said Tony Windham, associate vice president - agriculture-extension.

Oliver was inducted into the Arkansas Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2003, just one of a long list of recognitions Oliver received during her career.

She is survived by her husband Bob.

A service celebrating her life was held April 12 in First Baptist Church in Little Rock with burial at Bluffton Cemetery in Bluffton, Arkansas. Memorials may be made to Little Rock's First Baptist Church, Ouachita Baptist University, University of Arkansas or the charity of your choice.

## Honorary and Memorial Gifts

The following honorary and memorial gift was received to support the professional development opportunities for faculty and staff of the Cooperative Extension Service. This list covers honorary and memorial gifts recorded March 1-31, 2016.

### ■ Cooperative Extension Service Retiree Scholarship

Edwin Colburn

Honorary or memorial donations made payable to the UA Foundation, Inc., may be forwarded to the Development Office, Cooperative Extension Service, 2301 South University Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204. To ensure that proper notification is sent, please also include in whose honor or memory the gift is made and the mailing address of the person to receive the notification.

### Notes:

Jimmy Dean Wallace, 55, of Searcy died March 7. Wallace was an agriculture agent with Extension from 1988-2000. He served in White, Sebastian and Arkansas counties.

Frances Burcham, 83, who served Extension as a home economics agent in Pulaski County from 1961-1962, died March 9 in Olathe, Kansas.

### Retiree Scholarships (cont.)

She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Human Resource Workforce Development at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

The second winner is Jon Zawislak, apiculture instructor. Since joining Extension in 2008, Zawislak has taught beekeeping and pollination statewide and worked with hundreds of citizens in honey production, resulting in many new beekeeping clubs and local hive owners. He has also developed printed and electronic materials and cooperated in multi-state research projects.

Zawislak is pursuing a doctorate in Entomology at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

The Extension retiree scholarships support professional development opportunities for Extension faculty and staff through generous donations to the retiree scholarship fund by retirees, Extension faculty and staff, and friends and family members of retirees. Since 2009, 13 scholarships, including this year's scholarships, have been awarded to Extension employees, for a total of \$6,500.

We thank all those who have contributed to the retiree scholarship fund for making these scholarships possible.

## May Birthdays

Rosemary Gardner, May 1  
Paul Cooper, May 2  
Shirley Shelton West, May 5  
Irene Lee, May 9  
Clarice Griffith, May 10  
Earl Wilson, May 10  
Carol Massey, May 12  
Bob Rhodes, May 12  
Dianna Cox, May 17  
Clyde Stuart Jr., May 17  
Harold Williams, May 18  
Bill Russell, May 19

Teresa Booth, May 21  
LaVetta Perkins, May 21  
Charlotte Freeman, May 22  
Mary Kennett Manis Rhodes,  
May 23  
Donald Johnson, May 24  
Faye Suitt, May 26  
James Peachey, May 28  
Larry Smith, May 29  
Donald Adams, May 30  
Donald Slate, May 30  
Darlene Baker Millard, May 31





Winnie Parsons visits with Julie Robinson, assistant professor - Program and Staff Development, while Charlie Parsons chats with Dr. Rick Cartwright, associate director - Agriculture and Natural Resources.



Eddie Hubbell, John Payne and Dr. Rick Cartwright.



Louise Walker with Martha Ray Sartor, assistant director - County Operations.



Retirees and Extension employees mingle in the President's Lodge.



John Payne with Darlene Millard, Brenda and Joe Waldrum, Bob Reynolds, Carol Bonner and Dr. Tony Windham.

## Retirees Catch Up With Old Friends at Galaxy Conference



Extension retirees and spouses at 2016 Retiree Luncheon.

### From the Editorial Board

Extension's retirees were well represented at this year's retiree luncheon. More than 30 retirees were on hand to catch up with old friends at a retiree reception preceding the luncheon, to partake of some great food at the luncheon and witness some hard-working Extension employees receive

scholarships to help them further their educations.

Thanks to all the retirees whose contributions have made it possible to award these scholarships.

If you have not given or if you wish to donate again this year, please send any amount you wish to give and you'll be listed and

recognized as a 2016 donor during next year's Galaxy Conference.

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