

## Greater Saint Louis Group December 2023

From Pete Amos regarding the St. Louis Retiree Holiday Party

Greetings and all,

My profound thanks to all who attended our party. It was a great time.

Loretta received an engraved plaque on behalf of the group and letter from ARCRA signed by its president Harold Brooks.

We went around the table introducing ourselves and sharing their best fond memory during their time in ARC. I think our total years of service exceeded an excess of a hundred years or better. The fellowship and opportunity was truly enjoyable.

I want to express my thanks to Nicki and Skip Batchelor for their role in catering our event. We ate well.

Our guest, Beth Elders gave us an update on Chapter and Biomedical Services. The Lindell Blvd. has been sold. Construction of the Biomedical building is expected by March 2024. An open house is expected in May or later when the weather is better. We will have an opportunity to attend the open house. Once completion done all Chapter staff functions will be at Corporate Square, and all Biomedical staff at the Maryland Heights facility. The retiree group presented a check to the Chapter. We are grateful for their support in providing us with meeting space.

Matt Meyers and I shared the recent outcome of a virtual meeting with ARCRA and National with regard to a pending change of ARCRA of an Alumni Association as fewer staff are retiring with the longevity we have and no longer pensions but 401-K's.

We may schedule our next meeting for sometime in April. It may be in-person at an area restaurant or virtual or a combination of both, based on response to our Wellness Calls. My thanks to our Focus Team for conducting the Wellness calls.

We are also in need of a co-facilitator.

In the meantime Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best Regards,

Pete