Joan Bonney, Service Desk Analyst for ITS-Customer Service, participated for the first time in the St. Louis ALS 5K Walk for Life at Forest Park on Saturday, June 29, 2013. Joan’s manager, Janell DeClue, along with other family members participated in the walk. It was a great day with many walkers turning out for the cause.

Joan lost her brother, John, to ALS last December. ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, is a debilitating degenerative disease that causes loss of muscles control and nerves controlling speech, swallowing, and limb movements.

The attached picture was taken at the finish line with Joan and her daughter, Melissa, holding John's picture.

The department of Research and Development took time to celebrate a summer staff luncheon!

Pictured from left to right: Thomas Vincent, Will Curran, Bernice Carp, Kim Malone, Sheila Manion, Jeff Fowler, Louise McAfee, Vicki Casey, Sophia Toumbalakis, Michael Findlay, Jennifer Eide and Rob Robbins.

The Barrell Boy was ever present during the I-64/40 construction over the past few years. I'd see him almost every day at one place or another warning drivers to slow down. The last time was near the Science Center. He's been gone for some time now.

Last month, my wife and I stopped at the Missouri Welcome center just a couple of miles this side of the Oklahoma state line. There he was, leaning up against the wall enjoying the good weather.
Speaking of Fibers! 2013 at The Saint Louis University Museum of Art Aug. 23 — Oct. 6
Submitted by Mary C. Marshall, Marketing Coordinator for University Museums and Galleries

Speaking of Fibers! 2013 is a juried exhibition that speaks to a wide interpretation of defining fiber art. The exhibition features more than 40 works from artisans, including weavers, basket makers, spinners, knitters, quilters, paper makers and surface designers. Each artist shares the goal of promoting and increasing awareness of fiber art in Missouri and surrounding states.

The exhibition opens on Friday, Aug. 23. A reception will be held on Friday, Sept. 27 from 5 – 8 p.m.

This Missouri Fiber Artists exhibition was juried by Janice Nesser-Chu, an educator, mixed-media artist and an activist in the arts community. Her life’s work has centered on social activism, education, mentorship and promotion of women in the arts.

“Speaking of Fiber explores the execution of both traditional and innovative materials, Nesser-Chu said. “The artistry engages the viewer, while showcasing the talents and diverse perspectives that comprise a community of artists.

“In addition to utilizing fiber or fiber techniques, each artist moves the medium in new and exciting directions.

“Although many of the fiber pieces in this exhibition incorporate strong, vibrant color, Nesser-Chu found herself drawn to others such as Meditation by Rosemary Claus-Gray and Meditation on Spring by Peggy Wyman, both, said Nesser-Chu, ‘instill a quiet, monochromatic tone, with just the slightest reference to color.’

Speaking of Fibers! continues until Oct. 6 at the Saint Louis University Museum of Art.

About the Missouri Fiber Artists:
Missouri Fiber Artists (MoFA) is a non-for-profit organization whose purpose is to promote statewide communication among individuals and groups participating in all aspects of the fiber arts.

Quilt National 2013 at The Saint Louis University Museum of Art Sept. 20 — Oct. 27

Quilt National 2013, the international juried competition for new, innovative quilt art will open on Friday, Sept. 20 with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. The St. Louis presentation of Quilt National serves as a fundraiser for Safe Connections, the largest locally founded nonprofit working to end domestic violence and sexual assault.

Quilt National was organized in 1979 to showcase artists who pushed the boundaries of traditional quilting into a new form of expression now known as the “art quilt.” This biennial show has grown through the years, reflecting the general public’s growing interest. This year the show includes art from exhibitors representing 27 states and seven countries. From the 851 original submissions, only 85 were selected for Quilt National 2013.

The selected artists expand the boundaries of traditional quilt making, utilizing the newest materials and technologies. A single, standout St. Louis artist, Luanne Rimel, has a piece featured in the show. Missouri artist Pam RuBert of Springfield also has a piece featured.

Quilt National 2013 opened in May at the Dairy Barn Arts Center in Athens, OH, where the exhibition was juried by internationally recognized art quilters. St. Louis is the only location outside of Ohio where the full-scale exhibition can be seen. It will be divided into smaller exhibits for two-year tours following the St. Louis presentation.

NOTE: Quilt National will be at SLUMA instead of its traditional location at The Foundry Art Centre in St. Charles in the hopes of being more easily accessible for visitors. Admission is now free during regular museum hours.

About Safe Connections:
Founded in 1976, Safe Connections works to end domestic violence and sexual assault while helping survivors reclaim their lives. Safe Connections provides no-cost individual and group mental health therapy to women and teens, a crisis hotline for the entire St. Louis community and education to students in middle school through college region-wide.

For more information, please visit http://sluma.slu.edu.
Felicity Beckfield, Radiation Safety Officer for Environmental Health & Safety, and her husband, Richard, would like to announce the birth of their first child, Jasper Ethan Beckfield. Jasper was born on April 9, 2013, weighing in at 9 lbs.

Congratulations to Ann Scales, Financial Coordinator at Parks College, on the birth of her granddaughter, Emma Nicole Lewis. Emma was born on June 28, 2013 and weighed 6lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 in. long.

Marriage & Engagement

Congratulations to Cate Aubuchon, Office of Institutional Research, and her husband, Dennis Ward, on their marriage on July 17, 2013 in Talkeetna, Alaska. It was a small, intimate ceremony followed by a cookout on the beach where the Chulitna, Susitna, and Talkeetna rivers meet, with a scenic view of Mt. Denali and her sisters.

Jonathan Ernst, Communication Specialist for the College for Public Health & Social Justice and Graduate Student in the Department of Communication, was engaged to Brianne Keller, Graduate Student in the Department of Physical Therapy, on June 4. They met while undergraduate students at SLU in the Micah Program and have been together for 2 years.

Jennifer Johnson, Student Financial Services, married Michael Heintz on March 30, 2013. Before the wedding, we had been together for 7 years and now we hope and pray for many more to share together.

Patrick Cousins, Campus Minister for Campus Ministry, married Cristina Flagg on June 1, 2013 in Virginia Beach, VA. Congratulations Patrick and Cristina!
Facilities Hosts Annual Zero Waste Recognition Picnic. This is a great way to show gratitude for your employees and recognize the great work they do within Saint Louis University. To read more about Facilities’ Recognition Picnic, please click here.

Patrick Kerwin, Lead Case Manager with IM-Infectious Diseases, was recently awarded as Best Lead Actor in a Musical by the Arts for Life Award committee for his role in Alpha Players of Florissant’s production of The Drowsy Chaperone.

Amy Prosser, Library Assistant in the Pius XII Library, had a painting accepted to exhibit in the upcoming Art St. Louis (www.artstlouis.org) show. Under The Influence is a juried exhibition featuring works in all media by 53 St. Louis regional artists from Missouri and Illinois. Under The Influence will take place from August 17 through October 10, 2013.

Celebrating SLU Spirit Day!

SLU Spirit Day was celebrated with the Center for Aviation Sciences in Cahokia, Illinois on Friday, July 26, 2013. We all enjoyed doing the SLU Shuffle in the hanger! The Billiken was especially happy to sit in the plane for a few photos. Thank you, Center for Aviation Sciences, for celebrating with us!

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