

UT Dallas Retired Faculty/Staff Association

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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 11:00 a.m.

Student Union Regency Room #2

Complimentary Sandwich Buffet Lunch

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by Friday, September 7th

Join the members of the UT Dallas Retired Faculty/Staff Association for the first membership meeting of the 2007-2008 academic year on Tuesday, September 11, at 11:00 a.m. in the Student Union Regency Room #2. A sandwich buffet lunch will be followed by an intriguing program presented by Dr. Marc Hairston.

America's youth are "turning Japanese" with the increasing popularity of Japanese animation (anime) and Japanese comics (manga), but is this just a fad or a major change in popular culture? Dr. Marc Hairston will talk about this and about the anime/manga class he and Dr. Pam Gossin taught at UTD last spring. To learn more about this fascinating subject, read "Japanamerica: How Japanese Pop Culture Has Invaded the U.S." by Roland Kelts.

Following Dr. Hairston's talk, Kathryn Evans, Associate Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities, will describe the upcoming Art and Performance season. Be sure to make your LUNCH RESERVATION by emailing Jo Ellen Roach at watkins7@aol.com or phone 972.608.0082 by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH.

We do have some business to conduct, so after the program we will discuss and decide on:

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

The Executive Committee is requesting approval to add two positions to the committee, a membership chair and newsletter editor, as well as specifying that the immediate past-president would serve for one-year as a voting member of the Executive Committee. The changes, in italics, would read:

Article IV Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association, hereinafter called the Executive Committee, are the President, Vice-President (President-Elect), *Immediate Past President*, Secretary, Treasurer, *Membership Chair*, *Newsletter Editor*, and three Members-At-Large.

Board Officers

President
Jo Ellen Roach

Vice President
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Dunkelberger

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Sandy Gillette

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Esteban Egea
George Gerken
Diane Reed

Faculty
Subcommittee
(Council of
Elders)
Chris Parr

Past President
Linda Williamson

ADOPTION OF MISSION STATEMENT

The Executive Committee proposes the adoption of the following mission statement:

“The University of Texas at Dallas Retired Faculty/Staff Association mission is to promote continued collegiality and communication among retired faculty and staff and provide a vehicle for them to remain in contact with each other and support the goals and endeavors of their university.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Discussion Group

Meeting number 3 of our RFSA Discussion Group is coming soon. At the last meeting, we covered the Prologue and Chapters 1 & 2 of Chalmers Johnson's book, *Nemesis: The Last Days of the American Republic*. For our forthcoming Discussion group meeting (10 AM, Wed, Sept 19 in Student Union Regency Room #3) we'll take on Chapters 3 - 7. The overall topic remains: The American Empire, and the questions are also the same; namely,

What does the American Empire mean to us?
Where did the American Empire come from?
Where is the American Empire going?

The 5 chapters that we will cover in this third meeting involve major topics, for example, the covert actions of the CIA, the effects of US military bases located throughout the world, the reactions of foreigners to these bases, the issue of the control of the space around the earth, and the incredible crisis these actions and attitudes precipitate.

The summary document of Johnson's book, *Nemesis*, is available on our RFSA website, <http://www.utdallas.edu/rfsa/event.htm>. Please print this file and read it before you come to the meeting (and read it if you don't come!!). There will be a few hard copies available at the September 11th membership meeting. Please bring the print out with you and thanks for doing so - and thanks for coming. See you there.

George Gerken

A Trip to Glen Rose

On Oct. 5, we will travel to Glen Rose, Texas to visit the wildlife park of Fossil Rim and the Comanche Peak nuclear power station. We will depart from the Richardson area in carpools at 9 AM. The drive to Glen Rose will take 1 1/2 to 2 hours. When we arrive at Fossil Rim, we will begin the scenic drive through the park, feeding the animals along the way with purchased food. We will see various exotic endangered and threatened species of animals roaming freely in their pastures--such as the Greevy's zebra, cheetah, southern white rhino and scimitar-horned oryx. We will eat lunch midway at the Overlook, where there is also a Nature Store for shopping. We will complete our drive by 2:30, departing for nearby Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Station. We will be welcomed at the Visitor Center, where we will view a video giving an overview of the nuclear plant and experience various interactive exhibits and graphic displays (tours of the plant have not been allowed since 9/11). We will depart for home when the power plant closes at 4:00 PM. At Fossil Rim, Senior admission (62 and up) is \$15.95, general admission is \$19.95. Cost of a large bag of feed is \$7.48. There is no cost at Comanche Peak.

Also, if you are interested in displaying your wares at the first annual Dallas Elks Lodge Arts & Crafts show on Oct. 20, you can call Ann Parker at 214-321-6595. Cost for the space is \$35.

Diane Reed.

“Something Wicked This Way Comes”

Our Retired Faculty/Staff Association will get in the mood for Halloween by attending the UT Dallas Chamber Singers ghoulish presentation of musical selections appropriate for Halloween on Friday, October 26th, at 8:00 in the University Theater. The admission is free. Seats will be reserved in a block for the retirees association. The concert will include music from movies, including Harry Potter and the “Adams Family”, jazz classics, *Bewitched*, *Bothered and Bewildered* and *That Old Black Magic* as well as classical pieces. Come in costume (prizes will be awarded during intermission), sing along and have a bewitchingly good time!

SAVE THE DATE

The next membership meeting of the UT Dallas Retired Faculty/Staff Association will be held on Wednesday, November 14, at 10:30 a.m. in the Student Union Regency Room #2. Program information will be forthcoming.

Minutes – April 12, 2007 Business Meeting/ New Retirees Reception

**The University of Texas at Dallas
Retired Faculty/Staff Association
Membership Meeting
Thursday, April 12, 2007
McDermott Suite**

Jo Ellen Roach, President, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February 13, 2007 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance on Hand April 12, 2007 was \$665.49.

New Business:

Support for the proposed on-campus child care facility for faculty and staff:

Jo Ellen reported that she had been contacted by a member of Joint Committee for the Proposed On-Campus Childcare Facility at the April UTD Staff Council meeting requesting support from the Retired Faculty/Staff Association for the facility and for the appointment of a representative from our Association to be a member of the Joint Committee. It was suggested that new retiree, Doug Vass, be that member since he had represented the Staff Council on the committee until his recent retirement. Jo Ellen moved that the RFSA support the proposed on-campus childcare facility and that a member of the Association be asked to represent the RFSA on the committee. After the second, the motion was approved by the membership.

Staff Services Begonia Sale: Jo Ellen said that the UTD Staff Council would be having a sale of begonias with the profit going to the UTD Staff Council Scholarship Fund. She requested that RFSA members support the efforts of the Staff council.

Old Business: None

The business meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. so all could attend the reception for new retirees.

Submitted by Jo Ellen Roach

**The University of Texas at Dallas
Retired Faculty and Staff Association
Reception Honoring New/Recent Retirees of UTD
Thursday, April 12, 2007
UTD Library, McDermott Suite**

President Jo Ellen Roach opened the reception honoring all members/new retirees present. She also thanked the two musicians for providing great entertainment to our reception.

Dr. Daniel was not able to be present for this event and in his place Dr. Hobson Wildenthal was very pleased to be present, everyone enjoyed his talk and he was pleased to see so many good friends also. He was pleased with our organization and the gratitude given to UTD, and the wonderful turnout, refreshments arranged by President's office. Dr. Daniel was specially recognized also for his help in making our group special.

Jo Ellen thanked the University for providing free parking on campus for members and for financial support for the Association's activities. She thanked Tina Sharpling, the UTD campus liaison to the Association, for making a contribution to the group.

Linda Williamson also received full recognition as the 2006-2007 president of the RFSA with the presentation of a \$100 lifetime membership award.

Our full board also was introduced, three members at large and Myrna Tureff, membership chairman. Recognition was given to those RFSA members receiving honors during the past year: Robert Rutford, Esteban Egea and Gerald Soliday.

Special Upcoming Events:

Oak Cliff Tour planned for Saturday, April 14

Talk/Discussion Series to begin Wednesday, May 2 led by George Gerken

Greet, Eat and Meet with members who like to lunch together, mark May 22nd on your calendar – will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Michael Mark's Trattoria at Lookout and Custer

Introduction of New Retirees Attending:

Pat Blatney, Ed Day, Ed Stone, Rhett Winnicki, Doug Vass, Joan Gladwell, Virginia Sharples, Marlys Damman, Emile Pessagno, and his wife, Alice; Stan Gordon, Betty Stringer, Carolyn Musket, Jessie Dickey and her husband, John; Myrna Tureff, and Mary Cain.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Gillette, Secretary

Member News:

We have received word that William (Bill) Dawson, a former UTD Police Guard, passed away August 9, 2007.



Lunch at Cappuccino's

Several retirees, joined by retiree-to-be Sandee Goertzen, gathered for lunch at Cappuccino's Restaurant on August 21st.

RFSA Quiz

Do you know the RFSA member who worked as a summer time nanny for a former governor of Florida and the current president of the United States? (See the answer below.) This quiz is a request for information about you. We want to know about our members - perhaps, something unique or interesting about your past, your recent or most enjoyable trip, your volunteer work, even your grandkids! If you are recovering from an illness or surgery and would like to hear from your former co-workers, let us know that and we will get the information out. This will be a place in our newsletter for us to keep up with our friends. Just email Jo Ellen at watkins7@aol.com or call 972.608.0082. Let's hear about the interesting things you are doing. (answer: Dottie Dunkelberger - ask her about it.)

PICTURES FROM THE APRIL 2006 RECEPTION FOR NEW RETIREES



Dr. Francis Johnson, First UTD President
Dr. Robert Rutford, UTD President, Retired
Dr. David Daniel, current UTD President



Dr. Daniel greets current RFSA President,
Jo Ellen Roach