

UT Dallas Retired Faculty/Staff Association

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NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Retired Faculty/Staff Association's November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13th, at 10 a.m. in the Student Union Regency Room #2. Our speaker will be Jennifer Zientz from UTD's *Center for Brain Health*. Ms. Zientz will speak on the research being done at the Center as well as suggestions for maintaining a healthy brain as we age.

Jennifer Zientz administers brain physicals to healthy aging adults to establish a baseline of cognitive-linguistic function. She also conducts cognitive-linguistic evaluations of adults with Alzheimer's disease and types of dementia supplying diagnostic information to referring physicians and feedback to patients and families on ways to optimize abilities. Ms. Zientz has presented at national, state and area meetings about research findings and communication strategies. She has lectured to graduate and undergraduate classes in Communication Disorders.

NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

RFSA members will be asked to approve the nominating committee comprised of Linda Williamson, Jean Stuart and Mike Durbin. The nominating committee will propose a slate of officers for the 2008 executive committee.

UPCOMING EVENT

GEM's (Greet, Eat and Meet) holiday lunch will be held Thursday, December 6th, 11:30 a.m. at Compari's Italian Ristorante. Compari's is located at 621 W. Plano Parkway, between 75 and Alma on West Plano Parkway next to the Collin Creek Mall. Mark your calendar for this fun event.

STAFF COUNCIL SPONSORED FLU SHOTS

The Staff Council is sponsoring Flu Shots for UT Dallas faculty, staff, and retirees on Monday, November 5th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; and Tuesday, November 6th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. These shots will be administered in Conference Center 1.206. Richardson Regional Medical Center staff will be providing and administering the vaccinations.

Additionally flu shots will be offered to staff and faculty at Callier - South on Wednesday, November 7th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 AM.

Due to the fact we only have a limited number of flu shot vaccinations (approximately 400) we can offer this year, it is encouraged for each staff, faculty, and retiree to arrive early.

This year's flu shots are being provided at no cost due to the generous donation provided by UT Dallas Environmental Health and Safety. Make sure you let them know you appreciate their continued effort and support so the Staff Council can continue to provide these flu shots at no cost. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the UT Dallas Staff Council chair, Chris Dickson, at extension 6783 or by email at dickson@utdallas.edu.

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UT DALLAS STAFF COUNCIL FALL FORUM

UT Dallas retirees are invited to attend the Staff Council's Fall Forum on Wednesday, November 7th, at 9 a.m. in the Davidson Auditorium, School of Management, room number SOM 1.118. President David Daniel will be the featured speaker.

MEMBERSHIP

JUST A REMINDER...HAVE YOU MAILED YOUR CHECK AND MEMBERSHIP FORM TO DOTTIE DUNKELBERGER?

The first mailing for the membership renewal for the fiscal 2007-2008 was sent out this past August, and the response was positive. Based on the membership at the close of fiscal year 2006-2007 we had 96 paid members, and to date 59 have renewed for a total of 62%. A second mailing will be sent in December to those who have not yet paid their membership dues. RFSA has set a goal of 100% paid members by the end of January, 2008. PLEASE, HELP US MAKE THIS GOAL A REALITY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

TRIP TO FOSSIL RIM



Jo Ellen and Howard Roach, Diane and Dick Reed, Ann and Jim Payne and Jean Stuart traveled to the Fossil Rim Wildlife Park on October 5th. We saw many different kinds of animals, fed many of them and dodged a few. It would have been nice to have a camera when the Ostrich tried to get in through the window of the Reed's car.

GAME DAY AT UTD



A small, but enthusiastic, group learns a new game.



If ya got 'em, play 'em

Fall game day was October 23, 2007. Attendees were Jo Ellen and Howard Roach, Diane and Dick Reed, Chris Parr, Myrna Tureff, Jessie Dickey and Marshall Edelman, who taught the group a new game, Omaha Hi/Lo. Another game day is planned after the first of the year.

RFSA MEMBER, MADELINE FARRY, HONORED

AS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Madeline Farry has been honored as Volunteer of the Year by Helping Agencies Serving Richardson for her services to Neighborhood Youth and Family Counseling of Richardson, Inc. The following is an excerpt from Madeline's nomination: "Over the last three years, Madeline Farry has volunteered with consistency and a unique enthusiasm for the agency and its clients. Her duties as an on-site receptionist may seem small, but her concern for and actions towards others put her in a category of her own. Madeline has one of the most positive attitudes of any volunteer or employee around. Her desire to help others and her genuine caring for clients' needs have required the agency to 'toughen up' its guidelines for volunteers, as her generous heart and spirit have resulted in her personalizing her gifts to a number of our clientele. Madeline has the true qualities of a "Good Samaritan" in her service to people who have been in special situations of need. Her spirit and desire to solve the problem is truly unique. Her lighthearted attitude brightens up even the most disheartened who arrive on our steps. Truly Madeline Farry personifies the spirit of volunteerism. She is an inspiration to us all." *Congratulations, Madeline!*

**The University of Texas at Dallas
Retired Faculty/Staff Association
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, September 11, 2007
UTD Student Union**

After enjoying a delicious buffet lunch, President Jo Ellen Roach welcomed members and guests to the first membership meeting of the 2007-2008 Academic Year.

Esteban Egea introduced the first speaker, Kathryn Evans, Associate Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities. She described the upcoming Art and Performance season.

Jo Ellen introduced Dr. Marc Hairston who spoke on America's youth "turning Japanese" with the increasing popularity of Japanese animation (anime) and Japanese comics (manga), is this just a fad or a major change in the culture.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the April 12, 2007 meeting were approved.

New Business: Two items were approved by the membership.

- A. The bylaws were amended to add the membership chair and the newsletter editor as voting members of the executive committee.
- B. Adoption of an RFSA mission statement:
"The University of Texas at Dallas Retired Faculty/Staff Association's 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."

Treasurer's Report:

Dottie Dunkelberger, Treasurer, reported \$762.83 in the Treasury, (additional \$30 received at the meeting.)

Upcoming Events:

- A. Discussion Group – Wednesday, September 19th, 10 a.m.
- B. Trip to Glen Rose – Friday, October 5th.
- C. "Something Wicked This Way Comes" – Friday, October 26th.
- D. Game Day – Tuesday, October 23rd, 2:00 p.m., Marshall Edelman will coach Texas Hold Em and Omaha (hi/lo)
- E. Next Membership Meeting, Wednesday, November 14.

Adjournment of Meeting by President, Jo Ellen Roach, at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Sandy Gillette, RFSA Secretary