

# UT Dallas Retired Faculty/Staff Association

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## STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Business Affairs and the Staff Council is bringing to the campus Staff Appreciation Week, July 20-22, 2009. On July 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Health and Wellness Day from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the Conference Center. Dr. Joy Lynn Reed will speak at 10:00 and then there is a health & wellness fair from 11:00 – 12:00 noon.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a Customer Service & Catch Comet Pride Day in the Conference Center. Mr. Terry Cartwright from Human Resources will present “How to Succeed at UTD” from 2:00 – 3:00 and then there will be a customer service fair from 3:00 – 4:00.

A Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Galaxy Rooms of the Student Union, there will be a key note speaker, Sue Taylor. Then there will be a Karaoke event after lunch. It is an informal come and go, but there is only promised seating for 300, so if there are more, people will be directed to the cafeteria area for seating.

The members of the Retiree Association are being invited to all these events



## CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR? HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE BENEFITS FAIR

The Retiree Association will have a table at the Benefits Fair in the Galaxy Room. Some assistance is needed keeping this table staffed during the hours from 12:30 – 4:00.

If you can spare an extra hour or so telling staff and faculty about the UTD Retiree Association and handing out brochures, please let Sandee Goertzen know at [goertzen@utdallas.edu](mailto:goertzen@utdallas.edu). Your assistance would be appreciated.

## INSURANCE INFORMATION FOR 2009-2010

The first announcement from the Benefits Office of Human Resources came out this past week about Annual Enrollment! This is your chance to make changes to your insurance coverage and make your Flex elections for the upcoming plan year (9/01/09 – 8/31/10). On June 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m., there will be a meeting for the Retirees with presentations from Blue Cross Blue Shield and one from Medco. Representatives will be available to answer questions. This meeting will be in the Galaxy Room of the Student Union. After this presentation, the Retirees are welcome to gather in the Pub or the Comet Café for a quick lunch and socializing.

At 12:30, the Benefits Fair will be held in the Galaxy Room of the Student Union. This fair will last until 4:00 p.m. A presentation will be made at 3:30 – 4:30 in the Galaxy Room regarding Short Term and Long Term Disability. You are welcome to participate in any or all of these events on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

On July 1<sup>st</sup> a Benefits Fair will be held at the Callier Dallas Lobby from 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. Annual Enrollment begins on July 1<sup>st</sup> and goes through July 30<sup>th</sup>.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership data as of April 27, 2009:

Retiree-membership renewals: 116 - Included in the renewals are:

New members: 12

Lifetime members: 14

Spouse memberships: 28

Total Membership: 144

It's time to once again renew your membership. At the beginning of July the UTD Retiree Association will be sending out Membership Forms and Silver Parking Hang-Tag Request Forms for

the Fiscal Year 2009-2010. When you receive your forms, please help us keep our membership database current by completing both of the above mentioned forms.

**IMPORTANT: IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR SILVER PARKING HANG-TAG BY SEPTEMBER 1ST, YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND HANG TAG REQUEST FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY AUGUST 10TH ALONG WITH YOUR DUES TO CYNTHIA FAWCETT (P.O. Box 835096, Richardson, TX 75083).**

Myrna Tureff, Membership Chair

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS  
RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
April 27, 2009, McDermott Suite

Following an address by Dr. David Daniel, University President, RFSA President Sandee Goertzen called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. She introduced those new retirees who were present and had them tell those present a little about themselves and the work they had done at UTD. These new retirees were Sharon Cole, Louise Chester, Aubrey Lewis, Dawn Parker, Bill Pervin, Ron Briggs, and Pat Schoch. Sandee then introduced the members of the Executive Committee.

The decision was made postpone approval of the Feb. 3, 2009, membership meeting minutes to the next meeting. Cynthia Fawcett gave the following treasurer's report: Compass Bank Account \$2,384.16

UTD Account                    1,219.21  
\$3,603.37

Myrna Tureff, Membership Chair, announced there are 116 association members (including 12 new members and 14 lifetime members), plus 28 spouse-members, for a total of 144. 29 unpaid members remain.

Jo Ellen Roach, Social Committee Chair, thanked her committee members Diane Reed, Mary Hansen, and Marlys Damman. She pointed out that Diane had been especially busy during the past year arranging for wonderful field trips. Mary Hansen mentioned that Seniors Interested in Learning will hold summer brown bag lunches/lectures at the conference center of Collin College's Spring Creek campus. For example, local comedienne Rosemary Rumbley will be featured on June 11. The Social Committee is also considering a Sunday brunch at Andrea's Restaurant in Richardson on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, will find the group attending the latest Harry Potter movie at Plano's Studio Movie Grill. "Sundaes on Sunday" will be held at Jo Ellen's home on Aug. 9, 2 p.m. Attending the Sweet Adelines fall concert is being planned for Saturday, Aug. 29. The committee is open to suggestions for social activities for the fall, and would also appreciate having more volunteer members.

Sandee Goertzen reported on behalf of newsletter editor Jean Stuart that the next newsletter is planned for early June. Chris Parr, who arranges the seminar schedule, announced that the next seminar, "The Aging Brain" by Denise Parks will be held April 28, 11:30 a.m., in HH 2.502. Sandee Goertzen, who attends Staff Council meetings, reported on Staff Council happenings and announcements:

Dr. James Wright is UTD's new director of environmental safety. The latest Employee Advisory Council's meeting concerned TRS which has lost 25% of its portfolio in the recent economical downturn where other such entities have lost 45-50%; there will be no change in current pensions. U.T. System is discussing having a paid wellness coordinator on each campus as well as an ombudsman position. Lastly, UTD will hold Staff Appreciation Day on July 22; our membership will be invited to a luncheon that day.

Christine Moldenhauer, our Human Resources liaison, reported the annual Benefits Fair is scheduled on June 30, 12:30 to 4 p.m. A retiree information session will be held from 10:30-11:30 that morning. The Callier Benefits Fair will be July 1. She said there will be an increase in insurance costs, though exact amounts haven't yet been announced. The RFSA will have a table at the fairs as a way of making the association's existence better known to all UTD staff members.

Sandee Goertzen pointed out that our association's name will change to The University of Texas at Dallas Retiree Association as of Sept. 1. She also announced that sign-up sheets for the association's various committees are available after this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Eckelkamp, Secretary

## **SUMMER SOCIALS**

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince: How about a scary movie! The latest of the Harry Potter series promises to be just that. We'll attend the movie for a matinee performance on Wednesday, July 22 – a week after the movie opens – at the Studio Movie Grill, Park and Preston in Plano. The theatre features a menu ranging from popcorn to a full meal as well as adult libations. Show time will be available at a later date.

Sundaes on a Sunday afternoon: You are invited to Jo Ellen and Howard Roach's home on Sunday, August 9 at 2:00. We'll have all the "fixings" for you to create your own sweet treat. The address is 5616 Hillsborough, Plano. Please mark your calendar.

Sweet Adeline's Fall Show: We'll enjoy the music of the Sweet Adeline's chorus for an evening performance on Saturday, August 29, at the Eisemann Center in Richardson. This performance will also feature a men's quartet, Max Q. Please keep the date.

## **TRIP TO GRANBURY**

A group of us went to Granbury in May to visit the quaint shops on the square and to see the musical playing at the historic Opera House. Who Wrote the Book of Love was about a high school reunion featuring old friends and songs from the 1960's. We had an enjoyable lunch at Hank's on the Square and had a great time visiting and sightseeing on the way down and back.

## **CORPORATE CHALLENGE**

The Corporate Challenge is once again underway with teams being formed now. If you are interested in participating in the Corporate Challenge, please go to the web site and see what the plans are. The official web site is: <http://www.cor.net/ccpage.aspx?id=3194/Homepage.html>. Carrie Chutes is UTD's Corporate Challenge Rep. She can be reached [cac091000@utdallas.edu](mailto:cac091000@utdallas.edu), or call 972-883-6251. The teams that are being formed at UTD include the following: 15K Bike race, 5K Run, Badminton, Basketball, Billiards, Bowling, Darts, Dodgeball, Dominoes, Fishing, Football, Golf, Horseshoes, Kickball, Miniature Golf, Pass & Kick, Poker, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Texas Hold-em, Volleyball. Team captains have been formed for most of the teams, and Carrie can let you know who to contact if you're interested in participating on one of these teams.

## **UTD WILL BE CELEBRATING 40!!!!!!!**

Mementos Sought from University's First 40 Years

Friends Encouraged to Share UT Dallas Keepsakes in Celebration of Anniversary

This fall, UT Dallas marks 40 years as a [University of Texas System](#) institution. Through the decades, students, faculty and staff have seen the University grow from a small research institute limited to upper-division enrollment into a university aspiring toward the ranks of the best in the nation.

To mark its 40th anniversary, the University is asking former and current students, faculty and staff, as well as the community at large, to [share UT Dallas memorabilia](#).

Suggested items for submission include:

Photographs.

Documents such as papers, books or memoirs.

Objects, large or small.

"The academic excellence of UT Dallas student body and the scholarly reputation of our faculty give UT Dallas distinction," said Paul Oelkrug, coordinator of special collections in UT Dallas' [Eugene McDermott Library](#). "Having achieved this in a span of only 40 years differentiates the University even further. We recognize that during that time, many loyal friends have collected special items that reflect or commemorate some detail of UT Dallas' past." Oelkrug added that the University is particularly interested in memorabilia related to significant events from 1994 onward.

Items offered are subject to review for relevance and appropriateness. Original photos or documents will be scanned and returned to the owner, and all other memorabilia will be cataloged as a temporary loan.

If lenders are unable to bring an item to the University, Oelkrug or a member of his staff may be able to make arrangements to review the item at an off campus location. Similarly, if a lender is unable to release an item to the collection, it can be photographed or scanned and subsequently returned. "Regardless of size, we're here to help people determine if their memorabilia would fit with the 40th Anniversary collection," Oelkrug said.

The University also will invite friends to share their stories about their experiences at UT Dallas through an interactive Web site expected to launch in September. The site will serve as the base of an ongoing record of the University's history. "Starting this fall, we look forward to hearing about people's reflections, and hope they'll add their chapter to our story," Oelkrug said. "Did they make a great discovery here? Meet lifelong friends or a future spouse? Watch the transformation of campus through the construction of new buildings? All these experiences and reflections add to the University's rich history, and we want our friends to be as active as possible in helping us document UT Dallas' legacy."

UT Dallas' 40-year celebration kicks off with the beginning of the fall 2009 academic year in September and lasts through 2010.

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### PICTURES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING TO WELCOME NEW RETIREES



**Signing everybody in**



**Dr. Daniel addresses the group**



**A wonderful place to meet!**



**Time to visit, have refreshments, catch up with old friends**

