## U.T. DALLAS RETIREE Association

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#### **President's Message**

Greetings from Betty Garrett, your new President for 2010-11.

I believe another great year is ahead for the UTD Retiree Association. We have an outstanding Executive Committee who will help in organizing our future programs for the coming year, and a Social Committee that will plan fun outings for us as well. We hope you will find that you can participate in many of these events.

I would also like to add my special thanks to our outgoing President, Sandee Goertzen, who has devoted many hours of outstanding leadership to our Association over the past eighteen months. Thanks Sandee, for all you have done for us.

As always, I would welcome hearing from you with any ideas you might have to make our organization better. I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### September 23 Membership Meeting and Information

The **first** membership meeting for the new year will be held on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00 p.m., at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, (Collinwood I Room). It will be our first cooperative meeting with the Texas Instruments Alumni Association (TIAA). Dr. Denise Park, UTD Distinguished Chair in Behavior and Brain Sciences and Director of the Center for Vital Longevity, will be the keynote speaker. Following her presentation, there will be a TI speaker, Seema Deshpande, who will give an update on TI progress in Medical Electronics. After the speakers, the UTD Retiree Association will have a short business meeting. The schedule for the afternoon is as follows:

1:00-1:05 p.m. 1:05-1:35 p.m. 1:35-1:50 p.m. 1:50-2:15 p.m. 2:15-2:45 p.m. 2:45-3:00 p.m. 3:00-3:05 p.m. 3:05-3:30 p.m. Welcome and introductions Presentation **by Dr. Park** Q & A Break Presentation by Seema Deshpande Q&A Summary Comments UTD Retiree Association September Business Meeting

We look forward to seeing many of our UTDRA members at this first joint venture meeting.



# **UTD/Callier Center**

for Communication Disorders 1966 Inwood Road, Dallas Texas 75235 214-905-3000 www.callier.utdallas.edu

Do You Suspect a Hearing Loss??

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE CALLIER CENTER/UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS @ DALLAS

The Callier Center for Communication Disorders/UTD is a teaching institution, and adult volunteers are needed in our Audiology Teaching Clinic to aid in the education of our graduate

President Betty Garrett

Vice President Victor Worsfold

Treasurer Gwen Bowen

Secretary Pat Storck

At-Large Marlys Damman Esteban Egea Mike Leaf

Newsletter Editor Jean Stuart

> Membership Myrna Tureff-Egea

Past Presidents Sandee Goertzen Chris Parr Jo Ellen Roach Linda Williamson Jean Stuart students. **Complete hearing evaluations** will be provided by students working towards their Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree, under the direct supervision of a certified audiologist and at no charge to you.

The evaluations will be completed at the **Callier Center, Dallas**, and will take approximately 2.0 - 2.5 hours. Appointments are available throughout from mid September through Dec. 1, 2009:

Tuesday	9 a.m.
Thursday	9 a.m.
Thursday	1 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please email or phone so that we may set up an appointment. Past participants are welcome!! Please indicate a time preference and whether you have normal hearing, suspect a hearing problem, or have a confirmed hearing loss.

Carol Cokely, Ph.D., CCC/A cokely@utdallas.edu 214-905-3125

### **MEMBERSHIP**

### THANKS TO ALL THE MEMBERS WHO RENEWED THEIR RA MEMBERSHIP FOR F-Y 2010-2011.

Letters for the membership renewals were mailed on June 30<sup>th</sup>, and on August 30<sup>th</sup> we had a paid membership of 87%. RA has many exciting trips, discussions and lectures plus many more events planned for the coming year. So, if you have not paid your membership dues for F-Y 2010-2011 reach for your checkbook and return the forms, and help RA reach its goal of 100% by the end of September. Hope to see you all at upcoming meetings and events.

Myrna Tureff-Egea Membership

## UT Dallas Retiree Association UNAPPROVED MINUTES General Meeting & Retiree Reception McDermott Suite, Monday, 12 April 2010

Present: Mary Kaye Adams, Patsy Aguilera, Gwen Bowen, Laverne D. Ciel, Marlys Damman, Dottie Dunkelberger, Esteban Egea, Nancy Evans, Don Foltz, Betty Garrett, Shirley Gatson, Barbara Geiger, Sandy Gillette, George Gerken, Gary Goertzen, Sandee Goertzen, Mary Hanson, Judi Hensley, Eloise Jackson, Ekkehardt Kuner, Kay Kuner, Mike Leaf, Joyce Lee, Mickey Lewis, Carolyn Musket, Claire Occhipinti, Pat Odell, Chris Parr, Bill Pervin, Diane Reed, Howard Roach, Jo Ellen Roach, Deborah Stott, Pat Storck, Myrna Tureff-Egea

Visitors: President David Daniel

A. Call to Order. President **Sandee Goertzen** called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm. She thanked the guitarist, **Richard Greene**, for the musical prelude. She reserved the introduction of new retirees until the President appeared.

B. Approval of Minutes. **Deborah Stott** called for the approval of the minutes of the previous general meeting. **Mike Leaf** seconded the motion. They were approved by voice vote.

C. Social Committee Report. Jo Ellen Roach thanked the Committee members (Rickie Brown, Marlys Damman, Esteban Egea, Myrna Tureff-Egea, Sandee Goertzen, Mary Hanson, Claire Occhipinti, and Jo Ellen Roach) for their establishment of the following schedule. UTD President David Daniel joined the meeting in the middle of the committee's report, and the remainder of the report was postponed until the finish of his presentation. However, in the interest of clarity, the full committee report is listed here.

a. It's time for a spring fling. On Tuesday, **April 20<sup>th</sup>**, let's "*Wake Up with the Angelika*," enjoy free coffee and pastry, and view the film *The Ghost Writer*, starring Ewan McGregor, Pearce Brosnan, and Kim Cattrall. Roman Polanski directs. The plot involves a successful ghost writer who is asked to complete the memoirs of a former British Prime Minister. You guessed it. All does not go well. Following the movie, we will lunch al fresco at one of the nearby restaurants and discuss the film. Start time for the movie and other details will be emailed on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

b. First Saturday at the Nasher. Let's enjoy one of Dallas' treasures, the **Nasher Sculpture Center** on Saturday, **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. The current exhibits include Spanish sculptor Jaume Plensa's works, *Genus and Species*, as well as ceramicist Adam Silverman and architect Nader Tehrani's collaborative piece, Boolean Valley. Admission is free. We will use DART rail or carpool to the sculpture garden. We will be departing the Plano/Richardson area around 9-9:30 and return after lunch. Transportation and other details will be emailed 10 days prior to the event.

*c. Jazz in the Atrium* — **The Dallas Museum of Art**. Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, when we will listen to the mellow sounds of the Freddie Jones Group. Freddie Jones, composer, producer, and trumpeter, has shared the stage with greats such as David Sanborn, Freddie Hubbard, and Chuck Magione. Admission for 65 and older is \$7; 64 and younger is \$10. Music is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. Wine and other libations are available. Transportation details will be sent as we near the date.

d. In July, we will journey to the **Cowgirl Hall of Fame** in Fort Worth. The current exhibit is *Georgia O'Keefe and the Faraway: Nature and Energy*. Ms. O'Keefe's paintings are on exhibit through a partnership with the *Georgia O'Keefe Museum* in Santa Fe. The July date and other details will be emailed later.

e. In August, we will enjoy *Sundaes on a Sunday Afternoon II*. The gastronomic delights created last year boggled the mind. The goal this year is to make even more elaborate concoctions. The party will be at the home of **Howard** and **Jo Ellen Roach**. The August date and details will be emailed later.

**f.** Chris Parr added the possibility of a Benefits chat that Claire Occhipinti would look into.

**D. Sandee Goertzen** introduced UTD President **David Daniel** as a supporter of the Retiree Association. She said that *UT Dallas* is a better place for his having led it.

a. President **Daniel** apologized for interrupting the "*far more interesting*" Social Committee report, but, in its regard, he urged us to inspect the magnolia trees at the *Nasher* since

we will use the same trees to decorate the new UTD mall. He was delayed by the receipt of a quarter-million dollar donation.

b. He apologized too for the construction disruptions on campus. The landscaping, scheduled for completion on April 29<sup>th</sup>, won't be done until November. However, the barricades will be down for the start of the fall semester.

c. In other renovation news, he reported that Founder's Building will be finished in July. Student Services' facilities won't be ready until the end of August, but their move will be delayed until October, following Registration.

d. Arts and Technology Building groundbreaking is expected in January. There will be a "grand" Visitors' Center on the south side of the Activities Center. But the giant structure planned will block the view from the Activities Center. The Regents are displeased, so it's back to the drawing boards. The building's "sail" is contentious.

e. Renovation of the Campbell Road entrance is now authorized. Parallel hedges there and elsewhere will add visual appeal and "*frame the campus*."

f. There are no funds for extension of the Cotton Belt Line across our northern borders, but we own the land, DART owns the Right of Way, and private developers might build a "toll train" in the area.

g. State funding has been cut 5% this year with another 5% scheduled for next year, just as **Dr. Daniel** predicted and planned for. However, State funding represents only 40% of our budget. Enrollment increases will outpace budget cuts; they will be 6% this year and an anticipated 6% next year. Graduate applications have jumped 40%! No staff reductions are planned for UTD, however the cuts will curtail growth.

h. The Chess Team has NOT won the Intercollegiate Championship for two whole years! A rebuild is in order. However, our fledgling basketball team is in the *Sweet Sixteen* for the second year.

i. Dr. Daniel thanked us for our service to UTD and took questions.

- 1. **Deborah Stott** wanted to know where the growth in graduate enrollment has occurred. **Dr. Daniel** told her the 16,700 total enrollment in fall will see new growth in Biological Sciences, Mechanical Engineering, Media and Communication, and, of course, the School of Management, which manages >5% growth annually.
- 2. There was a question about the playing fields that are in the path of construction. **Dr. Daniel** answered that the tennis courts will have to be relocated, as will the basketball courts. All athletics will move south of the Activities Building.
- **3.** Don Foltz asked about the fields in the south. Dr. Daniel told him that a Girls' Soccer Association leases the fields and intends to expand them with paved parking and a new access road. There is also a Loop Road proposed around the campus, and bond monies will be sought for it.
- 4. **Deborah Stott** also asked about intra-campus transportation. **David** said that a shuttle loop is stalled for lack of vans. **Deborah** suggested loaner bicycles, and **Dr. Daniel** thought, "*That might be fun.*"
- 5. Dr. Daniel and Sandee commented on the change in reporting structure for the *Retiree Association*. Now it is through Dr. Conley's Development Office.

E. Communications Committee. **Barbara Geiger** reported for an absent **Jean Stuart**. **Barbara** praised **Jean's** efforts with the Newsletter and said that she was organizing a Phone Tree that needs additional volunteers.

F. Membership Committee. **Myrna Tureff-Egea** reported that we have 126 members excluding 19 lifetime members, 13 new members, 28 spouse members, totaling 154. Seven members are currently overdue on dues payment. Myrna will send out renewal letters on July 1<sup>st</sup> with forms and parking hang-tag requests. Deadline for their paid return is the end of July.

G. Academic Senate Report. **Chris Parr** was unable to give it (as it resided on the very computer that was busy taking notes for these minutes—bad planning).

- H. New Retirees
  - **a. Mary Kay Adams** started at UTD 8/13/99 and retired 9/30/09. She lost her sight one year ago and is grateful for all the sick leave. She's working ½ time in the Office of the Associate Provost. She is a new grandma!
  - **b. Patsy Aguilera** has been with UTD for 20 years (24 with another state agency). Working in the Women's Center for the last 12 years, she's friends with several retirees. She says "*I spent more time with you guys than with my family*!" Her husband, now retired, and she work *Meals on Wheels*.
  - **c.** Don Foltz has worked 37 years at UTD. When he came here, there was as much construction as at present! He started at Physical Plant which has since become Facilities Management. He remembers all his generous and kind colleagues.
  - **d.** Judi Hensley served with 3 of the 4 UTD Presidents over the past 26 years. She says "You feel as if you just live here!" Judy Snellings, for example, is "closer to me than my own sister." She got her start here when two of Dr. Rutford's staff members got divorced and moved away. Now that she's leaving, she's being replaced by another Judy!

I. Staff Council Report. **Sandee Goertzen** reported that due to the proliferation of new buildings, Staff Council is reorganizing its representation. Now each delegate represents 40 instead of 30 staff members. "Districts" have been reassigned also. An entire campus smoking ban is being protested by students since it would include the apartments; UTA has such a ban, and UTD is investigating its operation. The summer date for Staff Appreciation Day has not yet been determined. Street renaming is being considered; examples are Comet Trail or Whoosh Way. A fitness (for service) policy has been approved by Staff Council. It permits the University to step in when staff (1) pose threats to themselves or others or (2) have difficulty performing their duties.

J. President's Report. **Sandee** reported that dues remain \$5 but that Lifetime Membership is now \$150, requiring one to live 30 years beyond retirement. **Jean Stuart** received and turned in 40 remembrances of the past 40 years. VP **Susan Rogers** was reportedly pleased. Additional remembrances may still be added. Check them out at UTDallas.edu/40years/events.html. Several names of retired faculty have been forwarded as potential speakers at Highland Springs, a local retirement community. AROHE (Association for Retiree Organizations in Higher Education) holds annual meetings. **Sandee** attended the last one and **Betty Garrett** will attend the next in Connecticut in October funded by **Dr. Conley's** office. **Sandee**, **Betty**, and **Dwight Clasby** from the Development Office will meet with TI's Retiree Association President to investigate cooperative programs. Chris is updating the web site and brochure available to every retiree. **K.** Betty Garrett read the list of the 25 new retirees. She mentioned that Denise Henry had moved (back) to Iowa to care for her nonagenarian parents, and she looks forward to a grandchild.

L. Officer Candidates. The slate of the candidates below was circulated. **Betty Garrett** moved approval of the list. **Deborah Stott** seconded the motion, which carried without discussion.

President	Betty Garrett
Vice President/President Elect	Victor Worsfold
Secretary	Pat Storck
Treasurer	Gwen Bowen
Past President	Sandee Goertzen
Newsletter Editor	Jean Stuart
Membership Chair	Myrna Tureff-Egea
Members-At-Large	Esteban Egea
	Marlys Damman
	Mike Leaf
Web Master	Chris Parr

**M. Betty's** first order of business was to recommend a Life Membership for outgoing President **Sandee Goertzen**. **Chris Parr** made the motion which **Jo Ellen Roach** seconded. It was approved, and **Betty** presented **Sandee** with the associated certificate. **Sandee** said that she had enjoyed serving and that her administration had accomplished much but more remained to be done. She encouraged the gathering to feast on the University's provided food and drink.

N. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia A. Storck, Secretary

SEE YOU SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> FOR THE FALL MEETING