

U.T. DALLAS RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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October 28, 2010

Tuesday, November 16th, next General Meeting

The next General Meeting of the UTDRA will be held on November 16th, 2-4 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room (2.002) of the Residential Hall on Rutford Ave. Come early! Refreshments will be served starting at 1:30 p.m. We hope you will have time to enjoy visiting with all your fellow retirees before the meeting begins at 2 p.m. Parking will be available across the street in Lot "L".

Our speaker for the afternoon will be Diane Maguire, RSVP Program Coordinator of the Senior Source. We all know that it is "better to give than receive", but now there is evidence that backs up that claim. According to research done by the Corporation for National and Community Service, there are health benefits connected to those who perform volunteer work. Diane will speak about some of the findings as well as how you can start to enjoy those health benefits.

RSVP is one of eight programs from the Senior Source. Currently in Dallas and Collin Counties, there are approximately 2,200 volunteers aged 55 and over who are serving their communities as RSVP volunteers. With opportunities from over 200 non-profit organizations, there is a niche for every interest, skill and experience.

See you at the meeting!

President's Report

October 14-17th I was privileged to attend the 5th International Conference of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) held at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Ct.

The Conference offered networking opportunities and resources for those involved with supporting and creating programs for retired faculty and staff in higher education. Special panels of experienced professionals from around the US and Canada presented their successful practices, events, and activities. We also heard about volunteerism and service, senior housing, wellness initiatives and life-long learning programs.

I hope to share more of their ideas with our membership in the future, so that we can make our Retiree Association even better.

Betty Garrett, President

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MEMBERSHIP

As of October 31st, the RA membership is as follows:

Paid members128
(10 new members)
Paid spouses..... 33

Unpaid members..... 11

Again, I want to thank all the members who renewed their membership before the deadline of August 2nd. To those 11 unpaid members I say that I would like to encourage them to help RA make our goal of 100% by sending your renewal forms and check to Gwen Bowen.

By the time you read this November newsletter you will have received your RA TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. Over the past several months I have worked to compile the information from your 2010-2011 Membership Form and to create the first issue of the UT Dallas Retiree Association directory. Just a reminder that the directory is not a complete listing of members since some requested not to have their information listed, and that the directory is for the use of members ONLY. If your information needs to be updated, please e-mail me at mtureff@utdallas.edu with the information. This will help keep my membership database current. Thanks and enjoy your directory!!!!

Membership,
Myrna Tureff-Egea

State of the University

The State of the University by President Daniel will be held on Wednesday, November 3rd at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Center Auditorium. There is plenty of parking close to the Conference Center. This will be the first time that President Daniel will address the Faculty, Staff, Students and UTD Retirees all at the same time, so you may want to plan to arrive early.

Collin County Residents can vote on UTD Campus

On November 2, UT Dallas will host a Collin County polling place at NSERL. Polls will be open from 7am to 7pm, and all registered Collin County voters will be eligible to vote at NSERL. In order to accommodate a large voter turnout, the entire NSERL Parking Lot (Lot O) will be closed to all vehicles, except visitors that are actually using NSERL for voting purposes only. In addition, portions of Lot P just south of NSERL will be managed parking for those vehicles offset from Lot O and overflow voter parking. UT Dallas Police Department guards will be on hand to assist with voter traffic in both lots.

Coming Events for Retirees

On Wednesday, November 10, let's go to the Meadows Museum on the Southern Methodist University campus to see three fine exhibits: "The Prado at the Meadows: El Greco's Pentecost in a New Context," "Sultans and Saints: Spain's Confluence of Cultures," and "Spanish Muse: A Contemporary response." We will meet in the UTD parking lot east of the Library and just

west of Floyd Road at 9:30 a.m. for carpooling to the Museum, 5900 Bishop Boulevard, Dallas. Tickets are \$6 for seniors 65 and older and can be purchased at the Museum. Please contact Mary Hansen at maryhdec5@verizon.net 972.424.4640 for carpool reservations. For more information about the exhibits, please see www.meadowsmuseumdallas.org.

Wednesday, December 15

Save the date for our annual Christmas lunch at Compari's Restaurant. Sandee Goertzen is arranging this event for us.

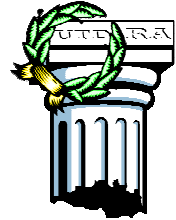


UT Dallas Retiree Association

DRAFT MINUTES

General Meeting Joint with TI

Plano Centre, Thursday, 23 September 2010



Present Ginger Anderson, Gwen Bowen, Cathy Brown, Rickie Brown, Marlys Damman, Peggy Eckelkamp, Don Foltz, Ann Gabel, Betty Garrett, Barbara Geiger, Gary Goertzen, Sandee Goertzen, Judi Hamby, Mike Leaf, Joyce Lee, Tricia Krause Lehman, Claire Occipinti, Chris Parr, Bill Pervin, Jo Ellen Roach, Donna Rogers, Deborah Stott, Pat Storck, Jean Stuart, Victor Worsfold

1. Call to Order. President **Betty Garrett** called the meeting to order at 3 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes. **Sandee Goertzen** called for the approval of the minutes of the previous general meeting. **Jean Stuart** seconded the motion. They were approved by voice vote.
3. President's Report
 - a. Operating Guidelines. The Guidelines are posted on our web page: www.utdallas.edu/ra
 - b. Audit Committee. The Audit Committee consists of **Sandee Goertzen**, and **Mike Leaf**. **Gwen Bowen** is an *ex-officio* member. **Cynthia Fawcett** and **Myrna Tureff-Egea** were added to the committee.
 - c. Perquisites. The web site needs to be changed to reflect that the Comet Card is now free, and only seniors (age 65 and older) get free tuition. Emerita (**Deborah Stott**) get special parking passes good for **ORANGE**. (**Marlys Damman** announced that her perq for having been a TI employee would be to join their alumna too!)
 - d. AROHE (Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education). **Betty Garrett** announced that she would be going to AROHE's Annual Convention in Connecticut the end of October.

4. Committee Reports.

- a. Social Committee. **Jo Ellen Roach** announced the *Sounds of Class Picnic* on Saturday, September 25. Everyone is invited to bring their picnic supper and enjoy the music on campus. She also mentioned the October 13th concert at UTD by **Kelly Durbin** at 8 pm. It is to be preceded by a dinner at **Judi & Ray Hamby's** (RSVP to **Jo Ellen**). She announced the visit to the *Meadows Museum* as November 15 (but it's actually Wednesday, November **10**) to see three exhibits. Lastly, the *Annual Christmas Lunch* will be on December 15th again at *Compari's*.
 - b. Membership Committee. In Myrna's absence, Betty Garrett reported our retiree members at 122. With 7 new and 28 spouses, the total is now 150. 13 have not renewed.
 - c. Treasurer's Report. **Gwen Bowen** reported that since the last meeting, at which our treasury stood at \$3,957.05, membership renewals have raised that to \$4,237.19.
 - d. Academic Senate. **Chris Parr** reported the last meeting of the Senate devoted almost ½ hour to the meaning of moral turpitude before striking it from the Fit For Duty guidelines. He also mentioned September 29 as the date of the Campus Beautification Reception.
 - e. Staff Council. **Sandee Goertzen** reported that flu shots will be available on October 26-28 and will be free to retirees. On November 3, **President Daniel** will deliver the State of the University message. The Beautification Ceremony will be at 10:30 am in the Trellis Plaza. She mentioned that the 14% rise in enrollment is stressing the infrastructure.
 - f. Calling Tree. **Barbara Geiger** called for two more volunteers to help call members to meetings.
5. Perquisites. **Rickie Brown** suggested that we request the same DART PASS perquisite that students, faculty, and staff receive. **Gwen Bowen** said that this was denied in the past. The pass would carry one throughout the DART system and TRS through Fort Worth. (The TRS transfer is then good for Fort Worth's bus system.)
6. Tuition-free classes. **Marlys Damman** mentioned that TI is interested in taking advantage of tuition-free courses. If they are seniors (age 65 or older), all State-supported institutions of higher education must permit tuition-free courses; all FEES, if any, must still be paid.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 3:23.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Storck, Secretary



September 23rd Meeting at the Plano Centre