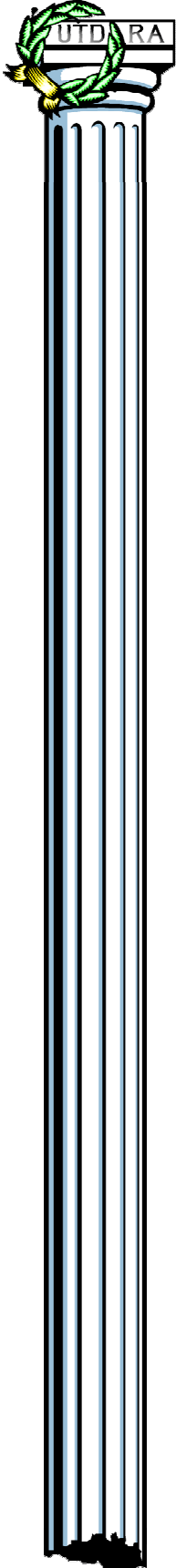


U.T. DALLAS RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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Announcing the Spring General Meeting
of The University of Texas at Dallas Retiree Assoc.
April 11, 2 p.m.
McDermott Library, Fourth Floor Suite

It's Spring and time for us to greet our new retirees! We hope you can join us for a special reception honoring them for their many years of service. President David Daniel will join us for this event, which will be hosted by our campus sponsor, Dr. Aaron Conley, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations.

This year we would like to invite ALL retirees to join us, including those who have not formally joined the Retiree Association. This is your personal invitation to come and greet your old friends and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship. A list of the new retirees is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Parking (with hangtags) will be in Lot G, north of the Library, with overflow in Lot C, if necessary (for Lot C, turn into the campus at the intersection of Floyd and Lookout, then the first left into the Lot C). Those retirees attending without hangtags will need to stop for a Visitor's Parking Pass, off the Campbell Road entrance to the university.

In order to help us with our planning, we are asking everyone to R.S.V.P. by April 1st to Sandee Goertzen at 972-495-7612 or by email at goertzen@utdallas.edu

We hope to see you there!

Come welcome this year's new retirees:

Patricia Atchley	Beverly Ballard	Cheryl Baxter
David Blair	Nancy Brumley	Sandra Burdine
Lawrence Cauller	Mary Chaffin	G.R. Dattatreya
Beth Dorsey	Carmelo Dorvil	Donald Dunn
Ralph Eberhart	Barbara Gordon	Gerald Gray
Linda Haines	Genevieve Hamulak	Dowla Hogan
Larry King	Patricia Krauss-Lehrman	Cynthia Ledbetter
Cindy MacArthur	Linda Mild	Nancy Miller
Ruth Oldham	Gayle Poirot	Marjorie Renfro
Mary Jo Rex	Judy Robertson	Donna Rogers
Barbara Seale	Angela Shoffstall	Nancy Van Ness
Victor Watkins	John Wawro, Jr.	Margaret Zotter

FIRST MONDAY ROCKFISH A SUCCESS

'First Monday Rockfish' is a new saying across campus. Effective Monday, March 7, 2011, Rockfish Restaurant at Campbell and Coit will be donating, to the Staff Council Scholarship Fund, all receipts above \$4,000 received on the first Monday of each

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month. So have lunch at the Coit Road Rockfish the first Monday and support the UTD Staff Scholarship Fund. Besides great food, a lot of UTD friends will be there.

Twenty UTD Retirees supported UTD Staff Council by having lunch at the Rockfish. We noticed several UTD staff members supporting the cause also. Staff Council members thanked the UTD RA members for their support and a good time was had by all.

UTD RETIREE ASSOCIATION
SOCIAL CALENDAR
APRIL 2011 THROUGH AUGUST 2011
COME JOIN US FOR FIRST MONDAY LUNCH

Monday, April 4	Dallas Arboretum Morning Tour and Lunch	Judi Hamby jhensley@utdallas.edu 214-683-9705
Friday, April 29	Dinner at Marcus Restaurant 6:00 p.m. Lookout and Custer I Love You, You're Perfect Now Change, 8:00 p.m., UTD Theatre	Jo Ellen Roach watkins7@aol.com 972-608-0082
Monday, May 2	Urban Crust, 11:15 a.m. 15 th & Avenue K Plano	Genevieve Hamulak ghamulak@gmail.com 972-690-0065
Sunday, May 15	Ice Cream Social 2:00 p.m. Howard & Jo Ellen Roach's Home	Jo Ellen Roach watkins7@aol.com 972-608-0082
Monday, June 6	Cadot Restaurant, 11:15 a.m. 1811 Preston Road #120	Judi Hamby jhensley@utdallas.edu 214-683-9705
Monday, July 11*	Holy Frijoles 11:15 Arapaho West of Custer	Ann Payne annhpayne@tx.rr.com 972-690-3998
Monday, August 1	Café Istanbul 11:15 7300 Lone Star Drive (Turkish Cuisine) Shops on Legacy	Jo Ellen roach Watkins7@aol.com 972-608-0082

*First Monday in July is the 4th. We could switch the date to the 11th or some other day.

CLARK LECTURE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Clark Lecture is taking place once again on April 12th. The School of Natural Science and Mathematics will once again be hosting this event and is looking for volunteers, especially from the UTD RA members, to help out at this event. There will be various jobs that will need to be



done, and if you are willing to help out or want more information, please contact the staff members listed on the brochure below.



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**UTD Retiree Association
General Meeting Draft Minutes
23 February 2011
2 pm, Student Services Building**

Present: Beverly Ballard, David Blair, Gwen Bowen, Marlys Damman, Mike Durbin, Richard Fisher, Barbara Geiger, Ekkehard Kuner, Mike Leaf, Betty Garrett, Gary Goertzen, Sandee Goertzen, Barbara Gordon, Carolyn Musket, Chris Parr, Bill Pervin, Diane Reed, Howard Roach, Jo Ellen Roach, Ann Shoffstall, Pat Storck, Deborah Stott, Jean Stuart, Victor Worsfold

Guests: Darrelene Rachavong, Cassini Nazir

1. **Betty Garrett** introduced **Darrelene Rachavong** as having been a UTD minion for lo these many years, knowing where all the skeletons are buried (**Chris Parr** recommended her immediate execution). **Darrelene** brought us up-to-date on the student facilities under construction as well as finished.

- a. **Existing Facilities**

- i. The first **Student Residence Hall**; it houses 1,400 freshman and features laundry room which sends texts to students when their laundry is done. Students live in pods with shared bathrooms. Much research was done on the design. The facility is in use even when students aren't present. In summer, for example, conferences and camps are held in this building. However, *in loco parentis* is a problem as kids have climbed the fence to get onto the basketball field at night to play poker and generally party with pizza all night.
- ii. **Dining Hall**. This facility was designed with freshman parents in mind. They're cognizant of their children's inability to cook. So there'll be a Meal Plan. But it cannot look like high school cafeteria.
- iii. **Student Services Building**. Students complained that not all student services were in one place. So they taxed themselves \$70 per semester to pay for this! There are *Living Learning Communities*, *Student Transition Programs*, and other new programs.
- iv. **Science Learning Center** is a 47,000 square foot facility housing math, science, and engineering lecture halls as well as faculty offices. It's a "pretty building" north of Berkner where the old cafeteria used to be. It includes a bridge to Berkner.
- v. **Founders Renovation** is "a beautiful facelift" next to the Student Union Building. It features an atrium.

- b. **Buildings to come**

- i. Residence Hall #2 will be identical on outside to #1. It should be ready by Fall of 2011 to house another 400. But the University has freshmen applicants sufficient for 150 more apartments. **Darralenne** hopes #2 is on-line as of June 2011. Next summer's conferences can be expanded to fill 1 & 2. (Residence #3 on horizon.) They serve Freshmen only; sophomores must move out. #2 features classrooms, a media room, and study halls. A Loop Road runs between Residences 1 and 2, a "bad choice." The vision was for #3 and 4 to enclose a quad, but that road forbids it.
- ii. **Bookstore and Visitors Center** is to exist off the Activities Center as a "place for people to spill out from graduation," according to **Provost Wildenthal**. It will include a multipurpose room and a coffee shop. In July 2011, the current Bookstore will be torn down, replaced by the Visitor's Center by the Arts & Technology Complex.
- iii. **Arts & Technology Complex** replaces the "Art Barn." The Complex will have studios and a 1,200-seat auditorium.
- iv. **Student Union Renovations** are "edgy," according to **Darrelene**, hip, modern, and thoroughly with it. The 1st floor of the union building is to be cleared. Renovation has received heavy input from the students. "Designed cacophony." Creative, not boring. Student groups will work there. It employs an urban community concept. Student media (Mercury, UTD TV, etc) take up ½ of the space. ¼ is devoted to a meeting room; next year, Darrelene will invite us to meet there. Frats occupy the remaining ¼. A "Reflection Room" is included for meditation and prayer. We are not to think of it as "funky;" it is "edgy." We betray our age if we can't translate the lingo. Students levied themselves \$60K to renovate the 2nd floor.
- v. **Student Union Expansion** The Union is too crowded now with all pool tables and meeting rooms regularly in use. The architect designed two buildings, one for \$22M and one for \$45M. The Student Senate voted for the \$45M version! A referendum will be on the next student ballot. It will be paid for with another \$70 per semester, giving a total of \$130 in semesterly student union fees. The building will house 4,500 square feet of retail space, a convenience store "at Wall Mart prices," by student mandate. After those fees, that's all they'll be able to afford. There will be an expanded pub of 6,500 square feet and a 600-seat multifunction room. Since "the library is too quiet," there will be TV sets blaring in a "multitasking room" where students can "see & be seen." All of this was too much for **Darrelene**, who admitted it "Blew me away" but "that's how they've grown up." Total square footage of 112,000 will double the current size. Lastly, there will be a 450-seat theater so the students "don't have to beg use" of other facilities. All of this is under the watchful eyes of the "SUAABbies."
- c. **Living learning communities** are built around disciplines, but some are general. Faculty members are involved with them at least once a month.
- d. **Student volunteerism**. There is now an Assistant Director of Student Volunteerism and Coordination.. That office offers Alternative Spring Break Services like *Habitat for Humanity*.

- e. **Student media** consist of the Mercury, A Modest Proposal, Radio TV, and UTD TV.
- f. **Athletics** UTD is now Division 3 and has hosted American SW Conference Basketball. It has amassed 9 conference titles since 2002 with 12 intercollegiate sports programs and 225+ student athletes.
- g. **Fraternity & Sorority Life** It's not "Greek Life" anymore. We have 14 chapters on campus. UTD maintains a hands-on approach with those students. **Darrelene** is proud that "we've never made front page of The Dallas Morning News.
- h. **Spirit Groups!** Cheerleaders. Power Dancers, and the Pep Band (courtesy of **Dean Kratz**) are led by **Dr. Winston** who teaches band. Apparently, they sounded great; **Darrelene** said, it "surprised me"
- i. **Temoc**, the Comet mascot with the silly name, is an embarrassment. The students voted to keep the character but ditch the name. However **President Daniel** wouldn't permit the change.
- j. **UTD Student Experience:** Freshman Year has its Comet Camp. Now sophomores want theirs. Senior & Transfer Year Experience was developed to serve arriving students. Students have "their hands held" though the sophomore year.
- k. **Student Organizations;** These consist of 170+ groups.
- l. "Go Comets!"
- m. **Q&A**
 - i. **Marlys Damman** asked about parking, in particular, there is "no place to park on campus anymore except on the fringes." **Darrelene** said that the University is making "pretty places to walk from cars" by beautifying parking. There is talk about parking garages. Students complain, but **Peter Walker**, the architect of the center of campus concept insists parking should surround the campus with pedestrian-only areas in the interior.
 - ii. **Deborah Stott** wanted to know how many students we now have. Answer: 17,000. Grad 40%- UG 60%+
 - iii. Someone asked about the purposes of the bushes. A: Architect plans call for spaces between hedges to see pieces of the campus to raise curiosity in passer-bys to come to campus. There will always be spaces between the bushes. It suggests a steeple chase.
 - iv. In a question about arming the students and faculty, **Darrelene** said that no one favors it, but it will pass nevertheless. It's Texas, after all. She has talked to UTD's Police Chief, and he's not alarmed. If a Virginia Tech happens, then armed students may THINK they can handle it. That's his only concern. He thinks shooting up the campus is unlikely. The Counseling Center used to treat test anxiety, but it now treats bipolarity & clinical depression. We've hospitalized 8 students to prevent suicides. We're trending upwards in insanity.
 - v. **Marlys Damman** asked if UTD will keep its soccer fields. A: Yes, and we're to add 2-3 more fields. Three new basketball courts were constructed recently. **Peter Walker** loves sports complexes.
 - vi. **Betty Garrett** remarked that it "certainly has changed from our time!"

After a brief intermission, the RA business meeting began at 2:51.

- 2. **Minutes** of November 16th were moved for approval by **Deborah Stott** and seconded by **Mike Leaf**. They were approved.

3. **Gwen Bowen** reported on the **membership** in **Myrna Egea-Tureff's** absence. We have an additional 4 members, 2 renewed + 2 new
4. **Gwen** also reported as **Treasurer**. Our current balance: \$4,268.97
5. **Sandee Goertzen** reported that **Staff Council** was canceled.
6. **Chris Parr** reported on the **Faculty Senate**. Nothing of interest.
7. **Jo Ellen** reported for the **Social Committee**. There will be 1st Monday lunches beginning next March 7 at *Rockfish* where 10% of the proceeds go towards Scholarships for Staff Council that day. In addition, with a UTD Comet Card, you can receive a discount. For the remainder of the program:
 1. Arboretum lunch on April 4th. There will be a special surprise. **Deborah Stott** asked, "You CAN'T tell us now?" **Judi Hamby** is coordinating this event.
 2. **Jo Ellen** coordinates the dinner at the Marcus Restaurant at 5:30 pm on April 29th to be followed by a performance of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* at the UTD Theatre.
 3. **Genevieve Hamulack** chairs the May 2nd lunch at Urban Crust.
 4. **Jo Ellen** hosts an Ice Cream Social at her home at 2 pm on May 15th.
 5. **Judi Hamby** coordinates lunch at Cadot Restaurant at 11:15 am on June 6th.
 6. **Ann Payne** will do the honors for Holy Frijoles on July 11th.
 7. And **Jo Ellen** chairs the lunch at Café Istanbul (Legacy) on August 1st.
 8. **Jo Ellen** thanked all her committee members, **Judi, Genevieve, Mary Hanson, Sandee, and Ann**. She also thanked **Jean Stuart** for advertising the events. If members have no email but want notice of events, they can give their telephone number to **Jo Ellen**.
8. **Jean Stuart** said **Jo Ellen** can't get along without her "because I have all the emails." Notices of the *Richardson Adult Literacy Murder Mystery at the Library* will be coming soon. If we want other events shared, we can send the notices to **Jean**.
9. **Betty Garrett's President's Report**. On the question of free DART passes: **Paula Bratt** reports that current contracts forbid it. That's true for only this year. However, UTD will try to renegotiate to add retirees next year. **Chris Parr** mentioned that that is worth \$384. Comet Cards are free, not \$18, as they used to be. They may be obtained at the Student Union at the Comet desk on the 2nd floor. They photograph you and hand you a card with your photo on it.
 1. **Deborah Stott** asked about a list of Comet Card discounts? A: See the UTD website UTDALLAS.EDU referencing the Comet Card. **Chris** will put the link on our website, UTDALLAS.EDU/RA.
 2. Will health insurance be changing next year? No, Human Resource will be available to tell us at our April meeting. Changes may result from the TX budget deficit.
 3. Will the NEW SOFTWARE SYSTEM leave us able to access personal benefits? **Sandee Goertzen** responded that it may be June before they know. **Barbara Geiger** spoke of receiving Early Retiree Reinsurance Program from Austin that said "no action is required at this time" **Victor Worsfold** contended, "We all threw that away."
10. **Nominations Committee Sandee Goertzen** is the only member of this committee. A slate of candidates was presented at this meeting to be voted upon in APRIL. At that meeting, one can nominate anyone else. **Betty Garrett** thanked one and all, indicating that, as the Nominations Committee next year, "I may need some help!" The slate of officers follows:
 1. **President Mike Durbin**
 2. **President Elect Marlys Damman**
 3. **Secretary Sandee Goertzen**
 4. **Treasurer Gwen Bowen**
 5. **Membership Myrna Tureff-Egea**

6. **Newsletter Jean Stuart**
7. **Members at Large Patsy Aguilera, Michelina Leaf, Peg Zotter**
11. **Other Business Mike Durbin** was asked to replace **Victor Worsfold**. He finds the prospect daunting. We all agreed it was “wonderful that he'd volunteered.” **Mike** told us that he'd phoned **Gov. Perry** because “he thinks he can replace God.” He will ask **Victor** to “give me language lessons in summer. He would have brought great joy!” **Victor** replied, “I've only been ill; I haven't lost my voice.”
12. A tour of the Student Services Building began at 3:13 pm with the adjournment of our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Storck, Secretary