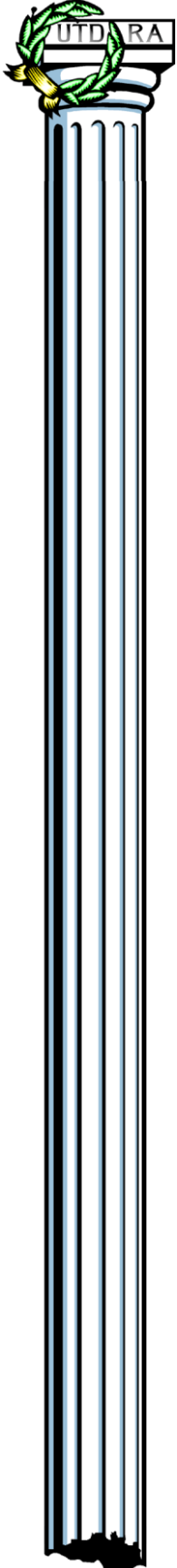


# U.T. DALLAS RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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## **LETTER FROM the PRESIDENT**

The UTD Retired Faculty/Staff Association was chartered in 2003 as an official University organization under the sponsorship of the Human Resources Department. Since then our name has changed to the UTD Retiree Association and we now operate under The Office of Vice-President for Development and Alumni Relations (VPDAA). Our two signature events have become the Christmas Luncheon each December and the New Retiree Reception each April. Socialization has been the primary focus of the group, with luncheons, excursions, and entertainment events defining our main activities. The adoption of By-Laws at our first official meeting on February 23, 2005, marked the actual birth of our association and so it is appropriate that our meeting on February 22, 2012, be a celebration of our first seven years of existence. We have proudly witnessed a remarkable transition on campus over these last seven years as the University has prospered in all respects under the guidance of President Daniel. We are equally proud of the efforts put forth by our own membership to make the Retirees' Association a success. Listed below are members who have volunteered their time and efforts to serve as officers or committee chairs of the association over these past seven years. I know you join with me in thanking them for their service.

Patsy Aguilera  
Gwen Bowen  
Carla Carpenter  
Shirley Cassidy  
Marlys Damman  
Dottie Dunkelberger  
Mike Durbin  
Peggy Eckelkamp  
Esteban Egea  
Cynthia Fawcett  
Betty Garrett

Barbara Geiger  
George Gerken  
Sandy Gillette  
Santee Goertzen  
Judi Hamby  
Mary Hansen  
Ekkehard Kuner  
Mike Leaf  
Sallie Mackey  
Susan Marsh  
Carolyn Muskett

Chris Parr  
Ann Payne  
Diane Reed  
Jo Ellen Roach  
Bob Rutford  
Pat Storck  
Jean Stuart  
Myrna Tureff-Egea  
Linda Williamson  
Victor Worsfold  
Peg Zotter

Mike Durbin  
Retiree Association President (2011/2012)

## ***Let's Have a PARTY - and Celebrate US***

The UTD Retiree Association's third meeting of the 2011/2012 school year will take place on **Wednesday, February 22, 2012**. We will meet from **2:00 to approximately 3:30 P.M.** in the **Faculty/Staff Dining Room** (in the Student Union Extension Building). To celebrate our association's seven years of existence we will have a BIRTHDAY cake and a festive atmosphere. The slate of officer nominees for the 2012/2013 school year will be presented by the Association's nominating committee and additional nominees will be solicited from the floor. Chris Parr will regale us with stories/video of his and Pat's sojourn through deepest Africa. Questions will be answered and we will leave the meeting with an expanded knowledge of our wondrous planet earth. Moreover, you will once again have the opportunity to come together



### **Board Officers**

**President**  
Mike Durbin

**Vice President**  
Marlys Damman

**Treasurer**  
Gwen Bowen

**Secretary**  
Santee Goertzen

**Members at-Large**  
Mike Leaf  
Peg Zotter  
Patsy Aguilera

**Newsletter Editor**  
Ekkehard Kuner

**Membership**  
Jean Stuart

**Past Presidents**  
Betty Garrett  
Santee Goertzen  
Chris Parr  
Jo Ellen Roach  
Linda Williamson  
Jean Stuart

with old friends and colleagues and savor shared memories and experiences. So please plan to attend and let Mike Durbin know of those plans with an email ([mike@durbintech.com](mailto:mike@durbintech.com)) or phone call (972-271-8779) message (for head count purposes). Mike will also be happy to set up transportation arrangements if such are needed in order for you to attend. See you on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with your festive SMILE in tow!

### **Retiree Reception on April 12, 2012**

The UTD Retiree Association will hold its annual Reception for New Retirees on Thursday afternoon, **April 12, 2012**, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. in the McDermott Suite of the Library. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to help us welcome the new retirees into our world of leisurely meanderings around the globe. Dr. Daniel will address the membership and new officers for 2012/2013 will be formally elected. Goodies (with wine) will be provided and more details will be published as the date draws closer.

### **Officer Nominees for 2012/2013**

The Nominating Committee for the 2012/2013 slate of association officers consists of Betty Garrett ([gbgarrett@tx.rr.com](mailto:gbgarrett@tx.rr.com)), Sandee Goertzen ([goertzen@utdallas.edu](mailto:goertzen@utdallas.edu)), and Mike Leaf ([mikeleaf@netzero.net](mailto:mikeleaf@netzero.net)). If you would be interested in serving as an officer of the Retiree Association in 2012/2013, please contact one of these three members. We are in particular need of a retired faculty member to serve as Vice President/President Elect.

### **Membership Report:**

We now have 154 members. Of that number 125 are retirees and 29 are spouses. Included in this number are new members Vickie Bullock and her husband Ken, and Herman Harrison. A hearty welcome to them!

Jean Stuart  
Membership

### **Social Committee Report:**

#### **First Monday Lunch**

Come join us for food and fun this spring! We will continue our First Monday Lunch tradition at 11:30. Here's the spring schedule:

- February 6: ***B.J.'s Restaurant and Brewhouse***, 1101 N. Central Expressway, Plano (on the access road between Collin Creek Mall and 15<sup>th</sup> Street.) B.J.'s features deep dish pizza, a bunch of great sounding burgers, soups, salads and entrees. They brew their own root beer (perfect for a float!) Their website is [www.bjsrestaurants.com](http://www.bjsrestaurants.com). Make reservations to: Ann Payne at [annhpayne@yahoo.com](mailto:annhpayne@yahoo.com).
- March 5: Lunch at the ***Arboretum***, following a tour of Dallas Blooms (see details under "Activities" below)
- April 2: ***Rockfish***, 7639 Campbell Road (corner of Campbell and Coit). We make it a "habit" to eat here twice a year because they give us a UTD discount and make a contribution to the Staff Council Scholarship Fund on the first Monday of each month. You know how good the food is! If you don't, come find out! Make reservations to Sandee Goertzen at [goertzen@utdallas.edu](mailto:goertzen@utdallas.edu).

May 7: **Primavera Italian Restaurante**, 2220 Coit, Suite 420 (northeast corner of Coit and Park in Plano). Sure they have pizza and sub sandwiches, but why bother when you can splurge on shrimp scampi, chicken or veal marsala, or yummy pasta dishes. Can't decide on a pasta? The Primavera sampler has lasagna, manicotti and ravioli baked in tomato sauce and covered in mozzarella cheese! And, they have a private dining room so it will be easy to visit. Their website is [www.primaveraitalian.com](http://www.primaveraitalian.com). Make reservations to Jo Ellen Roach at [watkins7@aol.com](mailto:watkins7@aol.com).

**Special Events for spring:** Mark your calendar now and invite a retiree friend to join in these opportunities to broaden our horizons and just have fun!

**THE LEVEE SINGERS AT POCKET SANDWICH THEATER - February 28:**

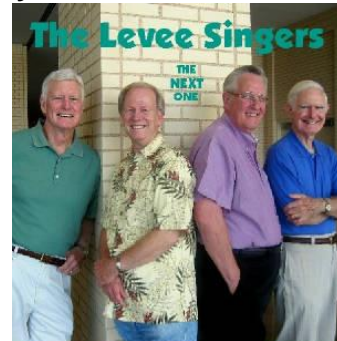
The Levee Singers are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary which means that they (1) have been singing a long time and(2)are senior citizens just like us! These guys sell out the place. If you've never heard them, watch the YouTube video on their website [www.edburnet.com](http://www.edburnet.com). The video also shows the Pocket Sandwich Theater, a small, tiered venue that serves food before the show. The theater's website is [www.pocketsandwich.com](http://www.pocketsandwich.com).

Address: 5400 E. Mockingbird, Suite 119 (across the street and just east of Mockingbird Station.)

Time: Dinner: begins at 6:15 (sandwiches, nachos, etc.)  
Show: 7:30

Price: Tickets to the show are \$20; food and beverage charges additional

Reservations: Must to be made to [annhpayne@yahoo.com](mailto:annhpayne@yahoo.com) by February 10. (These guys sell out the place!)



**DALLAS BLOOMS: SPRING AT THE ARBORETUM – Monday, March 5:**

Perhaps the best part of spring in Dallas is the tulips and daffodils - and the best place to see them is at the Dallas Arboretum! Again this year, Susan Daniel (wife of President Daniel and an Arboretum board member) has made 25 free tickets available to us.

Time: 10:00 for self-paced tour followed by lunch at 11:30

Address 8525 Garland Rd, Dallas

Reservations: Contact Mike Durbin at [mike@durbintech.com](mailto:mike@durbintech.com)



A great way to stay up to date is to visit [www.utdallas.edu/ra/calendar.htm](http://www.utdallas.edu/ra/calendar.htm) for information and updates on social activities.

### AN AFTERNOON AT THEATER THREE

Wednesday, March 14:

We will see the matinee performance of The Farnsworth Invention.

This is the mile-a-minute Broadway drama by Aaron Sorkin, 2011 Oscar-winning writer of *Social Network* and TV's *The West Wing*. It's 1929. Two ambitious visionaries race against each other to invent a device called 'television'. Who will discover the key to the powerful innovation of the 20th century: the ruthless media mogul, or the self-taught Idaho farm boy?

Time: 2:00 Performance;  
1:00 departure from Richardson if you want to carpool (suggested because of limited parking).

Address : 2800 Routh St. #168, in the Quadrangle

Price: \$12 per ticket

Reservations: Contact Diane Reed at [dianereed1@swbell.net](mailto:dianereed1@swbell.net) by March 1

### AN EVENING AT THE UT DALLAS THEATRE – April 20:

We will see the production of The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putman County Spelling Bee. No, it's not a contest for smart kids; it's a Broadway musical about six young people in the throes of puberty, overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, learning that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser.

This hilarious tale of overachievers' angst chronicles the experience of six adolescent outsiders vying for the spelling championship of a lifetime. The Tony Award winning show also gives the audience a chance to participate as spellers in the bee!

Prior to the show, we will meet at Marcus Café for dinner.

Time: 6:00 Dinner  
8:00 Show

Address: UT Dallas Theatre

Marcus Café: 2700 Custer Road (in Il Creeks at the corner of Lookout and Custer)

Price: Discounted tickets for retirees (details to follow)

Dinner menu at [www.marcuscafe.com](http://www.marcuscafe.com)

Reservations: Details to be announced

### A DAY IN FORT WORTH – Tuesday, May 15



We plan to carpool west to see the **Kimball Art Museum** special exhibit "The Age of Impressionism," followed by lunch at the Kimball. Those who want to see more will go to the Amon Carter Museum exhibit called "Romance Maker: The Watercolors of Charles M. Russell." Details will follow, but for information about the exhibits go to [www.kimbellart.org](http://www.kimbellart.org) and [www.cartermuseum.org](http://www.cartermuseum.org).

October's Monday Lunch at Rockfish



Pictures from December  
General Meeting:  
Dancing with the Stars??!



Christmas Luncheon



Trip to the Gaylord



UNAPPROVED  
The University of Texas at Dallas  
Retiree Association Minutes  
General Membership Meeting  
December 8, 2011, 1:30 p.m., University Theatre

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patsy Aguilera, David Blair, Gwen Bowen, Marlys Damman, Carol Durbin, Mike Durbin, Betty Garrett, Barbara Geiger, Sandee Goertzen, Judi Hamby, Ray Hamby, Walter Johnston, Mike Leaf, Lew Lewis, Mickey Lewis, Carolyn Musket, Deborah Stott

**1. Meeting called to Order**

Mike Durbin called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**2. Minutes approved**

A motion was made by Betty Garrett and seconded by Deborah Stott to approve the minutes of September 14, 2011. The motion passed.

**3. Treasurer Report**

Gwen Bowen presented the Treasurer's Report which showed a balance of \$4,763.22. Expenses presented were \$42.29 for bank supplies, \$16.97 for meeting supplies and a \$250 donation to the University's Office of Development for their general campaign. An additional \$30.00 was collected in dues.

**4. Audit Report**

The internal Audit Committee, consisting of Gwen Bowen, Mike Leaf and Patsy Aguilera, presented their findings and approval of the books of 2010-2011.

**5. Membership Report**

Jean Stuart, the membership Chair, was not available to give a membership report for the previous period.

**6. Social Committee**

Judi Hamby reported that there would not be a luncheon the first Monday in January but would be the second Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas luncheon was to be at Compari's on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. Sandee Goertzen will be coordinating that luncheon.

**7. Staff Council Report**

Sandee Goertzen reported that at the November meeting of the Staff Council, Dr. Wright and his staff spoke regarding the parking at UTD. There will be special event parking in the outer lot along Floyd Road, just south of the Police Department. This area will be designated only for special events. People will park there and shuttles will deliver them to the specific building that the special event is being held. A 15 passenger van has already been purchased and there will also be two ten passenger golf carts for picking up the guests that come to campus for special events. Two new parking garages have been approved for campus. One will be by the new housing and the other east of the tennis courts on drive A. There will be no more parking meters using coins. They will use credit cards and can be paid by phone. The loop around campus is still in the planning stages but should be started soon.

Child Care on campus is being discussed once again. There is a committee headed by Lauren Decillis that is working on that plan.

**8. Old Business**

Since there was no old business, the Chair moved on to item 9.

**9. New business**

There was no new business, so the meeting was adjourned.

**10. The membership then moved to the dance studio and the two dancers in residence gave the membership lessons in stretching and dancing.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Sandee Goertzen  
Secretary  
UTD RA