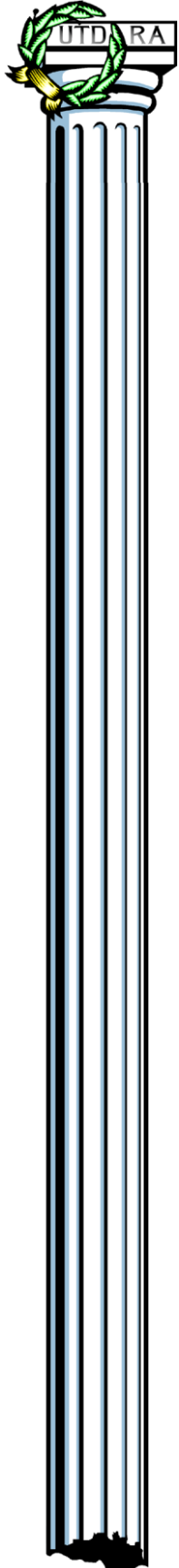


# U.T. DALLAS RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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## Letter from the President

We are in the home stretch to finish off another school year, so it must be time for our annual New Retirees Reception. The date for the reception is **Wednesday, April 25, 2012**, with a start time of **1:45 PM**. As usual, the reception will be held in the **McDermott Suite** of the University **Library**. I urge all our association members to make a concerted effort to attend this event, our fourth and final meeting of the 2011/12 school year. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a list of the new UTD retirees (those who retired between April 1, 2011 and April 1, 2012) invited to attend the reception. I'm sure you will find numerous friends and past colleagues on this list, so please come out and help honor these newest entrants into our relaxed state of existence. Sandee Goertzen will be keeping track of those who plan to attend, so please contact **Sandee** (via either email at [goertzen@utdallas.edu](mailto:goertzen@utdallas.edu) or phone at **972-495-7612**) to let her know of your intent to attend (with number of attendees). Please contact Sandee by **Friday, April 20, 2012**.

In an earlier email to association members the New Retirees reception was erroneously referred to as a New Retirees Luncheon. Although the Reception is not a luncheon, there will be heavy h'ordeuvres and some fine wines for you to consume. For special on-campus events such as our New Retirees Reception the University now provides a shuttle service to make **PARKING** more convenient. A (highly visible) tent will be set up on the grass between parking lots A and B on the day of our Reception. A shuttle will be available from thirty minutes before (**1:15 PM**) to thirty minutes after (**2:15 PM**) the scheduled start time for our event. The shuttle will also be available at the end of our event to return attendees to the parking lot. So on April 25<sup>th</sup> simply park in lots A or B as close as possible to the tent and wait at the tent for the shuttle that will transport you to the library. After the Reception (approximately 3:45-4:00) the shuttles will be at the entrance to the library to transport you back to the parking lots.

Over this past year your executive committee has worked hard to plan, coordinate, and execute Retiree Association activities. Two regular attendees at these meetings who are not currently voting members of the executive committee were the webmaster (Chris Parr) and our Social Committee chair (Judi Hamby). At this final meeting of 2011/12 the executive committee will present to the membership an amendment to Association by-laws making these two essential and important positions voting members of the executive committee. As per our by-laws approval by two-thirds of those members in attendance will be required to approve this proposed amendment.

Although I will continue to serve as your president until August 31, 2012, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the association, and most especially the other members of the executive committee, for their support during this 2011/12 school year. It has been a distinct privilege to serve as your president and to represent the association at University events. The maturing of our Retiree

### Board Officers

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Sandee Goertzen  
Chris Parr  
Jo Ellen Roach  
Linda Williamson  
Jean Stuart

Association over these past seven years has paralleled the enormous transitional change we have seen in the UTD campus and educational community. We all seem to sense that UTD is on course to fulfill the exciting vision of its founders. Please remember and take pride in the fact that each of you has played a part in moving the University towards that vision.

Mike Durbin, UTD Retiree Association President (2011/2012)

### **Agenda for April 25, 2012 Meeting**

- 1:45 Social Time (Food and Wine Served)  
2:15 Dr. Daniel's Presentation  
2:50 Business Meeting
1. Meeting called to order
  2. Introduction of New Retirees
  3. Approval of February 22, 2012 Minutes
  4. Reports
    - A. Membership Report: Jean Stuart
    - B. Treasurer's Report: Gwen Bowen
    - C. Social Committee Report: Judi Hamby
    - D. Staff Council Report: Sandee Goertzen
    - E. Faculty Senate Report: Chris Parr
  5. New Business:
    - A. Proposed Amendment to Association By-Laws
    - B. Slate of Officers for 2012/2013: Betty Garrett
    - C. Floor Open for Additional Nominations
    - D. Election of 2012/2013 Association Officers
    - E. Next Meeting
  6. Adjournment

#### **New Retirees**

Ansley, Jean	Engen, Maria	Lewis, Michele
Armour, Philip	Frederick, Carole	Mcgee, Carol
Aylesworth, George	Fenyves, Ervin	Nason, Meryl
Barnes, George	Guyer, Judy	Orme, Sophia
Bullock, Victoria	Harrison, Herman	Parsons, James
Bower, Thomas	Heckathorn, Jeri	Perkowski, Gaby
Butts, Thomas	Hoggard, Connie	Pohle, Michael
Caffery, Sharon	Hoorman, Phyllis	Rogers, Melissa
Chafin-Garrett, Glenys	Jordan, Judy	Solcher, Charles
Clarkson, Sherry	Johnston Jr., Walter	Thomas, Carole
Coppage, Darlene	Kim, Heja	Trimble, Mary Jo
Coleman, Michael	Kilbourn, Margaret	Tozer, Richard
Cooper, H.	Lambert, Fatiah	Wilson, Larry
Deal, Sharon	Lanham, Carol	Witt, Virginia

## Kick-Off Luncheon for Coordinated Campaign

On Thursday, March 29, 2012, the University kicked off the public phase of the first coordinated fund-raising campaign in University history. The campaign will run through 2014 and has a goal of raising \$200,000,000. During the silent phase of the campaign (which started in 2009) over \$110,000,000 has been raised. So there's still a need for some \$90,000,000 to be pledged if you happen to have any million dollar checks lying around your house. Actually Dr. Daniels doesn't need you to donate millions, just whatever you can afford. For faculty and staff (both active and retired) the big issue for fund-raising purposes is the percentage of participation. The higher the level of participation by vested parties (employees, alumni, and students) the more attention (and potential money) the University can garner from corporate and institutional entities. So go to the [utdallas.edu](http://utdallas.edu) web site and click on the "Realize the Vision, the Campaign for Tier One and Beyond" button (bottom right-hand corner of the home page) to read about the campaign and make your pledged contribution. Some dozen members of the Retiree Association attended the noon Kick-Off luncheon in a special tent set up just outside the visitor center. That evening a more formal sit-down dinner was held in the same tent for major current and potential supporters of the University. Your Retiree Association president attended this evening sit-down meal as your representative on the UTD Development Board

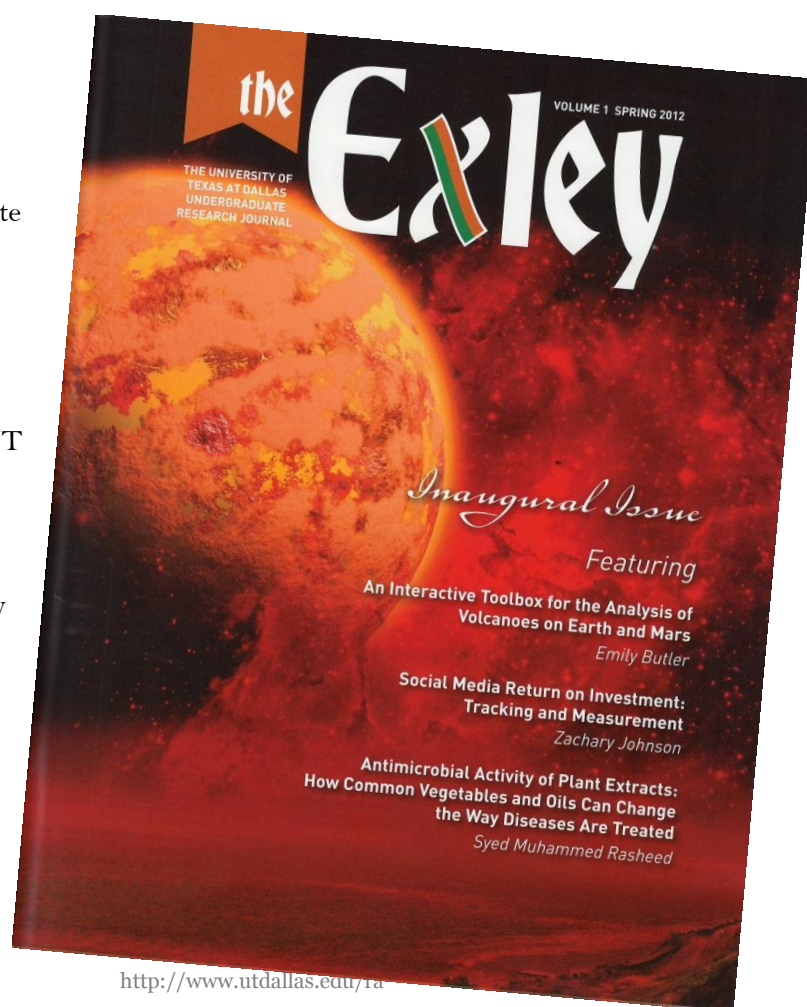
## Note from Newsletter Editor

From the first volume of the *The Exley*:

"... In the spring of 2011, Ms. Elizabeth Exley Hodge made a generous donation to support the publication of UT Dallas's first interdisciplinary undergraduate research journal.."

"... *The Exley* was established to provide a platform for UT Dallas undergraduates to publish research articles and creative works."

*The Exley* was presented at a luncheon at UT Dallas on March 29 hosted by Dr. Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, Dean of Undergraduate Education as part of the kick-off for the "Realize the Vision, the Campaign for Tier One and Beyond". Libby Hodge, a member of our association, retired in 1986 from the Office of Sponsored Projects.



February's General Meeting Was A Birthday Party!



With fellowship,



Music directed by Mike

The RETIREES' ANTHEM  
By Anonymous  
Take me out of the ball game,  
Send me off to the beach,  
Bring me some grandkids with joyful smiles,  
Come back and get 'em 'fore sunset please,  
Let me play, play, play like a kid again,  
And what I forget is my chance,  
For it's one, two, three, and we're off  
To a brand NEW GAME!

and an interesting program presented by Chris Parr



## Trip to Dallas Blooms at the Arboretum



On March 5, 2012, approximately 30 members of the Retiree Association gathered to wander the grounds at the Arboretum and share a first-Monday lunch at the Arboretum's patio café. It was a gorgeous day for such an event, cloudless, sun-drenched, pleasant light breeze, and shirt-sleeve temperatures. Hundreds of Thousands of flowers were in bloom, but most trees were still struggling to emerge from winter's slumber. This Arboretum sojourn has become an annual event for the Association and will undoubtedly continue to be so. The Association wishes to thank Susan Daniel for her support in obtaining tickets for the outing. If you didn't attend this year, try to make the journey next year. It is truly worth the effort and the company is also great.



### First Monday Lunch in February at B.J.'s



### First Monday Lunch in April at Rockfish



#### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**FIRST MONDAY LUNCH – MAY 7:** Primavera Italian Restaurant, 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).

We are about to plan our lunch meetings for June, July and August! Send your suggestions to [judihamby@gmail.com](mailto:judihamby@gmail.com).

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

We will see the production of *The 25th 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 II Creeks at the corner of Lookout and Custer)

**Price:** \$15 (for the theater – dinner on your own)

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

**Reservations:** to Gayle Poirot at [gpoirot@yahoo.com](mailto:gpoirot@yahoo.com) by April 12.

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

Go West, Retirees, for a taste of culture! We will carpool to the Kimbell Art Museum leaving Richardson at 8:30 am (pick-up spots to be determined once reservations are made) to see the Clark Collection of Impressionist paintings.

The Kimbell Art Museum is the sole American venue for this first-ever international touring exhibition of the renowned Impressionist collection of the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Massachusetts. The 73 paintings in the exhibition include 21 Renoirs and six Monets, along with works by Degas, Manet, Pissarro, Sisley, Morisot, Gauguin, Toulouse-Lautrec, and other prominent French painters of the period. Among them are some of the most familiar masterpieces of the Impressionist era.

Lunch will be at the Kimbell at The Buffet Restaurant at 11:30 (the only time they take reservations.) The restaurant has a selection of soups, salads, sandwiches and quiche.

Those who wish to continue on will go to the Amon Carter Museum to see “Romance Maker: The Watercolors of Charles M. Russell.”

More than 100 of the finest watercolors by Charles M. Russell (1864–1926) will be featured in this special exhibition. Never before have so many of these singular depictions of the Old West been brought together. Russell's advice to a fellow artist to “sinch your saddle on romance” defined his work, where vivid subjects culled from his own youthful experiences were fused with the power of his artistic imagination to create unforgettable images of the mythic American frontier.

We will be back “home” before 5:00 p.m.

For more information about the exhibits go to [www.kimbellart.org](http://www.kimbellart.org) and [www.cartermuseum.org](http://www.cartermuseum.org)

**Time:** 8:30 departure from Richardson

**Price:** Kimbell is \$6 for seniors on Tuesdays (including audio guide!) and the Carter is free! (cost of lunch on your own)

**Reservations:** to Judi Hamby at [judihamby@gmail.com](mailto:judihamby@gmail.com) or 972-238-9102 by April 20. Let us know if you want to come home after lunch or continue on to the Carter. Also, let us know if you can drive or need a ride.

UNAPPROVED  
The University of Texas at Dallas  
Retiree Association Minutes  
General Membership Meeting  
February 22, 2012

Members Present: Mary Kay Adams, Ginger Anderson, Patty Atchley, Gwen Bowen, Rickie Brown, Marlys Damman, Dottie Dunkelberger, Mike Durbin, Fred Fifer, Sally Fifer, Betty Garrett, Guy Garrett, Barbara Geiger, Sandee Goertzen, Sandy Gillette, Judi Hamby, Mary Hansen, Ekkehard Kuner, Kay Kuner, Mike Leaf, Chris Parr, Ann Payne, Bill Pervin, Margie Renfrow, Howard Roach, Jo Ellen Roach, Donna Rogers, Ed Stone, Patricia A. Storck, Jean Stuart

Visitors Present: Paula Bratt, Deb Day, Anna LeBlanc

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Mike Durbin called the meeting of the UTD RA to order. He also acknowledged the visitors who have joined the group today, including Deb Day who is assisting with the arrangements for the Retiree Reception, along with Paula Bratt, the UTDRA Liaison with the Office of the Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations. Ms. Anna LeBlanc, the new Director of Gift Planning with the Office of the VP For Development.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting was reviewed and a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2011 meeting as submitted. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Gwen Bowen, Treasurer of the UTD RA, gave her report which included a balane in the checking account of \$4,800.72.

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jean Stuart gave a report on the membership number which included 164 members, which included 131 actual retirees, 33 spouses, 24 Lifetime and 17 new members.

5. SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Judi Hamby, the Chair of the Social Committee reported that anyone interested in attending the Arboretum tour and lunch would still be able to sign up. The trip will be on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 with a lunch gathering at 11:30.

6. ACADEMIC SENATE

Chris Parr, the liaison to the Academic Senate from the UTD RA, reported that they are considering a Veterans Center. They are also working on a change in the grading system.

7. STAFF COUNCIL

Sandee Goertzen, the liaison to the Staff Council from the UTD RA, reported that an announcement had just been made that University has just hired an archivist that will physically housed in the Library. The Staff Council just awarded fourteen scholarships for Fall 2011. A committee has been appointed to review the Bylaws (guidelines) of the Staff Council. This committee will be co-chaired by Lydia Blackwell of the Human Resources office and Sandee Goertzen, a member of the UTD RA. Rockfish restaurant continues to donate a certain percentage of their proceeds of the first Monday of each month to the Staff



Council Scholarship fund. The ink jet recycling project continues also. Anyone that wants to turn in their recycled toner cartridges, will be encouraged to do so.

#### 8. OFFICER SLATE OF CANDIDATES

Betty Garrett, Chair of the Nominating Committee put forth a slate of candidates for the election of officers which is to take place at the April meeting of the UTD RA. The slate is as follows:

President	Marlys Damman
Vice President/President Elect	Barbara Geiger
Secretary	Sandee Goertzen
Treasurer	Gwen Bowen
Membership Chair	Jean Stuart
Newsletter Editor	Ekkehard Kuner
Members at Large	Patsy Aguilera
	Ann Payne
	Peg Zotter

The floor will be open for nominees until the election of officers at the April meeting.

#### 9. PRESIDENT'S OLD BUSINESS

Mike thanked every one of the previous holders of an office for the UTD RA. He said it has changed a lot since he was initially involved with the organization. It has gotten more organized and efficient.

#### 10. PRESIDENT'S NEW BUSINESS

Mike presented a proposal for the Association to think about for possible discuss at an upcoming meeting. That would be to have term of the Officers to last for two years, rather than just one. With only one year for a term of office, an officer just barely gets started in his position, and it's time for the next election.

Mike will be putting this on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

#### 12. GUEST PRESENTATION

Following the adjournment, Mike turned the floor over to Chris Parr, who gave a report on his and Pat Storck's trip to Africa via slide show.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandee Goertzen  
Secretary