

# U.T. DALLAS RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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November 2012

## From the President

Time for the next letter already – if time flies this fast all year, it will be over before I know it! Hope you are all enjoying the crisp fall weather we are having, hopefully, it will provide us with some fall color!

I have had a lot of help this month getting ready for our next meeting on November 8, 2012. I am preparing to go to Denver with the Rich-Tone Chorus from October 29 thru November 4, for SAI International Competition, so we had to get everything lined up before I left. Sandee is great support and help and I thank her.

We have a full, interesting meeting planned for you in November. We will have three speakers with brief updates and a report by Barbara Geiger on her trip to represent UTD at the AROHE. The first speaker will be from the Center for Vital Longevity, the second speaker will be from the new UTSW Clinic established on the UTD campus and the third speaker will be from the Office of Development regarding Planned Giving. So, to get all of the fascinating details – you will have to attend the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in November!

Marlys Damman



UTDRA Meeting: November 8, 2012

Meet and Greet begins at 1:30 p.m.

Program begins at 2:00 p.m.

Deborah Day has arranged for shuttle service from remote parking in Lot B so parking will not be an issue

## Membership

The University of Texas at Dallas currently has 184 members. One hundred and forty-five are retirees, thirty-nine are spouses. Twenty-seven are lifetime members and twelve are new this year. As we ended last year, we had one hundred and seventy-four total members, of which thirty-four were spouses, twenty-four were lifetime members and, by the time the year was over, twenty-six new members. We are doing well!

We will be sending the membership directory to the printer the second week of November and will have it available at the Christmas lunch, December 12, 2012 at Compari's Restaurant.

Jean Stuart

### Board Officers

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Marlys Damman

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# Upcoming Activities

## **First Monday Lunch: November 5 – Urban Rio**

1000 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Plano (in old downtown Plano)

Urban Rio is Plano's newest and most exciting Mexican Cantina & Grill.

Located in the original Plano Ice House, which originally opened in 1917, Urban Rio brings cuisine from all around the Rio Grande Valley, created by Executive Chef/General Manager Ryan Olmos. *"It's a little bit of Texas, a little bit of Mexico, bound by the Rio."* Check out their website at [www.urbanrio.com](http://www.urbanrio.com).

*For reservations contact Gayle Poirot at [gpoirot@yahoo.com](mailto:gpoirot@yahoo.com) by November 2*

## **A Day in Historic McKinney – Tuesday, November 13**

Come join us for a tea luncheon in a historic McKinney home, followed by a private trolley tour of historic McKinney.

11:00 to 2:00 (carpools and departure time will be determined)

In addition to the trolley tour you can tour Chestnut Square Historic Village, a collection of six historic homes includes a replica of a one-room school house, a chapel and a store on 2.5 acres just south of the downtown McKinney square. The grounds also include a blacksmith shop, smoke house and reception gardens. The buildings include period artifacts showing how people lived in Collin County from 1854 to 1920.

*Price: \$25 all inclusive*

*For reservations contact Barbara Geiger at*

*[smokesignal2108@att.net](mailto:smokesignal2108@att.net)*

*Reservations deadline: November 5*

Check out the website:

[http://www.chestnutsquare.org/programs/teas\\_luncheons.asp](http://www.chestnutsquare.org/programs/teas_luncheons.asp)



## **Save the Date**

### **Holiday Luncheon:**

### **December 12<sup>th</sup> at Compari's Italian Restaurant**

621 W Plano Parkway, Plano (just south of Collin Creek Mall)

This fun and festive luncheon is traditionally the best attended event of the year! The food is great and reasonably priced. In addition to great company and food, there will be fun activities to get you in the holiday spirit!

*For reservations contact Sandee Goertzen at [goertzen@utdallas.edu](mailto:goertzen@utdallas.edu) (972-495-7612) by December 5*

## First General Meeting of the 2012-2013 Academic Year

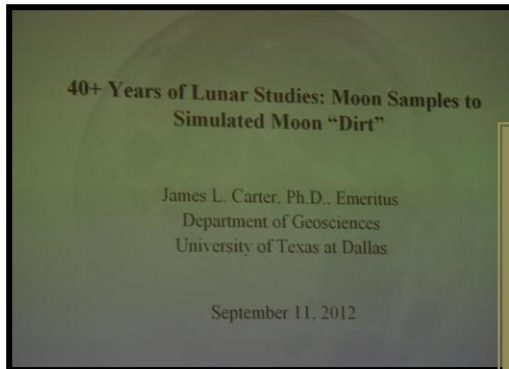
Joint meeting with the TI Retirees



After a bit of fun, the UTD Cheerleaders taught us the UTD Comet cheer WHOOSH!



Program



Dr. Carter with Mike Durbin and Fred Fifer



UTDRA business meeting with new officers



Back Row: Judi Hamby, Gwen Bowen, Ann Payne, Chris Parr, Ekkehard Kuner, Mike Durbin  
Front Row: Sandee Goertzen, Marlys Damman, Barbara Geiger, Jean Stuart



## Under the Trellis Celebration of Support

On October 18, 2012 the University of Texas at Dallas Development Board held the second annual Celebration of Support. This reception honors members of UTD's donor recognition societies. It was a lovely evening with music provided by the Texas Instruments Jazz band and hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Dr. Daniel gave an update on the Realize the Vision: The Campaign for Tier one & Beyond, the University's first comprehensive campaign in UT Dallas history. More than \$125 million of the \$200 million goal has been raised to date.



**The Love Jack Society** recognizes alumni and friends who give \$1,000 and above to any UT Dallas center, program or school

**The Comet Whoosh Society** recognizes alumni donors. Four levels of membership exist based on the number of consecutive years of giving:

**The Trellis Society** recognizes faculty and staff who make a gift to any UT Dallas school, center or program.

**The UT Dallas Laureates & Founders Society** recognizes any donor, including individuals, companies and foundations.

**The Legacy Society** recognizes any individual (alumni or non-alumni) who has made a planned gift commitment. This may include a provision through a will, trust, annuity or gift of life insurance.



Susan and Bill

*Diane, Betty and Sandee*



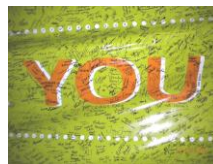
*Anna Leblanc and Libby*

*Ekkehard with night vision goggles*



**Banner signed by students thanking donors**

Are



**in the Picture?**

**First Monday Lunch in October at Aboca's Italian Grill**



**Autumn at the Arboretum**

On October 18 twenty-one UTD retirees enjoyed a day of perfect weather to view the Chihuly exhibition and thousands of pumpkins (including a village of pumpkin houses). Our thanks to Susan Daniel, wife of President Daniel, for giving us all complimentary VIP tickets!



UNAPPROVED  
The University of Texas at Dallas  
Retiree Association Minutes  
General Membership Meeting  
September 11, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Kay Adams, Ginger Anderson, Patty Atchley, David Blair, Gwen Bowen, Marlys Damman, Mike Durbin, Anna Gabel, Betty Garrett, Barbara Geiger, Sandee Goertzen, Judi Hamby, Ekkehard Kuner, Kay Kuner, Tiah Lambert, Carolyn Musket, Stewart Musket, Chris Parr, Ann Payne, Diane Reed, Howard Roach, Jo Ellen Roach, Donna Rogers, Vivian Rutledge, Jean Stuart  
Visitors Present: Paula Bratt, Deb Day, Anna LeBlanc

CALL TO ORDER

President Marlys Damman called the meeting of the UTD RA to order at 3:25.

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 25, 2012 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jean Stuart reported that we currently have 113 members, 24 spouses.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gwen Bowen, Treasurer of the UTD RA, gave her report which included a balance in the checking account of \$5,305.10.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Judi Hamby, Social Director, gave a report on the events that are scheduled for the fall months. October 1<sup>st</sup> lunch will be at Aboca's in the Richardson Heights Shopping Center. The November 5<sup>th</sup> lunch will be at Urban Rio in Plano. The December Christmas Lunch will be at Comparis on the 12<sup>th</sup> which is a Wednesday.

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be dinner at Frankies in Two Creeks and then walk to the theater to see Deathtrap.

October 18<sup>th</sup> will be a trip to Autumn at the Arboretum. We will be walking around on our own and then meet for lunch.

November 13<sup>th</sup> will be a day in McKinney which will include a trolley ride and lunch. The cost will be \$25.00

ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT

Chris Parr gave a report on the Academic Senate actions which included approving the graduates for the summer graduation. Computers are supposed to be secured and passwords obtained by the University.

STAFF COUNCIL

Sandee Goertzen, the liaison to the Staff Council from the UTD RA reported that the Staff Council, along with other staff, met with Peter Walker the landscape architect to find out what the plans were going to be for continuing the beautification of the rest of the campus. That would include the main mall from the Library to the Administration Building and also around the dorms and down Rutford Avenue.

The plans are for a total non-smoking campus due to the special grants for the School of Engineering.

Some new temporary parking lots are being built on campus to await the building of permanent parking garages.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Thanks

Marlys thanked Deb Day and Paula Bratt for their assistance in the planning of this meeting which included a special talk by James Carter about the moon rocks, and the visit by the Texas Instruments Alumni group who traveled to the campus to join us for this special talk.

## NEW BUSINESS

### CONVENTION

Barbara Geiger, the Vice President for 2012-2013, will be attending the AROHE (Academic Retiree Organization for Higher Education) convention in Chapel Hill, North Carolina in October. Thanks to Dr. Conley for funding this trip. She will be presenting a trip report at the November meeting of the General Membership.

### CONTINUED COMBINED MEETINGS WITH TI

Mike Durbin led the discussion about continuing the combined meetings with TI as well as working with the TI Travel Group to see if there was a possibility that we could join their travel group. There was general consensus that this would be a good idea. He and Diane Reed will pursue that and bring back a report to the UTD Retiree Association.

### FUTURE SPEAKERS

Marlys asked for input for speakers for future meetings. Suggestions were for someone from the Center for Brain Health and the Center for Vital Longevity.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Santee Goertzen, Secretary