

U.T. DALLAS RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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Letter from the Past-President

September 2018

Dear Fellow UT Dallas Retirees,

Another year will have ended by the time you read this. My year as president of UT Dallas RA has quickly rushed by. It is with a little sadness that I say goodbye to the RA membership in my current role and with cheer as I welcome our 2018-2019 president, Rochelle Pena.

The past year has given us many challenges some that will carry forward into the next year. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to the UT Dallas RA in the form of service and/or substance. I am very appreciative for the efforts of everyone.

I especially send a particular word of thanks to Judy C., Judy F., Gwen, Sandee, Dave R., Jean, Ekke, and all who served on the Executive Committee as well as the rank and file of the Retiree Association.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I will continue to assist Rochelle and the RA as I can. Best wishes to all and take care.

Best Wishes,
David Holmes

Welcome to New Retirees

The following were introduced at the general meeting and reception for new members on May 18, 2018: Kavin E. Brown, David Ford, Dave Gaarder, Molly Seeligson, Lydia Selvidge, Nancy Steele and Dennis Wilson.



Dave Gaarder* Molly Seeligson* Lydia Selvidge* David Ford* Kavin E. Brown
(Nancy Steele and Dennis Wilson not pictured)

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Jean Stuart

The UTD Retiree's Planner

More details on all activities in newsletter

Meeting and Events

UTD RA General Meeting

Friday, September 14, 1:30 pm

One O'clock Lab Band performs at UT Dallas, Friday, September 21st, 8:00pm

Bite Nite at CityLine,

Thursday, September 6th, 5-10 pm,

State of the University Address by President Richard Benson, Monday, October 22nd at 10:00 am

Free Flu Shots at UTD

October 30-31

First Monday Lunch @ 11:00 a.m.

RSVP to judyclothier@gmail.com for FML

- Since Monday is Labor Day, **September 4th** at Crossroads Diner
17194 Preston Road, Suite 101, Dallas
- **October 1st** at Tuscany Italian Bistro
743 Brick Row, Richardson
- **November 5th** at Café de France
17370 Preston Rd #505, Dallas

Benefits Fair

The Benefits Fair was held on Monday, July 23, 2018 in the Student Union. The Association was represented by David Blair, Judy Clothier, Lou Decamp, Susie Kutchi, Rochelle Pena, Mary Ann and David Routzahn.



**Rock your
Benefits**



FREE FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE OCTOBER 30 – 31

Flu shot clinics for faculty, staff and retirees will be held October 30 and 31 on campus, as well as Callier Center Dallas, the Center for Vital Longevity and the Center for Brain Health. You will need to bring your Comet Card, insurance card and completed consent form to your appointments.

More detail information and instructions available at the link below.

https://www.utdallas.edu/wellness/download/SGB_20160908_Get_a_Flu_Shot.pdf

Next Meeting

The University of Texas at Dallas Retiree Association general business meeting will be held on Friday, September 14th at 1:30 p.m. in the Amistad Conference Room (12.216) in SPN 2—the new Synergy Park building. Parking is free at the front or back of the building.

We'll begin with refreshments and social time, followed by our speaker at 2:00 p.m. Lonnie Morris, CPA, will speak to the group about the new tax laws, with time for Q&A. Topics will include the new itemized deductions, new standard deductions, how to maximize charity giving, converting to Roth-IRAs so as to reduce Social Security Benefit taxation, required RMDs upon reaching age 70, new Alternative Minimum Tax rules.

I.L. "Lonnie" Morris, CPA has been practicing since 1975. He spoke on radio and television and wrote newspaper articles regarding tax laws for over 13 years. He has been the president of the Plano/Richardson CPA Study Group for 33 years. He has made presentations at IRS conventions. He is only the second recipient of the IRS Community Award outside of Washington, DC for his outstanding "Taxpayer Education Services".

The general business meeting will follow.

RSVP to Judy Feld, Program Chair, at Judy@CoachNet.com by Monday, September 10th, with "UTDRA September Meeting" in the subject line. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cheers!
Judy Feld

Membership Report

As of August 24, 2018 our membership is as follows:

Retirees	102
Spouses	<u>17</u>
Total	119

Of the 102, thirty-eight are lifetime members. Lifetime members are automatically updated each year and thus need not send the membership form back. Your membership chair, however, would love to have an update from each member – just to know how and where you are. Please email me at jeanstr37@gmail.com (new email) with any updates or just to say hello.

Jean Stuart
Membership Chair

From the Social Committee

Now that the “dog days” of summer are over, it is time to enjoy cooler temperatures together. Mark your calendars for these upcoming fall social gatherings.

First, come one; come all to our monthly luncheons. They are informal, hopefully at an easy to find restaurant near you. You order your own food and pay for it yourself. The food is good but you will especially enjoy the 5-star conversation!

- **First Tuesday Lunch** (since Monday is Labor Day), September 4th, 11:00am at Crossroads Diner, 17194 Preston Road, Suite 101, Dallas
- **First Monday Lunch**, October 1st, 11:00am at Tuscany Italian Bistro, 743 Brick Row, Richardson
- **First Monday Lunch**, November 5th, 11:00am at Café de France, 17370 Preston Rd #505, Dallas

Next, here are UT Dallas events that our Social Committee thinks are excellent choices for informal, smaller meet-ups:

- **One O'clock Lab Band** performs at UT Dallas, Friday, September 21st, 8:00pm, Arts and Technology Lecture Hall. Admission is \$20 but retirees get a \$10 discount. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **State of the University Address** by President Richard Benson, Monday, October 22nd, 10:00 – 11:00am, Arts and Technology 1.102. [Click here for more information.](#)
- And we are looking for brave souls to register for the **2018 Richardson Corporate Challenge**. [Click here for more information.](#)

Lastly, if you are a fan of festivals, check out **Bite Nite at CityLine**, Thursday, September 6th, 5-10pm, CityLine, 1251 State Street, Richardson. [Click here for more information.](#)

Let's stay connected to fellow retirees and the UT Dallas community. We will continue to post news of social events and meetings on our [UTDRA Facebook](#) page and our newly designed [UT Dallas web site](#).

Judy Clothier
Social Chairman

FML June 4, 2018 at Chien Garden



FML July 2, 2018 at Tumbleweed



FML August 6, 2018 at Manny's



What We Did This Summer

Ekkehard and Kay Kuner spent May in Germany visiting with friends



Freiburg is known for its Bächle, small running water gutters that are hard to resist regards of one's age.

One afternoon we came upon a Messerschmitt automobile club that was taking a Sunday tour. They were built in from 1055-64.



Judy and Dick Feld visited Lake San Cristobal in Lake City Colorado.



View from Judy's kayak

Jean Stuart went to Canada



This looks exciting!
Ask Jean for details.



Chris Parr and Pat Storck spent time in Alaska

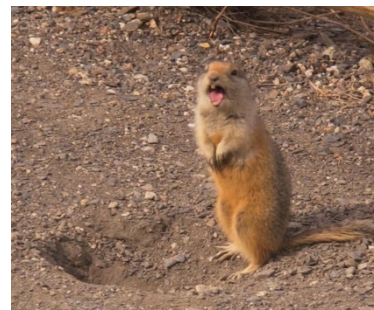
Oflice River, Denali



Denali Aviator, Chris



A story to tell?



and Japan

Kodogahama Beach, Miyake Rad Crane Park



Sunset Fuji



UNAPPROVED
The University of Texas at Dallas
Retiree Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Adams, Mary Kaye Adams, Lila Babcock, David Blair, Gwen Bowen, Judy Clothier, Susan Chizeck, Marlys Damman, Lou Delcamp, Judy Feld, Betty Garrett, Barbara Geiger, Sandee Goertzen David Holmes, Teresa Johnston, Susie Kutchi, Ekkehard Kuner, Kay Kuner, Mike Leaf, Paul Oelkrug, Rochelle Pena, Bill Pervin, Dick Reed, Diane Reed, David Routzahn, Mary Ann Routzahn, Doug Shedd, Jean Stuart

GUESTS: Kavin E. Brown, David Ford, Jackie Ford, Dave Gaarder, Molly Seeligson, Lydia Selvidge, Vernon Selvidege, Nancy Steele, Dave Steele, Dennis Wilson, Linda Wilson

GUEST SPEAKER: David Holmes, the President, introduced our Program Director, Judy Feld, who in turn introduced our guest speaker, President of UTD, Dr. Richardson Benson, our special guest speaker. He spoke about what's going on at the University. The spring semester will hold commencement soon with ten ceremonies. The budget that was approved in the 85th Legislature gave UTD \$300,000 even though we are having substantial growth. We did get a tuition increase approved and we now have the highest tuition in the state. Numbers for Fall '18 show about 28,000 students. Projections show us leveling off around 32,000. The new engineering building should be opening Fall '18.

Vice President Rochelle Pena then took over for David Holmes who had to leave the meeting and thanked Dr. Benson and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW RETIREES:

Each new retiree was asked to tell everyone when they retired and what they planned to do in their retirement. They were also presented with a UTD Portfolio, donated by the UTD Bookstore. The new retirees in attendance were:

Kavin E. Brown, David Ford, Dave Gaarder, Molly Seeligson, Lydia Selvidge, Nancy Steele, Dennis Wilson.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Rochelle Pena, Vice President.

2. MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018. The motion was Seconded and the minutes were approved.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Jean reported that there are 169 retirees and 28 spouses. 37 of these are lifetime and 14 are new. She will be sending out the renewal forms for 2018-2019 in July.
- B. **NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Ekkehard asked people to submit any news that they wanted to report to him for the next newsletter, and vacation pictures.
- C. **SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** Judy announced the FML for June and July..
- D. **PROGRAM DIRECTOR:** Judy Feld reported that she has had several suggested topics for the next meeting. As soon as the next meeting has been set, she will find a speaker.
- E. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Gwen Bowen reported that there is \$9,008.02 in the checking account.
- F. **ACADEMIC SENATE:** Bill Pervin gave a report on behalf of the Academic Senate. There will be a total of 99 Ph.D.'s at the Spring graduation. The Senate is also discussing cyber security.
- G. **STAFFCOUNCIL:**

The Staff Council meets every second Wednesday of the month. At the last meeting they discussed the Staff Appreciation Day that took place on May 17th between Founders, Student Union and the McDermott Library. They have tables set up for departments to make everyone aware of what they are offering. The most recent CARE Awards were handed out recently. They have Spring and Fall awards. We will also participate by having a table about the UTD RA at the Benefits Fair which

will be held on July 23rd. The theme of the Benefits Fair is Rock and Roll. Open enrollment will be from the 15th through the 31st of July. There are four searches going on for Dean of Engineering, Dean of Graduate Studies, Dean of Brain and Behavioral Science and VP of Research. They also announced that UT System will be giving our new awards. Two from each institution will be chosen by System and will give out \$10,000 per employee.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Benefits Fair – to be held on July 17. The UTD RA will again have a table and there are volunteers needed to be there from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Let Judy Clothier know if you can help out for an hour or two. The theme is Rock and Roll, so the participants can decide if they want to dress in 50's and 60's clothes.

B. Slate of Candidates: The Slate of Candidates for the 2018-2019 election was introduced by Rochelle on behalf of the Nominating Committee. The following retirees are up for election:

- a. President – Rochelle Pena
- b. Vice President/President Elect—Susie Kutchi
- c. Secretary – Sandee Goertzen
- d. Treasurer – Gwen Bowen
- e. Newsletter Editor – Ekkehard Kuner
- f. Membership Chair – Jean Stuart
- g. Social Committee Chair – Judy Clothier
- h. Program Chair – Judy Feld
- i. Webmaster – Chris Parr
- j. Members-at-large:
 - i. Teresa Johnston
 - ii. Lin Maute
 - iii. Claire Occhipinti

C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The floor was opened for additional nominations. Hearing none, the Vice-President received a motion and a second to approve the slate of candidates. The vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

D. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the UTD RA will be held on September the 14th. Place to be determined.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Remembrance Brochure: Jean Stuart gave a tribute to Rhoda Burgess that passed on during the last year.

B. Signatory on the UTD RA checking account: The election of the new officers having taken place at this meeting, the Directors are authorizing the removal of David Holmes from the list of those that have signature approval on this account and replace him with the new President, Rochelle Pena. This is authorized by the former President and the current Secretary of the UT Dallas Retiree Association.

C. The VP Rochelle Pena thanked Deb Day for all the planning and arrangements that she did for the UTD RA's meeting today.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Sandee Goertzen, Secretary
APPROVED _____

Rochelle Pena, Vice President
APPROVED _____