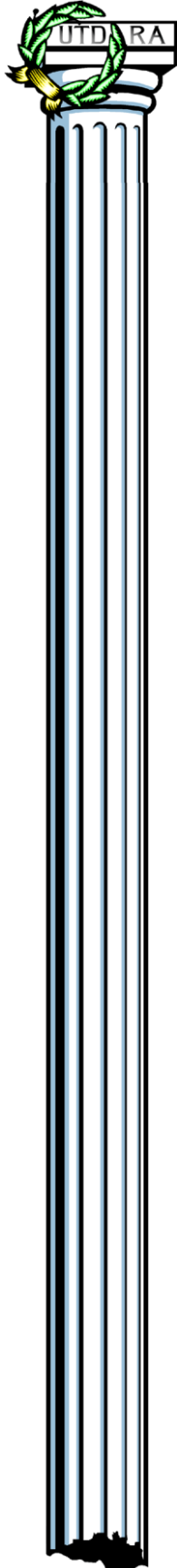


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Letter from the Past President

September 2019

Dear Fellow UT Dallas Retirees,

Another academic year has come and gone and it's time for me to bid you adieu. I am not going far since I serve as Past President and Advisor to the Board this year. Beware if someone asks you to be Vice President sometime. After you say yes, you will find out later it's a three-year commitment! I must say mine was a labor of friendship with great personal reward. It has been my pleasure to serve as your President this past year. I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have. As of September 1st, Sue Kutchi is your new President. She has lots of ideas to move our Association forward, but she will need your help. Participate when you can and give us feedback. The officers are here to serve you.

In June we welcomed sixteen new Retirees into our Association at the Annual Spring reception. Our two Scholarship awardees were each introduced and gave a brief bio and incite to their future plans. Your generous donations so far this year show we will have at least three Scholarships to award in January and maybe four if those donations keep coming. Great job!!

I have been working with Dr. Edgington, the Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations, our liaison with the University since January to find a resolution to our MOU problems. The document was presented in July 2017 at the request of the Administration but had never been moved forward to the President. As a result, our direct funding was dropped. We have been limping along with the help of Dr. Edgington and his staff. In July I finally got answers as to what was needed to amend the MOU to meet the President's requests. Basically, the MOU defines what the University expects the Association to do and what the Association expects from the University. This will be reviewed at the September 27th General meeting. It is important you attend.

A committee also reviewed the Associations By-Laws and Operating Guidelines. These will also be reviewed and voted on at the September General Meeting. To vote you must be in attendance. As you can see your Board has been hard at work for you this summer.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your President.
See you in September,
Rochelle Pena



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I hope you all have found ways to stay cool this summer; whether by traveling to cooler climates or simply staying indoors as much as possible! I'm looking forward to fall and below 90-degree temperatures as we begin our 16th year as the UTDallas Retiree Association.

As we continue to enjoy our monthly luncheons and quarterly meetings, your Executive Committee is always looking for other activities that will engage the interests of all our members. While our excursion to the Frontiers of Flight Museum earlier this year was defeated by Mother Nature, we hope to reschedule it in the near future. Look for an announcement soon with the new date. We encourage you all to give us suggestions of places to go and things to see, whether it be museums, sporting events, and/or theatre productions. There is a plethora of activities that could be fun to engage in as a group, but we need your help in finding those of interest to you.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our outgoing president, Rochelle Pena, for her perseverance in finally getting our Memorandum of Understanding with the University Administration completed and signed. More information on this will be forthcoming at the Quarterly meeting on September 27th. Her success is the culmination of the efforts of several of our past presidents and executive committee members.

I'm looking forward to the next year as your president and hope that you will join me in making this our most successful year yet. Please get involved!

Best Regards,
Susie Kutchi

June 14 Meeting



UNT President, Dr. Richard C. Benson, gave the annual University update to the UTD Retiree Association.

Topics discussed included, new construction, funding and student growth



Rebeca Cedjilo and Sandy Runowski were introduced as the 2019 recipients of the UTD/RA Scholarships.

New retirees were introduced by Rochelle Pena. Each retiree gave a short narration of their association with UTD and possible future plans.



From left to right

Pagett Gosslee, Cliff Harden, Lauraine O'Neal, Don Davis, Kathleen White, Marjorie Wu, Jim Cannici, Beverly Young, James Richards, Amanda Aluvalasit, Emebet Sahle

Not Pictured

Candice Chandler, Eugene DeLuke, Darlene Johnson, Richard Loveless, Van Miller, Joseph Picken

New officers were elected:

President:	Susie Kutchi
VP/President Elect	Paul Oelkrug
Treasurer	Gwen Bowen
Secretary	Sandee Goertzen
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The UTD Retiree's Planner

More details on all activities in newsletter

Events

September General Meeting

September 27, 2019

1:00 p.m.

Amistad Conference Room (12.216)

Synergy Park North Building

First Monday Lunch @ 11:00 a.m.

RSVP to judyclothier@gmail.com for FML

- **First Monday Lunch, Sept. 3rd**, at *Crossroads Diner*, 17194 Preston Rd, Dallas
- **First Monday Lunch, Oct. 7**, at *Frankie's, Mexican Cuisine* 2701 Custer Pkwy, Richardson
- **First Monday Lunch, November 4th**, at *Coffee House Café*, 6150 Frankford Rd., Dallas
- **Holiday Luncheon, Thursday, December 5th, 11am**, at *Rockfish* 7639 Campbell Rd., #800, Dallas

Next General Meeting: September 27, 2019

We're expecting a solid turnout for the September membership meeting and presentation on Friday, September 27th at 1:00 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.

1:00 Meet and Mingle

1:30- 2:15 Presentation and Q&A by Dr. Mark Spong-- "Robotics: Past, Present, and Future"

2:15- 3:00 Membership Meeting

3:00 Meeting Adjourned

Presenter: Mark W. Spong has held faculty positions at Lehigh University, Cornell University, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Texas at Dallas (2008 - present). From 2008 - 2017 he was Dean of the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science at UT Dallas, and holder of the Lars Magnus Ericsson Chair and the Excellence in Education Chair. Under Dr. Spong's leadership the Jonsson School at UT Dallas added four new engineering departments, nine new degree programs, and more than doubled the number of students and faculty. Dr. Spong's main research interests are in robotics, mechatronics, and nonlinear control theory. He has authored or coauthored more than 300 technical articles in control and robotics, five books and holds one patent. He has made fundamental contributions in robust and nonlinear control of robot manipulators, teleoperators, bipedal walking robots, and multi-robot systems and has received numerous awards for his research and educational contributions.

Program description from Dr. Spong: "In this talk I will discuss the history of robotics, its impact on modern society and give some thoughts on the future of robotics."

RSVP to Judy Feld, Program Chair, at judy@coachnet.com and "Sande Goertzen" <goertzen@utdallas.edu> with "September 27th UTDRA Meeting" in the subject line by Saturday, September 21st. Please include your name if it is not part of your e-mail address.

Thank you; hope to see you there!

Cheers!

Judy

Membership Report: August 30, 2019

Retirees	130
Spouses	<u>21</u>
Total	151

Of this number, thirty-eight are lifetime members, ten are new and two are returning after having had lapsed membership.

As a note of interest, on August 24, 2018 our membership was as follows:

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

The increase this year may be due to the fact that we sent out membership renewal reminders earlier this year. I'm happy to report that parking decals have already been mailed.

Jean Stuart

Membership Chair

From the Social Committee

Welcome back, Fall! We are ready for cooler temperatures, outside arts and crafts festivals, Oktoberfest events, and patio dining. Oh yes, we are definitely ready.

First, mark your calendars for these upcoming monthly UTD RA luncheons that always provide you opportunities to enjoy good food while visiting with old friends and meeting new ones.

- **First Monday Lunch, October 7th, 11am**, at Frankie's Mexican Cuisine, 2701 Custer Pkwy, Richardson
- **First Monday Lunch, November 4th, 11am**, at Coffee House Café, 6150 Frankford Rd., Dallas
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Next, if you are seeking UT Dallas events for smaller meetups, check these out:

- **One O'Clock Lab Band**, Friday, September 20th, 8pm, Arts and Technology Lecture Hall. Admission is \$20 but retirees get a \$10 discount. This award-winning ensemble from the University of North Texas jazz studies program always gives an outstanding performance. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **Presentation by Dr. Binu Thomas, UT Southwestern on "Aging and Mild Cognitive Impairment: Deterioration in Brain Function. Can Exercise Ameliorate it?"** Monday, October 7th, noon. The live presentation will be at the Center for Vital Longevity in Dallas but will be simulcast to the main UT Dallas campus in Erik Jonsson Academic Center, JO 4.306. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **Winter Choral Concert: The Poets Voice**, on Saturday, December 7th, 4pm, University Theater. Free admission. The concert will feature the UT Dallas Chamber Singers and University Choir. [Click here for more information.](#)

For you festival fans, consider taking a short drive to **McKinney to attend its annual Oktoberfest** on Friday, September 27th, Saturday, September 28th, and Sunday, September 29th. This festival gets bigger and better every year. [Click here to check out the activities schedule.](#)

Lastly, we need volunteers for this year's Social Committee. This committee knows how to have fun. If you can help out, please email skutch78@gmail.com.

Let's continue to stay connected to fellow retirees and the UT Dallas community. Keep checking our [UT Dallas website](#) for news of events and meetings.

Very special thanks to **Kavin Brown, Gene Deluke, David Ford, Sue Heiler, Teresa Johnston, Susie Kutchi, Rochelle Pena, and Jean Stuart** for manning our booth at the annual UT Dallas Benefits and Wellness Fair held on July 22nd in the Student Union Galaxy Rooms. Human Resources chose "Explore and Discover" as the theme for this year's event. Our booth showcased the beautiful photos members sent us of places they have traveled during retirement. Attendees who stopped by enjoyed viewing the photos and discussing their own retirement plans. It was a fun-filled day complete with food, giveaways, hula shows, and prizes. Congratulations to Rochelle Pena who won one of the door prizes.

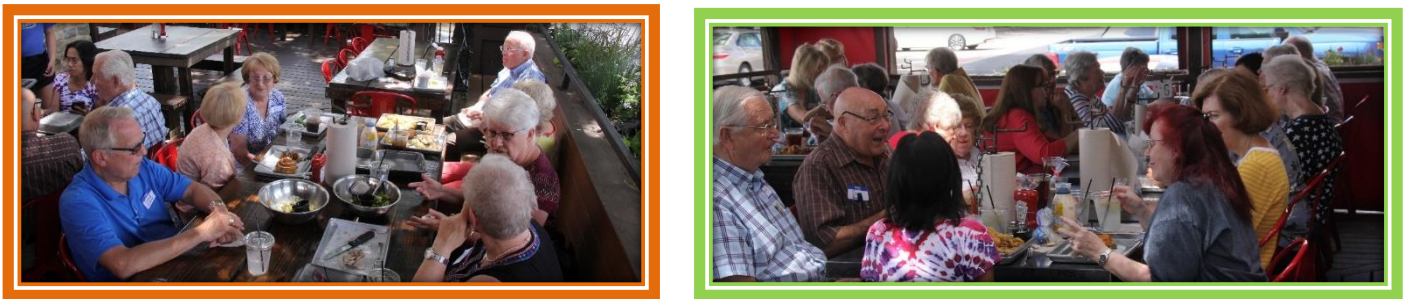


First Monday Lunches

June 3 at *Cappuccinos* in Richardson



July 1, 2019 at *Shady's* in Richardson



August 5, 2019 at *Rockfish* in Richardson



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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS
RETIREE ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Kaye Adams, David Adams, Gwen Bowen, Ed Bennett, Susan Chizeck , Sandee Goertzen, Teresa Hollon, Teresa Johnston, Susan Kutch, Ekkehard Kuner, Kay Kuner, Mike Leaf, Chris Parr, Bill Pervin, Rochelle Pena, David Routzahn, Mary Ann Routzahn, Doug Shedd, Jean Stuart, Paul Watson

GUESTS: Judy Barnes, April Boyd, Dr. Kyle Edgington, Anna Le Blanc, Rena Piper

STUDENTS: Rebecca Cedilo, Sandy Runowski

NEW RETIREES: Amanda Aiuvalasit, Steve Barnett, Sherry Carter, Candice Chandler, Eugene Deluke, Jim Cannici, Don Davis, Debra Frakes, Padgett Goslee, Cliff Harden, Darlene Johnson, Richard Loveless, Linda Miller, Van Miller, Lauraine O’Neal, Joseph Picken, James Richards, Emebet Sahle, Kathleen White, Marjorie WU, Beverly Young

GUEST SPEAKER: Rochelle Pena, President, introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Richard Benson, the President of UTD. He brought everyone up to date on what is happening at UTD. The strategic plan has been publicized and he encouraged everyone to read it. The University will be celebrating their 50th year beginning September 1, 2019. There is signage going up advertising the celebration.

The Legislature met this year. The year of 2017 was a rough one and 2019 was much better. The Academic Bridge Program fared well budget wise. He said they are continuing to get more classroom space.

Rochelle thanked Dr. Benson for speaking to the Retirees.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS: Rochelle introduced the two students that the UTD RA donated scholarships for the Spring 2019 semester. Rebecca Cedilo and Sandy Runowski both addressed the retirees and thanked them for contributing to their studies.

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:

Amanda Aiuvalasit, Candice Chandler, Jim Cannici, Don David, Cliff Harden, Padgett Goslee, Richard Loveless, Linda Miller, Lauraine O’Neal, Joe Picken, James Richards, Emebet Sahle, Kathleen White, Marjorie Wu.

BUSINESS MEETING:

1. Call to order

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

2. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** we have a total of 174 members which included 149 of regular retirees and 25 spouses.
- b. **TREASURER REPORT:** The total funds in the checking account is \$10,362.04. This included funds that were designated for the staff scholarship from.
- c. **SOCIAL CHAIR:** The Social Chair was not available for a report, but sent along a request that she needs volunteers for the Benefits Fair that will be held on July 22nd. Contact her if you’re interested.
- d. **PROGRAM CHAIR:** The Program Chair was not available for a report.
- e. **NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Ekkehard Kuner had nothing to report at this time.
- f. **ACADEMIC SENATE:** The Coordinating Board is making some changes to the Fields of Study that pertains to four year universities. This is an ongoing project.

- g. STAFF COUNCIL: Sandee reported that the Staff Council are working on several major projects. Another staff appreciation is going to be held this summer. We could have a table at that event if we wanted to. They are working on committee appointments along with the Senate. Corporate Challenge is beginning and they are asking for more participation, including retirees if they are interested. There is a web site to view if you are interested.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Slate of Candidates for 2019-2020 election was introduced by the President on behalf of the Nominating Committee. The following retirees are up for election:

President: Susie Kutch (new)
VP/President-Elect: Paul Oelkrug (new)
Treasurer: Gwen Bowen (continuing)
Secretary: Sandee Goertzen (continuing)
Membership: Jean Stuart (continuing)
Newsletter Editor: Ekkehard Kuner (continuing)
Social Committee: TBA
Program Chair: Judy Feld (continuing)
Webmaster: Chris Parr (continuing)
Assistant Webmaster: TBA
Members at Large (3-member committee)

- 1. Teresa Johnston (continuing)
- 2. Paul Watson (new)
- 3. Kathy White (new)

Past President: Rochelle Pena

b. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The floor was opened for additional nominations. Hearing none, the President received a motion and a second to approve the slate of candidates. The vote was taken and the Slate of Candidates passed unanimously.

c. NEXT MEETINGS

The meetings have been scheduled for 2019-2020. They are as follows:

- i. September 27, 2019
- ii. November 22, 2019
- iii. February 14, 2020

d. REMEMBRANCE

Jean Stuart, Membership Chair, put together a flyer on the two members that we have lost this past year. They are:

Tom Butts
Wolfgang Rindler

e. 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 Rochelle Pena from the list of those

that have signature approval on this account and replace her with the new President, Susie Kutch. This is authorized by the former President and the current Secretary of the UT Dallas Retiree Association.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Sandee Goertzen, Secretary

APPROVED: _____

Rochelle Pena, President

APPROVED: _____