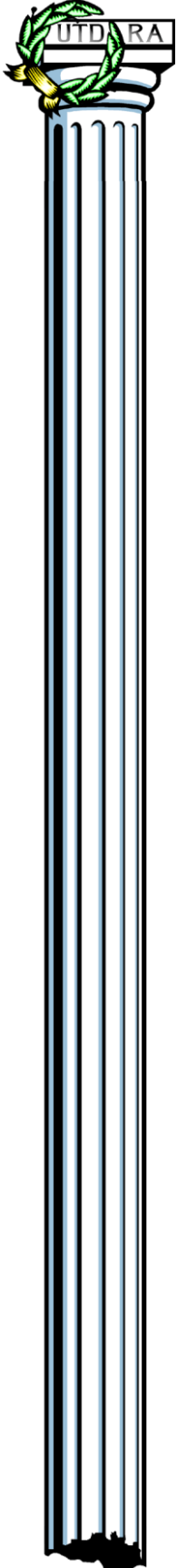


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From the President

March 2021

It has been a year since we all were together in person. The pandemic is still with us, but with the vaccines being distributed, perhaps by fall we will again be able to get together for lunch.

Of course, just when we think we put the worst year ever behind us, Mother Nature hit us with a blast of winter that threw us for a loop. I hope you all got through this with no or minimum damage. As for me, I do not think I will ever complain about Texas summers again.

Your executive board met via Zoom and decided to purchase Zoom so that we would not be limited in time or the number of persons who can participate. Information about Zoom and how we will be using it will be in an article in this newsletter.

Finally, I hope all of you are doing well. The week of February 14th presented many hardships on top of dealing with COVID; frozen pipes, no electricity, no heat, and in my case, no internet, TV, or land line. So, keep the faith, wash your hands, maintain distance, and above all, mask up!

Paul A. Oelkrug, President
UTD Retirees

Membership Report

Retirees:	139
Spouses	<u>10</u>
Total	149

Of the one hundred and forty-nine, forty-one are lifetime members and eight are new this year.

February 14, 2020 our membership was:

Retirees:	153
Spouses	<u>23</u>
Total	179

Forty lifetime members and sixteen were new.

Jean Stuart, Membership Chair

Board Officers

President
Paul Oelkrug

Vice President
Paul Watson

Treasurer
Gwen Bowen

Secretary
Santee Goertzen

Members at-Large
Teresa Johnson
Lynn Butler
TBA

Newsletter Editor
Ekkehard Kuner

Membership
Jean Stuart

Social Committee
Kathy White

Program Chair
Rochelle Pena

Webmaster
Chris Parr

**Assistant
Webmaster**
Su Wadlow

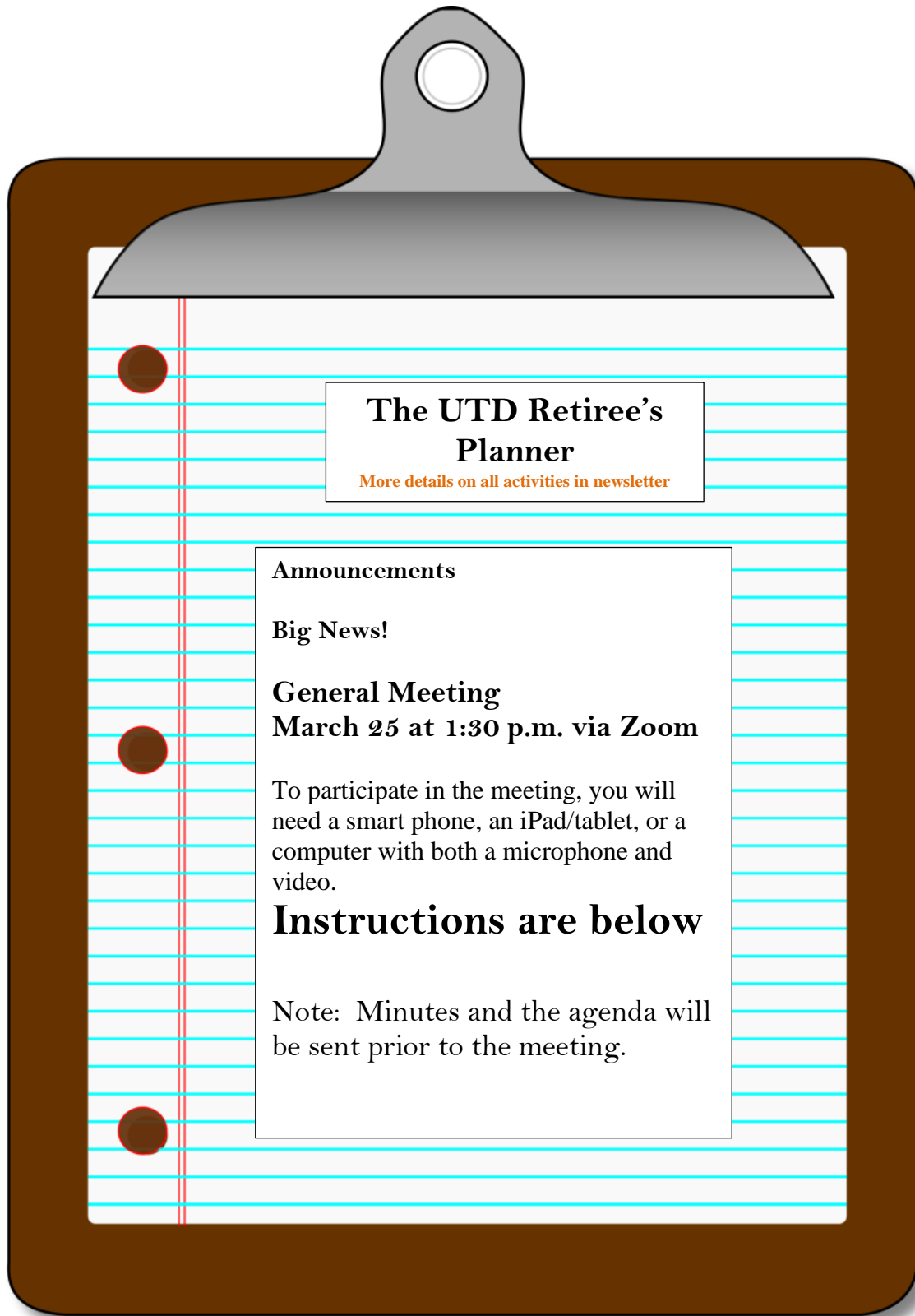
Past Presidents

Susie Kutchi
Rochelle Pena
David Holmes
David Routzahn
Mary Chaffin
Rickie Brown
Barbara Geiger
Marlys Damman
Mike Durbin
Betty Garrett
Santee Goertzen
Chris Parr
Jo Ellen Roach
Linda Williamson
Jean Stuart

On February 5th, the Executive Board of the RA meet via a zoom meeting. The Board decided to purchase a license for the use of Zoom for the organization. The next general meeting will be a zoom meeting.

Below is the Board at work. The names are based on the device or accounts used by individuals. “No names were changed for this meeting.”





The UTD Retiree's Planner

More details on all activities in newsletter

Announcements

Big News!

General Meeting March 25 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

To participate in the meeting, you will need a smart phone, an iPad/tablet, or a computer with both a microphone and video.

Instructions are below

Note: Minutes and the agenda will be sent prior to the meeting.

Next General Meeting

BIG NEWS: General Meeting March 25 at 1:30 p.m. via ZOOM. This is what you need to know:

To participate in the meeting, you will need a smart phone, an iPad/tablet, or a computer with both a microphone and video.

You will receive an email that includes a link to the meeting (in the example that follows the link is highlighted in yellow). All you need to do is click on that link. You **DO NOT** need to download or sign into Zoom. Depending on what device you are using, you may get to the meeting differently.

You may see a screen that says, “Join Meeting”, so click on that.

On some devices you may see “Start a Meeting”, and a smaller box at the top of the screen that says, “Open Zoom Meetings”. If the small box does not appear, click on Start a Meeting. Click on Open Zoom Meetings.

If you are using a smart phone, you will click on the numbers highlighted in aqua at the end of the invitation. If you do not have a smart phone, call the phone number (+13462487799 in the aqua highlighted section below), then enter the other numbers when prompted.

You will next see a message that tells you to wait for the host to start the meeting, or it will take you directly to the meeting if it is already started. There will probably be a message that says the host will have to admit you to the meeting, and we will do so. Your computer, iPad or phone will probably ask you if you want to use computer audio and video or may tell you that you are – and you do want to use both.

When you join the meeting, you will be muted. When you need to speak, you will need to unmute. The host has the ability to mute all participants but cannot unmute you. There is a little microphone – you may have to hunt for it – with a red line through it. Click on that and you are no longer muted.

Again, different devices handle things somewhat differently. On a computer, you may have to hover over the top or bottom of the screen to see the icons that you may use for the meeting. On an iPad, they may appear automatically. If you want to see the faces of all who are participating, you will look for an icon made of nine tiny dots, along with the word “View”. Click on that box and you can change to gallery view to see all participants. Not all participants of a large meeting will show on one screen, so you can move to the next or previous screen by clicking the arrow in the mid-right or mid-left of the screen, or by swiping on your phone.

You are encouraged to sign on a little early and explore.

To sign off, click the red End button, or the host will end the meeting for all.

Example Invitation:

Topic: UTD Retirees Zoom Meeting

Time: Mar 25, 2021 01:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84061720892?pwd=TWVib2tRMWw2eEpPN1JVWTBGM1VoZz09>

Meeting ID: 840 6172 0892

Passcode: 690129

One tap mobile: on a smart phone, just tap on this link from your email message:

[+13462487799,84061720892#,,,*690129#](tel:+13462487799,84061720892#,,,*690129#) US (Houston)

No smart phone?

Call Telephone number: [+13462487799](tel:+13462487799)

Enter Meeting I.D. [84061720892#](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84061720892#)

Enter Password: [*690129](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84061720892#?pwd=TWVib2tRMWw2eEpPN1JVWTBGM1VoZz09)

Zoom – You might want to download and use it for your own purposes.

Zoom has a free version. You can download it from the App Store or Google.

It is really pretty easy to use and you can ‘meet’ for up to forty minutes at a time with up to 100 people. You can use it to meet with your kids or have a little happy hour with friends.

Here are some links to Zoom's getting started information. They might be helpful if you decide to dive in.

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/214629443-Quick-start-guide-for-the-Zoom-web-client>

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362033-Getting-started-on-Windows-and-macOS>

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/200942759-Getting-started-with-Android>

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362993-Getting-started-with-iOS>

Note that the guide for iOS would cover both iPhones and iPads; and that the guide for Android would cover both Android-based smart phones and tablets.

Remember, you **do not** need to set up a Zoom account and sign into it to participate in RA meetings, just click on the link.