

# U.T. DALLAS RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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## Letter from the President

May 2018

Dear Fellow UT Dallas Retirees,

The year is well underway; we are already 5 months into 2018 and we are proceeding with all due haste. Where has the year gone so quickly?

I want to remind our existing members and tell our new members about our monthly lunches. We get together to share excellent food and good fellowship. A few of us even attempt to solve the problems of the world but I fear success has been limited at best. I invite all of our members, new and old, to participate in the UTD RA lunches that occur every month on the first Monday of the month with one or two exceptions. It is a great time. Come to the lunch while the weather is nice. You can let Judy Clothier know that you plan to attend by way of Facebook. We have a group page named UTD RA. Sign on. Let Judy know.

The Retiree Association will next meet on May 18 for a Reception and general business meeting. An agenda will be coming out in the near future. New retirees will be welcomed to retirement. New officers for the UTD RA will be elected. President Benson will speak to our group and update us on important events going on at the University.

Opportunities for retirees to volunteer to support UTD activities and events will arise periodically through the summer and into the fall. Volunteering is a good way to renew relationships at the University and to remind the University community that retirees are a viable part of the University.

I hope to conduct a survey of members of the UTD RA in the next couple of months to identify what means of communication our membership uses. Currently we do not have a uniform method of communicating with our membership. We can be much more effective if we can focus on one or two means of communication that link us to the greatest percentage of our membership.

I encourage members to enjoy the summer, visit family and relatives, take an exciting trip or two. Above all, travel safely. And be prepared to share your adventures with everyone.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming UTD RA meeting. Take care.

Best Wishes,  
David Holmes

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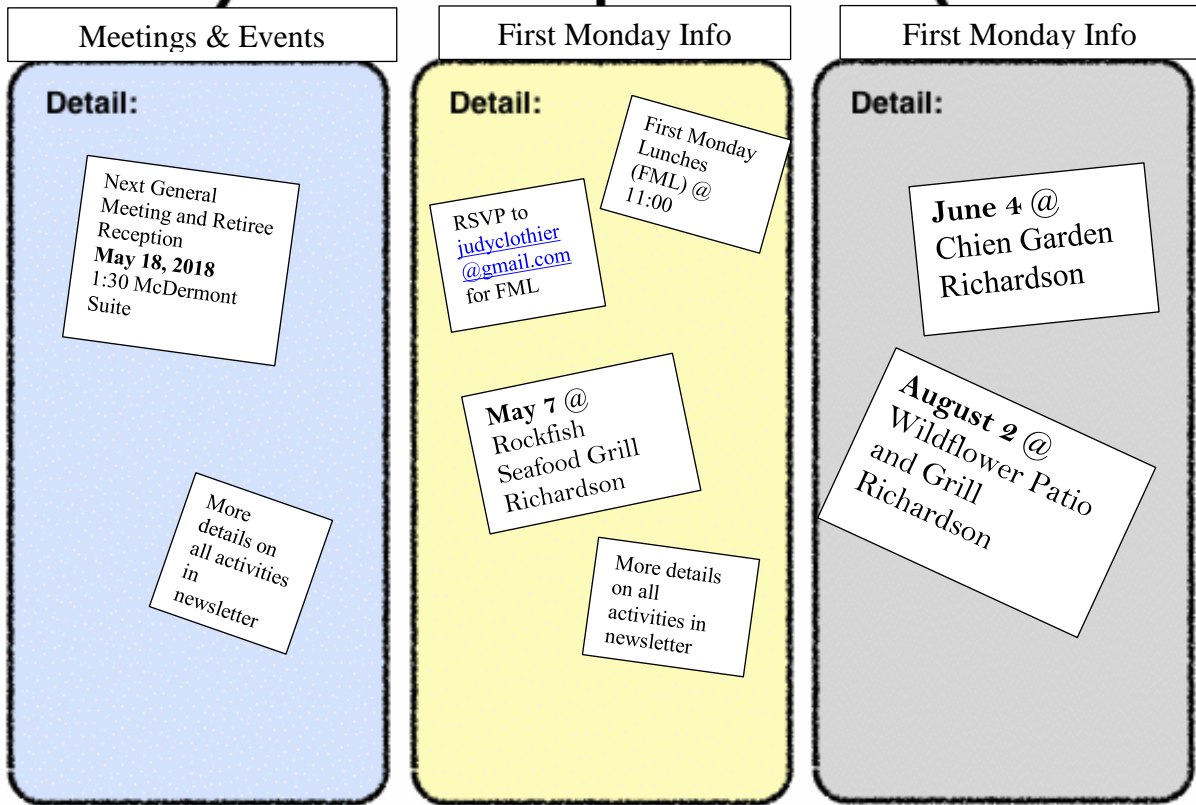
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# The UTD Retiree's Planner for 2017-2018



## Next Meeting

You are all invited to attend the General Membership Meeting and Retiree Reception on Friday, May 18th hosted by Dr. Edgington, Vice President of Development and Alumni Affairs in the McDermott Suite in the McDermott Library. The reception will begin with a social time at 1:30. At 2:00 President Benson will address the membership to bring us up to date about what's going on around campus. After President Benson's address, we will have the general membership meeting which will include introduction of new retirees and election of the officers for 2018-2019.

A Parking Pass is included at the end of the newsletter, to be used on the 18th to park in Lots A or B. Members should place the parking pass on their dash while parking. The shuttle will run from 1:15 to 2:15 for attendees. It will bring you to the McDermott Library. After the meeting, the shuttle will again run from the Library to the parking Lots A or B starting at 3:15 until 4:15.

Please respond to Sandee Goertzen, 214-733-3466 or [goertzen@utdallas.edu](mailto:goertzen@utdallas.edu), by **Friday, May 11th**, that you will attend and if you will be bringing a guest.

## Election of New Officers

### SLATE OF CANDIDATES

The election for the Executive Committee for 2018-2019 will be taking place at the UTD RA General Membership Meeting and New Retiree Reception on May 18, 2018. The Candidates that have been brought forth from the Members-at-Large are listed below.

**President**

Rochelle Pena

**Vice President**

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**Treasurer**

Gwen Bowen

**Secretary**

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If you have other candidates to bring forth, or you want to volunteer to run for one of the positions, you will have the opportunity to put forth those names at the meeting prior to the election.

## Benefits Fair

The Benefits Fair is being held on Monday, July 23, 2018 in the Student Union. More details will be given out later, but everyone is invited to attend. The UTDRA will have a table again and volunteers are needed to sit at the table and talk to staff/faculty members about the Association. Sandee Goertzen will be taking names of members that can volunteer for an hour or two at the Fair. The theme this year is Rock and Roll. The volunteers will need to figure out how best to work with the theme to decorate the table and their wardrobes.

RSVP to Sandee at 214-733-3466 or [Goertzen@utdallas.edu](mailto:Goertzen@utdallas.edu)

## Membership Report

As of Newsletter time, the UT Dallas Retiree Association has membership as follows:

Retirees	141
Spouses	<u>28</u>
Total	169

Of the 169 members, thirty-one are lifetime members and fourteen are new this year.

We will be sending out membership renewal instructions in late June or early July, but you may also renew your membership in person at the annual meeting in May. We will have membership and parking decal request forms at the meeting for your convenience.

Jean Stuart  
Membership Chair

## From the Social Committee

“Spring has sprung.” Time to smell the roses, clean your closets, and gather with fellow UT Dallas retirees! Mark your calendar now to attend these upcoming luncheons:

- **First Monday Lunch on May 7<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00am at Rockfish Seafood Grill, 7639 Campbell Rd, Dallas
- **First Monday Lunch on June 4<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00am at Chien Garden, 1144 N. Plano Rd, Richardson
- **First Monday Lunch on August 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 11:00am at Wildflower Patio and Grill, 2701 Custer Pkwy, Richardson

These monthly lunches are informal meet-ups. We order our own food and pay for it ourselves. We choose restaurants that are (hopefully) easy to find, reasonably priced with plenty of parking. We appreciate good food but enjoy the good conversation even more. Please come to share in the fun.

Another way to renew friendships and continue to support UT Dallas is to volunteer to help with University events. Check out these current opportunities:

- **UT Dallas Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament** at Firewheel Golf Park, 600 W. Campbell, RD, Garland, Friday, April 27th. Volunteers are needed throughout the day. If you can help, email [judyclothier@gmail.com](mailto:judyclothier@gmail.com) for more details.
- **UT Dallas Spring 2018 Commencement.** Volunteers are needed to help with the commencement services and Memories on the Mall activities on all three days; May 9th, May 10th, and May 11th. You must sign up online by Friday, April 27th. [Click here for the link](#) to sign up and receive more details.

Lastly, if you are looking for an area arts festival, be sure to check out the **Cottonwood Art Festival**, May 5th and 6th, at Cottonwood Park, 1301 W. Belt Line Rd, Richardson. This festival gets better every year.

We hope some of our retirees will be exhibiting, as well. [Click here for the website.](#)

Keep up with all our social events and meetings on our [UTD RA Facebook](#) page.

Judy Clothier  
Social Committee Chairman

## February Meeting

We met at the Coffee House Café for a lunch meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Susan Walsh presented a program on “Top Travel Tips”.



## March Meeting

The University of Texas at Dallas Retiree Association and The Texas Instruments Alumni Association hosted a joint meeting on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center. Cassini Nazir, Clinical Associate Professor in the School of Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication, was the speaker with topic of Designing Meaning.



**First Monday Lunches**

**February @ Casa Mama**



**March @ Southern Recipe**

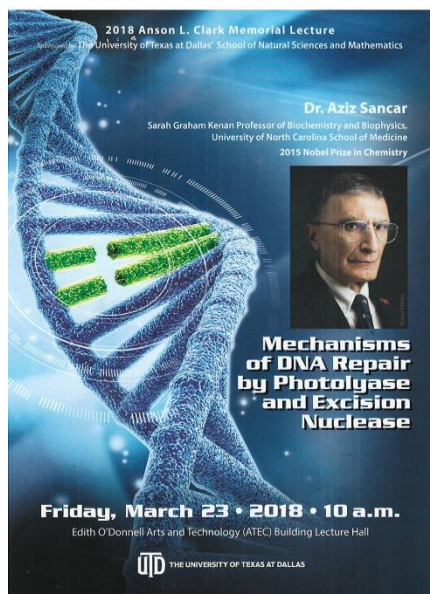


**April @ Red Hot and Blue**



## UTDRA volunteers

Lou, Marlys and Rochelle volunteered at the 2018 Clark Memorial Lecture by Dr. Aziz Sancar, 2015 Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry and a former student of UTD.



## UTDRA Travels



Bamboo Forest



Kyoto Heian



Kyoto Moss Garden

Chris Parr and Pat Storck in Japan



Okala Manhole Cover

UNAPPROVED  
The University of Texas at Dallas  
Retiree Association  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arlene Aylesworth, George Aylesworth, Lila Babcock, Don Bowen, Gwen Bowen, Joe Buffaloe, Susan Chizeck, Judy Clothier, Marlys Damman, Lou Delcamp, Judy Feld, Dave Gaarder, Betty Garrett, Barbara Geiger, Sandee Goertzen, Sharon Pianka, David Holmes, Fatiah Lambert, Mike Leaf, Chris Parr, Bill Pervin, Sharon Pianka, Diane Reed, Doug Shedd, Jean Stuart

GUEST: Susan Walsh

WELCOME: David Holmes welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Judy Feld, our Program Director. Judy then introduced our speaker for the meeting, Susan Walsh who entertained the group with travel suggestions and tips to make travel more successful.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by David Holmes, President. He thanked Susan for her presentation.

**2. MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of September 22, 2017. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

**3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Jean reported that we have 164 members. Thirty-five are lifetime members and 10 are new this year.
- B. NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ekkehard did not have anything to report at this time.
- C. SOCIAL COMMITTEE: The next FML will be held on March 5, 2018 at the Southern Recipe Cafe. Notices are placed on the Facebook page and if anyone needs training, for using Facebook, please let Judy Clothier know.
- D. PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Judy Feld reported that she has had several suggested topics for the next meeting. She will be taking RSVP's for the UTD RA/TI Alumni meeting to be held March 15, 2018.
- E. TREASURER'S REPORT: Gwen Bowen reported that there is \$8,771.02.01 in the checking account. The members have donated \$750.00 to the staff scholarship fund so far.
- F. ACADEMIC SENATE: Bill Pervin reported from the Senate that the budget is depressing. The Chancellor will be retiring in May, 2018. There is a search being conducted for the School of Engineering Dean.
- G. STAFFCOUNCIL: Sandee reported that the Staff Council is working on a cookbook as a fund raiser. It was announced that the Wellness Center is now open and the Retirees can join. April 3<sup>rd</sup> is Giving Day at the University. The Senate will now have three co-speakers. Murray Leaf, Richard Scotch and Rabi Prakash.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Status of new UTDR web page: Sandee gave a report on the status of the new web page. Rachel Ortega is the coordinator who is working on transferring our web page to the new format.
- B. Status of Memorandum of Understanding: The MOU was sent to Dr. Edgington by Dave Routzahn, David Holmes and Sandee Goertzen. No response has been received to date.



5. NEW BUSINESS

Volunteers: There was discussion of the possibility of retirees working at social functions for the University. Judy Clothier has some suggestions and will pursue getting volunteers, working with the Office of Administration.

New Retiree Reception: The date for the New Retiree Reception is Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Benson will be the guest speaker at this event.

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

Respectfully Submitted  
Sande Goertzen, Secretary

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May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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