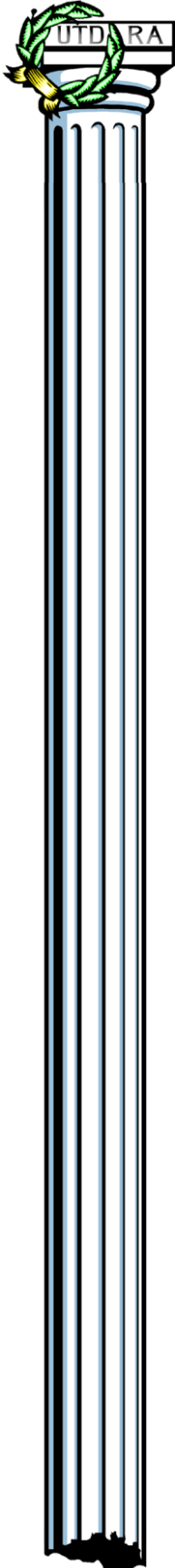


# U.T. DALLAS RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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## Letter from the President

February 2020

Greetings from the Pacific!

Wishing you all a Happy Valentine's Day and hoping you're avoiding colds and flu in the crazy "waves" of weather we've been having.

I encourage everyone to join your fellow retirees at the February First Monday luncheon on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at Chuy's, 3408 Central Expressway, Plano 75074. It's always fun to catch up and enjoy a good meal.

I also hope you will put our General Meeting on your calendar for Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> when you'll hear Dr. Dennis Kratz, our featured speaker.

And if you can help out the University with their Explore Engineering Day 2020 on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, I know they will appreciate your participation.

I'm leaving you in the capable hands of Paul Oelkrug, our Vice President/President-Elect and the rest of the Board for these February activities as I travel this month. I'll see you in March!

To update you on our plans for the spring: We've got a tentative date for the New Retirees Reception on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available. We've also been in contact with the Texas Instruments Retiree Association and are working to confirm a date for our annual joint meeting.

Don't forget to check our Facebook page as well as our Retiree page on the UTDallas website: <https://www.utdallas.edu/ra/>. We strive to keep these pages updated with the latest information. And see below for more complete information on all the upcoming activities!

Have a wonderful month,  
Susie Kutchi

## Membership Report

As of January 28, 2020, our membership is as follows:

Retirees	156
Spouses	<u>23</u>
Total	179

Of the one hundred and seventy-nine, forty are lifetime members, sixteen are new and four are returning after having been members previously.

On January 24, 2019, we had:

Retirees	136
Spouses	<u>28</u>
Total	164

This included 35 lifetime members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Stuart, Membership chair

### Board Officers

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## The UTD Retiree's Planner

More details on all activities in newsletter

### Febuary General Meeting

February 14, 2020  
Lunch Meeting with Speaker  
11:15 a.m..  
Amistad Conference Room  
(12.216)  
Synergy Park North Building

### First Monday Lunch.

**February 3, 2020**  
Chuy's Mexican Food  
3408 Central Expressway  
Richardson, TX 75074

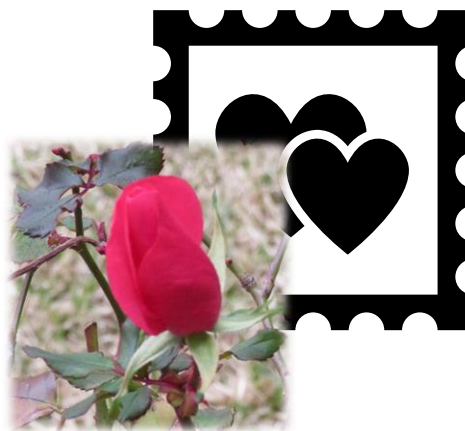
**March 2, 2020**  
Tricky Fish Seafood Restaurant  
1251 State St Suite 750  
Richardson, TX 75082

**April 6, 2020**  
Spin! Pizza  
348 W Campbell Rd  
Richardson, TX 75080

## Next General Meeting: February 14, 2020

Hello All,

We're expecting a solid turnout for the **February 14th Valentine lunch and meeting**. We'll gather at 11:15 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.



11:15 Meet and Mingle  
11:30 Lunch from Cafe Max (\$5 per person)  
12:15 - 1:00 Presentation and Q&A by Dr. Dennis Kratz  
"Dangerous Love, or Why Is That Nice Young Couple in Hell?"  
1:00 - 2:30 Business Meeting  
2:30 Meeting Adjourned

Presenter: Dennis M. Kratz was Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities for 22 years and is the Ignacy and Celina Rockover Professor of Humanities at The University of Texas at Dallas. Prior to his appointment in 1997 as Dean of Arts and Humanities, he served as the University's Dean of Undergraduate Education. As Dean, scholar and teacher, Dr. Kratz emphasizes "meaningful transformation." His areas of specialization include medieval literature, classical tradition, translation, and fantasy/science fiction. Dr. Kratz's reputation for humor and academic brilliance make him a much sought-after speaker, and we are fortunate to welcome him to our gathering.

Program description from Dr. Kratz: *"Valentine's Day seems a good time to celebrate the twin dangers of love and reading. Starting with the depiction of the lovers Paolo and Francesca in Dante's DIVINE COMEDY, I will discuss why we should pay attention to the power of stories and the theme of "love" as a disruptive force."*

RSVP to Judy Feld, Program Chair, at [judy@coachnet.com](mailto:judy@coachnet.com) and Kathy White, Social Chair (welcome, Kathy) at [kjw021000@utdallas.edu](mailto:kjw021000@utdallas.edu) with "February 14th UTDRA Meeting" in the subject line by Tuesday, February 11th. Please include your name if it is not part of your e-mail address.

Thank you; hope to see you there!

Cheers!  
Judy

## From the Social Committee

### First Monday Lunches for the Next Three Months

February 3, 2020-

Chuy's Mexican Food (near Costco on 75)  
3408 Central Expressway  
Richardson, TX 75074  
<https://www.chuys.com/locations/dallas-fort-worth/plano> (Sit down/order)

Please RSVP by February 1<sup>st</sup> to Kathleen White, [kjw021000@utdallas.edu](mailto:kjw021000@utdallas.edu)

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March 2, 2020-

Tricky Fish Seafood Restaurant with a Cajun touch. (near State Farm complex)  
1251 State St Suite 750  
Richardson, TX 75082  
<https://www.tricky-fish.com/#tricky-fish-menu-section> (Order at the register)

Please RSVP by February 29<sup>th</sup> to Kathleen White, [kjw021000@utdallas.edu](mailto:kjw021000@utdallas.edu)

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April 6, 2020-

Spin! Pizza  
348 W Campbell Rd  
Richardson, TX 75080  
<https://www.spinpizza.com/> (Order at the register)

Please RSVP by April 4<sup>th</sup> to Kathleen White, [kjw021000@utdallas.edu](mailto:kjw021000@utdallas.edu)

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### First Monday Lunch

January 2020  
at Ali Baba



## November 22, 2019 General Meeting



## Holiday Luncheon at Rockfish December 5, 2019



Fellowship, games, door prizes

*A UTD RA Tradition*

## Members Travels

**Diane Reed** with daughter, Anne, and her husband on the beach. Tampa Bay. Florida. (November 2019).



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**Chris Parr and Pat Storck**  
Gulf of Bothnia between Finland & Sweden.



Shivering in a wigwam waiting for aurora that never arrived.

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**Rome and Amalfi Coast**  
**Kathy White and Teresa Johnson**



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

UTD Retiree Association

November 22, 2019

Present: Mary Kay Adams, David Adams, Don Bowen, Gwen Bowen, Judy Feld, Lynda Gary, Sandee Goertzen, Ekkehard Kuner, Kay Kuner Susie Kutchi, Mike Leaf, Paul Oelkrug, Bill Pervin, Rochelle Pena, Dick Reed, Diane Reed, Bobbi Ritcheske, Emebet Sahle, Su Wadlow, Paul Watson, David Steele, Nancy Steele

Guests: Juike Mu

Susie Kutchi called the meeting to order and introduced the Program Director, Judy Feld, who in turn introduced the speaker for the day, Juike Mu, who talked about his research.

After the speaker completed his talk, Susie Kutchi called the business meeting to order.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** The President brought forward the minutes. A motion was made to amend the minutes and then approve them.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:** Jean Stuart brought forward the membership number. There are 160 members, 38 Lifetime members and 11 new members

**TREASURER REPORT:** Gwen Bowen gave the treasurer's report which shows \$11,025 currently in the fund.

**SOCIAL CHAIR:** Kathy White is the new Social Chair. She will handle the numbers for the February 14, 2020 luncheon and meeting and let us know about the cost.

**PROGRAM CHAIR:** Judy Feld has arranged for Dennis Kratz to be the speaker for the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and luncheon.

The MOU has been revised and is awaiting the signature of the President, Dr. Benson.

Kathy White will let us know about the price of the February 14<sup>th</sup> luncheon of the memberships of the Retirees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandee Goertzen  
Secretary