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BENEFITS MEETING

The meeting with MEDCO and Blue Cross/Blue Shield representatives has been set for June 29th from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. in Galaxy Room C in the Student Union. Come hear how the new Health Care Plan will affect the Retirees. UT-System representatives will also be at the meeting and available for questions. The Benefits Fair will take place that same day from 12:30 – 4:00, also in the Galaxy Room.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The Reception to honor the new retirees was held on April 12th. Dr. Daniel gave an update on the progress on campus of all the new buildings and the campus beautification plan that is scheduled for completion in November this year. Each new retiree was introduced and told the Retirees how long they were at UTD, which department they retired from and each one also told us what they were planning to do in their retirement.

The Spring business meeting was conducted at which the election of officers for 2010-2011 took place. The candidates that were elected take office September 1, 2010 and are as follows:

President: Betty Garrett
Vice President/President-Elect: Victor Worsfold
Secretary: Pat Storck
Treasurer: Gwen Bowen
Members-at-Large: Marlys Damman, Esteban Egea, Mike Leaf
Membership Chair: Myrna Tureff-Egea
Communication Chair: Jean Stuart

Sandee Goertzen, outgoing President, was presented with a Lifetime Membership to the Retiree Association and was thanked for her service.

NEXT MEETING

The next business meeting of the UTD Retiree Association will be scheduled in September, 2010. Notice will be sent out the first part of August with the date and location.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Membership Chair will be sending out the renewal information the first part of July. Dues will be $5.00/year per person or the lifetime membership will be $150.00. The reason for the early renewal, to be effective September 1, 2010, is due to the availability of the parking hang tags. If you want to have a hang tag by September 1, the renewal process needs to take place prior to August 1st. An information letter and all the forms necessary to renew your membership will be sent out via the US postal service. Be on the lookout in July for your packet.
STUDENT WELCOME DAYS, AUGUST 19 AND 20

The Customer Service Committee hosts welcome stations throughout campus; volunteers at the stations hand out maps; small gifts; water and help students navigate through campus. This will be the third year we have provided our students with this welcome service; it is deeply appreciated by our students and very rewarding. (Also extremely hot!). Retirees who would like to help one or both of those days should contact Deborah Day in Development and Alumni Relations, 972-883-6504, debday@utdallas.edu. They would appreciate responses as soon as possible so we can place our shirt order; however, from a scheduling standpoint, they need the volunteers to respond by the end of July.

TEXAS INSTRUMENTS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (TIAA)

I met with several representatives of the Texas Instruments Alumni Association (TIAA) group, along with Betty Garrett, the VP of the UTD RA and Dwight Clasby, a representative of the UTD Development Office. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the possibility of establishing a cooperative relationship between the two groups. After discussing the possibility, the Executive Committee agreed that we should give some joint ventures a try.

The first one will be on September 23rd at the Plano Center. It will be a cooperative meeting in the afternoon. There will be several group sessions. Dr. Denise Park, UTD Endowed Chair in Behavior and Brain Sciences and Director of the Center for Vital Longevity will be the keynote speaker. There will also be a speaker from TI who will discuss developments in medical technology. After the seminars, both groups will split off into separate meetings; that will be our first fall meeting. The event will begin around 1:00 and end by 3:30. More details will come later.

I am excited about this joint venture. The UTD RA has been invited to have an information table, along with the UTD Office of Development, at the TIAA’s annual gathering in November. Several UTDRA members will be available to hand out brochures about the UTD RA.

We will also be inviting the TIAA membership to special seminars, etc. that we sponsor at UTD. Included in this newsletter is the information from the TIAA membership regarding a golf tournament, that will benefit the Senior Source.

If you’re interested in looking up information at the TIAA, you can go to their web site – http://www.TIalumni.org. If you have any questions or comments about this joint venture, please give me or Betty Garrett a call.

We think it will be an interesting venture and look forward to taking advantage of their generosity.

Sandee Goertzen, President

TI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT – INVITES UTD RA GOLFERS

The Texas Instruments Alumni Association (TIAA) is extending an invitation to members of the UT Dallas Retiree Association to participate in our Annual Charity Golf Tournament. This year’s tournament will be held on Tuesday, September 14, at the Woodbridge Golf Club in Wylie, Texas. Costs of the tournament are underwritten by Texas Instruments and the Texans Credit Union, and all proceeds from golfers and sponsors go directly to The Senior Source, a non-profit dedicated to improving the quality of life for seniors in our community. Over the past 10 years, more than $220,000 has been raised by the tournament.

To preregister for the tournament, call Max Post at 214-823-6733, and detail information will be sent. The registration fee for golfers is $75, which includes lunch, greens fee, and golf cart. UT Dallas retirees are welcome to form a team or join one of the TI retiree teams. The tournament begins with lunch at 11:30 a.m. – we hope you will join us for a fun day and a worthy cause.