LETTER FROM the PRESIDENT

The UTD Retired Faculty/Staff Association was chartered in 2003 as an official University organization under the sponsorship of the Human Resources Department. Since then our name has changed to the UTD Retiree Association and we now operate under The Office of Vice-President for Development and Alumni Relations (VPDAA). Our two signature events have become the Christmas Luncheon each December and the New Retiree Reception each April. Socialization has been the primary focus of the group, with luncheons, excursions, and entertainment events defining our main activities. The adoption of By-Laws at our first official meeting on February 23, 2005, marked the actual birth of our association and so it is appropriate that our meeting on February 22, 2012, be a celebration of our first seven years of existence. We have proudly witnessed a remarkable transition on campus over these last seven years as the University has prospered in all respects under the guidance of President Daniel. We are equally proud of the efforts put forth by our own membership to make the Retirees’ Association a success. Listed below are members who have volunteered their time and efforts to serve as officers or committee chairs of the association over these past seven years. I know you join with me in thanking them for their service.

Patsy Aguilera  Barbara Geiger  Chris Parr  
Gwen Bowen  George Gerken  Ann Payne  
Carla Carpenter  Sandy Gillette  Diane Reed  
Shirley Cassidy  Sandee Goertzen  Jo Ellen Roach  
Marlys Damman  Judi Hamby  Bob Rutford  
Dottie Dunkelberger  Mary Hansen  Pat Storck  
Mike Durbin  Ekkehard Kuner  Jean Stuart  
Peggy Eckelkamp  Mike Leaf  Myrna Tureff-Egea  
Esteban Egea  Sallie Mackey  Linda Williamson  
Cynthia Fawcett  Susan Marsh  Victor Worsfold  
Betty Garrett  Carolyn Muskett  Peg Zotter  

Let’s Have a PARTY - and Celebrate US

The UTD Retiree Association’s third meeting of the 2011/2012 school year will take place on Wednesday, February 22, 2012. We will meet from 2:00 to approximately 3:30 P.M. in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room (in the Student Union Extension Building). To celebrate our association’s seven years of existence we will have a BIRTHDAY cake and a festive atmosphere. The slate of officer nominees for the 2012/2013 school year will be presented by the Association’s nominating committee and additional nominees will be solicited from the floor. Chris Parr will regale us with stories/video of his and Pat’s sojourn through deepest Africa. Questions will be answered and we will leave the meeting with an expanded knowledge of our wondrous planet earth. Moreover, you will once again have the opportunity to come together
with old friends and colleagues and savor shared memories and experiences. So please plan to attend and let Mike Durbin know of those plans with an email (mike@durbintech.com) or phone call (972-271-8779) message (for head count purposes). Mike will also be happy to set up transportation arrangements if such are needed in order for you to attend. See you on the 22nd with your festive SMILE in tow!

Retiree Reception on April 12, 2012

The UTD Retiree Association will hold its annual Reception for New Retirees on Thursday afternoon, April 12, 2012, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. in the McDermott Suite of the Library. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to help us welcome the new retirees into our world of leisurely meanderings around the globe. Dr. Daniel will address the membership and new officers for 2012/2013 will be formally elected. Goodies (with wine) will be provided and more details will be published as the date draws closer.

Officer Nominees for 2012/2013

The Nominating Committee for the 2012/2013 slate of association officers consists of Betty Garrett (gbgarrett@tx.rr.com), Sandee Goertzen (goertzen@utdallas.edu), and Mike Leaf (mikeleaf@netzero.net). If you would be interested in serving as an officer of the Retiree Association in 2012/2013, please contact one of these three members. We are in particular need of a retired faculty member to serve as Vice President/President Elect.

Membership Report:
We now have 154 members. Of that number 125 are retirees and 29 are spouses. Included in this number are new members Vickie Bullock and her husband Ken, and Herman Harrison. A hearty welcome to them!

Jean Stuart
Membership

Social Committee Report:

First Monday Lunch
Come join us for food and fun this spring! We will continue our First Monday Lunch tradition at 11:30. Here’s the spring schedule:

February 6: B.J.’s Restaurant and Brewhouse, 1101 N. Central Expressway, Plano (on the access road between Collin Creek Mall and 15th Street.) B.J.’s features deep dish pizza, a bunch of great sounding burgers, soups, salads and entrees. They brew their own root beer (perfect for a float!) Their website is www.bjsrestaurants.com. Make reservations to: Ann Payne at annhpayne@yahoo.com.

March 5: Lunch at the Arboretum, following a tour of Dallas Blooms (see details under “Activities” below)

April 2: Rockfish, 7639 Campbell Road (corner and Campbell and Coit). We make it a “habit” to eat here twice a year because they give us a UTD discount and make a contribution to the Staff Council Scholarship Fund on the first Monday of each month. You know how good the food is! If you don’t, come find out! Make reservations to Sandee Goertzen at goertzen@utdallas.edu.
May 7: **Primavera Italian Restaurante**, 2220 Coit, Suite 420 (northeast corner of Coit and Park in Plano). Sure they have pizza and sub sandwiches, but why bother when you can splurge on shrimp scampi, chicken or veal marsala, or yummy pasta dishes. Can’t decide on a pasta? The Primavera sampler has lasagna, manicotti and ravioli baked in tomato sauce and covered in mozzarella cheese! And, they have a private dining room so it will be easy to visit. Their website is [www.primaveraitalian.com](http://www.primaveraitalian.com). Make reservations to Jo Ellen Roach at [watkins7@aol.com](mailto:watkins7@aol.com).

**Special Events for spring:** Mark your calendar now and invite a retiree friend to join in these opportunities to broaden our horizons and just have fun!

**THE LEVEE SINGERS AT POCKET SANDWICH THEATER** - February 28:
The Levee Singers are celebrating their 50th anniversary which means that they (1) have been singing a long time and (2) are senior citizens just like us! These guys sell out the place. If you’ve never heard them, watch the YouTube video on their website [www.edburnet.com](http://www.edburnet.com). The video also shows the Pocket Sandwich Theater, a small, tiered venue that serves food before the show. The theater’s website is [www.pocketsandwich.com](http://www.pocketsandwich.com).

**Address:** 5400 E. Mockingbird, Suite 119 (across the street and just east of Mockingbird Station.)

**Time:**
- Dinner: begins at 6:15 (sandwiches, nachos, etc.)
- Show: 7:30

**Price:** Tickets to the show are $20; food and beverage charges additional

**Reservations:** Must to be made to [annhpayne@yahoo.com](mailto:annhpayne@yahoo.com) by February 10. (These guys sell out the place!)

**DALLAS BLOOMS: SPRING AT THE ARBORETUM** – Monday, March 5:
Perhaps the best part of spring in Dallas is the tulips and daffodils - and the best place to see them is at the Dallas Arboretum! Again this year, Susan Daniel (wife of President Daniel and an Arboretum board member) has made 25 free tickets available to us.

**Time:**
- 10:00 for self-paced tour followed by lunch at 11:30

**Address** 8525 Garland Rd, Dallas

**Reservations:** Contact Mike Durbin at [mike@durbintech.com](mailto:mike@durbintech.com)

A great way to stay up to date is to visit [www.utdallas.edu/ra/calendar.htm](http://www.utdallas.edu/ra/calendar.htm) for information and updates on social activities.
AN AFTERNOON AT THEATER THREE
Wednesday, March 14:
We will see the matinee performance of The Farnsworth Invention. This is the mile-a-minute Broadway drama by Aaron Sorkin, 2011 Oscar-winning writer of Social Network and TV’s The West Wing. It’s 1929. Two ambitious visionaries race against each other to invent a device called ‘television’. Who will discover the key to the powerful innovation of the 20th century: the ruthless media mogul, or the self-taught Idaho farm boy?

Time: 2:00 Performance; 1:00 departure from Richardson if you want to carpool (suggested because of limited parking).
Address: 2800 Routh St. #168, in the Quadrangle
Price: $12 per ticket
Reservations: Contact Diane Reed at dianereed1@swbell.net by March 1

AN EVENING AT THE UT DALLAS THEATRE – April 20:
We will see the production of The 25th Annual Putman County Spelling Bee. No, it’s not a contest for smart kids; it’s a Broadway musical about six young people in the throes of puberty, overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, learning that winning isn’t everything and that losing doesn’t necessarily make you a loser. This hilarious tale of overachievers’ angst chronicles the experience of six adolescent outsiders vying for the spelling championship of a lifetime. The Tony Award winning show also gives the audience a chance to participate as spellers in the bee!

Prior to the show, we will meet at Marcus Café for dinner.
Time: 6:00 Dinner 8:00 Show
Address: UT Dallas Theatre
Marcus Café: 2700 Custer Road (in II Creeks at the corner of Lookout and Custer)
Price: Discounted tickets for retirees (details to follow)
Dinner menu at www.marcuscafe.com
Reservations: Details to be announced

A DAY IN FORT WORTH – Tuesday, May 15

We plan to carpool west to see the Kimball Art Museum special exhibit “The Age of Impressionism,” followed by lunch at the Kimball. Those who want to see more will go to the Amon Carter Museum exhibit called “Romance Maker: The Watercolors of Charles M. Russell.” Details will follow, but for information about the exhibits go to www.kimbellart.org and www.cartermuseum.org.
October’s Monday Lunch at Rockfish

Pictures from December General Meeting: Dancing with the Stars??!!
MEMBERS PRESENT: Patsy Aguilera, David Blair, Gwen Bowen, Marlys Damman, Carol Durbin, Mike Durbin, Betty Garrett, Barbara Geiger, Sandee Goertzen, Judi Hamby, Ray Hamby, Walter Johnston, Mike Leaf, Lew Lewis, Mickey Lewis, Carolyn Musket, Deborah Stott

1. Meeting called to Order
Mike Durbin called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Minutes approved
A motion was made by Betty Garrett and seconded by Deborah Stott to approve the minutes of September 14, 2011. The motion passed.

3. Treasurer Report
Gwen Bowen presented the Treasurer’s Report which showed a balance of $4,763.22. Expenses presented were $42.29 for bank supplies, $16.97 for meeting supplies and a $250 donation to the University’s Office of Development for their general campaign. An additional $30.00 was collected in dues.

4. Audit Report
The internal Audit Committee, consisting of Gwen Bowen, Mike Leaf and Patsy Aguilera, presented their findings and approval of the books of 2010-2011.

5. Membership Report
Jean Stuart, the membership Chair, was not available to give a membership report for the previous period.

6. Social Committee
Judi Hamby reported that there would not be a luncheon the first Monday in January but would be the second Monday, the 9th. The Christmas luncheon was to be at Compari’s on the 14th of December. Sandee Goertzen will be coordinating that luncheon.

7. Staff Council Report
Sandee Goertzen reported that at the November meeting of the Staff Council, Dr. Wright and his staff spoke regarding the parking at UTD. There will be special event parking in the outer lot along Floyd Road, just south of the Police Department. This area will be designated only for special events. People will park there and shuttles will deliver them to the specific building that the special event is being held. A 15 passenger van has already been purchased and there will also be two ten passenger golf carts for picking up the guests that come to campus for special events. Two new parking garages have been approved for campus. One will be by the new housing and the other east of the tennis courts on drive A. There will be no more parking meters using coins. They will use credit cards and can be paid by phone. The loop around campus is still in the planning stages but should be started soon.
Child Care on campus is being discussed once again. There is a committee headed by Lauren Decillis that is working on that plan.

8. Old Business
Since there was no old business, the Chair moved on to item 9.

9. New business
There was no new business, so the meeting was adjourned.

10. The membership then moved to the dance studio and the two dancers in residence gave the membership lessons in stretching and dancing.

Respectfully Submitted
Sandee Goertzen
Secretary
UTD RA