President’s Letter

Spring is blowing and raining its way into our lives. This is always a refreshing time of year with new foliage, greening of the grass and flowers peeking out of last year’s beds. My robins are back, making good use of the birdbath, cheerfully telling the world about it. I hope you enjoy all of the pleasures of the season.

As you know, in the spring, we hold a reception in April to welcome the new retirees from the past year. Invitations will be sent out shortly to the new retirees and as usual, the reception will feature remarks from our University President, David E. Daniel, a nice buffet, with wine and other beverages, some time to mingle and chat followed by a short business meeting. Please plan to attend and greet our new members. More information will be found in this newsletter.

Judi Hamby and her committee have some great things lined up for us in the coming months so plan to join us for “fun and frivolity”. The one thing we seem to do best is play.

Marlys Damman
President

April Meeting: 2013 RETIREE RECEPTION

April 19, 2013
2:00 p.m. McDermott Suite McDermott Library
Dr. Daniel’s Remarks at 2:30

If your membership has lapsed, we invite you to reactivate your membership by contacting Jean Stuart by April 12, 2013. (jeanstrt@aol.com)

You all are invited to attend the 2013 Retiree Reception that will be held at the McDermott Suite on Campus – fourth floor of the McDermott Library. It begins at 2:00 p.m. with the social hour. Dr. Daniel will address us at 2:30 and then we will have the business meeting following Dr. Daniel’s address. The business meeting will include the introduction of the new retirees – 37 of them this year. We would hope you will attend.

Please let me know if you will be able to attend by April 12th. You can reach me at 972 495-7612 or by email at goertzen@utdallas.edu. I will need your name and the name of your significant other. We need to have the number of attendees for the
food count which promises to be great, in addition to the wine we will serve for those that will indulge. If not, there will be other beverages. Parking will be in the remote parking once again, a map is below explaining where you should park. The parking shuttle will take you from this location to the entrance of the McDermott Library, so please be prepared for a ride. The shuttle will begin to run at 1:30 p.m. and will continue running until 2:10 p.m. Beginning at 3:20, the shuttle will again take us back to our vehicles after the reception and will continue to run until 4:00 p.m. The parking permit is at the very end of the newsletter.

*Please print it out and place it on your dash the day of the reception.*

**Proposed Changes to Association By-Laws**

The Retiree Association’s Executive Committee has approved for submission to the general membership a number of changes to Association By-Laws (and Operating Guidelines). The proposed changes will be submitted for discussion/approval at the Spring New Retirees Reception on April 19, 2013. Adoption of these proposed changes will require an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting. The proposed changes are:

1. Reduce the number of association business meetings each year from four to three.
2. Add a new officer, Program Chair, to the Association’s Executive Committee. This new officer will, in conjunction with the President, plan special programs/speakers for Association business meetings.
3. Create a standing Nominating Committee, consisting of the three Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee (Chair selected from/by the Members-at-Large).
4. The Immediate Past President will be available to serve as an advisor to the Executive Committee as requested, but attendance at Executive Committee Meetings will be voluntary. The Immediate Past President will no longer serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

A copy of the By-Laws is at the end of the newsletter after the minutes from the February 14 meeting.

**Slate of Association Officer Nominees for 2013/2014**

President – Barbara Geiger
Vice-President/President Elect – **OPEN**
Secretary – Sandee Goertzen
Treasurer – Gwen Bowen
Membership Chair – Jean Stuart
Newsletter Editor – Ekkehard Kuner
Social Committee Chair – Judi Hamby
Association Webmaster – Chris Parr
Program Chair – Patsy Aguilera
Immediate Past President – Marlys Damman
Members-at-Large (3) – Peg Zotter

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Contact Mike Durbin at 972-271-8779 (Home) or 214-558-7350 (Cell) if you might be willing to consider the open Vice President/President Elect position or one of the two open Members-at-Large positions.
Membership Report
We have been steadily adding new members during the last month - with five new retirees and two spouses. Let’s welcome new members:
  George and Arlene Aylesworth
  Lin Maute
  David and Mary Ann Routzahn (both UTD retirees)
  Martha and Monroe Tyndall
We now have 194 members. There are 153 retirees and 41 spouses. We have added seventeen new members this year so the news that we are a great group of former colleagues is spreading.
Jean Stuart
Membership

Treasurer’s Report
COMPASS BANK ACCOUNT #20913096
UTD RETIREE ASSOCIATION

1/17/2013 Balance Forward $5623.10
2/20/2013 Dues Deposit 10.00
3/8/2013 Dues Deposit 15.00
3/18/2013 Dues Deposit 10.00
3/21/2013 Balance in the Account $5658.10
Gwen Bowen
Treasurer

Messages from Anna LeBlanc
Golf tournament, April 25
https://alumni.utdallas.edu/golf
IRA rollover gifts for those 70 1/2. A tax-smart way to give/ Good until Dec. 31, 2013
http://utdallas.plannedgiving.org/utdallas/articles/95.html

Please let me know if you have any questions.
Thanks
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Spring Social Events

First Monday Lunch: May 6, 11:30
Paesano’s Restaurante: 508 E. 14 Street (on the east side on Central Expressway, just south of 15th street) This is a family owned Italian restaurant “Make your own” pizzas for $7 Entrees (including choice of soup or salad) in the $8 to $9 range. For menu information check out their website at http://paesanosrestaurant.net/files/54162295.pdf. For reservations contact Gayle Poirot at gnpoirot@gmail.com

First Monday Lunch, June 3, 11:30
BJ's Brewhouse: 1101 N. Central Expressway (on the access road to Central, even with Collin Creek mall) Something for everyone – pizza, pasta, burgers and other sandwiches, salads, Asian For menu information check out their website at http://www.bjsrestaurants.com/locations/tx/plano For reservations contact Gayle Poirot at gnpoirot@gmail.com

First Monday Lunch: July 1, 11:30
Joe's Crab Shack 3320 N. Central Expressway (east of Central in Plano) Lunch specials include fish & chips, bottomless soup & salad, chicken club sandwich, crawfish etouffee, chicken fried salad, coconut shrimp For menu information check out their website at http://www.joescrabshack.com/includes/images/PDFs/Full-NPmenu.pdf For reservations contact Patty Atchley at patteeatchley@gmail.com

First Monday Lunch: August 5
Cheddar’s: 5445 N. President George Bush Toll way, Garland (at George Bush Toll way at North Garland Ave.) Again, there is something for everyone on this menu – soups, salads, sandwiches, plus ribs, chicken and waffles, something called baked spasagna, pot roast, grilled items, and burgers For menu information check out their website at http://cheddars.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/XPP3T.pdf For reservations contact Barbara Geiger at smokesignal2108@att.net

Senior Field Trip #1: Tour of UTD Campus – Monday, May 6, 2013
Come see what is new on campus with a riding tour given by the UTD Alumni Association. Please arrive by 9:45 at the Alumni Association office located on the basement floor of the McDermott Library (old Career Center office). Then we can join go to lunch at Paesano’s Restaurante (See above) For reservations contact Patsy Aguilera at patsy.aguilera@att.net, Deadline is Friday, April 26, 2013.

Senior Field Trip #2: Perot Museum - Monday, May 13, 2013
Come visit Dallas’s latest sensation, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science. We will meet for an early lunch at 11:00 at La Madeleine on Mockingbird (just off Central Expressway and close to SMU) then continue on to the Perot for a visit from 12:30 to 3:30. Our hope is to be at the museum when school field trips are about over and leave the museum before “5 o’clock traffic.” Admission to the museum is $12 for seniors and an extra $5 if you want to see the 30 minute film. We are asking that those who want to go to the museum purchase their own ticket online. The museum has been selling out so it is important to reserve your ticket early.

Suggested deadline for the museum senior field trip is April 22
Contact Judi Hamby at judihamby@gmail.com by April 22. Purchase your ticket online at www.perotmuseum.org, You may join the group after that date, but remember that tickets have been going fast.

Once we know who is planning to attend, we will arrange carpools. Please let Judi know if you can drive or if you will need a ride.
General Meeting: February 14, 2013

Program

Katie Patterson with Richardson Adult Literacy Center

Steve Witson, Director, UT Southwestern Clinic Center for Richardson and Plano
Rockfish,

Lunch at the Arboretum

UTDRA website: www.utdallas.edu/ra/
Members Present: Vickie and Ken Bullock, Marlys Damman, Dottie Dunkelberger, Carol and Mike Durbin, Peggy Eckelkamp, Betty and Guy Garrett, Barbara Geiger, Sandee Goertzen, Judi Hamby, Genevieve and John Hamulak, Mary Hansen, Eloise Jackson, Kay and Ekkehard Kuner, Don and Tiah Lambert, Carolyn Muskett, Ann Payne, Chris Parr, Jo Ellen and Howard Roach, Mary Ann and David Routzahn, Vivian Rutledge, Jean Stuart, Peg Zotter

Visitors: Paula Austel, Paula Bratt, Deb Day, Anna LeBlanc, Katie Patterson, Steve Whitson

SPEAKERS: Katie Patterson with the Richardson Adult Literary Center spoke to the retirees regarding this center’s mission. They provide free English as a Second Language instruction to adults from other countries who now live or work in Richardson or the Richardson ISD area. The organization is always looking for volunteers to work at the center, or for people to donate funds or be an advocate for the center.

The second speaker, Steve Whitson, the Director of the U. T. Southwestern Clinic Center for Richardson and Plano spoke about the clinic and what is available there. There are currently two gynecologists and one family practitioner at the clinic. They will be bringing on an oncologist with lab and 10 infusion rooms and a pharmacy between May and August 2013. In addition there will be an image center in the future.

1. CALL TO ORDER
   The meeting was called to order by Marlys Damman, President. Ms. Damman thanks Judi Hamby for her part in putting the lunch together for the membership and Barbara Geiger for her decorations.

2. MINUTES
   Mike Durbin moved to approve the minutes of November 8, 2012. Jean Stuart seconded the motion and it was approved.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   A. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Jean reported that the total membership stands at 148 Retirees, 39 spouses with a total of 27 lifetime included in the 148.
   B. NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ekkehard did not have a report at this time.
   C. SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Judi Hamby reported that the Social Committee met and established several events, including the first Monday luncheons. A trip to the Dallas Arboretum is once again being planned, along with a visit to the new Perot Museum.
   D. TREASURER'S REPORT: Gwen Bowen reported that there is $5,623.10 in the checking account.
   E. ACADEMIC SENATE: Chris Parr had to leave the meeting early, so Sandee Goertzen gave his report for him. The Senate is mainly working on Computer Security and encryptions. Dr. Leaf says that the “Feds” are on the faculty’s side. They are revising the copyright act to protect against piracy on web.
   F. STAFF COUNCIL: Sandee Goertzen reported that the Staff Council gave out 12 scholarships this semester. Funds for these scholarships come from fund raising like selling Poinsettias and Christmas cactus plants at the holidays and candy, balloons and teddy bears on Valentine’s Day. They also recycle ink cartridges so please feel free to bring yours to the next meeting and Sandee volunteered to take them to the Staff Council for recycling.
4. OLD BUSINESS
   A. Change of terms for President: Mike Durbin presented the possibility of changing the terms of the President from three to four years. This would give the President the first year to be the VP/President Elect, then the next two years they would serve as President with the following and fourth year, as the Past President. Mike is finding it difficult to find volunteers to serve as the Vice President-President Elect and eventually the President, so he presented this as a possible solution for the problem. Mike presented this to the Executive Committee at their January meeting and they did not think it was a good idea, but decided to bring it to the General Membership for their input and vote. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to leave the terms as they currently are. The motion was voted on and passed.

5. NEW BUSINESS
   A. April Retiree Reception: Marlys informed the membership that the New Retiree Reception would be scheduled in April, possibly the 12th, or as close to that date as possible on President Daniel’s calendar since he would be the featured speaker that day. The Reception would be hosted by Dr. Aaron Conley, the Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations. There will be wine and light finger foods. Invitations will be sent out to the new retirees and the general membership will be invited via the newsletter.
   B. Slate of Candidates: Mike Durbin, the Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee announced that the other two members, appointed by President Marlys Damman, will be Ann Payne and Gayle Poirot. Mike thanked the current officers for their work on the Executive Committee and the Association. He indicated he would be sending out an email to the general membership inviting them to volunteer for any of the positions since the slate of candidates are due for a vote at the April meeting. He also indicated he would not contact members and try to twist their arms to serve.

6. ADJOURNMENT

   There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Sandee Goertzen
Secretary
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS
RETIREE ASSOCIATION
BYLAWS

Article I
Name

The name of this organization, which was founded in 2004, is The University of Texas at Dallas Retiree Association (RA). (See Operating Guidelines.)

Article II
Purpose

The Retiree Association has the following purposes:

1. To enrich the retirement experience of members through activities and events that encourage continuing social and professional contact with fellow retirees, university faculty, and staff.
2. To serve as a conduit for communication between the University and its retirees.
3. To represent retired faculty and staff regarding University benefits and other issues directly relevant to retirees.
4. To promote the participation of retirees in University activities and service. (See Operating Guidelines.)

Article III
Membership

Section 1. Any faculty or staff member who has retired from a position with The University of Texas at Dallas may become a member of the Association by contacting the Treasurer of the Association and paying the designated dues. Those individuals who are receiving retirement benefits from The University of Texas at Dallas, but who have returned to employment, with the University may also be members of the Association. (See Operating Guidelines.)

Section 2. Spouses of retirees may be non-voting members of the Association with payment of dues.

Section 3. Any faculty or staff member who has been employed by The University of Texas at Dallas for at least five years, but who has left the University prior to retirement, may become a (non-voting) member by contacting the Treasurer of the Association and paying the designated dues.

Section 4. A retiree from another university may become a non-voting member by paying the designated dues and completing the appropriate forms.
Article IV
Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association, hereinafter called the Executive Committee, are the President, Vice-President (President-Elect), Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, three Members-at-Large, Newsletter Editor, and Immediate Past President, Social Committee Chair, Association Webmaster and Program Chair. The committee will transact business in the name of the Association. The chairs of committees established by the Association will be ex-officio, non-voting, members of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Officers will be elected each year at the spring meeting. (See Operating Guidelines.)

Section 3. In the event an officer is unable to serve or to complete his or her term of office, the Executive Committee shall appoint a substitute to serve until the next general election.

Section 4. Each officer will take office at the beginning of the fiscal year, i.e., September 1 through August 31. (See Operating Guidelines.)

Section 5. The term of office shall be twelve months.

Section 6. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee. (See Operating Guidelines.)

Section 7. The Vice-President (President-Elect) shall perform the duties of the President in the event the President is absent, disabled, or has resigned.

Section 8. The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee, shall handle the personal correspondence for the Retirees’ Association, and shall serve as Historian. (See Operating Guidelines.)

Section 9. The Treasurer shall be in charge of the financial transactions of the Association and shall keep the records thereof. (See Operating Guidelines.)

Section 10. The Membership Chair shall maintain the list of the Association Members in cooperation with the Human Resources Liaison. (See Operating Guidelines.)

Section 11. Members-at-Large bring the concerns and interests of the general membership to the Executive Committee and serve as the Nominating Committee.

Section 12. The Editor of the Newsletter shall collect appropriate and timely articles and issue a quarterly newsletter. (See Operating Guidelines.)

Section 13. The Immediate Past President shall serve as adviser to the Executive Committee and as the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Section 14. The Social Committee Chair will schedule, plan and coordinate various luncheons, entertainment, and excursion events for Association members, as determined by her committee. Such events will be publicized through the Association Newsletter and posted on the Association’s website.

Section 15. The Association Webmaster will maintain the Association’s official website (hosted on the UTD website), to include information on all planned Association events and a copy of the most recent Association Newsletter.

Section 16. The Program Chair will, in conjunction with the President, plan the special programs for the business meetings.
Article V
Meetings

Section 1. The Association shall hold four meetings a year. Times and places for the meetings will be determined by the Association President in consultation with the Executive Committee. Agendas will be established by the President and the Executive Committee. (See Operating Guidelines.)

Section 2. The Executive Committee may use electronic discussions and tallies to take actions without in-person meetings. These discussions and tallies will be filed with the minutes of the Association.

Section 3. General membership meetings will be announced in The University of Texas at Dallas Retirees’ Association newsletter, by personal letter, or by electronic mail at least two weeks before the meeting.

Section 4. Actions of the general membership shall be governed by a quorum which consists of a majority of the members present and voting.

Article VI
Committees

Section 1. The Executive Committee is defined in Article IV, Officers, Section 1. The Executive Committee shall appoint persons to such standing or ad hoc committees and positions as may be necessary to conduct the business of the Association.

Article VII
Interest Groups

Section 1. Interest groups may be constituted upon the petition of a member(s) of the Association subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
Section 2. The organization, activities, and meetings of each interest group shall be determined by the chairperson(s) of the group in consultation with the members of the group.

Article VIII
Dues

Members shall pay annual dues as set by the Association. (See Operating Guidelines.)

Article IX
Amendments

Section 1. Proposed amendments to these bylaws must be submitted to the members at least seven (7) days before the meeting at which they are to be considered.
Section 2. Adoption of an amendment shall require an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting.

Article X
Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Association, any remaining funds will be designated for an University of Texas at Dallas scholarship fund.
Map for parking for the April 19, 2013 meeting

From Synergy Park Blvd, turn south onto N. Floyd Rd. Turn on first right into Parking Lot A. Park in Lot A or B in E-PARKING spaces only. Locate orange tent for shuttle to event location.

From W. Campbell Rd, turn north onto University Pkwy. At fork, turn right onto Armstrong Dr. Continue straight on Armstrong Dr, then at stop sign turn right to continue along Armstrong Dr. At stop sign at Drive A, turn left. At 4-way stop at Drive A and Drive G, turn right. At yield sign, turn right onto W. Lookout Dr, then turn left into Parking Lot B. Park in Lot B or A in E-PARKING spaces only. Locate orange tent for shuttle to event location.
Please fold on line and place permit on dashboard near steering wheel.

All information above fold must remain visible.

This permit is valid only for the dates, parking lots, and spaces designated above. Failure to park according to the restrictions of this permit may result in a parking citation.

For Parking Directions or Assistance
Please call (972) 883-2344

UT Dallas Parking & Transportation Services