Letter from the President

Dear UTD Retirees,

As the current president of the UTD Retiree Association for 2014-2015, I would like to welcome all the members and their spouses to a new calendar year. Can you believe that a new year has already begun?

And let me extend a special welcome to all our NEWEST members! We are looking forward to getting to know you. Please take advantage of all our activities (luncheons, meetings, field trips, etc.); I think you will enjoy the activities planned for the year and keeping in touch with what is going on at UTD. You will also have the opportunity to make a difference as a voice for both the university and also for present/future retirees.

I would like to encourage each of our members to find a retiree committee that you would like to serve on for the upcoming year. New faces and new blood can keep our retiree association fresh and vibrant. How wonderful to see that we are already approaching our ten year anniversary! With YOUR help, we can make a difference!

Sincerely,
Rickie Brown, President

Our Next Meeting

What do University Presidents do after they retire? Do they play golf all day?

Join us for a Valentine Luncheon with our friend Dr. Robert Rutford who will be our guest speaker. Dr. Robert Rutford, UTD President from 1982-1994, will speak on his life after retirement. Come and hear about his "retirement adventures".

We will meet on February 11, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.in the Development Office (where we have been meeting recently). The cost of the lunch is $5.00 payable at the door.

Direction for Location: The Development Office is in the Synergy Park North Building. It is on the north side of Synergy Park Boulevard in the old Hewlett Packard building. The entrance you want is in the south end of the building, that part closest to Synergy, and on the west side of the building.

If you look at a map of the campus at utdallas.edu, the building is the one at the very top center. The meeting is on the second floor. There are elevators toward the back of the building kind of opposite the front door.

Please RSVP: to Judi Hamby by Feb. 6 judihamby@gmail.com or 972-238-9102
Activities for Spring 2015:
FML (First Monday’s Lunch)

Feb. 2, FML at Spring Creek BBQ
270 N. Central, Richardson
RSVP to Barbara Geiger smokesignal2108@att.net

Feb. 11 Spring general meeting at UTD
And Lunch at 11:00; $5.00 at door in Development Office
RSVP by Feb. 6 to Judy Hamby
judihamby@gmail.com or 972-238-9102

March 2, FML at Marcus Cafe
2701 Custer, in Canyon Creek, Richardson
RSVP by Feb. 27 to Jean Stuart
jeanstrt@aol.com or 972-235-3437.

April 6, FML Café Brazil
Coit at 190 South of Central Market, Plano,
RSVP by April 9 to Vickie Bullock
vicken70@verizon.net or 972-867-8304

April 14, General Meeting/New Retiree Reception
McDermott Suite in the Library at 1:30.
RSVP by April 7 to Sandee Goertzen,
goertzcn@utdallas.edu or 972-495-7612

For additional information please see
http://www.utdallas.edu/ra/calendar.htm
Message from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is putting together a list of those interested in serving the UTD Retirees next year. Several individuals have already graciously volunteered to serve on the Executive Board in the new 2015-2016 Academic Year (starting August 2015), but a couple of spots are still open for next year. We are seeking a volunteer to serve as Vice President, one for the Program Chair position, and someone to co-chair the Social Committee. A full slate will be presented at the April membership meeting, but we are still seeking a few individuals for these key roles. Please contact Judy Guyer (972-618-5289) if you are able to assist, or if you'd like to nominate someone. We would like to involve more members and hear your ideas about how we can best serve the Retirees interests.
Judy Guyer

Membership

Our membership continues to grow slowly, but we will soon be contacting all those who retired this past year and hope to entice some of them to join us. Watch for the announcement about the April meeting, where we will welcome new retirees. And if you have a friend or former colleague who is retiring this year, tell them of the benefits of our great association.

Current membership:

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Of the 159, twenty-eight are lifetime members and six are new this year.

We will be publishing a new directory in April, to hand out at the meeting that month. We will use the information provided on your renewal form unless you have sent me updated information since you joined. We will list cell phone numbers for the first time this year, so if you would like to have that included, please send it to me.

Jean Stuart
Membership Chair
jeansttrt@aol.com  214-532-9984

Social Committee

Come and join us at the following First Monday lunches:

**February 2** - Spring Creek Bar-B-Q, 270 North Central, Richardson
RSVP to Barbara Geiger, smokesignal2108@att.net or 469-396-0316 by Friday, Jan. 30.

**March 2** - Marcus Café, 2701 Custer, Richardson (Canyon Creek) across from Mexican restaurant.
RSVP to Jean Stuart, jeansttrt@aol.com or 972-235-3437 by Friday, Feb.27

April 6 - Cafe Brazil, Coit at 190 south of Central Market, Plano.
http://cafebrazil.com/menu/
RSVP to Vickie Bullock, vicken70@verizon.net or 972-867-3304 by Friday, April 3.

April 14 - General Meeting, McDermott Suite in the Library at 1:30. Speaker pres. Daniel
RSVP by April 7 to Sandee Goertzen, goertzen@utdallas.edu or 972-495-7612

If you have any ideas of places or events to attend, please send them to Barbara Geiger.
Pictures from the membership

FML at Fino’s on Oct.6, 2014

General Meeting on October 15, 2014
Ice Cream Sundaes at Jo Ellen and Howard’s on Oct. 19
Under the Trellis, October 29, 2015

FML at Manny’s Nov. 3
Christmas Holiday Dinner
Members Present: Gary Aquilera, Patsy Aquilera, David Blair, Gwen Bowen, Cathy Brown, Rickie Brown, Bill Brumley, Nancy Brumley, Vickie Bullock, Mary Chaffin, Judy Clothier, Dottie Dunkelberger, Judy Feld, Betty Garrett, Barbara Geiger, Sandy Gillette, Gary Goertzen, Sandee Goertzen, Judi Hamby, Ekkehard Kuner, Dick Lehman, Mike Leaf, Carolyn Musket, Stewart Musket, William Pervin, Diane Reed, Howard Roach, Jo Ellen Roach, David Routzahn, Mary Ann Routzahn,  
Visitors: Paula Bratt, Deb Day, Anna LeBlanc  
GUEST SPEAKER: Patsy Aguilera, the Program Director, introduced our guest speaker for the day, Dr. Chandramalika Basak from the Center for Vital Longevity. She spoke to us about her research on Alzheimer’s and her recent grant awarded from the Darrell K. Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer’s disease.  
BUSINESS MEETING  
1. CALL TO ORDER  
The meeting was called to order by Rickie Brown, President.  
2. MINUTES  
A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 9, 2014. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.  
3. COMMITTEE REPORTS  
A. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Jean was unable to attend the meeting however Sandee gave the report for her. She indicated she has a total membership of 153 including 119 retirees and 34 spouses. 25 have not renewed to date.  
B. NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Eckhart did not have a report at this time.  
C. PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Patsy indicated that she was working on the speaker for the February meeting  
D. SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Barbara Geiger asked the membership to submit ideas to her for social events this year. We had the ice cream social then we will continue to have the First Monday Lunches at various places. The Valentine’s luncheon will be the February meeting.  
E. TREASURER’S REPORT: Gwen Bowen reported that there is $6,661.33 in the checking account.  
F. ACADEMIC SENATE: Chris Parr was unable to attend the meeting and therefore there is no report.  
G. STAFF COUNCIL: Sandee Goertzen gave a report from the Staff Council meetings. There will be a healing traveling wall from the Vietnam Era on campus in November. Poinsettias will be the fund raiser for the Staff Council prior to the holidays again this year. There will be a light installed on Synergy Blvd. and Rutford on the North end of campus. More students and staff are parking across Synergy Blvd. and a light is needed because traffic is very heavy on this road. There is a proposal with the Staff Council to have an Ombudsman for the staff in place. Dr. Daniel and other cabinet members are evidently in favor of this position, so details are being worked out. HR is not in favor of this position because they think they do this job for the staff. A proposal has been brought before the Staff Council.
on behalf of the retirees that are employed part time on campus so that they wouldn’t have to pay for another parking pass – could just use the retirees silver pass. It is in committee now and preliminary talks have been held with parking and transportation. This office is not in favor of the change, but the Staff Council is still working on it.

4. OLD BUSINESS
   A. JOB DUTIES: A reminder was issued to the office holders to complete their job duties and submit them to the Secretary. This will be used for recruiting members to run for the various offices, and to be given to the new position holders to let them know what their job entails.

5. NEW BUSINESS
   A. WELCOME TO DWIGHT CLASBY
      Dr. Conley has left the University and Dwight Clasby will be taking over his position as Interim VP for Development and Alumni Relations.
   B. LIAISONS WITH STAFF COUNCIL AND ACADEMIC SENATE
      The positions of Liaison to the Staff Council and the Academic Senate will continue for 2014-2015. Sandee Goertzen and Chris Parr are both willing to continue their roles in these positions. A motion was made and it was seconded to reelect these two members to the position. A vote was taken and the motion passed.
   C. RETIREE SPACE IN NEW ALUMNI BUILDING
      a. A motion was made that a committee made up of Barbara Geiger, Rickie Brown and Jean Stuart meet with Dwight Clasby regarding the possibility of having a space dedicated to the Retiree Association in the new Alumni Building. The motion passed.
   D. REMEMBRANCES FOR RETIREES THAT HAVE PASSED AWAY
      a. There was discussion about the possibility of doing something for the members (retirees) of the UTD Retiree Association that have passed away. Several suggestions were put forth and it was agreed that the Executive Committee would discuss and come up with a plan at their next meeting for presentation at the next meeting.
   E. OTHER BUSINESS
      a. The president suggested that the association consider the possibility of having special shirts, tee-shirts or polos, to wear to our meetings or when volunteering at the University indicating they are retirees. There wasn’t very much interest in this suggestion.

6. Adjournment

   There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Sandee Goertzen
Secretary