Dear UTD Retirees,

As the incoming president of the UTD Retiree Association, I would like to welcome all the members and their spouses to a new year!

We have a number of activities planned for 2014-2015:
1. At our next meeting, October 15, Dr. Chandramallika Basak will be speaking. She will talk about issues concerning how to age well.
2. Of course, we look forward to our monthly luncheons. Great effort is being made to find a variety of restaurants that will be enjoyed by all.
3. The planning of special events is already well on its way.

I would like to urge each retiree to recruit new members for our association; the more people we have, the more effective we can be. After all, part of our purpose as an organization is to be a voice—for not only the university, but also for the needs of present and future retirees. With your help, we can make a difference!

On another topic, I was present at the “State of the University Address” earlier this month. It was inspiring! We have great reason to be proud of all the accomplishments of our university. It was exciting to see how many awards have been given out to our students, staff and faculty! This makes me so proud of being a part of UTD!

If I can help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Here’s to a new year for the UTD Retiree Association!

Sincerely,
Rickie Brown, President

Next Meeting: Knowing How to Age Gracefully
Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at the Synergy Park North Bldg., in SPN2.106

Please join your fellow retirees for a talk on the interplay between attention and memory and the effects of cognitive training, including video games and memory exercises on the brain in both young and old adults.

The talk will be presented by Dr. Chandramallika Basak from the Center for Vital Longevity. She earned her PhD, in experimental psychology from Syracuse University. Dr. Basak was an assistant professor of psychology at Rice University and she was a Beckman Institute Fellow and Research Scientist at the University of Illinois-Champaign. Her honors include an Early Career Research Award at the 2007 Cognitive Ageing Conference in Australia, an Outstanding Dissertation Award and Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award from Syracuse University, and a Syracuse University Graduate Fellowship. and she was recently awarded $165,000 in grants from The Darrell K. Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer’s Disease.

1:00 Meet and Mingle
1:30-2:30 Dr. Basak
2:30 Brief business meeting
3:00 Meeting Adjourned
Please RSVP by Friday, October 10 to Patsy Aguilera, Program Chair patsy.aguilera@att.net Thank you & hope to see you!
Activities for Fall 2014:
FML (First Monday’s Lunch)

Oct. 6 FML at Fino’s (Italian)
3501 Midway, # 148 (Midway at Parker)
RSVP by Friday, Oct. 3 to Patty Atchley
patteeatchley@gmail.com

Oct. 15 Fall general meeting at UTD

Oct. 19 Ice cream sundaes at Jo Ellen and
Howard Roach's home
5616 Hillsborough Drive, Plano.
RSVP by Friday, Oct. 17 to Jo Ellen
watkins7@aol.com

Nov. 3 FML at Manny’s (Mexican),
Preston and Park.
RSVP by Friday, Oct. 31 to Patty Atchley
patteeatchley@gmail.com

Nov. 8 - Dinner (6 PM) at Sonny Bryan’s
Smokehouse, 1251 West Campbell.
8 PM – Best of Broadway Vocal Concert,
UTD, free.
RSVP by Wed., Nov. 5 to Barbara Geiger
smokesignal2108@att.net

To be Announced - Christmas Lunch

The annual “Celebration of Support” event
under the trellis is scheduled for October 29
Save the Date!
Please plan to join with everyone for “Sundaes on a Sunday Afternoon” social at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 19th at the home of Jo Ellen and Howard Roach. Their address is 5616 Hillsborough Drive, Plano, 75093.

More details later - but put it on your calendar.
Jean Stuart

Membership Report
As of September 22, 2014, our membership numbers are as follows:
115 Retirees
32 Spouses
147 Total   This number includes twenty-eight lifetime members and four new members

I will be sending a reminder to the twenty-six who were members last year, but who have not renewed this year with the hope that more will renew.

PLEASE NOTE: If you receive this newsletter and have not renewed, this is probably the last one you will receive and how would you keep up with all the fun and fellowship without this wonderful newsletter!!!

Jean Stuart
Membership Chair

April Meeting recognize new retirees
Dr. David Daniel, President of The University of Texas at Dallas, welcomed the Retiree Association back to campus and brought the membership up to date as to what was happening on campus.
Barbara Geiger, the President, introduced the new retirees and asked them to tell everyone the answer to the following questions: When did they retire, from which department, and what did they do there? How long they worked at UTD and what they planned to do now that they’re retired.

The new retirees that attended are:

Barbara Curry, Deborah Gilbert-Stadign, Thomas Koch, Brenda Mahar, Richard Morrow,
Douglas Shedd, Camille Williams, Carolyn Wiser, Mark Worland and Cathryn Worley

Incoming President Rickie Brown thanked outgoing President Barbara Geiger for her service.
Minutes from the April Meeting to be Approved at October Meeting

The University of Texas at Dallas Retiree Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes, April 9, 2014


 Visitors: Paula Bratt, Aaron Conley, David Daniel, Deb Day, Anna LeBlanc

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Barbara Geiger, President and she introduced President Daniel and thanked him for joining us today and sharing with us the status of the University.
Dr. David Daniel, President of The University of Texas at Dallas, welcomed the Retiree Association back to campus and brought the membership up to date as to what was happening on campus.
The plans for the new Alumni Center are being drawn up and permission is being requested from the Regents. Also plans for the addition to Richardson Callier are being drawn up. A new residence hall is being finished and scheduled for opening this fall. This new residence hall has been dubbed “Big Daddy”. Alongside this hall is a new parking garage. Two temporary teaching labs are being added west of Hoblitzelle. The total students for Fall 2013 was 21,193 and the projection for Fall 2014 is an additional 6.3% in growth. We currently have 89 National Merit Scholars. The legislative session that is coming up starting in 2015 will include requests for some additional new buildings. Since we continue to have parking problems, we should try to schedule our meetings on Friday because that is the lighter day because of fewer classes therefore fewer students on campus. After answering several questions, Dr. Daniel again thanked the Retirees for all they have done to help with the growth of the University.

2. Introduction of New Retirees:
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3. MINUTES
A motion was made to approve the minutes of February 13, 2014. The motion was seconded and was approved.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS
a. Membership Report Jean reported that the total membership stands at 165 members, including 34 spouses.
b. Newsletter Report: Ekkehard did not have a report at this time.
c. Social Committee: Judi Hamby reported that the Social Committee has several events coming up, including the first Monday luncheons. May 5th will be a trip to the President Bush
Library with lunch at Café 43 prior to meeting at the Library at 1:00. More events will be posted on the web site as they are planned.

D. TREASURER’S REPORT: Gwen Bowen reported that there is $6,105.36 in the checking account.

E. ACADEMIC SENATE: Chris Parr gave a report on the Academic Senate meetings for the last few months.

F. STAFF COUNCIL: Sandee Goertzen gave a report from the Staff Council meetings. The Student Government President attends the Staff Council meetings and told the group that the students just approved an honor code for themselves. They are also reviewing the constitution – the first time since it was written in 1975. The Wellness Committee is sponsoring lunch and learn seminars. The Chancellor has tendered his resignation and a search is underway for his replacement. There are now three Toastmaster’s Clubs on campus. The retirees are welcome to join them.

5. OLD BUSINESS

UTD’s Intercom email publication. We are welcome to submit our names to receive this email publication on a monthly basis. It keeps everyone up to date on happenings on campus. If anyone wants to be included, contact Sandee Goertzen.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Retirees email access: Barbara Geiger reported that David Nguyen from the Information Security Office attended the last meeting of the Executive Committee to discuss whether there needed to be some changes to the email list from which the retirees are currently receiving their email. He will be forming a committee to discuss this and will get back to the Executive Committee when a decision has been made.

b. Job Duties for each officer: Prior to the current officers going out of office, they have been asked to make up a job duties list with instructions. That will assist the future officers when they take over a position.

c. Benefits Fair: The benefits fair will take place the middle of July. We will have a table to hand out our brochures and let people know that we are an active organization around UTD.

d. Introduction of Slate of Candidates: The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Judy Guyer, gave the slate of Candidates for the elections for the 2014-2015 officers. The candidates are as follows:

1. President  - Rickie Brown
2. Vice President and President Elect  - Mary Chaffin
3. Treasurer  - Gwen Bowen
4. Secretary  - Sandee Goertzen
5. Newsletter Editor:  - Ekkehard Kuner
6. Membership Chair: - Jean Stuart
7. Social Committee Co-Chairs: - Mike Durbin and Barbara Geiger
8. Program Chair: - Patsy Aguilera
9. Webmaster:  - Chris Parr
10. Members-at-large:  Vickie Bullock, Judy Guyer, Lin Maute

e. Additional Nominations: Barbara opened the floor for additional nominations for officers for 2014-2015. There being no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded for the nominations to be closed.

f. The vote for the officers took place and the candidates were elected by acclamation.

g. Next meeting: President Geiger congratulated the new officers and told the membership that the next meeting would be in the fall, probably October, but that we would continue to have our joint meeting with the TI Retirees in September.

h. Lifetime Membership: Rickie Brown, the Vice President-Elect, gave Barbara Geiger a thank you bouquet and a Lifetime Membership in the UTD Retiree Association on behalf of the membership, thanking her for her work as the current President of the Association.
7. ADJOURNMENT
   There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted
Sandee Goertzen
Secretary

For your Information (FYI)

Intercom
UT Dallas Intercom is a new communication for the staff and faculty of UTD. The link is http://www.utdallas.edu/intercom and interested persons can sign up by contacting Sandee Goertzen (goertzen@utdallas.edu).

From the Development Office

Dear UTD Retirees:

   Support from UTD Retirees is helping UT Dallas fulfill its vision of becoming a top national research university. With each gift, donors provide current and future students with the scholarships and research opportunities that create truly transformative experiences.

   We honor donors who are current or retired faculty and staff with membership in The Trellis Society. Members enjoy several benefits, including invitations to special events.

   We invite you to make your gift to UT Dallas today. As a retiree, you know first-hand the quality of our student body and the top education that they receive.

   You can make a difference by giving to the school, center or program that means the most to you. Give online at utdallas.edu/support or return the reply card. Thank you for your years of service and support of UT Dallas.

   Sincerely,

   [Signature]

   Aaron Conley, Ed.D.
   Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations

PS: The annual “Celebration of Support” event under the trellis is scheduled for October 29. All members of our donor recognition societies – including the Trellis Society – will be invited to this special event. Don’t miss it.
Return your gift to:
The University of Texas at Dallas
Office of Development and Alumni Relations
800 W. Campbell Road, SPN 10
Richardson, TX 75080

Thank you for your tax-deductible gift in support of UT Dallas. Please return this form with your gift. A receipt will be mailed to you.

UT Dallas may recognize me publicly for my gift: ☐ yes ☐ no

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☐ My company (or my spouse’s company) has a matching gift program:

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How did you spend your vacation?

1. Bill Pervin at Grand Canyon
2. Barbara Geiger Cruising
3. Jean Stuart Cruising
4. Rickie Brown in Palo Dura Canyon outside Amarillo, TX
5. Ekkehard Kuner in Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, CO
First Monday Lunches
May 5, 2014 at the Bush Library, Dallas
June 2, 2014 Yao Fuzi in Plano

July 7, 2014 at Penne Pomodoro in Dallas
August 4, 2014 at Babe’s in Frisco

September 2, 2014 at Rockfish in Richardson