From the President

Greetings Retirees,
I know everyone is loving this cooler weather and the nice rain we’ve had lately. I would like to extend a special welcome to all our new Retirees.

Our next luncheon will be November 7th at the Olive Garden in Plano at 11:30am. I look forward to seeing everyone there. We also have our General Meeting scheduled for November 18th at 1:30pm; more information to follow. Please plan on coming to this important meeting. The Executive Committee has been working very hard on updating the Bylaws and Guidelines which need approval by the retirees. They are attached for your review prior to the meeting.

I hope to see you all at the luncheon and at the General Meeting I plan to recognize our November and December birthdays along with a sweet treat.

Also, pick up your UTD Retiree Association pen when you attend the General Meeting.
Kind Regards,
Lynn Butler

Membership Report

October 31, 2022

Retirees 136
Spouses 12
Total 148

Of the one-hundred and forty-eight, forty-two are lifetime members, twelve are new and four are returning.

October 22, 2021

Retirees 114
Spouses 16
Total 130

Of the 130, thirty-nine were lifetime members, five were new and two were returning.

Jean Stuart
Membership chair
Pete Bond has provided a link to the State of the University speech by President Benson.

President Benson's State of the University Address

November 2022 GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting of the General Membership will be on UTD campus on Friday, November 18, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. It will be in the SPN Building, second floor, Amistad Conference Room, 12.216. The address is 3000 Synergy Park North. It is in the center of this building. Parking is available in the front (south side) or you can go around the building and park in back. There will be signs on the doors and when you enter that will direct you to the elevators to go to the second floor.

If you want to see where it is on campus, you can go to UTDallas.edu/maps and search for the SPN building.

Our speakers for the General Meeting on November 18th will be partners from WealthVisory a financial planning and resource company. They will enlighten us (or hope to) on the state of the economy and the interest rates. This should be an informative presentation for our retirees and hopefully go away with a better understanding of the financial state America.

Thanks,

Look forward to seeing everyone on the 18th.

Lynn Butler

First Monday Lunch

Greetings Retirees!

Our November luncheon is coming up next Monday the 7th. I have booked us at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Plano. Their food is always great and there is a variety of choices on their lunch menu. I have a link to their menu below. The address is 700 N Central Expressway, Plano. They are located just northeast of the intersection of 75 and Plano Pkwy (near Hooters) We are meeting at 11:30 am. Please RSVP to me (KathyWhite) at k JW021000@utdallas.edu

Olive menu info at Olive Garden Restaurant.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Olive Garden on Nov 7th

See you soon!

Kathy
First Monday Lunch October 3
From Our Members

Barbara Geiger with WW I Canadian friend Victoria Island near Vancouver.

From Ekkehard and Kay Kuner

Freiburg Münster

Driving in the Black Forest
UTD RETIREE ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
September 30, 2022

PRESENT: Barbara Baughman, David Blair, Gwen Bowen, Lynn Butler, Lynda Gary, Barbara Geiger, Sandee Goertzen, Teresa Hollon, Teresa Johnston, Mike Leaf, Ann Payne, Jean Stuart, Kathy White

Guest Speakers: President Lynn Butler introduced the guest speaker Laurie “LoLo” Roberts, CCP. She is with “Grateful Gratitude” that works in the community sharing gratitude hearts, made with soapstone in Kenya by local artisans and food and prayers with different groups of people including cancer patients, homeless, first responders and others that need assistance. She gave those present one of the soapstone hearts with a message on it.

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Butler called the meeting to order. She announced that each meeting she would acknowledge the retirees who have birthdays. That’s why she’s asking for names and birthday month. She also brought cupcakes for all to enjoy.

2. MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the minutes of July 28, 2022 as presented. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
   A. MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: Jean Stuart gave a report on the membership numbers. The total retirees are 145 which includes 12 spouses. 44 are lifetime members and eleven are new and three are returning. In October 2021, the membership numbers were: 130 with 16 spouses.
   B. TREASURER REPORT: Gwen Bowen reported that the balance in the checking account was $13,893.02. There was $467 in deposits and $45 in disbursements. Donations for calendar year 2022 is $489 from 48 members.
   C. SOCIAL COMMITTEE DIRECTOR: Kathy reported that the 1st Monday luncheon for September was Chuys and the October 1st Monday will be at Spin Pizza on Campbell in Richardson
   D. NEWSLETTER: Ekkehard was absent.
   E. PROGRAM CHAIR: This position is still vacant, but Lynn did not have a report to give.
   F. MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: No report this meeting.
4. OLD BUSINESS:
   a. Insurance Changes: UT System representatives will offer an in person presentation on campus in the Student Union Galaxy Rooms on October 20\textsuperscript{th} from 2 – 3:30. Then for those that can’t make the in person presentation, there will be a virtual one on November 2, from 2 - 3:30. Please reserve a space on whichever you would like to attend. They will bring us up to date about the new insurance called U.T.Care.
   b. We still have a vacancy for the Program Chair for 2022-2023. We are also missing a representative from the faculty to attend the Academic Senate meetings and report back to the UTD RA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Goertzen, Secretary
The name of this organization, which was founded in 2004 as a 501-(c) 4 organization, is The University of Texas at Dallas Retiree Association (UTD-RA). (See Operating Guidelines, Article I.)

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 II.)

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.

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 ten 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.

Section 5. A non-voting member has no UTD benefits.

**Article IV**  
**Executive Committee**

Section 1. The officers of the Association, hereinafter called the Executive Committee are the President, immediate Past President, Vice-President (President-Elect), Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair. The Executive Committee will transact business in the name of the Association. The chairs of ad hoc committees established by the Association will be ex-officio, non-voting, members of the Executive Committee. (See Operating Guidelines, Article VI.)

Section 2. Officers will be elected each year at the Spring meeting. Each officer will take office at the beginning of the fiscal year. The Fiscal year is September 1 through August 31 with the term of office being twelve months. (See Operating Guidelines, Article IV.)

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. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee. See Operating Guidelines, Article IV.)

Section 5. The Past President shall serve as a non-voting advisor to the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Vice-President (President-Elect) shall perform the duties of the President in the event the President is absent, disabled or has resigned.

Section 7. 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, Article IV.)

Section 8. The Treasurer shall be in charge of the financial transactions of the Association and shall keep the records thereof. (See Operating Guidelines, Article IV.)

Section 9. The Membership Chair shall maintain the list of the Association Members in cooperation with the Human Resources office. (See Operating Guidelines, Article IV.)

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

Section 12. The Editor of the Newsletter shall collect appropriate and timely articles and issue a quarterly newsletter. (See Operating Guidelines, Article IV.)
Section 13. The Social Committee Chair will schedule, plan, and coordinate various luncheons, entertainment, and excursion events for Association members, as determined by the Social Committee. Such events will be publicized through the Association Newsletter and posted on the Association's website. (See Operating Guidelines.)

Section 14. The 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 15. The Program Chair will, in conjunction with the President and Secretary, plan the special programs for the business meetings.

Article V
Meetings

Section 1. The Association shall hold four business meetings a year, September, November, February, and Spring. 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.

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 Retiree 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 majority of the members present and voting.

Article IX VII
Executive Committees
Ad Hoc Committees

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

Article X 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 XI-VIII**  
**Dues**

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

**Article XII-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 a majority vote of the members present and voting.

**Article XIX-X**  
**Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the Association, any remaining funds will be designated for a University of Texas at Dallas scholarship fund.
ARTICLE I: NAME

The University of Texas at Dallas Retiree Association (UTD RA) currently operates under the Office of The Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations (VPDAR).

ARTICLE II: MISSION

MISSION STATEMENT

The University of Texas at Dallas Retiree Association’s mission is to promote continued collegiality and communication among retired faculty and staff and provide a vehicle for them to remain in contact with each other and support the goals and endeavors of their university.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

RETIREE RECEPTION

This reception, which takes place at the Spring/Summer meeting, is planned by the Retiree Association President, Vice-President and Secretary, working with the Office of the VPDAR and the office of the President of the University. The President of the University, or his/her designee, will be invited to speak at the reception.

The Secretary, working with the VPDAR liaison, will prepare and mail invitations to the new retirees, who shall include anyone retiring since the previous reception. The existing membership shall be invited by email or by the Retiree Association Newsletter.

The UTD Retiree Association’s President or his/her designee, shall be responsible for the gift(s) for the new retirees attending the reception, plus the Retirees’ Association information, including applications for membership and parking decals.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT
The position of President will be filled alternately by a retired staff member and a retired faculty member, if at all possible.

**PAST PRESIDENT**

The Past President shall serve as a nonvoting advisor to the Board.

**VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT**

The Vice President/President Elect shall perform the duties of the President in the event the President is absent, disabled or has resigned.

**SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of the meetings of the Association, and the Executive Committee and shall handle the personal correspondence for the Retiree Association and shall serve as Historian. One of the Secretary’s responsibilities will be to prepare and send a card to a retiree who is ill, or a sympathy card or letter of condolence to the family of a deceased member, if at all possible.

**TREASURER**

Yearly audits will be performed by the UTD RA Financial Audit Committee. An external audit of Association funds shall be made at the discretion of the Executive Committee but no less than every five years by the Office of Internal Audit. The first external audit was completed in FY 2009.

The Treasurer maintains communication with the Membership Chair regarding member’s dues, and reconciliation of dues and memberships. The Treasurer is the primary signatory of the UTD RA bank funds. The secondary signatory for the UTD RA bank funds is the President of the Association.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

The Membership Chair maintains membership lists, informs the membership that annual dues are payable in August of each year if a member wishes a parking decal. This Chair revises membership applications and the membership forms as needed, in consultation with the Executive. Provides Human Resources with the membership information for new retirees and maintains communication with the Treasurer regarding memberships.

**ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**FINANCIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE**

This standing committee consists of the three Members-at-Large. It will examine the Association books after the first fall meeting at which the new officers are installed, except during those years when an external audit is performed by the UTD Office of Internal Audit. In conjunction with the annual internal audit, an additional duty will be to reconcile the receipt of membership dues with the list of members.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**
This standing committee shall work with the Executive Committee, the Webmaster, the Membership Chair, and the Editor of the Newsletter to put out monthly post card mailings to keep the members of the Association, who do not have email, up to date with what is going on. For those members who use email, the Communications Committee Chair shall send out appropriate emails informing the members of events/announcements of interest.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The Newsletter Editor shall allow sufficient time after the completion of the Newsletter for the Executive Committee to proofread the Newsletter for content and accuracy or any editorial comments. Printed copies of the Newsletter shall be sent out via the U.S. Postal Service to the members who do not have access to email or the web page.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This standing committee will consist of the three Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee who will choose their own chair. This committee will announce the slate of candidates at the February business meeting for elections to be held in Spring.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

This standing committee will plan social events for the Retiree Association.

WEBMASTER

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

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Chair will, in conjunction with the President and Secretary, plan the special programs for the three business meetings in September, November and February.

ARTICLE VI LIAISONS

To promote communication between the Retiree Association and Staff Council and Academic Senate, a staff member, appointed by the Board Executive Committee, may attend meetings of the Staff Council and a faculty retiree, appointed by the Board Executive Committee, may attend meetings of the Academic Senate. Items of interest may be reported to the Association membership.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS
Announcements of general membership meetings will be determined by the President in consultation with the Board Executive Committee and shall include the major topics for the meetings. (See Bylaws, Article V, VI Section 1.)

ARTICLE VIII INTEREST GROUPS

This section was intentionally left blank.

ARTICLE IX DUES

The annual dues will be set by the Board Executive Committee of the Retiree Association with the approval of the voting membership. Dues are $10/person per fiscal year and are due by August. Lifetime memberships are available for $150.