Letter from the President

Greetings from the Pacific!

Wishing you all a Happy Valentine’s Day and hoping you’re avoiding colds and flu in the crazy “waves” of weather we’ve been having.

I encourage everyone to join your fellow retirees at the February First Monday luncheon on Feb. 3rd at Chuy’s, 3408 Central Expressway, Plano 75074. It’s always fun to catch up and enjoy a good meal.

I also hope you will put our General Meeting on your calendar for Feb. 14th when you’ll hear Dr. Dennis Kratz, our featured speaker.

And if you can help out the University with their Explore Engineering Day 2020 on Feb. 15th, I know they will appreciate your participation.

I’m leaving you in the capable hands of Paul Oelkrug, our Vice President/President-Elect and the rest of the Board for these February activities as I travel this month. I’ll see you in March!

To update you on our plans for the spring: We’ve got a tentative date for the New Retirees Reception on May 22nd. More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available. We’ve also been in contact with the Texas Instruments Retiree Association and are working to confirm a date for our annual joint meeting.

Don’t forget to check our Facebook page as well as our Retiree page on the UTDallas website: https://www.utdallas.edu/ra/. We strive to keep these pages updated with the latest information. And see below for more complete information on all the upcoming activities!

Have a wonderful month,
Susie Kutchi

Membership Report

As of January 28, 2020, our membership is as follows:

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Of the one hundred and seventy-nine, forty are lifetime members, sixteen are new and four are returning after having been members previously.

On January 24, 2019, we had:

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This included 35 lifetime members.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Stuart, Membership chair
The UTD Retiree’s Planner
More details on all activities in newsletter

February General Meeting
February 14, 2020
Lunch Meeting with Speaker
11:15 a.m.
Amistad Conference Room
(12.216)
Synergy Park North Building

First Monday Lunch
February 3, 2020
Chuy's Mexican Food
3408 Central Expressway
Richardson, TX 75074

March 2, 2020
Tricky Fish Seafood Restaurant
1251 State St Suite 750
Richardson, TX 75082

April 6, 2020
Spin! Pizza
348 W Campbell Rd
Richardson, TX 75080
Next General Meeting: February 14, 2020

Hello All,

We're expecting a solid turnout for the February 14th Valentine lunch and meeting. We'll gather at 11:15 p.m. in the Amistad Conference Room (12.216) in SPN 2 the new Synergy Park building. Parking is free at the front or back of the building.

11:15 Meet and Mingle
11:30 Lunch from Cafe Max ($5 per person)
12:15 - 1:00 Presentation and Q&A by Dr. Dennis Kratz
"Dangerous Love, or Why Is That Nice Young Couple in Hell?"
1:00 - 2:30 Business Meeting
2:30 Meeting Adjourned

Presenter: Dennis M. Kratz was Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities for 22 years and is the Ignacy and Celina Rockover Professor of Humanities at The University of Texas at Dallas. Prior to his appointment in 1997 as Dean of Arts and Humanities, he served as the University’s Dean of Undergraduate Education. As Dean, scholar and teacher, Dr. Kratz emphasizes “meaningful transformation.” His areas of specialization include medieval literature, classical tradition, translation, and fantasy/science fiction. Dr. Kratz's reputation for humor and academic brilliance make him a much sought-after speaker, and we are fortunate to welcome him to our gathering.

Program description from Dr. Kratz: "Valentine's Day seems a good time to celebrate the twin dangers of love and reading. Starting with the depiction of the lovers Paolo and Francesca in Dante's DIVINE COMEDY, I will discuss why we should pay attention to the power of stories and the theme of "love" as a disruptive force."

RSVP to Judy Feld, Program Chair, at judy@coachnet.com and Kathy White, Social Chair (welcome, Kathy) at kjw021000@utdallas.edu with "February 14th UTDRA Meeting" in the subject line by Tuesday, February 11th. Please include your name if it is not part of your e-mail address.

Thank you; hope to see you there!

Cheers!
Judy
From the Social Committee

First Monday Lunches for the Next Three Months

February 3, 2020-

Chuy's Mexican Food (near Costco on 75)
3408 Central Expressway
Richardson, TX 75074
https://www.chuys.com/locations/dallas-fort-worth/plano (Sit down/order)

Please RSVP by February 1st to Kathleen White, kjw021000@utdallas.edu

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March 2, 2020-

Tricky Fish Seafood Restaurant with a Cajun touch. (near State Farm complex)
1251 State St Suite 750
Richardson, TX 75082
https://www.tricky-fish.com/#tricky-fish-menu-section (Order at the register)

Please RSVP by February 29th to Kathleen White, kjw021000@utdallas.edu

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April 6, 2020-

Spin! Pizza
348 W Campbell Rd
Richardson, TX 75080
https://www.spinpizza.com/ (Order at the register)

Please RSVP by April 4th to Kathleen White, kjw021000@utdallas.edu

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First Monday Lunch

January 2020
at Ali Baba
November 22, 2019 General Meeting

Holiday Luncheon at Rockfish December 5, 2019

Fellowship, games, door prizes

A UTD RA Tradition
**Members Travels**

**Diane Reed** with daughter, Anne, and her husband on the beach. Tampa Bay. Florida. (November 2019).

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Chris Parr and Pat Storck
Gulf of Bothnia between Finland & Sweden.

Shivering in a wigwam waiting for aurora that never arrived.

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**Rome and Amalfi Coast**

Kathy White and Teresa Johnson
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
UTD Retiree Association
November 22, 2019

Present: Mary Kay Adams, David Adams, Don Bowen, Gwen Bowen, Judy Feld, Lynda Gary, Sandee Goertzen, Ekkehard Kuner, Kay Kuner Susie Kutchi, Mike Leaf, Paul Oelkrug, Bill Pervin, Rochelle Pena, Dick Reed, Diane Reed, Bobbi Ritcheske, Emebet Sahle, Su Wadlow, Paul Watson, David Steele, Nancy Steele
Guests: Juike Mu
Susie Kutchi called the meeting to order and introduced the Program Director, July Feld, who in turn introduced the speaker for the day, Juike Mu, who talked about his research.

After the speaker completed his talk, Susie Kutchi called the business meeting to order.

MINUTES APPROVED: The President brought forward the minutes. A motion was made to amend the minutes and then approve them.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: Jean Stuart brought forward the membership number. There are 160 members, 38 Lifetime members and 11 new members

Treasurer REPORT: Gwen Bowen gave the treasurer’s report which shows $11,025 currently in the fund.

SOCIAL CHAIR: Kathy White is the new Social Chair. She will handle the numbers for the February 14, 2020 luncheon and meeting and let us know about the cost.

PROGRAM CHAIR: Judy Feld has arranged for Dennis Kratz to be the speaker for the February 14th meeting and luncheon.

The MOU has been revised and is awaiting the signature of the President, Dr. Benson.

Kathy White will let us know about the price of the February 14th luncheon of the memberships of the Retirees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandee Goertzen
Secretary