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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



► What a busy year this has been! And I can't believe it's already over. As I mentioned during our Spring Luncheon, serving as RFSA President has been a lot of work – and I loved it! When I was nominated, I wasn't sure what to expect, but was excited about the adventures that lay ahead.

Last year's president, Cecil Martinez, had a theme during his term – good health. Next year's president, Ruth Rubio, will have a theme of "connection." Although I didn't state a theme for my term, in hindsight I can see that it was "giving back." That has been a guiding principle in my personal life, so I am grateful that RFSA allowed me to incorporate some of that philosophy into our activities.

RFSA has always given back in many ways, particularly through donations to our scholarship fund and the UT Hearts of Texas campaign. For several years, we have also volunteered to help assemble bookmarks and ribbons for UT Remembers. This year, we tried some new ways to make it easier for our members to get involved and give back.

Our Fall Luncheon speaker was Kevin Tuerff, the founder of the non-profit "Pay It Forward 9/11." Kevin set the tone for our year, inspiring us with creative ways to help others through acts of kindness. At that same luncheon, we also announced that the RFSA Board had set aside up to \$10,000 as a matching grant to encourage donations to the RFSA scholarship fund. The goal is to inspire members to give generously, knowing that their donation would be doubled.

The RFSA Holiday Party in December coincided with the final days of Orange Santa donations, so we set up a donation station at our party and collected a car full of gifts and hundreds of dollars (which we converted to gift cards) for Orange Santa to distribute to the UT employees who needed a helping hand during the holidays.

Our Spring Luncheon also became a giving opportunity, as well as a recognition of past efforts. During our business meeting, we accepted a certificate recognizing UT retirees as the biggest retiree donor group for the entire State Employee Charitable Campaign. Then immediately after the luncheon, many members made their way to the Legends Room of the Alumni Center to assemble bookmarks for UT Remembers. We had a room full of members who put together most of the bookmarks needed for the attendees at this year's UT Remembers ceremonies. We did this in less than two hours, proving that many hands do indeed make light work; and you could tell by the constant laughter that we all had a wonderful time. Another group of RFSA members convened at the Littlefield Home the following Monday to pin orange ribbons to schedule cards and finish the last of the bookmarks.

This year as your president has been one of the best experiences of my life. I am grateful to each of you for your support, and hope to continue my involvement in RFSA with other positions or simply as an active member. Remember that we are always trying to improve our organization, so please share your suggestions, ideas and feedback; participate in our many activities; and encourage other retired colleagues to become involved.

Thank you again, and I look forward to many more adventures with each of you!

—Tany Norwood

PRESIDENT, 2017-18

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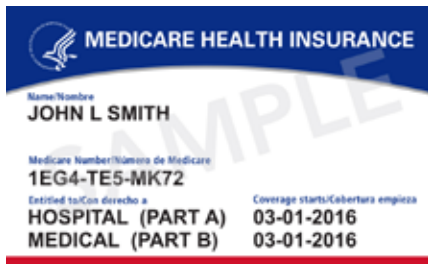
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# LONGHORN FYI

*This issue introduces LONGHORN FYI, a feature dedicated to informing RFSA members (and their families and friends) about new developments related to our benefits and other issues that affect our wellbeing and our bottom line.*

## HEALTH ALERT—NEW MEDICARE CARDS COMING!



► On April 4 we all got an email from UT System announcing that new Medicare cards are being mailed to everyone with Medicare. If you have not received yours, Medicare says

to hang tight — mailing takes some time across the country, and you might get your card at a different time than friends or neighbors in your state.

MEDICARE OFFERS 3 WAYS FOR YOU TO FIND OUT WHEN YOU SHOULD EXPECT YOUR NEW MEDICARE CARD IN THE MAIL:

- **Check out the map on Medicare.gov/NewCard.** Keep coming back to check the status of card mailings in your state. Remember, once card mailings begin in your state, it'll take about a month to finish.
- **Keep an eye on your email.** Medicare will send you an email update when new Medicare cards start mailing in your state.
- **Log in to your MyMedicare.gov account to see if your new card has mailed.** Don't have an account yet? Sign up now at MyMedicare.gov — it's a free, secure, and easy way to access all your Medicare information in one place.

WHAT TO DO ONCE YOU GET YOUR NEW MEDICARE CARD:

- **Destroy your old Medicare card.** Make sure you destroy your old card so no one can get your personal information.
- **Start using your new Medicare card right away!** Your doctors, other health care providers, and facilities know that it's coming, so carry it with you when you need care. Your Medicare coverage and benefits will stay the same.
- **Keep your other plan cards!** For most UT retirees, Blue Cross/Blue Shield is our secondary medical insurance and prescription drug coverage (Medicare Part D). But whatever secondary and drug coverage you

have, continue to carry those ID cards as well as your new Medicare card.

- **Protect your Medicare Number just like your credit cards.** Only give your new Medicare number to doctors, pharmacists, other health care providers, your insurer, or people you trust to work with Medicare on your behalf.

10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR NEW MEDICARE CARD:

1. Your new card will automatically come to you. You don't need to do anything as long as your address is up to date. If you need to update your address, visit [www.ssa.gov/myaccount/](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/)
2. Your new card will have a new Medicare Number that's unique to you, instead of your Social Security Number. This will help to protect your identity.
3. Your Medicare coverage and benefits will stay the same.
4. Mailing takes time. Your card may arrive at a different time than your friends' or neighbors'.
5. Your new card is paper, which is easier for many providers to use and copy.
6. Once you get your new Medicare card, destroy your old Medicare card and start using your new card right away.
7. If you're in a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO), your Medicare Advantage Plan ID card is your main card for Medicare—you should still keep and use it whenever you need care. And, if you have a Medicare drug plan, be sure to keep that card as well. Even if you use one of these other cards, you also may be asked to show your new Medicare card, so keep it with you.
8. Doctors, other health care providers, and facilities know it's coming and will ask for your new Medicare card when you need care, so carry it with you.
9. Only give your new Medicare Number to doctors, pharmacists, other health care providers, your insurers, or people you trust to work with Medicare on your behalf.
10. If you forget your new card, you, your doctor, or other health care provider may be able to look up your Medicare Number online.

**Finally, watch out for scams. Medicare will never call you uninvited and ask you to give them personal or private information to get your new Medicare Number and card.** Scam artists may try to get personal information (like your current Medicare Number) by contacting you about your new card. If someone asks you for your information, for money, or threatens to cancel your health benefits if you don't share your personal information, hang up and call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).



## MYSTERY PHOTO



Okay sports fans—your turn to shine in the mystery photo contest. What bowl game is shown here? For extra credit, what year is it? For even more credit, can you identify the player and the coach (although the latter is pretty easy)? Please send your responses to Linda Peterson, *RFSA Magazine* Editor, at [lp78757@gmail.com](mailto:lp78757@gmail.com).

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## FROM OUR MEMBERS

### SPRING HAS SPRUNG

BY BARBARA FROCK

Winter has hung on with those  
chilly nights  
But now the robins are singing—  
what welcome sights!

We've had some rain—  
so the grass is green  
Bluebonnets and flowers  
are smelling supreme!

BUT, after spring comes the  
Texas summer  
NOW where are those chilly nights?  
What a bummer!!!

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUMMER READING

► It is not surprising that our group includes a lot of avid readers with eclectic tastes. Here are some of the many responses to *RFSA Magazine's* call for summer reading recommendations. Happy reading!



Sharon Justice with one of her recommendations for summer reading.  
Photo by Tany Norwood.

Sharon Justice: *The Gate Keepers: How the White House Chiefs of Staff Define Every Presidency* by Chris Whipple. If you are a political junkie and if you are interested in a behind the scenes book about eighteen chiefs of staff from Nixon's Haldeman to Trump's Kelly, you will find this book fascinating! The author is a documentary filmmaker, writer, journalist, and speaker. The book is well researched and the writer has an engaging prose style. He treats Democrats and Republicans the same with no political prejudice either way. I learned so much and would love to discuss this book with others who read it. Sharon also recommended:

*Behind Closed Doors* by R.A. Paris. This book is a psychological thriller that is unsettling and addictive. The story concerns a newly wed couple who seem to have it all. He's a successful attorney and she is the "perfect" wife. They are inseparable. And then at some point you begin to wonder why she never answers the phone, why she is never available for lunch or coffee with her neighbors unless her husband accompanies her even though she doesn't work, and how does she stay so slim while preparing gourmet meals for their friends? This was a page-turner for me, and yes, I stayed up late one night because I just had to finish it.

Mary Kay Hemenway: *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah is an autobiography centering on a remarkable childhood that is astounding in light of the author's current success on U.S. television. Trevor Noah has a white father and a black mother - at the time of his birth in apartheid South Africa this was a crime. His white father had infrequent interactions with his son throughout his childhood. His mother stands out as a courageous and determined woman who fought to get her son the best education possible. As a boy who did not quite fit in with other boys his age, it was his intelligence and humor and the support of his mother that guided him through his transition from childhood to adulthood. Although often amusing, the book does not shy away from the underlying seriousness of the situation of growing up mixed race in South Africa. This coming-of-age autobiography made several "best book" lists in 2016.

Mary Kay also recommended the following biography and a novel: *Grant* by Ron Chernow. This book made me appreciate the man who was both general and president through one of the most difficult times in U.S. history. The author apparently drew a lot of his information from the *Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant* — and Chernow explains why Grant used the last months of his life (literally approaching his death from cancer) to write his memoirs. I know someone who read both and said that a rather deep knowledge of Civil War battles was necessary for the Memoirs to make sense.

*Portuguese Irregular Verbs* by Alexander McCall Smith. I return now and then to this book of short stories to remind



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myself of the how some people like to poke holes in what they imagine the lives of university professors to be. It concerns the awkward Professor Dr. Moritz-Maria von Igelfeld and others and is set at the fictional Institute of Romantic Philology.

Jay Reikenberg: Without a doubt, the most interesting book that I read in 2017 was *Before You Know It: the Unconscious Reasons We Do What We Do* by John Bargh, Ph.D. This book was so interesting, compelling, and easy to read that I read it twice! From a summary: "Dr. Bargh takes the reader into his labs at New York University and Yale where he and his colleagues have discovered how the unconscious guides our behavior, goals, and motivations in areas like race relations, parenting, business, consumer behavior, and addiction." Highly recommended!

Miles Abernathy: I very much enjoyed *When We Get to Surf City: A Journey Through America in Pursuit of Rock and Roll, Friendship, and Dreams* by Bob Greene. It's the story of how Greene, a novelist and reporter, accidentally joined the once-popular singing group Jan and Dean. Back in the day, Jan and Dean were as big as the Beach Boys and the Beatles, but their fame didn't last. Greene performed with them when the paychecks were slim. He describes their interactions with other groups from the 1960s who also continued to perform for small audiences. I found it to be a very captivating story.

Dave Warner: I would recommend Rachel Pearson's *No Apparent Distress*. She is a Plan II graduate focusing on creative writing who went to UTMB and also got a Ph.D. in Medical Humanities. Currently completing a residency in pediatrics, she illuminates many of the problems with medical care generally and particularly in Texas with examples from her own family, from the free clinic she volunteered at in Galveston, and from other experiences, including some in Austin. Even though many of these experiences occurred while she was in medical school the book is not about medical school. For anyone who believes everyone has equal access to health care in Texas I would recommend this book. It does not preach but rather illuminates.

Kathy Thatcher: My favorite book that I read this year is *A Man Called Ove* by Frederik Backman. It is about an elderly gentleman whose wife has passed away. He thinks he is no use to anyone and is depressed. The story evolves to show the huge impact he has on many lives and, how people who still need his help lift him up out of his depression. It's a positive story about the value of the knowledge older people have gained during their lives.

Ruth Rubio: *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya. I enjoyed re-reading this book after decades and it's amazing how life's experiences create a different context for the literature. This summary is from the back cover. The protagonist, Antonio Marez is six years old when Ultima comes to stay with his family in New Mexico. She is a *curandera*, one who cures with herbs and magic. Under her wise wing, Tony will probe the family ties that bind and rend him, and he will discover himself in the magical secrets of the past—a mythic legacy as palpable as the Catholicism of Latin America. And, at each life turn there is Ultima, who delivered Tony into the world...and will nurture the birth of his soul. Rudolfo Anaya is considered the father of Chicano literature in English. He has written over forty books and is best loved for this classic bestseller.

Colleen Mehner: *The Gentleman from Moscow* by Amor Towles. This novel chronicles a 32-year period in the life of a man who is living under house arrest in a hotel in Moscow and all the adventures that stem from that. [Bridget Cunningham and Barbara L. White also recommended this title.]

Colleen also recommended: *The Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd. This book is historical fiction set in 1739 South Carolina and based on a real person: Eliza Lucas, who at sixteen is left in charge of the family's three plantations. It is a story of hidden friendships, ambition, and sacrifice. Her father bleeds the estates dry in pursuit of his military ambitions. Her mother wants to go back to England. Tensions rise with the British, and the slaves become restless. When Eliza hears how much the French pay for indigo dye she decides that this crop will be her salvation. Thwarted at nearly every turn, Eliza finds that her only allies are an aging horticulturalist, a gentleman lawyer, and a slave. She strikes a dangerous deal with the slave to teach her the intricate thousand-year-old secret process of making indigo dye in return for teaching him to read, which was against the law at that time. Although largely overlooked by historians, the accomplishments of Eliza Lucas influenced the course of US history. When she passed away in 1793, President George Washington served as a pallbearer at her funeral.

Kaye Voight Abikhaled: I am presently enjoying *The Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant* edited and annotated by John E. Marszalek with David S. Nolen & Louise P. Gallo. [Mary Kay Hemenway referred to this book in her recommendation of *Grant* by Ron Chernow. Could the general be having a moment?]

# INTEREST GROUPS

## BRIDGE



*Bridge players Mary Ellen Miller, Vicki Olsen, and Mildred Joseph.  
Photo by Mary Kay Hemenway.*

► The RFSA bridge group meets the first Monday of every month (including summer months), unless the first Monday is a holiday, in which case we meet the second Monday. Since we need to find players in multiples of four, we need to know in advance who would like to play. We typically have eight to sixteen people for each session. We play party bridge (not duplicate) and change partners after each round. We begin at 1 PM in the Alumni Center. Parking is available at the Alumni Center. For more information or to add your name to the list of potential players, contact Mary Kay Hemenway ([marykay@astro.as.utexas.edu](mailto:marykay@astro.as.utexas.edu)) or Kathey Ferland ([katheyferland4@gmail.com](mailto:katheyferland4@gmail.com)).

## DISCUSSION

► The discussion group meets on the first Wednesday for three months during spring and during fall. Our sessions take place at Howson Branch Austin Public Library, located at 2500 Exposition. Our goal is to provide a speaker on a timely topic who gives an informal presentation geared to a general audience. RFSA members and their friends are all encouraged to attend and suggest speakers and/or topics for sessions.

Our first speaker in spring 2018 was Dr. Emmett Gill, Director of Student-Athlete and Personal Development at Intercollegiate Athletics and Clinical Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work, UT Austin. His topic was “Positive Aspects of Sports on College Student Development.” With so much publicity about high profile



*Dr. Emmett Gill and Alice Reinartz*

athletics and student athletes, aspects of the programs and impact on average individuals may be overlooked. The speaker addressed his experience with students’ development while they participate in collegiate sports at UT Austin. There are several new initiatives to support student athletes in their personal lives, particularly in stress times such as recovery from injury. Dr. Gill highlighted the unique pressures that accompany athletes and the role that group and individual support plays in helping these students.

Dr. Dixie Stanforth, Provost’s Teaching Fellow and Senior Lecturer in Kinesiology and Health Education from UT Austin, our second presenter, focused on “Activities to Promote Health in Retirees: Walking and Exercise Practices.” Asking first what audience members do for regular fitness she said, “The best thing you can do for yourself is whatever you are willing to do on a continuing basis.” Our members reported their participation in a variety of activities from the RFSA exercise group to different types of walking groups. Her best advice was to always sit upright rather than slouching since back problems, regardless of age, are so common. Intending to leave the group with a simple suggestion, she said we should sit with “ribs up.” Turns out, our mothers were right...

Dr. Jeffrey Treem, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies at UT Austin, delivered our final presentation for the spring. His topic was “The Phenomenon of Social Media—What Is Happening?” He explained some of the basics of the new platforms that seem ubiquitous now in communication. He also addressed security challenges and some of the recent concerns about data utilization. His presentation included some of the most far-ranging questions that we have ever addressed in this group. It is valuable to have expert information provided in a comfortable format about a new

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technology that has such strong impact on society.

We hope that the programs will pique your interest for fall. So far, we are expecting an analysis of the 2018 elections and a report on efforts in Cambodia on behalf of the International Justice Mission, with emphasis on combating the problem of human trafficking. Additional suggestions for topics are always welcome. Plan to join us! Co-chairs: Don Davis (dgdavis@ischool.utexas.edu) and Alice Reinarz (areinarz@tamu.edu)

### EXERCISE

► The exercise group has a new co-chair, Rezala 'Rosie' Maamar. She has been a member of the group for a long time and will now share the chairmanship with Carolyn Wylie.

We meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 at the Recreational Sports Center, room 1.106. Experienced exercise instructors Helen Scaffa and Sandy

Erickson lead us in a variety of exercises designed for all ages and fitness levels. These include balance work, stretches, yoga, and low-impact pilates using exercise balls, hand weights, and thera-bands.

To participate, you need to join Rec Sports; there is a 50% discount for retirees. For more information, contact Carolyn Wylie (cateswylie@gmail.com or 512-453-2556).

### FINANCE/INVESTMENTS

► The finance/investment group meets on the second Monday of the month at the Howson Branch Library. Meetings are not held every month; notices of meetings are posted on the RFSA web site and announced via email.

During the fall term we had several excellent meetings. In December our speaker was Derick Kann, Senior Vice President and Wealth Advisor for Index Fund Advisors, Inc. He spoke on the important topic of index fund investing

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*Phil Kelton, Pauline Lopez, and Carl Stuart.*

and its underlying investment strategy. He told us that his company, Index Fund Advisors, Inc. ([www.ifa.com](http://www.ifa.com)), is a fee-only advisory and wealth management firm that provides risk-appropriate, returns-optimized, globally-diversified, and tax-managed investment strategies with a fiduciary standard of care. It provides investment advice to individuals, trusts, corporations, non-profits, and public and private institutions.

In January, independent financial advisor Carl Stuart reviewed the 2017 financial markets and presented a look forward for 2018. Carl's financial radio program has passed its 23rd year and can be heard on Saturday afternoons on KLBJ-AM.

Our speaker on February 12, 2018 was Scott Campbell, RICP, CMFC, Austin First Financial, Inc. His topic was Retirement Income. Mr. Campbell is co-author of *The Perpetual Retirement Income Machine*. His talk was based on how to have sufficient retirement income that you cannot outlive.

Topics included:

1. Build a sustainable income machine that fits your risk style.
2. Create retirement income year-after-year for the rest of your life.
3. Keep your income growing to offset inflation.
4. Guarantee income you can't outlive.

Finance/Investment co-chairs are Phil Kelton at [pwkelton@gmail.com](mailto:pwkelton@gmail.com), Pauline Lopez at [psanlopez@yahoo.com](mailto:psanlopez@yahoo.com) and Lewis Myers at [lewism@stedwards.edu](mailto:lewism@stedwards.edu). Please feel free to contact any of us with ideas and questions.

## FINE ARTS

► Carolyn Wylie ([cateswylie@gmail.com](mailto:cateswylie@gmail.com)) keeps RFSA members abreast of musical events in and around Austin, with emphasis on those that are free or low cost, by sending an events calendar to everyone via email. The Fine Arts Interest Group has traditionally arranged tours to museums, outings to musical events, "Dinner and a Play" events, and many other fine arts activities of interest to RFSA members. However, the fine arts chair (or co-chairs) position is currently vacant. If you are interested in coordinating the diverse activities of this interest group, please contact RFSA President Ruth Rubio ([ruthrubio@utexas.edu](mailto:ruthrubio@utexas.edu)).

## FOODIES



*Foodies enjoy al fresco dining at Loro Asian Smokehouse in April. Photo by Tany Norwood.*

► On a dreary blustery January day, the foodies ventured south to Juliet's Italian Kitchen for lunch. We were warmed by the excellent and large servings of homemade pasta, the generous slices of crunchy bread and of course, some vino.

In February we convened at Colleen's Kitchen, a new restaurant at Mueller. What a delightful place! Old photographs adorned the walls and friendly staff served us yummy food. We want to return and agreed we would order a bowl of the vodka punch, with drivers standing by, next time.

We had two outings in March. A few of us enjoyed a fabulous dinner at Fabi and Rosi, a neighborhood restaurant located on Hearn Street. Our selected entrees ranged from schnitzel with spätzle, chicken with summer slaw, rabbit stew with dumplings, and to top it off, krack pie and chèvre tart. Simply delicious! Later that month, pouring rain and the threat of hail didn't keep the foodies away from Oasthouse Kitchen

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# INTEREST GROUPS

and Bar, located far north on 620. The lunch prices are a bargain. Most of us chose the duo option for \$10.00 and our selections included a southwest veggie soup, beet salad, ruby trout sliders, Rueben sandwich and/or truffled fries. And since there is always room for dessert, we recommend the seasonal crumble with grilled pineapple, smoked rum caramel, and gingersnap oat crumble topped with vanilla bean ice cream.

Our April outing was to Loro Asian Smokehouse, the new restaurant that is owned by chefs Aaron Franklin of Franklin Barbecue and Tyson Cole, founder of Uchi. We sampled candied kettle corn that is composed of brisket burnt ends, togarashi, and sea salt. The favorite choice for lunch seemed to be the char siew pork belly with coconut rice, seasonal pickles, and Thai herbs. Others thought the rice bowl with grilled Malaysia chicken was the way to go, while some preferred the Thai green curry sausage sandwich or the smoked brisket. This restaurant's setting is spectacular and our outdoor dining at large picnic tables with a roof overhang was ideal for the day.

If we were to take a poll, I'm sure each foodie might select a different restaurant as his or her favorite, but all would agree that the best part of our gatherings is the opportunity to chat, to catch up with others, and to enjoy the camaraderie of RFSA members.

If you want to join the group, just let Sharon Justice know and she will add you to the list (dsshj@austin.utexas.edu)

## HEALTH



*Health interest group co-chair Linda Millstone, speaker Sheila Wojcik, and co-chair Cecil Martinez practice Sheng Zhen movements.*

► The health interest group continues to enjoy our meetings at the Old Quarry Library on Village Center Drive, off of Far West Blvd. We finished our fall schedule in November with

Dr. Hashim Khan, an interventional cardiologist with Cardio Texas. Dr. Khan strives to improve his patients' quality of life through treatments such as interventional cardiology. After taking our annual winter break, we resumed our group in January. Margaret Hutchison, Ph.D., talked with us about hearing aids, different types and uses for hearing aids, and the impact certain medical conditions can have on one's hearing. In February, we heard from Ernest Peña, a Pre-Planning Specialist for Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral and Cremation Services. Mr. Peña specializes in helping older than average persons, especially UT retirees, recognize the importance of pre-planning their final arrangements so that they can decide how they want their family and friends to remember them. We ended the spring schedule with a visit with Dr. Sheila Wojcik, Ph.D., who taught us the gentle yet energizing practice of Sheng Zhen, a form of exercise known as moving meditation. This training produces a feeling of tranquility and well-being, reduces stress and boosts the immune system. I wish you could have watched us do our exercises!

We would love for you to join us in September as we learn more about various medical procedures and ways to stay healthy. Please contact co-chairs Linda Millstone (lmwiseone@gmail.com) or Cecil Martinez (cecil.martinez1958@gmail.com) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

## TRAVEL

► Upcoming out of town tours include:

### **Yellowstone: September 3-9, 2018**

Beginning and ending in Salt Lake City, experience the wonders of the West through our first national park on this colorful vacation. If you're interested in seeing stunning scenery and amazing wildlife, this Yellowstone National Park tour is for you. View the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone and stand in awe as you hear the roar of the water and view the glorious falls of Yellowstone's impressive Lower Falls, almost twice as high as Niagara Falls. Witness Old Faithful as it explodes into the air and admire the herds of bison, elk, and other wildlife as you explore the park. Similarly, in Grand Teton National Park, enjoy a float trip on the Snake River with this giant mountain range as a backdrop—a dramatic sight indeed. Get back to nature and experience a sense of peace as you take in the scenery.

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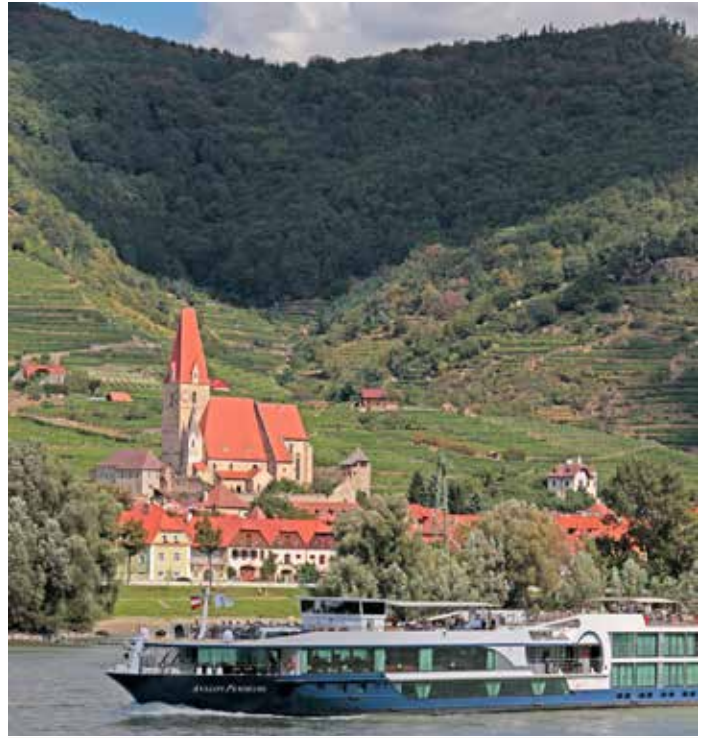
*Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Photo courtesy Globus.*

Annapolis to visit the U.S. Naval Academy. Enjoy Mount Vernon, the beautiful estate of President George Washington on the Potomac River. Visit the highlights of Washington D.C. like Arlington National Cemetery, the War Memorials and the Smithsonian Institution. Join us as the cherry blossoms usher in this beautiful time of year.

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**Danube River Cruise: either September 19-October 3, 2019 (Magnificent Europe) or October 3-10, 2019 (Danube Dreams):**



*Avalon cruise ship on Danube. Photo courtesy Globus.*

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The travel groups also offers tours of local or nearby destinations. See the Dell Medical School tour article on page 24 for information on the travel group's local tour this semester. Please contact the travel co-chairs with suggestions or questions: Karen and John Harrison (kjharrison17@gmail.com), Marcia Arn (mjarn50@hotmail.com), and Mike Arn (texmarn@att.net).

# HOLIDAY PARTY

## 2017



*RFSA President Tany Norwood with gifts for Orange Santa.*

► On December 7, RFSA members and friends enjoyed a delicious buffet, live professional piano music, and much conversation as we all caught up on what we had been doing since our fall lunch and on what our holiday plans would be this year. The weather was cold and dark, lending even more of a winter holiday atmosphere to our experience. The white curtains, tables, walls, and lighting all contributed to the seasonal atmosphere. And we were very fortunate to be entertained by the jazz piano music of Rich Harney, a singer,

pianist, and composer whose previous gigs include the Aspen Music Festival and the concert Series “Jazz at St. David’s.”

Despite having no microphone, President Tany Norwood was able to make herself heard as she welcomed us and recognized the new members in attendance. She spoke for all of us when she thanked Nancy Payne for organizing the rental of the venue and the food, and Carol Barrett and her staff at the Ex-Students’ Association for facilitating it. This year we were able to collect donations for Orange Santa after we became aware that there was a great need. We hope to do this as an annual part of our celebration, which seems only fitting – as former UT faculty and staff, we want to share the holiday bounty with our colleagues who need a little extra support during this special time. Being able to do so at the party makes it that much easier to do the right thing.

And this report would not be complete if we did not mention the “star” of the show (and I mean that literally): Mary Kay Hemenway. In her star-studded blue skirt laced with tiny lights that flash on and off, she truly personified the winter holidays. Let’s see if anyone can top **that** at next year’s party!

Big flakes of snow had begun falling as we left our party, lending even more enchantment to an already festive holiday season.

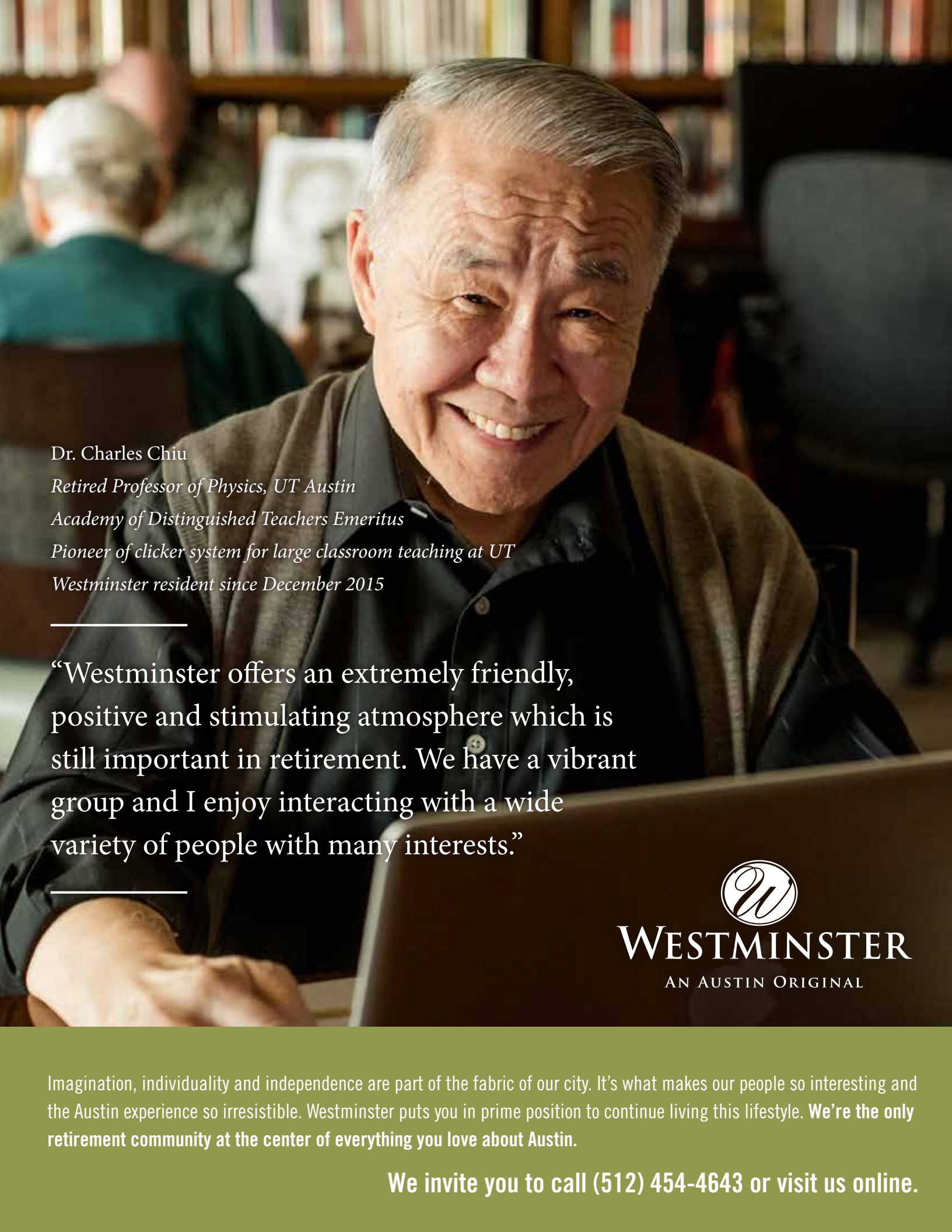
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We have two ways for you to stay connected to RFSA online: our RFSA website and our Facebook group.

You can find photos and information about our organization and upcoming events on our website. Our *RFSA Magazine* is also posted here as soon as it is mailed to members. *Note: UT recently changed the URL of many websites, so be sure you have our new website bookmarked: [sites.utexas.edu/rfsa](http://sites.utexas.edu/rfsa).* Please also see the RFSA website for additional digital content under the “Etc.” tab.

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# SPRING LUNCHEON



*RFSA members enjoying their lunch.*



*Silver Spurs help Tany and Nancy greet members.*



*Susan Clagett, Dr. James Vick, and Dr. Karron Lewis.*



*Texas Cowboys flash hook'em sign at entrance to luncheon.*

► On April 24 RFSA members and friends met for food, fellowship and edification at the Etter-Harbin Center's Connally Ballroom. Our French-themed buffet included salade nicoise, French onion soup, croque monsieur, fingerling potatoes, asparagus, green beans, quiche, and a selection of pastries for dessert, (all delicious). The room was packed and the sounds of happy voices in conversation alternated with the formal program.

Current president Tany Norwood welcomed us and began her remarks by thanking our student helpers: the Orange Jackets, Texas Cowboys and Silver Spurs. She also thanked UT Austin President Greg Fenves and his staff for hosting the lunch, something the president's office has done since President Peter Flawn officially created RFSA in 1982, and the staff

of Texas Exes for the support they provide in running our organization.

Tany then thanked our business sponsors, who have contributed so much to RFSA's financial stability and to the scholarship fund. She asked us to please consider using them when shopping for goods and services, and to thank them for their support when we do. Able to join us today were:

- Denise Bradley and Molly Sherman with St. David's HealthCare
- Adam Higley with FastPark and Relax;
- Charlie Goff and Juvenal Palacios with Mr. Appliance;
- Dr. Margaret Hutchison and Ron Herzfeld with Austin Hearing Service;

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- Cheryl Dozier and James Gallego with University Federal Credit Union
- Ernest Pena with Weed-Corley-Fish

Rox Covert, from the Covert family auto dealerships, Michael Wittenstein from Karavel Shoes, Chris Strand and Barry Kee of Stan's Heating and Air Conditioning, and Greg Hattori from Westminster could not be here today but Tany asked that we thank them as well.

Tany invited Milly Lopez, UT's Hearts of Texas Campaign Coordinator, and Reagan Stone, the Capital Area Campaign Manager for the State Employee Charitable Campaign, to come to the podium and present us with the Lyndon B. Johnson Award for most retiree contributions—a major honor of which all RFSA members who contributed should be proud. Next, she listed the slate of new and continuing officers and called for a voice vote. All were approved. She also recognized RFSA board members and interest group chairs, noting that the position of fine arts chair is still open, should anyone wish to volunteer.



*Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis. Photo by Joyce McClendon.*

Our luncheon speaker was Dr. Maurie McInnis, the executive vice president and provost at UT Austin. She is the university's chief academic officer, leading strategic planning for the university's academic mission, and assuring that academic programs are world-class and aligned with the university's commitment to diversity and equity. Dr. McInnis spoke eloquently and forcefully on these topics and her commitment to what she called UT's "legacy of greatness."

She also answered questions that RFSA members had submitted to her prior to today and some from the floor after her prepared remarks. These focused primarily on her plans for enhancing collaboration across departments and research units; increasing the four-year graduation rate for the benefit of current students and to free up places for future applicants; and improving the general well-being of students while they are here and after they graduate. Other topics Provost McInnis spoke about were what she did for fun (spend time with her kids and travel); space use changes on the 40 Acres (repurposing space so that students have better access to support staff, including mental health resources, by centralizing these resources in locations such

as the Flawn Academic Center); and what her priorities are for the near future (enhance student success and upward mobility, increase student body diversity by creating a more welcoming environment for all via the University Action Plan, link these efforts to creating a more diverse faculty and involving all faculty in the UAP, enhance UT's international presence through the creation of a senior provost for global engagement and increased involvement from international alumnae). She concluded by graciously and sincerely thanking all of us for our service to UT and assuring us that she and her team are building on what we achieved to make the University an even better place to learn, teach, and contribute to society.

Tany thanked our speaker and then proceeded with the rest of the meeting's business. She presented a summary of the Treasurer's Report for 2017-18, informing us that we are in good shape financially. She personally thanked each of us for our donations to the RFSA Scholarship Fund and informed us that contributions have matched over \$5,000 of our \$10,000 match challenge to date, which means we still have almost \$5,000 left to match. Anyone making a donation will have his or her donation doubled until we hit that goal. See [sites.utexas.edu/rfsa/scholarship-fund/](https://sites.utexas.edu/rfsa/scholarship-fund/) to donate.



*RFSA scholarship fund recipient Areefa Rahman with Scholarship Fund Chair Eleanor Moore.*

As many of you know, Dr. John McKetta, our Treasurer Emeritus, is a tremendous supporter of RFSA and provides funds so that we can select five attendees at our luncheon meetings to receive an "Attendance Award" of \$200 each. This spring's winners are:

- Thomas Barnes, McDonald Observatory
- Janie Gavenda, Department of Physics (spouse)
- Peggy Mueller, UT Libraries



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*RFS president-elect Eleanor Moore, 2018-19 president Ruth Rubio, and past president Tany Norwood.*

- Peggy Rhea, Office of Accounting
- Phillip Schwartz, UT Libraries

Finally, Tany thanked us all for giving her the opportunity to serve as our president and introduced her successor. New president Ruth Rubio was born and raised in San Antonio, and moved to Austin to attend St. Edward's University. She later earned a master's degree from the Steve Hicks School of Social Work here at UT. Ruth was part of the clinical faculty, where she taught in field education.

Ruth gave a short speech that included her proposed theme for the coming year: connection, and invited us to make our connection to RFS an active connection by attending a monthly get-together of one of the interest groups, volunteering for one of the service projects, sending a short story, poem or photo to *RFS Magazine* for publication, or simply connecting with people at our luncheon table by taking the time to introduce ourselves and having a short chat. She then invited Barbara Myers to come play "The Eyes of Texas" for us as we stood facing the Tower so we could sing together to close our meeting as is our tradition.



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## UT HISTORY CORNER: THE DINOSAUR CLUB

BY JIM NICAR



(Above) The 1952 hand-drawn logo of the Die? No, sir! Club.

► They're nearly 600 members strong. They travel the world, provide scholarships for UT students, are regulars at local cultural events, and are experts on the ever-expanding Austin culinary scene. They work out at RecSports, play bridge at the alumni center, and volunteer on campus to help with everything from spring commencement to UT Remembers. For the past 35 years, a busy Retired Faculty-Staff Association, or "RSFA," has been keeping its members connected to each other and to the University.



RFSA members gather for a banquet each semester.

The idea of an organization for UT retirees first originated with John Calhoun (photo at left). A 1905 graduate, Calhoun joined the mathematics faculty in 1909, later served as the University's comptroller, and was appointed president ad interim from 1937 – 1939.



John Calhoun

Calhoun was perhaps best-known for his passion for live oak trees, and was primarily responsible for their prominence on the Forty Acres. Calhoun started with four live oaks – transplanted from nearby Pease Park – that still grow on the south side of Sutton Hall. The oaks that shade the walks near and along Guadalupe Street were planted in 1928, and in the 1930s, Calhoun successfully argued for more live oaks on the West Mall,

South Mall, and around the Main Building. He later drew a map of every tree on campus with detailed descriptions of those with interesting histories. It's still consulted by the University's Landscape Services.

When Calhoun retired in 1942, he wanted to continue to associate with his longtime UT friends, and created the "Die? No, sir!" or "Dinosaur Club." The group's purpose was simply to prevent its members from "fossilizing prematurely."

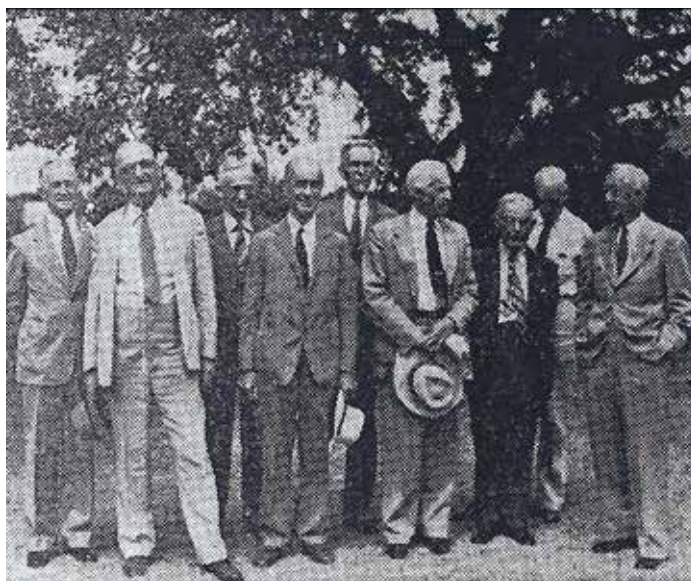
Members included all UT faculty and staff over 70 years old, or were retired or on modified service "whether they desired membership or not." Curiously, though, the group was limited to men. "No woman ever reaches the age of 70," Calhoun joked. "Anyhow, men and women tend to see too much of each other." (Perhaps Calhoun was trying to escape a long list of "honey do" projects that were waiting for him at home.)

**Fossilization?  
Never!  
Cry Dinosaurs**

Calhoun drew up a constitution for the club. There were no dues and only one officer, the secretary, who acted as "president, secretary, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, and treasurer." It was the secretary who called meetings and kept a roll of the members. As for being treasurer of a group without dues, Calhoun specifically wrote that "he shall have no duties, no emoluments, and no responsibilities." Since Calhoun was UT's comptroller for 12 years, this part of the office was likely the most appealing and why he included it in the by-laws.

The group was low-key and informal, and its members seemed to like it that way. The club usually met for lunch at the Texas Union and discussed current affairs on the Forty Acres, though they were sometimes used as a resource by the University administration. After all, the combined

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membership had given more than 1,000 years of service to UT, and they were happy to share their experience and advice.

The Dinosaur Club continued for several decades. In 1982, under the guidance of UT President Peter Flawn, a more formal Retired Faculty-Staff Association was organized – and open to both women and men!

*(Left) A few members of the Dinosaur Club pause for a group portrait. Chemical engineering professor Eugene Schoch, second from left, also founded the Longhorn Band. William Battle, fourth from left, taught Greek and classical studies, designed the UT seal, started the University Co-op, and was an important chair of the Faculty Building Committee. John Calhoun is on the right.*

(Visit Jim Nicar's UT History Corner at [jimnicar.com](http://jimnicar.com) for more amazing and informative articles about UT past and present.)

## UT REMEMBERS: RFSA SERVICE PROJECT



*RFSA members working at the Littlefield Home*

► For the third year, forty-three RFSA members added orange and white ribbons to commemorative bookmarks and fashioned orange ribbon remembrance loops to pin onto schedule cards. On April 24 we worked at the UT Alumni Center after the spring luncheon and April 30 we gathered around the dining room table in the historic Littlefield Home on campus to lend our hands to this activity. Some folks volunteered for two or more sessions. Both of these items were given to many guests during the UT Remembers ceremonies held on Friday, May 4, 2018.

UT Remembers is an annual day of remembrance honoring members of the University of Texas at Austin community who died in the previous year. Flags on the Main Mall were lowered during a brief program at 8:45 a.m. in Main 212. The UT Remembers Ceremony was held from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the Texas Union Shirley Bird Perry Ballroom. After each person's name was read, the Tower Bells tolled one time. Because of inclement weather both programs were moved to inside locations for the first time in the history of this program (1998). As daylight faded in the evening, the Tower remained dark in honor of those we remembered.

Many thanks to our RFSA members and friends who helped this year. We plan to assist University Events with preparing these materials again next year. Watch for announcements in RFSA emails in April 2019 and sign up.

For more information about UT Remembers, see [utremembers.utexas.edu](http://utremembers.utexas.edu).



# DELL MEDICAL SCHOOL TOUR



*RFSA Dell tour group members in front of Spiral of the Galaxy*

BY KAREN HARRISON

► The tour of Dell Medical Center last semester was so popular that the Travel Interest Group offered it again. A group of approximately 30 RFSA members participated in a one and one-half hour tour of the academic center of Dell Medical School on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. This is the second time RFSA members have had this opportunity.

The Dell Medical School buildings anchor a vibrant health district on the southeastern part of the University campus. In addition to Dell Medical buildings dedicated to teaching, research and patient care, the health district includes the School of Nursing and Dell Seton Medical Center, the teaching hospital where medical students and residents care for patients, furthering their knowledge while helping others heal. The Dell buildings include the Health Learning Building, where classes are held; the Health Discovery Building, which houses wet and dry research labs as well as a technology incubator; and the Health Transformation Building, where the school is providing innovative care. These buildings form a laboratory for medical education, clinical care, research, and health care.

Upon entering the Health Learning Building, the tour group was introduced to a UT Landmark project displayed

in the foyer of the building. This project, entitled “ONEEVERYONE” by Ann Hamilton, consists of images taken by Hamilton around Austin in 2015-16 and reproduced on porcelain enamel. A portion of each photograph was blurred because the images were captured behind a frosted semi-transparent medical material. The photos were sharply focused on the parts of the body that contacted the material and softly blurred on the parts that moved away from the material. The resulting images captured the effect of touch – something we feel more than we see and an important part of patient care.

The tour of the Health Learning Building included visits to classrooms; dean’s, faculty, and administrative offices; an auditorium; examination room; study areas; a student lounge; and a virtual library. The interactive auditorium seats 120 and is used as a large lecture hall that can also be divided into smaller areas for group discussions. The Clinical Skills rooms are used to help students become familiar with physical examinations. Volunteers and actors serve as patients and cameras monitor each room. Meeting rooms of various sizes are for both student and faculty use. The virtual library consists of workstations with on-line access and a librarian available on staff to assist students. A café is available for use by students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The

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tour did not include a visit to the Anatomy Lab where human cadavers are stored, but our guide did tell us that it is possible to be a body donor to Dell Med.

The Dell Medical School embraces the pioneering and entrepreneurial spirit for which Austin is known, and the second class of 50 students, admitted in mid-2017, applied and were accepted so they could be a part of that spirit. Ninety percent of students in this class are Texas residents as is required by state law. Nearly 5,000 students applied for the coveted 50 slots; all who enrolled are between the ages of 21 and 38. The GPA average for prior coursework completed by students enrolled in the class of 2021 is 3.74 and the MCAT average is 89%.

Dell Medical School partners with the UT School of Pharmacy, in addition to all of the other Austin hospitals,

and is proud to be working with over 500 doctors throughout Austin. Travis County taxpayers provide support for the Dell Medical School with an annual investment of 35 million dollars. Benefits to taxpayers include care that Dell Medical School residents provide at community clinics and hospitals, education of medical students, clinical services for vulnerable residents that improve health and lower costs, and design work on programs to transform health maintenance and care delivery.

RFSA members appreciated the thoughtful, engaging and highly informative work of the Dell development staff. Future RFSA tours can be arranged if there is sufficient interest. For information regarding a tour for other interested groups contact the Dell Medical School, Office of Development, at 512-495-5276.



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# IN MEMORIAM

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**CORRECTION:** In the fall 2017 edition of *RFSA Magazine*, Frank Lyons Crump's name was listed as Frank Crump Lyons. *RFSA Magazine* apologizes for the error.

**Elliott Maxim Antokoletz, 75**

*Professor, Musicology*  
December 20, 2017

**Faye Elena Deane Barnes, 87**

*Senior Buyer, Purchasing Office*  
November 12, 2017

**Jacqueline Barnitz, 93**

*Professor Emerita, Art History*  
October 28, 2017

**Harold Wayne Billings, 86**

*Director Emeritus, General Libraries*  
November 29, 2017

**James Clayton "Jim" Browne, 83**

*Regents Chair Emeritus, Computer Sciences*  
January 19, 2018

**Kitty Belknap Challstrom, 70**

*Staff, Bureau of Economic Geology*  
January 2018

**Fred Clark Chandler, Jr., 91**

*Visiting Professor, Law School*  
December 18, 2017

**Rita Crocker Clements, 86**

*Regent, UT System*  
January 6, 2018

**Ann Cogdell, 76**

*Wife of John Cogdell, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering*  
July 31, 2017

**Valerie June Cox, 88**

*Director of Nursing, UT Student Health Center*  
January 8, 2018

**Robert Vincent Egenolf, 84**

*Lecturer, Accounting*  
December 4, 2017

**Robert Alan Fernea, 85**

*Professor Emeritus, Anthropology; Director, Center for Middle Eastern Studies*  
December 15, 2017

**Kenneth Burch Fiske, 88**

*Professor Emeritus, Art*  
June 10, 2017

**William Parker Frisbie, 77**

*Professor Emeritus and Chair, Sociology; Director, Population Research Center*  
February 12, 2018

**Richard Carl Gibson, 78**

*Chief Legal Counsel, UT System*  
March 25, 2018

**Sue Gordon, 71**

*Wife of Cameron Gordon, Sid Richardson Foundation Regents Chair in Mathematics*  
January 23, 2018

**Terence Grieder, 86**

*Professor Emeritus and David Bruton, Jr. Centennial Professor, Art History*  
February 21, 2018

**Robert Woodruff "Bob" Hamilton, 86**

*Professor Emeritus, Minerva House Drysdale Regents Chair, Law School*  
January 13, 2018

**Donald E. Harley, 76**

*Husband of Emma Harley, Executive Assistant, Molecular Genetics and Microbiology*  
April 19, 2018

**John Bryce Hejl, 94**

*Staff, Refrigeration*  
February 21, 2018

**Helen-Jo Jakusz Hewitt, 90**

*Staff, Linguistics Research Center*  
November 26, 2017

**David Hovland, 76**

*Assistant Professor, Psychology and American Studies*  
February 25, 2018

**Johanna Hulls Huggans, 77**

*Lecturer and Director of the UT Child Development Lab School*  
November 4, 2017

**John P. Huntsberger, 85**

*Professor, Curriculum and Instruction, Science Education*  
November 1, 2017

**Shirley Ann Hurt, 89**

*Head of Procurement, Fusion Research*  
January 9, 2018

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**Sergei A. Kabantschuk**

*Staff, Center for Research in  
Electronic Communication*  
December 28, 2017

**Jon Ervin Kalb, 76**

*Research Geologist, Vertebrate  
Paleontology Laboratory,  
Texas Memorial Museum*  
October 27, 2017

**Henry Whitefield Klipple, 78**

*Staff, Telecommunications,  
Utilities and Energy Management,  
Human Resources*  
December 13, 2017

**Genevieve Davis Lehman, 95**

*Administrative Secretary,  
Law School Foundation*  
November 9, 2017

**Joyce Lewandowski, 65**

*Assistant Director and Financial  
Officer, UT Press*  
February 7, 2018

**Gerald “Jack” Lipovski, 73**

*Professor Emeritus,  
Electrical Engineering*  
December 7, 2017

**Annie Elizabeth “Libby” Lord, 90**

*Administrative Assistant, College  
of Education*  
January 24, 2018

**Marsha Dingle McCary, 75**

*Adjunct Assistant Professor,  
Psychology*  
January 28, 2018

**Johnnie Donald “John” Nelson, 71**

*Administrative Assistant,  
Environmental Health and Safety*  
December 7, 2017

**Patricia Folmar Otis, 86**

*Widow of Dr. Jack Otis, Professor  
Emeritus and Dean, Social Work*  
March 8, 2018

**Sarah Ann (Haworth) Phillips, 89**

*Wife of Beeman Phillips, Professor  
Emeritus, Educational Psychology*  
January 9, 2018

**Eleanor Patricia Picard, 78**

*Assistant to the Director of  
Geophysics*  
December 15, 2017

**Alice Richards Pryor, 88**

*Associate Professor, Art*  
April 13, 2018

**Richard Harvey Richardson, 79**

*Professor Emeritus, Integrative Biology,  
College of Natural Sciences*  
March 22, 2018

**Patricia Lomasney Roberts, 97**

*Staff, International Office*  
March 9, 2018

**Leonore Jacobson Ross, 93**

*Widow of Stanley Robert Ross,  
History Professor and Director,  
Institute of Latin American Studies*  
February 10, 2018

**Suanne Davis Roueche, 75**

*Senior Lecturer, Educational  
Administration; Director, UT Institute  
for Staff Development; wife of John  
Roueche, Professor Emeritus,  
Educational Administration*  
December 24, 2017

**W. O. S. (William Owen Sheppard)  
Sutherland, 96**

*Robert Adger Law and Thomas  
H. Law Centennial Professor  
Emeritus in Humanities, and  
Professor Emeritus, English*  
November 19, 2017

**Barbara Ann Ellison Vackar, 74**

*Director of Special Events,  
Office of the President*  
November 28, 2017

**Beverly Sweet Wisdom, 94**

*Widow of Eugene Wisdom,  
Professor of Actuarial Studies*  
February 27, 2018

**Paula Bucy Wright, 87**

*Widow of Don Wright, Music*  
April 4, 2018

**Elizabeth Elinor Wyckoff, 65**

*Research Scientist, Microbiology*  
April 15, 2018

**Mildred Victoria (Acker) Young, 93**

*Widow of David M. Young, Ashbel Smith  
Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and  
Computer Sciences and Director, Center  
for Numerical Analysis*  
October 4, 2017

**Phyllis Young, 92**

*Parker C. Fielder Regents  
Professor Emerita, Music, and  
Director, UT String Project*  
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