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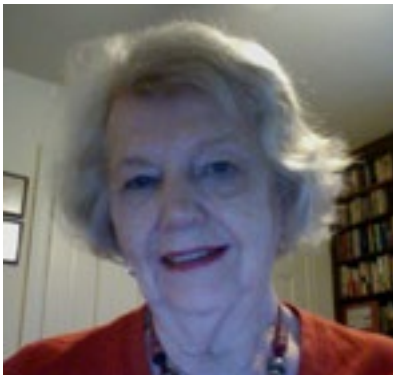
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear RFSa Members:

So here it is already, the end of our 2013-14 year. We members have had a lot of fun playing bridge with Bill Crook

and the regulars; looking at fabulous pictures of bat echolocation taken by world-famous bat conservationist, Merlin Tuttle; exercising twice a week at the Rec Center with RFSa friends; listening to speakers, such as columnist Scott Burns, offering free financial advice; enjoying a tour of the art-filled house of multi-talented artists and sisters, Stephanie and Susan Amster (who are now RFSa members); getting tips on skin care from Dr. Elizabeth Miller of the Austin Diagnostic Clinic; and traveling to Sedona, Arizona for the Great Trains and Grand Canyon tour.

Aren't you glad you're an RFSa member? If you haven't already begun participating in the activities of the Interest Groups, watch for next fall's Activity Calendar, listing upcoming events.

Other highlights of the year included receiving \$2,000 from Treasurer Emeritus John McKetta, to be presented as awards of \$200 to ten RFSa members in attendance at the Fall and Spring meetings. The first \$200 awards were made to Judi Amis, Carol Barrett, Susan Clevenger, Ruth Crawford and Barbara Myers. Hereafter, the awardees will be selected in a drawing at each meeting, from among RFSa members in

attendance. The lucky recipients at the Spring meeting were Kathleen Sparks, Carol Obianwu, Barbara Frock, Molly Martin and Carol Kay Johnson.

Dr. McKetta has also made a generous gift of \$6,000 to RFSa, to be used as needed by our organization. Many, many thanks to him for ensuring that RFSa will have the financial foundation we need as we move into the future. We love you, Johnny!

Cecil Martinez, RFSa Treasurer and Chair of the Fundraising Committee, announced the names of the local firms and organizations which bought advertising space in the RFSa Magazine and the Directory. Thanks to them for ensuring that we can continue to issue these publications.

A new possibility for RFSa participation was put forth at a recent meeting of the RFSa Board by at-large member, Frank Bash. Frank suggested that RFSa members might like to engage in volunteer activity for organizations such as the UT Elementary School. A committee, chaired by Della Sprager, was convened to discuss possibilities for volunteerism, which will be reported to the RFSa membership as they develop.

Another activity being explored by the Board is that of becoming a member of AROHE, the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education. AROHE provides "networking opportunities and resources to retiree associations, emeriti associations, retiree centers, and other entities that provide programs and services to retired faculty and staff," according to their publications. RFSa

President-elect Peggy Mueller and Carol Barrett of the Texas Exes are working to complete an application for a free trial membership in AROHE.

Finally, and most importantly, I want to thank the officers of RFSA and the chairs of the Interest Groups for their outstanding work this year on behalf of our membership. Special thanks to Past President, Deena Mersky, for her wise counsel, to Carol Barrett of the Texas Exes, for her extraordinary support in every aspect of RFSA activity, and to the Office of the President, which provides the Fall and Spring luncheons.

It's been an honor to serve as your President this past year. RFSA is dear to my heart, and I look forward to next year under the leadership of the new RFSA President, Peggy Mueller.

Barbara Myers

2013-14 RFSA President



INTEREST GROUPS

BRIDGE

We are always looking for new bridge players! Meetings are usually the first Monday of each month, at the Ex-Students Association. *Contact Bill Crook if you are interested in playing (wcrook@satx.rr.com or 210-251-3584).*

EXERCISE

Join the RFSA exercise group to improve your balance, flexibility and energy level! We meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:30 in the Recreational Sports Center, room 1.106. To participate, you need to join Rec Sports, and there is a 50% discount for retirees. Or get a free one-day pass if you want to just try it first. Discounted parking permits also available for class times. *For more information, contact chair Carolyn Wylie (cwylie13@att.net or 512-453-2556).*

FINANCE/INVESTMENTS

The Finance/Investments group meets the second Monday of each month at 1:30 at the Howson Branch Library. *For more information contact chair Phil Kelton (pwkelton@gmail.com or 512-458-9961).*

FINE ARTS

In early April, the group made its regular trek to Austin City Hall for the annual “People’s Gallery” show. This is the tenth year the city’s Art in Public Places Program has filled the building’s spaces with jury-selected works in all media submitted by Austin-area artists. The visit lasted for close to two hours, and was conducted by an extremely well informed and articulate member of the program’s staff. She was herself an artist, who had installed the show and been a part of the selection process, and she gave us a lively

and highly informed tour.

Then, on May 2nd, we visited the Blanton for a docent-guided tour of their current featured show, *Converging Lines: Eva Hesse and Sol Lewitt*. These two post-war artists, having totally different artistic sensibilities, were good friends. The show, through careful selection and positioning of the works, was able to portray the significant influence these artists had on one another. Again in this visit, our understanding of this dynamic was greatly enhanced through the guidance of a knowledgeable and articulate docent.

We are excited to announce our next activity, a theater party of everyone’s favorite Gilbert and Sullivan production, *H.M.S. Pinafore*. The date for this is Thursday evening, June 19, and will be preceded by an optional group dinner. Please watch for details to follow on RFSA member email—this promises to be an enjoyable social and cultural event for ending the “season”.

After all, art is everywhere and everything. Mainly, our activities have been in the visual arts, with an occasional drama, and periodic suggestions for musical events. But we invite suggestions from interested persons, and could pursue other avenues, i.e., film, dance, personal creativity and more. We’d like to hear from you, the entire world is a work of art—let us explore it together.

Carolyn Wylie (cwylie13@att.net) keeps up with musical events in Austin and lets the membership know what is happening and where – check the website for current concerts and musical events.

Judy Amis (judy.amis@yahoo.com) arranges the theater parties, usually including a happy hour or dinner. We’ve done this several times already—

always fun for all, with easy access to the theater as well as a nearby restaurant.

Please contact Fine Arts chair Deena Mersky (512-477-4152 or merskd@gmail.com) with your ideas, and best of all, an interest in joining the committee to participate in planning some informative and enriching events.

DISCUSSION

The Discussion Interest Group hosted several engaging speakers since our last report. The presentations were thought- and discussion-provoking. To report and whet future interest, here are summaries of recent speakers.

Dr. Merlin Tuttle, an internationally recognized researcher, photographer, and conservationist who specializes in bats, was our speaker in November. He founded Bat Conservation International, and his work has been featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, *New Yorker*, *National Geographic*, and *Smithsonian* magazines. He had just completed work on his fifth article for the February, 2014 issue of *National Geographic*. The article features recent discoveries of highly sophisticated floral adaptations that acoustically guide echolocating bats to specific sites in flowers, ensuring exclusive bat pollination. Tuttle worked in Costa Rica, Cuba, and Ecuador, taking more than 20,000 images for this story, many of which he shared with our members.



Dr. Merlin Tuttle speaks on one of his bat photographs.

In February, Ron Greening gave a presentation on “Estate Planning for the Reluctant.” Mr. Greening is a well-known Austin attorney whose expertise is wills, probate, trusts, and elder law. He gave an overview of the questions one should ask in planning documentation for an estate. In addition, he talked about some pitfalls that catch many people in this process. He answered many questions concerning specific situations that were asked by audience members.

In March, the Discussion group hosted Admiral (U.S. Navy Retired) Bobby R. Inman, whose topic “National Security Needs/Privacy Desires” was particularly timely given the broad discussion of data leaks by Edward Snowden. Admiral Inman, currently the Lyndon B. Johnson Centennial Chair in National Policy at UT-Austin, served previously as

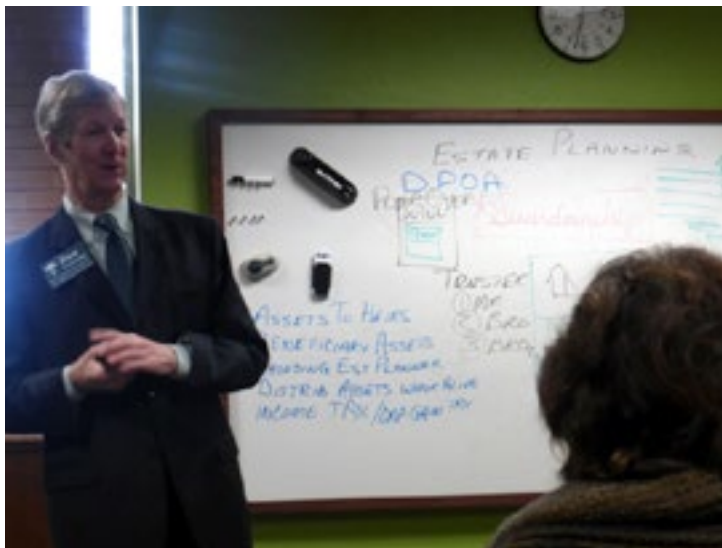
Director of the National Security Agency and Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. He summarized the history of national security policies and also gave a cogent synopsis of the recent leaks. Stimulating many questions, Admiral Inman’s unique knowledge of this complex issue was a welcome perspective and

appreciated by attendees.

During the April meeting, Dr. Erin Donovan, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies at UT-Austin, presented “How People Choose to Communicate (or Not) in Difficult Situations.” Dr. Donovan is an Ellen Wartella Award-winning expert in interpersonal and health communication. She studies how people

INTEREST GROUPS

manage sensitive information and difficult conversations with particular emphasis on communication with significant others, loved ones, and professionals, in navigating conditions such as cancer and depression. Many audience member questions were addressed.



Ron Greening speaks on estate planning.

The May speaker was Dr. Jay Banner, Professor in the Jackson School of Geosciences and Director of the Environmental Science Institute (ESI) at UT Austin. Dr. Banner presented a highly interactive lecture on “Past, Present and Future of Texas Climate: Science and Policy.” He gave an overview of Texas climate change as well as a description of the methodology he and his colleagues use. In addition, he discussed the political and policy context of climate science. In particular, he argued for greater emphasis on excellent K-12 education as a necessity for public understanding of complex social challenges like water conservation and environmental stewardship. He recommended events, open to the public, sponsored by ESI to bring science to the community. Their website is www.esi.utexas.edu and the series is titled “Hot Science – Cool Talks.” Check it out!

We invite all to attend our sessions at Howson Branch Public Library on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30. These meetings are an opportunity to learn and to visit with other RFSA members. *Please feel free to contact our Discussion group co-chairs Don Davis (dgdavis@ischool.utexas.edu) and Alice Reinartz (areinartz@tamu.edu) with any questions, suggestions, or feedback.*

HEALTH

The Health Interest Group has had three very informative meetings with three doctors from the St. David’s HealthCare Center this spring. The first was Dr. David Terreson, a cardiologist; the second was Dr. Robert Nason, an otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat specialist); and the third was Dr. Joshua

C. Fox, an orthopedic surgeon. All three spoke for a few minutes, then opened the meeting to an informal question and answer session. Everyone participated and got their health concerns addressed. We will be having great health speakers again this fall, so check the news calendar on the website in September to see who’s coming. *For more information contact co-chairs Carol Obianwu (cobianwu@mail.utexas.edu) or Cecil Martinez (cecil.martinez@sbcglobal.net).*



From left: Cecil Martinez, Dr. Robert Nason, and Carol Obianwu

TRAVEL

The RFSA Travel group started 2014 with an overnight trip to Dallas. Dubbed “The Renaissance Tour”, we began with a visit to the newest presidential library in the system and the third in the state of Texas—the George W. Bush Presidential Library on the SMU campus. Next was a behind-the-scenes tour of Myerson Symphony Center followed by a concert that combined the Dallas Wind Symphony and the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra directed by UT’s own Jerry Junkin. Learning about the building, hearing a most impressive concert, and then meeting with the director in the green room after the performance all combined for the perfect ending to the day. Next morning we were off to the Perot Museum where we had a special tour and marveled at not only the 11 different exhibit halls (probably a favorite was the Hall of Gems and Minerals) but also the very distinctive architecture. Despite sharing the museum with hundreds of students on tour, we all came away impressed with this latest addition to the Dallas museum scene.

In March we headed south to Corpus Christi. Though the weather was not perfect, that did not dampen our spirits when we visited the UT Marine Science Center and spent the afternoon aboard their research vessel, the *R/V Katy*. Using little microscopes we saw the living organisms that inhabit the channel waters, sifted through what was dredged up from the bottom and were fascinated with what the



George and Barbara Frock with other RFSA members at the Perot Museum

nets brought in—many varieties of fish, crabs, and even a sting ray. A busy flock of sea birds escorted the boat—they knew where to find their next meal. After our coastal adventure, we headed to Kingsville. First we stopped at the Conner Museum on the Texas A&M campus and then went on to tour the iconic King Ranch, established in 1853 by Capt. Richard King, now a National Historic Landmark and the birthplace of the ranching industry in America. Returning home by way of Goliad and Gonzalez, we refreshed our knowledge of Texas History and saw the Come and Take It Cannon and the Sam Houston Oak. Texas Wildflowers were at their best, and we enjoyed seeing

fields of Texas bluebonnets and Indian Paintbrush as we travelled back to Austin sharing favorite memories.

For more information to suggest future trips, contact the RFSA Travel Chair, Carol Kay Johnson (carolkayjohnson@earthlink.net or 512-926-8191).



Capt. Stan Dignum, Barbara Wagner, and Carol Kay Johnson aboard the R/V Katy



TANZANIA

Safari

BY MARY HELEN QUINN

I THINK WE ALL SIGNED UP FOR THE JANUARY SAFARI TO Tanzania sponsored by RFSA in conjunction with Heart of Texas Tours and Augustine's Adventure Africa to see the spectacular animals—the elephants, giraffes, lions, cheetahs and the rest. We were 15 tourists, assigned to three Land Rover-type vehicles with pop-up roofs, giving us a clear view to photograph and study the magnificent animals we were viewing. In addition to seeing all the above, we encountered thousands of wildebeests migrating to greener pasturage, monkeys, baboons, antelopes, hippos, rhinos, hyenas, jackals, and many others, including more than 250 species of birds.

However, we also found that learning a bit about Tanzanian history and culture was equally as fascinating. We flew in to Kilimanjaro Airport outside of Arusha in northeastern Tanzania, population 400,000, and were met by Richard Mbwambo, our naturalist guide. He told us that Tanzania is a wealthy country, containing large deposits of gold, diamonds, natural gas and other minerals but because of government corruption that richness has not trickled down to the rest of the population.

Indeed, we saw examples of extreme poverty everywhere on our trek to the famous wildlife parks—Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti Plains, an area heavily populated by the Maasai, who were herding their cattle just as they have for centuries. Paved roads away from cities were few, and the dirt roads were rough and not well-maintained. Except for private generators, electricity didn't exist outside urban areas, and almost no telephone land lines existed, although cell phones proliferated.

Clean water was another major problem, but some public taps had been installed in the villages where people could get water for home use. Everywhere we saw wheelbarrows loaded with five-gallon jugs, boys lugging as many as three of these cans on bicycles, as well as women balancing huge water jugs on their heads. In other places we saw water tank trucks





selling water to homes and businesses. We learned that the Maasai in one village we visited paid \$650 a month to fill the village's water tanks.

A searing memory of the trip was visiting a first-grade classroom in Tloma Village with ninety children quietly sitting three to a desk with only one teacher and an aide. We saw no books, teaching aids or other resources, and we were pleased to make a donation to the school to help purchase supplies. Later, in the southern Serengeti we also visited an equally bare Maasai school for kindergartners that was made of sticks. Older children in that village were sent to boarding school, and to help finance the endeavor the villagers sold hand-made crafts as well as asking tourists for contributions.

A more pleasant experience was touring Shangra, a well-run boutique and workshop for disabled adults set in a beautiful garden in the midst of a coffee plantation on the outskirts of Arusha. Here this handicapped population, usually considered a curse to Tanzanian families, made beads, jewelry and other decorative objects from recycled wine and glass bottles, wove an appealing array of textile goods, and fashioned a number of household items from recycled metal. In addition to paying for the artisans in the shops, the profits from the sales help support two schools for the disabled. Unfortunately, Shangra represented only a small step toward meeting the needs of this enormous number of people who have traditionally been shunned and outcast.

Another centerpiece of the tour was a visit to the aforementioned Maasai Village. The warriors greeted us with a traditional welcome dance and jumping contest, and the women also sang and danced for us.

All wore their time-honored vividly colored robes. We were allowed to enter their huts which are put up by the women with sticks and waterproofed with cow dung. These homes consisted of a small communal room where food is cooked over stones set on the dirt floor with adjoining "sleeping alcoves," one for adults and another for children.

Polygamy is still widespread among the Maasai (our Maasai guide said he had three wives and six children).

Although according to Richard, the former practice of sharing wives with visiting guests has been curtailed because of AIDS.

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Among other tidbits we learned is that the population of Tanzania, now almost 45 million, has exploded since independence, mainly because of better health care—a steep decline in childhood mortality, a proliferation of health clinics providing vaccinations and other medical assistance, and better availability of safe drinking water.

Richard said that although schooling is compulsory through the seventh grade, this law is not enforced and many families can't afford the requisite school uniforms, fees, or books. Nor is education valued by



(Tanzania Safari, continued)

the rural tribes. Indeed, we saw many Maasai youngsters that looked to be no more than ten who were herding the family's goats and cattle when they should have been in school.

Though there are 125 tribes in Tanzania, each with their own languages, Swahili and English are the official languages. Richard noted that



most villages had a primary school where students are taught in Swahili, with English as a subject, but for secondary education and higher, students often have to go to boarding school. There the lessons are in English.

Religion in Tanzania is almost equally divided among Christians, Muslims, and native religions. About 60 per cent of the Christians are Roman

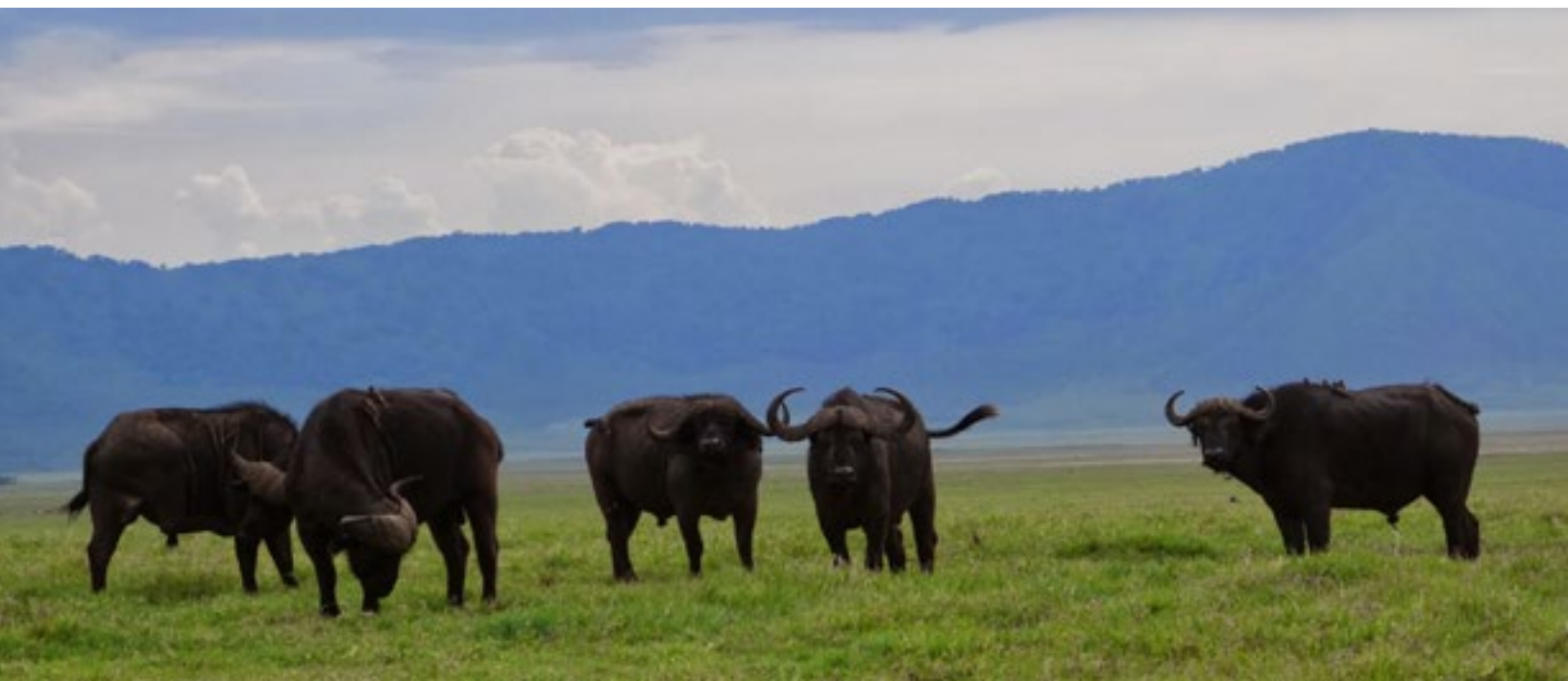
Catholic and Lutherans are 30 per cent.

Temperatures in Tanzania are in the 80's and 90's during the day and 60's and 70's at night. The lodges where we stayed were clean and comfortable, most had wi-fi and internet connections. Some had electricity 24/7 and others restricted it in the evening from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. with an hour or two in morning. Except for a few Tanzanian dishes, the food was very Western, with a lot of fresh fruit and locally grown vegetables.



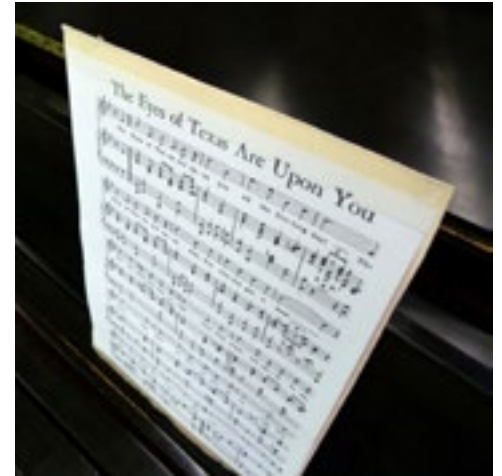
Everywhere we went people were welcoming and friendly, enticing us to come back.

Photos by Michael Quinn



SPRING LUNCHEON - TUESDAY APRIL 29, 2014

Clockwise from left: Peggy Kruger and Peggy Mueller; sheet music for one of our favorite songs; Dr. John McKetta with his award winners Carol Kay Johnson, Molly Martin, Barbara Frock, Carol Obianwu, and Kathleen Sparks; Miles Abernathy, Priscilla Ebert, and Pauline Lopez; Barbara Myers; Della Spragner



RFSA Holiday Party

By Barbara Myers

Going to Bauer House is always a treat, but particularly when the halls are decked for the holidays, and it's absolutely gorgeous! The food is absolutely scrumptious, there's a quintet playing holiday music, and you're in the company of old friends and new friends, members of RFSA, who've come for the annual holiday party.



This year, the weather wasn't as nice as last year, when we could gather and eat outside, but the UT Special Programs staff pulled off one of their miracles, warming the way to the pool pavilion with tall heaters, which did the trick. About 140 of us had made our way to the party, and arrived with hearty appetites. The Pecan Street Brass was situated on the landing of the stairway, which was decorated with greenery, and they played, non-stop, for the entire length

of the party (I do think they got something to eat, however). I'm a holiday music junkie, so I spent a lot of time in the foyer, enjoying their arrangements and talking with friends.

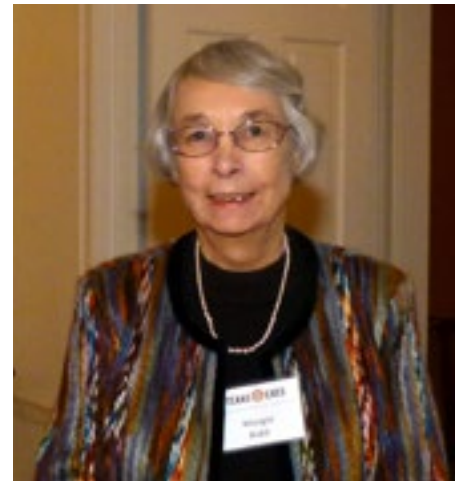
Before I forget, let me mention the library, which we thought was going to be closed for the afternoon. But, no, there it was—the doors open and a fire going in the fireplace. So several members gathered in there to eat and chat. There was a room for serving wine and a room for coffee and tea, and pleasant staff to give us what we wanted.

I loved meeting and greeting everyone as they came in, by going back and forth between the front and rear doors. But there was one drawback—I didn't get much opportunity to eat—I didn't want to be caught munching when a friend arrived to be greeted and hugged. This was mostly all right, but I did so much want one of the individual ramekins of bread pudding, which everyone was raving over. So I sneaked one from the table and hid it in the top drawer of a small chest in the rear foyer, and when almost everyone had left, I got it out and ate it. Umm, good!

What a lovely end to a lovely afternoon. I can hardly wait until next year! —*Barbara Myers*



From top: Gerri and Cecil Martinez; Nola and Bob Wenz; Mike and Marcia Arn; Carol Kay Johnson



Clockwise from top left: Karen Kelton, Lin and Beverly Shivers, Phil Kelton; Texas Exes Staff; Joyce McClendon and Mildred Joseph; Margie Kidd; Grace Chimene, Wayne and LaVonne Danielson; Judi Mettlen; Mark Cain; Mary Ellen Miller, Bill and Betty Crook; Don Davis and Barbara Myers

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Very Un-Scientific Survey

By Sharon Justice and Tany Norwood

After all the national attention Austin has received lately, we thought it would be fun to poll long-time Austinites about some of our favorites! Thanks to everyone for your opinions and memories.

What is your favorite barbecue spot in the Austin area, and why?

Pok-E-Jo's was the winner with the most votes. Jim Vick says "and their sides almost always include cobbler". Most unusual vote came from Margaret Berry, who says, "Westminster! No kidding! Food here, including barbecue, can't be better!" Corky Hilliard touched on several favorites, saying "When out of towners are here, County Line or Salt Lick for atmosphere and good food. For just me and close – Hoover's. For spectacular times – Franklin's or Kreuz in Lockhart." Also mentioned: Rudy's, Iron Works, Smoky Mo's, Bert's and Zimmerhanzel's in Smithville.

What book that you are now reading or recently finished would you recommend to others, and why?

People were so enthusiastic about this question that perhaps RFSA should start a book club! Only one book was mentioned twice, *The Texas Way* by Bill Cunningham. It provides insights into decisions he made while UT President and UT System Chancellor, decisions which impacted all of us as UT employees. These are the other books recommended, and make a terrific summer reading list:

- Grandparents Are Special* by Lucy Mead
- The Cartographer of No Man's Land* by P.S. Duffy
- The Round House* by Louise Erdrich
- Dark Star Safari* by Paul Theroux
- Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Stout
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- Year Zero: A History of 1945* by Ian Buruma
- Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver
- Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter
- Anything* by Tom Clancy

What TV show do you never miss (or record) and why?

Hands down, we love *Downton Abbey*! Half of us never miss it. Also mentioned were *Blue Bloods*, *Big Bang Theory*, *Doc Martin*, *The Good Wife*, *Veep* (Eleanor Moore says "Irreverent and hilarious look at politics in Washington, but don't watch if you are easily offended"), *Hawaii 5-0* (for the "eye candy") and *Bill Moyers*. A movie was also nominated, the documentary on photographer Vivian Maier, that is "fabulous!"

What is your favorite Austin restaurant for breakfast or brunch?

Two people chose Kerbey Lane, an "Austin original, and I even keep a bag of Kerbey Lane pancake mix in my pantry!" "The special pancake of the day might be chocolate chip, one of the berries, or whatever the chef feels like that day. And then there's the migas taco with cheesy queso slathered over the top – pass the Lipitor!" Other favorites were IHOP at MoPac & Bee Caves; the restaurant at Four Seasons; Magnolia Café; the Steeping Room, with "good food, not just your usual breakfast orders, and a delightful, diverse selection of teas"; Maudie's for Pete's Tacos; Russell's Bistro on Kerbey Lane; Enchiladas y Mas on Anderson; Moonshine, for tasty southern dishes; and Justine's – "great French food and you can actually get in at brunch!" And apparently we should all plan to move to Westminster, where they also have the best breakfasts in town.

What is your favorite spot or building on campus, and why?

Not surprisingly, many of our choices are related to where we spent much of our career. Our iconic tower, UT's Main Building, was the winner in this category. This is where Cecil Martinez worked in his first job as accountant, and loves the rich history of the building and wonderful memories of time spent with his colleagues. Jim Stice also worked in Main from 1973-1989. Margaret Berry loves the Tower and the main mall, "Perhaps because it was all being built and developed when I was a student and I spent so much time in the library there." She also loves Waller Creek, and says, "Not many campuses have both a creek and a national highway running through!"

Peggy Mueller has some wonderful memories from

when she was a student. “When I was in school here, the floor just below the Tower observation deck had a 50 cent piece changer, where I would get two quarters. Then I would go out on the observation deck to view the skylines and the surrounding areas, which always restored my soul and put things in perspective. I’d go back to Littlefield Dorm and buy a Dr. Pepper from the vending machine, which didn’t take 50 cent pieces. One of my greatest joys, now that the deck is open again, was taking my niece (UT 1990), her husband and two children on the Tower tour when they were visiting Austin. The deck was closed the entire time my niece was in school; this was the very first time she’d been to the deck.”

Eleanor Moore loves the amphitheater behind the Alumni Center. “It’s peaceful, beautiful, and overlooks the creek and the Umlauf sculpture.”

Sharon Justice and Tany Norwood spent many hours on the West Mall as part of their job, watching students “passionately share their opinions on a wide range of topics, or watching a musical group perform, or checking out the table displays.” They love “the environment of different cultures and ideas, (usually) peacefully coexisting, truly a microcosm of our campus.”

Also mentioned were the Blanton and the Ransom Center, with their interesting exhibits and rich collection of treasures; the turtle pond; the Texas Union, “because the eyes of Texas are upon you there!”; the President’s Lobby in the Texas Union; and a new favorite, the Skyspace at the top of the Student Activity Center.

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Is the name of our publication, *RFSM Magazine* boring? We want your feedback and suggestions for a better name—or we want to know if you think our current name is just fine. Please email your suggestions and comments to our magazine editor, tanynorwood@utexas.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!



Cool Reads for Hot Summer Days

by Peggy Mueller

When it's 103 degrees in Austin, these books bring me coolness. My advice is to read titles in order to see both the characters and the authors develop. Most books are available from the Austin Public Library and some are in the UT Libraries, usually PCL.

The Walt Longmire novels by Craig Johnson are set in Absaroka County, Wyoming (fictional). Walt Longmire is the sheriff and his best friend is Henry Standing Bear, a Cheyenne, who owns The Red Pony Continual Soiree Bar and Grill. Subtle humor, fast action, great characters besides Walt and Henry, including Vic, the foul-mouth female detective from Philadelphia, Branch and Ferg, also in the sheriff's department, Ruby, who answers the phone and bosses Walt around, Cady, Walt's attorney daughter.

Most of the books involve long chases over the territory and many have Walt and crew tromping around in the snow and ice whether on horseback or in trucks. The books are well written, literate, sparse and funny; most take place when it's snowing and I never know "whodunit" until almost the end.

Johnson lives in Ucross, Wyoming, population 25. His ranch is near the Cheyenne and Crow reservations. There are nine books in this series; the first is *The Cold Dish* with #9 due May 2014. Longmire is on A&E TV and will begin the third season summer 2014. Longmire is the most watched original drama series on A&E (the books are better!);

however, the actors are exceptional in this show.

The Kate Shugak series is by Dana Stabenow, a native of Alaska, raised on a 75-foot fish tender and with a MFA from the University of Alaska-Anchorage. Stabenow writes in the "science fiction, mystery, and suspense/thriller genres".

Kate Shugak is an Aleut and was a child protective service investigator in Anchorage before she returned to her 160-acre homestead in "The Park", a generic national fictional park in southwest Alaska. Her half-husky, half-wolf, Mutt, accompanies her on all her adventures, riding behind Kate on a snowmobile. (Since I owned an Alaskan malamute when I lived in Connecticut, I love the dog.) Kate is a small, independent woman with a huge personality and tracks bears, killers, wolves and other interesting objects. She often assists the Park Ranger and/or the Alaska State Troopers (especially Jim Chopin) in their investigations. Again, most of the books are set in winter or "breakup" and some in summer with deer flies. Wild country, great descriptions of sky and landscape and good mysteries with strong characters.

There are 20 books in this series; the first is *A Cold Day for Murder*. Stabenow has just published *Silk and Song*, about Marco Polo's granddaughter. I want her to return to writing another Kate Shugak title. She left us hanging in #20.

The Clare Ferguson/Russ Van Alostene series by Julia Spencer-Fleming, "novels of faith, murder and suspense", are set in the fictional Adirondack town of Millers Kill, New York. Clare is a newly minted Episcopal priest,

formerly an Army helicopter pilot. Russ and his wife have returned to his hometown after his Army career as an MP and Russ is the chief of police. Clare drives unsuitable, fast little cars and often winds up stuck in the snow; Russ drives a truck. Clare struggles with her new role as priest with a conservative vestry. Russ doesn't know what to make of a "lady priest". Clare and Russ invariably are attracted to each other as they solve murders or find the background of a newborn baby abandoned on church stairs; invariably they muck around in cold, cold snow and ice. A couple of the books are set in steamy summer. The first book is *In the Bleak Midwinter*; some of the titles are from familiar hymns.

Eight books in this series, no word on #9 but Spencer-Fleming's web page suggests more. The characters stand by themselves and become real in the pages.

The Chief Inspector Armand Gamache/Lost Pine series by Louise Penny is incredible. Penny is an excellent writer; Canadian; these books are set in Lost Pines (fictional) near Montreal. The characters, the village, the travels, the scenery are all so well developed that I feel I know them all personally. The first book is *Still Life* and number 10 is due August 26, 2014. Three Pines is usually very cold with snow and ice and again in Quebec City, another location for one book in the series. One title is set at a Canadian summer resort.

Penny's website is the best I've seen representing an author's work. She even pronounces the French names for you.

Happy, cool reading!



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In the Spotlight

Submitted by Sharon Justice

Tany Norwood, RFSA member and Magazine Editor, was awarded the prestigious Arno Nowotny Medal for 2013-14 by UT President Bill Powers.

Tany received this medal on Thursday, March 20, at the President's Faculty and Staff Awards Dinner. She was selected for her exemplary service to students during her 27 years of service in the Office of the Dean of Students and the Vice President for Student Affairs Office. During her tenure, Tany served as advisor to Student Government, the Cabinet of College Councils, the Friar Society, the Eyes of Texas, the Student Endowed Centennial Lectureship student committee and many others. One highlight of her career was working with students the morning of the A&M bonfire collapse to send busloads of students and staff to A&M as a show of support and solidarity. Another was helping coordinate the memorial service on September 11, 2001. Thousands of students and members of our community attended that evening event on UT's main mall, and it was one of the most powerful moments of her (and many others') life.

This medal honors Arno Nowotny, longtime Dean of Student Life, who influenced generations of students during his more than 50 years of service. The medal is awarded to staff members of the Division of Student Affairs who rendered meritorious service to students during their careers at the University, with only one recipient each year. And if you wondered why the tower was totally orange on the night of March 20, it was in honor of Tany and the ten faculty award winners!

Kitty and Phil

I wish my bones could lie with theirs
or a stone engraved with my name
But if by chance it can't come to pass
my spirit will lie by their side all the same
And wherever it is my body may lie
my heart will be there all the same

They gave me their laughter their hearts and their love
and warnings I tried to ignore
I have their jokes and jibes and songs
sifted and shaped and lovingly baked
in a way that makes them my own

And whatever remains of me as well
like whispers in a childhood game
will be altered of course but passed along
whether or not I am here
But my parents they will never know
or it could be that they did

For they shared with me their gentle love
and an image of what love could be
and passed their jokes and jibes and songs
to be sifted and shaped and lovingly baked
in a way that makes them my own

Submitted April 28, 2014 by Zorena Bolton

From Our Treasurer

Like many non-profits, RFSA struggles with operational costs rising more quickly than income. We want to keep our membership dues at a very reasonable level, so we decided to explore the option of selling advertising in our two publications. This is our second year of having ads in our RFSA directory and magazine. These ads have provided essential support with our operational costs, and we have a goal of generating enough revenue to also supplement our scholarship fund. For this reason, we are very appreciative to the vendors who advertise in our media, and we urge you to give them an opportunity to help you when you have needs for their products or services. We are sure it will be a win-win situation for you and for them.

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The World at War, 1914-1918: Ransom Center Exhibit

by Barbara Myers

AMONG ITS VAST COLLECTIONS OF RARE BOOKS, manuscripts, art, a Gutenberg Bible and the world's first photograph, the Ransom Center holds thousands of photographs, letters, posters and other materials related to World War I. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the start of WW I, and to commemorate this event, the Ransom Center has mounted an exhibit of war materials from its collections, which are on display until August 3.

Like many people my age, I never learned much about WW I in school—World War II was raging, and the previous world war was all but forgotten. However, in the late 1990s, I read a review by UT English professor Don Graham, of *The Ghost Road*, the last book in the *Regeneration Trilogy*, written by an English

woman, Pat Barker. These books were my introduction to the literature of WW I, the horrors of trench warfare, the appalling effects of poison gas, the ghastly wounds suffered by the troops, and the lasting effects of the war on the countries involved. So many young Englishmen were lost that it seemed half a generation was wiped out. Thousands of young women lost their husbands or fiancés, and many more went husbandless because there weren't enough men left to marry. (The

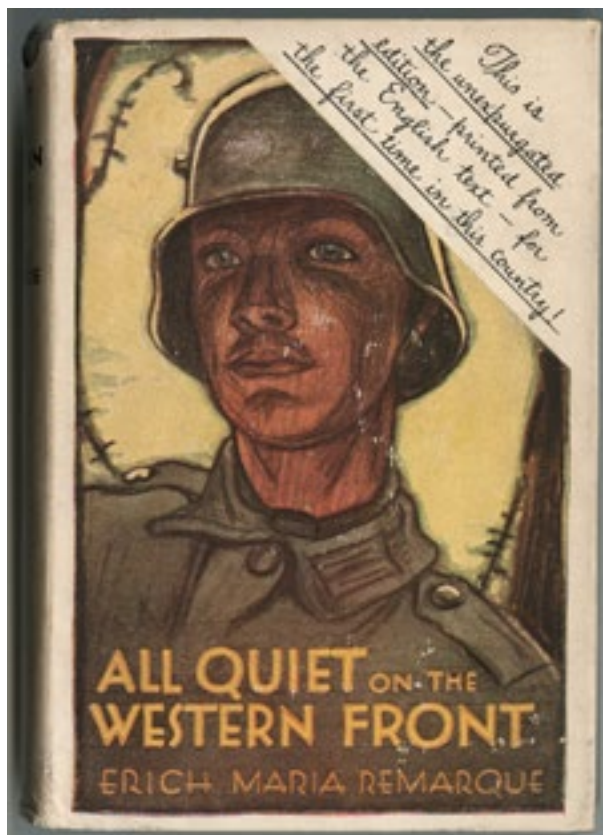
other books in the trilogy are *Regeneration* and *The Eye in the Door*.)

Inspired by Pat Barker's books, I've spent the last fifteen years reading many more of the novels and

poetry written with WW I as the focus. Some of my favorites are *Birdsong* by Sebastian Faulks, *Goodbye to All That* by Robert Graves, and a new one I just finished, *The Cartographer of No Man's Land*. No Man's Land was that area in northeastern France, riddled by German and Allied trenches, where hundreds of thousands of young men were killed or wounded. The most infamous campaign was the protracted Battle of the Somme, begun on July 1, 1916, which eventually claimed 600,000 Allied casualties. The United States didn't enter the war

until 1917, when American troops joined the Allies in the trenches. As a child, I remember seeing veterans of the war, many of whom had lost limbs, were blinded, or were rendered senseless, victims of mustard gas.

There is also material in the Ransom Center exhibit about talented British and American writer-soldiers, who wrote some of the best poetry ever written about war: Siegfried Sassoon, Wilfred Owen, and Joyce



Kilmer, for instance. Ernest Hemingway was a veteran of WW I, having served in the Alpine region of Italy. While recuperating from the removal of 227 pieces of shrapnel in his legs, he fell in love with his nurse, who served as a model for the nurse in his *A Farewell to Arms*. Also on display are specimens of the war writings of UT's own J. Frank Dobie.

While I've touched upon only a few examples of material from the exhibit, I hope it's enough to stir your interest in World War I and the literature inspired by the conflict. I encourage you to visit the exhibit, and I imagine you'll learn more about the war than you ever learned in school!



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AUGUST 1965 & BEYOND

BY DEENA MERSKY

IT WAS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN SAN ANGELO AND BRADY, Texas, that my daughters suddenly became alarmed, crying out, “Mommy, Mommy, we’re all wet!”

The date was August, 1965, and we were moving from Boulder to Austin. Most of our belongings had already been shipped. Two months earlier, in June, I had driven our station wagon down to Austin, loaded with our heaviest possessions—cast iron pots and pans, books, and the flat river-rock collection I had hauled to Boulder from Olympia, Washington two years earlier—to save moving expenses, calculated in those days at ten cents a pound. The two cars, neither with air conditioning, in which we were caravanning south to our new home, were also packed to the roof. The Bug had only room for the driver. I had the 1962 Plymouth station wagon, a vehicle so strangely long it would pass today for a stretch-hearse. It was loaded with boxes and piles of “stuff,” leaving barely enough space for Lisa, Deborah, and Ruth, then ages eleven, nine, and four.

We had lived in Boulder for just two years, and in Olympia, Washington, for five years before that. Both places had moderate climates, but Boulder was so dry my curly hair turned straight and the first clothes hung on the laundry line were often dry by the time I reached the bottom of the basket. When the girls complained of being wet, I first thought something

had spilled, and prepared to give someone a good scolding. When that turned out not to be the case it was confusing – not just to me, but also to them, as they were the ones sitting in it. In fact, they were wet all over. So, without going through all the steps of my reasoning at the time, the logical and inevitable conclusion was—my girls were sweating. Their dormant sweat glands had never before been activated and I drove into Austin with three very distraught, wet and clammy children.

I comforted them with my assurance that a clean, orderly, and air-conditioned house would greet us on our arrival to the promised land, and we were getting pretty darned close.

The main reason I had driven down from Boulder with the big load back in June was to find our family a house to buy, so that we wouldn’t have to go through the “rent first/then buy” ordeal. Having moved twice each time we adopted a new hometown in our frequent moves doing the “academic two-step,” we agreed that only one move would be more than enough for this time. I spent every day for a week with a realtor, and actually did find a house that met all our requirements. But it didn’t work out, and I almost left Austin empty handed. As luck would have it, I learned a very nice house was suddenly vacated on my last day in Austin, and became available for rent. It was our good fortune that a bright and brash young politician, having completed a year of law school got himself elected to the Texas Legislature, and experienced a meteoric

rise in popularity and power. At the time of our move he had just been elected Speaker of the House, which afforded him a free apartment at the Capitol.

I loved the house the politician's family had so quickly vacated, in spite of its disrepair, dirt and dysfunctional air conditioner. I became a sleuth, hastened to track down the owner and amazingly caught him just as he was boarding a plane for New York. We talked briefly on the tarmac, and he agreed that by the time I returned with my family in August, the broken air conditioning would be repaired, and the house would be clean, with locks that worked, and all the trash left by the tenant would be removed. I requested a lease agreement, which really angered him. He shook his finger at me and snarled, "In Texas we do a handshake deal". I tentatively shook his hand, saw him board the plane then turned around and drove, almost non-stop back to Boulder.

Happy to have something nice for the family, even though it was a rental, once back in Boulder I plunged into moving with total gusto. Knowing that I could have the movers deliver the huge load before our arrival, I carefully prepared a complete diagram of the house, and marked each and every box and piece of furniture with the name of the room in which it should be placed. The mover's representative, anxious to have our business, assured me this would be no problem. And the company's owner in Austin, who so kindly allowed me to store my June load of pots and rocks, also guaranteed the placement of our load.

Two overloaded cars and five hot and sweaty people pulled up at 2207 Townes Lane late on a hot and humid August afternoon. Although exhausted, we were still excited to be in our new town, and more than ready to settle into our comfy new home.

Comfy new home? Hardly. Just about everything we owned was piled to the ceiling in the living room. What didn't fit in the living room filled the center of the kitchen. Oh, it was all there, but forget my diagram and labels on every box—they might just as well not have been done. Bad as this mess was, even worse was that all of the former renters' detritus was still where I last saw it, including the sticky stuff all over the inside of the kitchen cabinets. And worst of all—no air conditioning. It must have been 110 degrees in that house.

The movers' explanation? They had arrived in the

middle of the night, earlier than expected. Time is money, so they say, and the drivers didn't want to wait for daylight. So in the dark they just dumped our huge load, totally disregarding my carefully drawn map and directions. And why was it dark? The landlord had not gotten around to the cleaning and repairs he had promised.

To say we were stunned would be an understatement. We toyed with the idea of having the movers take it all back to storage, and going to Europe for a year—forget the job we came here for, nothing was worth dealing with this mess. Our breadwinner, immobilized by this shocking development, turned to toast, so I moved in and became the general, with a failsafe military strategy.

Until school started in a couple of weeks, the girls would spend their days at nearby Reed Pool, and the public library. Ruth, aged four, would be cared for by a colleague's family with many young children. Dad would start his new job the very next morning. With the help of some friends, I located Lois Daniels, a hardworking household helper, and together, we made that house shine. We managed to borrow some industrial sized fans, needed for the next two or three weeks, because the air conditioner, with its old water pump, needed hard-to-locate parts. At the end of each workday the family would gather and take off for Luby's cafeteria, where we sat in the blessedly cool air almost till closing time.

Before long, school started, everything was in its place, and we started our endless love affair with Austin. We really loved that house, and tried to buy it, but the owner hunkered down, and snarled "no" every time I made the request.

Sometime later, tainted by the "Sharpstown Scandal," the former occupant had to drop out of politics. He proved to be brilliant in business, however, and following some ups and downs became a wealthy real estate promoter and investor, and business consultant. He has been an influential force in Democratic politics.

I don't know what became of the landlord. He did finally sell the house, and it has had several owners, and several makeovers.

In 1967, two years after our arrival, we moved to another, larger two-story home. I remained for 33

FROM OUR MEMBERS

(Texas, continued) years, until, with everyone in the family moving on, it became totally unsuitable for me. At that time I looked all over Austin for a smaller, single-storied house and finally found a vintage one-story that cried out to be gutted and restored in an improved (though very understated) image. It took a year for the gutting, redesigning and rebuilding, a process I enjoyed enormously. I moved in at about the same time of my retirement, in 2000.

By a curious twist of fate, my new house is on the very same street as where this story started in 1965. And I have a strong suspicion both houses may even have been built by the same builder. Mine was the first re-model on my block, and I was just about the youngest resident in 2000 when I moved in. Now, 14 years later, I am the oldest person on the block, and my spacious remodeled house is dwarfed by the McMansions that now surround me.

But that is an entirely different story.

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We have had two wonderful luncheon speakers from departments seeking volunteers, the UT Elementary School and the “Free Minds Project” of the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement. There are many other UT-affiliated opportunities, such as the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, the UT television and radio stations, and campus-wide projects involving students, faculty and staff. There has been so much interest in volunteering that RFSA has created a committee to explore possibilities for our members.

Della Sprager is chairing this committee. If you are interesting in participating in this group, or have suggestions for the committee, please contact Della (dpsrager49@gmail.com). We look forward to bringing you more information soon!



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RFSA Loses a Founder

The Retired Faculty-Staff Association started as an informal club for retired personnel in the 1940's. In 1979, UT president Peter Flawn appointed a 10-member planning committee to make a recommendation on whether this group should become a university organization. That group recommended founding RFSA and drafted the bylaws to create the group we know today.

Henrietta Jacobsen was one of those committee members, and also served as RFSA President in 1984-85. During her career, Ms. Jacobsen held important positions in the Office of the President at UT and the Office of the Chancellor at UT System. On May 9, we lost this remarkable and influential pillar of our UT community. In one of her final acts of support for our organization, she requested memorial gifts for the RFSA Scholarship Fund. RFSA will assist with a celebration of her life at a later date, to be held in Austin.

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Catherine Belt Jacob MacLaughlin, 67

Academic Advisor, School of Nursing
October 14, 2013

Kelly R. McAdams, 84

Assistant Dean and Professor, School of Architecture
February 3, 2014

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Morgan, 92

Widow of L.O. Tom Morgan, Professor Emeritus, Chemistry and Biochemistry
November 13, 2013

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Frances Eleanor Page, 92

Assistant Professor, School of Music; Music Director for KUT and KLRU
December 29, 2013

Lila Anne Parker

Institute for Human Development & Family Studies
August 20, 2013

Margaret O’Neill Paulissen, 85

Specialist, Curriculum & Instruction Social Sciences
November 21, 2013

Luis Alvarado-Perez, 77

Building Attendant, Pickle Research Center
August 24, 2013

John Henry Petesch, 82

Tarlton Library
November 12, 2013

Joseph Daniel Phillips, 75

Research Scientist, Institute for Geophysics
January 11, 2014

Kenneth W. Prescott, 93

Chairman, Art Department
August 20, 2013

Euna Faye Johnson Pryor

UT System Office of Asset Management
November 15, 2013

Wallace John “Wally” Pryor, 86

“Voice of the Longhorns” Sports & Band Announcer
March 1, 2014

Margaret Mercedes Robertson, 88

Widow of William W. Robertson, Physics
February 7, 2014

Marilyn A. Robinson, 66

Law Library
February 1, 2014

John Harold Rohlich, 56

Son of RFSA Member Mary Rohlich
August 31, 2013

Oveida Fredric Rye, Jr., 74

Mathematics
August 1, 2013

Billy E. Scenters, 65

Communications Department
December 14, 2013

James Lee Seago, 63

Utilities Station Operator, Utilities & Energy Management
November 18, 2013

Joe Edmond Shuberg, 95

Captain, UT Police Department
January 31, 2014

David L. Sikes, 80

Center for Nuclear Studies
October 1, 2013

Charles A. Sorber, 74

Associate Dean of Engineering
October 18, 2013

Blake Stroud Sparenberg, 95

Widow of Charley Sparenberg, UT Auditor and Comptroller of UT System
January 4, 2014

Jessie Lou Sparks, 92

Lecturer, School of Nursing
September 11, 2013

Rose Taylor, 68

Professor, School of Music
September 14, 2013

Major Victor Nichalos Toth, 91

Dept. of Civil and Aerospace Engineering
December 4, 2013

Reuben Henry Wallace, 91

Associate Director for Research, Applied Research Labs
September 16, 2013

Hilda Sophie Bertha Werchan, 102

Food Service

James Conway Werchan, 83

Director of Accounting
March 17, 2014

K. Carter Wheelock, 89

Professor Emeritus, Spanish and Associate Dean of Humanities
August 31, 2013

Raymond M. White, 64

Accounting Department
November 29, 2013

Beverly Williams, 85

Secretary, College of Communication
December 26, 2013

Max L. Williams, Jr., 91

Adjunct Professor, Aeronautics
September 18, 2013

William A. Worsham, 89

Superintendent, Utilities and Physical Plant Chilling Station
August 27, 2013

Larry Farish York, 72

Adjunct Professor, Law School
December 8, 2013

Mario Yzaguirre, 93

UT System Board of Regents
September 8, 2013

Stanislav Zimic, 83

Professor, Spanish & Portuguese Department
August 25, 2013



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