

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION FALL MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 2014

MINUTES

OPENING REMARKS

President Peggy Mueller welcomed everyone and thanked all for his or her support of RFSA and especially for his or her donations to the scholarship fund.

She acknowledged the support of the President's Office, their staff members, the Texas Exes, especially Carol Barrett, and the work of the RFSA officers, committees and interest group chairs. She noted that we are very fortunate in receiving excellent support in carrying out the goals of RFSA.

President Mueller asked that the new retirees from the 2013-2014 year stand and introduce themselves. All new retirees are given a free membership in RFSA for the first year after they retire.

President Mueller introduced our speaker, James (Jim) Magnuson who is the director of the James A. Michener Center for Writers, an author of nine novels and twelve plays as well as a television series writer.

Jim shared his insights into his relationship with James Michener, a complicated person, who grew up during the depression and although frugal in his personal life, gave millions to UT. Such fun stories he shared and all of them very enlightening. Jim also treated us to a reading from his new book, "Famous Writers I Have Known."

An absolutely wonderful presentation!

President Mueller then called the business meeting to order.

Minutes from the spring 2014 meeting were approved.

Cecil Martinez, treasurer, gave the financial report. He highlighted our current balance, which at the end of August 2014 is \$22,207—our largest balance ever! Thanks to our sponsors, Covert Auto Group, Westminster Retirement Community, The University Federal Credit Union, St. David's Health Centers, Kerring Group Medical Equipment and Acorn Stair Lift. New sponsors include Karavel Shoes, Stan's Heating and Air Conditioning, and Mr. Appliance.

The total amount available for scholarships at the end of August 2014 was \$37,426. We were able to give more scholarships last year because of the generous donations to the fund from our sponsors, our RFSA travel committee and our members. We gave a total of 14 scholarships for fall and spring semesters and 2 for the summer,

which was a total of \$37,000. Two of our scholarship recipients were at the luncheon. They stood and introduced themselves, Fiona Imarhia and Samuel Palka, both pre-pharmacy majors, who received a round of applause.

Cecil Martinez thanked Judy Amis, our scholarship chair, and she in turn thanked those who contributed to the fund and reminded everyone that no gift was too large or too small.

President Mueller announced the names of the officers, the committee chairs and the interest group chairs. A list of all these individuals and the position they hold were available on the tables. Please take one. Also on the table were fliers for our next fabulous trips: Islands of New England in June 2015 and South Dakota Adventure In September 2015.

President Mueller made the following announcements:

\*The reception at the Bauer House will be in February, rather than December. [Note: The Bauer House reception was delayed until late 2015.]

\*The bar will remain open and the party will continue until 2:30 p.m.

\*Don't forget to have parking tickets stamped before you leave.

DOOR PRIZES: Our generous Dean McKetta gives 5 attendance awards (\$200.00 each in cash) at both our fall and spring meetings. Recipients at this meeting were Donna Holden, Della Sprager, Susan Gordon, Joan Smith, and Lynne Lang. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

This was Dean McKetta's birthday week, age 99! We sang a spirited Happy Birthday to this wonderful man!

Door prizes were distributed and Della Sprager oversaw the drawing of tickets for the raffle.

President Mueller announced that we wanted to remember all those who are no longer with us. Henrietta Jacobsen, an early founder/instigator of RFSa, recently passed and we will remember Henrietta at the UT Remembers program May 8, 2015, as well as our retirees, students, faculty and staff who have died in the previous twelve months.

The meeting adjourned with the singing of "The Eyes of Texas" accompanied by Barbara Myers.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon H. Justice, Secretary