

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

RETIRED FACULTY – STAFF ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING

APRIL 29, 2015

MINUTES

President Peggy Mueller made the following announcements:

~She informed the membership that they could sit at any table and RFSA members are hosting several tables. Just look for their place card.

~She reminded members to have their parking tickets validated before they departed.

~If you need a retiree UTID, you can have one made today by Christy Sanchez from the UT ID center in the room located off the foyer.

~Let's have lunch!

OPENING REMARKS:

President Mueller welcomed everyone to the spring meeting and encouraged everyone to stay around until 2:30 and visit.

President Mueller thanked everyone for his or her donations to the RFSA scholarship fund and for their contributions to the Hearts of Texas campaign. We donated \$11,614, which was greater than the year before, to HOT. And a big thank you to President Powers for his support for our organizational endeavors including this luncheon, invitations, and arrangements. And a Texas size thanks to Texas Exes for allowing us to use their facilities and to our wonderful coordinator, Carol Barrett.

President Mueller asked new retirees and/or those who were attending their first RFSA meeting to stand and introduce themselves. Just a reminder that the first year of membership in RFSA is free.

Samuel Palka, one of our scholarship recipients thanked us for our support in his academic endeavors. He is a pharmacy major and has an internship with Walgreen's for the summer. Good luck!

President Mueller introduced our speaker for the day, Jim Nicar, whose talk was entitled: "Out on the Roof: Faculty-Staff Misadventures in 1915." Jim is a UT graduate with a degree in astronomy and has been conducting the Moonlight Prowl, a nighttime campus tour packed with anecdotes of student life, campus architecture, and UT history since 1988.

What a delightful informative presentation by Jim. Looking back at the UT campus in the spring of 1915 via photos and commentary was a fresh look at this time in our

history. THANKS TO JIM NICAR. By the way, Jim has added two tours to his schedule in May and these two prowls will be numbers 600 and 601 for him.

THE BUSINESS MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER.

Cecil Martinez gave the treasurer's report. We now have a balance of \$32,994 and three years ago our balance was \$1500! Thanks to all those who have assisted us in raising funds and a special thank you to our sponsors, some of who are with us today. We do have a new sponsor, Sytha Gustafson Minter, realtor. Yes, she is Norm Minter's wife.

Just a reminder that when we are shopping and making purchases, please consider using our sponsors and when we are in their places of business, remember to thank them for their contributions to RFSA.

Many thanks to Cecil for his hard work as treasurer and with our sponsors.

Judy Amis, our scholarship chair, announced that 58 people plus members of the board contributed \$7600 to this year's scholarship fund. We have a projected payout of \$31,983 we can use for scholarships for the 2015-2016-award year. Scholarship donation forms are available on the table in the foyer.

President Mueller thanked and recognized the members of this year's nominating committee. Chaired by Barbara Myers, the nominating committee members include Don Davis, Peggy Kruger, and Deena Mersky. The following slate of officers have been nominated to one-year terms to begin immediately after the adjournment of this meeting:

2015-2016 Nominees:

PRESIDENT: Nancy Payne was elected last year and will serve as President.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Cecil Martinez has been asked to serve as president-elect.

SECRETARY: Corky Hilliard has been asked to serve, but was unable to attend today, so Sharon Justice, retiring secretary is writing the minutes.

TREASURER: Clemith Houston has been asked to serve. John McKetta is our Treasurer Emeritus.

HISTORIAN: Barbara Frock will continue. Martha Boyd is our Historian Emerita.

MEMBERS-at-large: Barbara W. White, Ruth Rubio and Terry Martin will continue.

PAST PRESIDENT: Peggy Mueller

Motion was made and seconded to elect this proposed slate of officers.
Congratulations!

President Mueller: RFSA Board members work in special areas and also serve as Interest Group Chairs. They are:

Activity Calendar Editors: Barbara and George Frock

Membership Co-chairs: Norm Minter is retiring, as co-chair and Peggy Kruger will continue. Peggy Mueller will be a new co-chair.

Magazine Editor: Tany Norwood

Assistant Magazine Editor: Marla Boye

Photographer/IT: Miles Abernathy

Scholarship Fund: Eleanor Moore

Raffle/door prizes: Della Sprager

INTEREST GROUP CHAIRS:

Bridge: Bill Crook

Discussion co-chairs: Don Davis and Alice Reinarz

Exercise: Carolyn Wylie

Fine Arts: Deena Mersky

Health: Carol Obianwu with Cecil Martinez, who is stepping down. Norm Minter has agreed to be the co-chair with Carol Obianwu.

Investment/Finance: Phil Kelton and new co-chair Pauline Lopez

Travel: Carol Kay Johnson

Carol Kay and Karen Bluethman, Heart of Texas Tours, have travel brochures for the South Dakota Adventure in September on the table in the foyer.

President Mueller: Many thanks to all these wonderful officers, board members, committee and interest group chairs for their work in RFSA activities.

If you are interested in serving on a committee or an interest group, please get in touch with one of these folks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Mueller

There is a new URL website for RFSA. Our old website will be inactive at the end of 2015. For more information, read the article in the magazine.

A new interest group has been formed for fall. Tentatively named, The Foodies and chaired by Sharon Justice, the purpose of this group is to provide an opportunity for RFSA members and a guest to experience interesting restaurants in Austin and to

socialize. If you are interested, please sign the sign-up sheet or read the instructions in the magazine.

Another possible interest group is Active Excursions. It was listed in an email survey sent out earlier this month. If you are interested, please respond to the survey.

The UT Remembers flag lowering on the Main Mall and the program in the Tower Garden will be held on Friday, May 8. This is a special day of remembrance for retirees, faculty, staff and students who have died in the previous year.

One of the highlights of our luncheon is the attendance awards. Our wonderful Dr. John McKetta graciously and generously gives 5 attendance awards each worth \$200.00 at both the fall and spring luncheons. These awards go to RFSA members and their spouses or partners. Check your tickets and let the drawings commence. Congratulations to Marian Maxwell, Angie Gonzales, Sharon Gentry, Clemith Houston and John Pace, this spring's recipients.

President Mueller thanked everyone for allowing her to serve as RFSA President this past year. She also asked all the past presidents of RFSA to stand and be recognized for their service to the association.

President Mueller introduced our new President for this upcoming year, Nancy Payne. Nancy is a 1958 graduate of UT and retired in 1992 after 30 years of service in the Chancellor's office.

President Payne is looking forward to this next year as our President and thanked everyone for their participation.

The meeting concluded with Barbara Myers accompanying us on the piano as we sang the Eyes of Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon H. Justice

Secretary