

The University of Texas at Austin
Retired Faculty-Staff Association Spring Meeting
April 26, 2016
12:00 PM
Alumni Center - Connally Ballroom

Minutes

NOON: President Nancy Payne made the following remarks and announcements:

Board members and discussion group leaders are seated throughout the room to offer comments and information about the RFSA programs and activities

Dr. John McKetta's great Attendance Prizes are a highlight of our meetings – Be sure that you received a ticket for the drawing. If not check with the Exes staff in Rotunda. They can also validate your parking tickets

Please notice the wine station at the back of the room. We are grateful for the generosity of President Fenves and his staff for providing this lovely luncheon. Their support is greatly appreciated.

12:30 PM - The BUSINESS MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER

Opening Remarks – Nancy Payne RFSA President

I have enjoyed serving as your president this year until the close of this meeting. Thanks to the great board and will recognize them just after announcing students scholar recipients and sponsors who are under time pressure to get back to their classes and commitments, so I will call with them first.

Eleanor Moore – Scholarship Chair.

Two scholarship students are here today:

- Jeremy Binagia – Chemical Engineering
- David Davis - Senior in International Relations and French.

President Payne thanked Eleanor for her work and congratulated all of our scholars. She also thanked the Lindsay Fund contribution of \$23,000 to the scholarship fund due to the recommendation of Bob Mettlen and Bill Lasher. We have awarded scholarships to 13 students this year and will grant scholarships to 14 next year.

CECIL MARTINEZ: Sponsor Solicitor

Cecil recognized our sponsors. Please thank them and notice the inclusion of the Sponsors logos on the program notices you receive. There are copies on the tables

Thanks to all of those who have assisted us in raising funds and a special thanks to our sponsors some of whom are with us today.

Cecil thanked Carol Barrett and Peggy Mueller for their help and support. He acknowledged and thanked each of our sponsors: Westminster, Stan's Heating and Cooling, Karavel Shoes, Mr. Appliance, The Bug Master, Covert Auto Group, St David's HealthCare, University Federal Credit Union and Sytha Gustafson Minter, Horizon Realty.

Minutes of the Fall Meeting: The meeting was held on October 28, 2015 have been filed and posted on the website

CLEMITH HOUSTON: Treasurer's Report – written report is available.

Balance on hand:

- Beginning of the year: \$34,248.00
- Current Balance: \$33,962.21

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

PEGGY MUELLER – Nominating Committee

President Payne thanked and recognized the members of this year's nominating committee, chaired by Peggy Mueller. The nominating Committee members included: Peggy Kruger, Martha Boyd.

The following slate of officers have been nominated to one year terms to begin immediately after the adjournment of this meeting

2016-17 Nominees:

- **President:** Cecil Martinez, elected last year as President Elect and begins his Presidency immediately following this meeting.
- **President Elect:** Tany Norwood has been asked to serve as president elect.
- **Secretary:** Corky Hilliard will continue year 2 of her 3 year term.
- **Treasurer:** Clemith Houston, will continue year two of a three year term. John McKetta is our **Treasurer Emeritus**
- **Historian:** Barbara Frock will continue as Historian. George and Barbara also serve as Activity Calendar Editors. Martha Boyd is our Historian Emeritus
- **Members –at-large:** Continuing in their three year terms, Terry Martin and Ruth Rubio joined by Bill Lasher replacing Barbara W. White. Barbara was thanked for her service on the board.
- **Past – President:** Nancy Payne who thanked Peggy Mueller for her guidance and support this past year.

The slate of officers was passed by the membership by voice vote.

President Payne then recognized other Association Officers and Leaders:

Activity Calendar Editors – Barbara and George Frock

Membership Co-Chairs: Peggy Kruger and Peggy Mueller

Magazine Editor – Tany Norwood. Linda Peterson has accepted the position as Tany moves to President Elect

Photographer and IT Specialist: Miles Abernathy

Bridge Chair – Bill Crook

Discussion Co-Chairs – Don Davis and Alice Reinarz

Exercise Chair – Carolyn Wylie

Finance and Investment Co-Chairs – Phil Kelton and Pauline Lopez

Foodies Chair – Sharon Justice

Fine Arts Chair – Deena Mersky, assisted this year by Carolyn Wylie

Health Co-Chairs – **Carol Obianwu & Norm Minter** – both of whom are stepping down after several years of leadership. If anyone is interested I am sure Carol and Norm will be happy to visit with you

TRAVEL – Carol Kay Johnson

Carol described the recent Cuba trip in terrific colorful and humorous detail including the slide show provided by Mike Quinn with the help of Miles Abernathy. Thanks were given to Karen Bluethman of Heart of Texas Tours who continues to provide arrangements for these our trips. Carol Kay was recognized for doing a great job in providing interesting and fun travel for several years. Karen & John Harrison and Mike & Marcia Arn will be taking over as co-chairs next year.

Scholarship: Eleanor Moore

President Payne and Eleanor more thanked Dr. McKetta for his continued support of the attendance award. They also congratulated him for his 100th birthday last fall.

Attendance Awards: The 5 attendance awards of \$200 each were awarded by drawing attendance tickets. The winners were:

- Dephanie Cates, Employee Assistance Program
- Jim Bedrich, Accounting Office
- Edna Armendariz, Mathematics Spouse
- Bill Crook, Architectural and Engineering Services
- Barbara L. White, Department of Engineering

Dr McKetta reminded the attendees that these awards are made in honor of: Ruth Crawford, Barbara Meyers, Judy Amis, Carol Barrett, and Sue Clevenger.

New Members: Three new members were welcomed

- Keith Arrington – Counseling and Mental Health Services
- Liliana Merubia – LBJ School of Public Affairs
- Bob Morton – Bureau of Economic Geography

SILVER SNEAKERS – Elizabeth Matthews from UT System HR

This new health benefit is part of the UT Select Medical Plan. It provides access to health gyms across the country at no cost to the retirees on the program. There are several facilities in the Austin area. Letters were sent to retirees and spouses on the plan.

Musical Entertainment – Rod Caspers

Many thanks to Rod for securing this wonderful musical entertainment from Butler School of Music - Ellie Shuttle and Chip Dolan, who provided vocal and piano entertainment for the retirees.

Incoming President: President Payne introduced the Incoming President of the RFSA – Cecil Martinez who began his UT career as an accountant before becoming the Business Manager for the McDonald Observatory and the Department of Astronomy – a title he held for 21 years before his retirement. He has been very active with RFSA holding the position of Treasurer. In that capacity he established the very financially successful Sponsor Solicitation program for advertising in the RFSA Magazine.

In conclusion, the meeting closed by singing;

First, THE EYES OF TEXAS – accompanied by Barbara Myers on the piano.

This was followed by a sing along of a special rendition of a famous Julie Andrews to end the program. Lyrics follow:

*Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental filling,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string, These are a few of my favorite things.*

*Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings.
These are a few of my favorite things.
When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad.
I simply remember my favorite thing,
And then I don't feel so bad.*

*Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.*

*Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',
Think bones and fractures and hair that in thinnin'
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favorite things.*

*When the joints ache, when the hip s break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.*

Respectfully submitted,
Corky Hilliard
Secretary