

**The University of Texas at Austin**  
**Retired Faculty-Staff Association Fall Meeting**  
**October 18, 2016**  
**12:00 PM**  
**Alumni Center - Connally Ballroom**

**Minutes**

NOON - Lunch

12:45 Opening Remarks by Cecil Martinez, RFSA President

President Martinez welcomed all to the fall meeting thanking them for their support of the RFSA and in particular for their donations to the Scholarship Fund.

President Martinez expressed appreciation for the support of President Fenves's Office and their staff for their generous support.

He further thanked the Texas Exes for the use of the building for our luncheon events, and for the administrative services provides by Carol Barrett, their director of Special Services. Over the years, Carol has been of tremendous assistance to RFSA – and always with a willingness to help and a smile. In honor of Carol's service, the Board provided personal funds and Operating funds to provide a contribution of \$5000 to the scholarship fund in honor of Carol Barrett.

Cecil honored the retirees in the 2015-16 academic year. Each new retiree receives a free membership to RFSA for the first year after they retire. Twenty-five new retirees were honored at this meeting.

**1:00 – Luncheon Speaker – Dr. Frank Bash**

Dr. Bash, retired Director of the McDonald Observatory and Professor Emeritus of Astronomy, offered reminiscences of the discoveries and changes in the understanding of Astronomy during his long and distinguished tenure at the University of Texas. During his time at UT he was not only Chair of the Department but built one of the largest telescopes in the world, The Hobby-Eberly Telescope. He also expanded the public outreach programs of the observatory including the new Visitors Center, which the University named the “Frank Bash Visitors Center” in honor of his work and contributions.

**1:15 pm Business Meeting**

The minutes from the Spring 2016 meeting were approved by the Board and have been posted on the website.

**Treasurer's Report – Clemith Houston**

Beginning Balance     \$34,249.00

End of Year Balance    \$34,745.00

### **Sponsor Report – Cecil Martinez**

Cecil recognized the sponsors and their representatives in attendance today:

Westminster Retirement Facilities  
Stan's Heating and Air Conditioning  
Karavel Shoes  
Mr. Appliance - Angie Goff  
The Bug Master  
Sytha Gustafson Minter Realty  
Covert Auto Group – Rox Covert  
St. David's Health Care – Molly Sherman  
University Federal Credit Union – Cheryl Roberts and Matt Bacon  
Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Homes and Cremation Services – our newest  
Sponsor

Cecil asked that we thank our sponsors for their support of the RFSA and our scholarships.

### **Scholarship Report - Eleanor Moore**

Through the generosity of donations to the fund and support of the business sponsors and the RFSA Travel Interest Group, RFSA was able to grant 20 scholarships this year. This represented a total for fall and spring of \$50,000.00. Many of the scholarship recipients were in attendance and were recognized

### **Recognition of Officers, Committee Chairs and Interest Group Chairs – Cecil Martinez.**

- **President Elect:** Tany Norwood
- **Secretary:** Corky Hilliard
- **Treasurer:** Clemith Houston
- **Treasurer Emeritus,** John McKetta sent the following message:  
Dear RSFA members: I am so sad to say that my active days in the RSFA are closing in on me. Thank you all for being my friends and bringing me so much joy for the past 20 years. Frank Bash was a giant and we were all proud of his and his fantastic contributions. Carol Barrett and her wonderful organization will always remain one of my greatest admirations. May our Great God continue to lead us in the future. I am so proud of each member. John J McKetta, Jr.
- **Historian:** Barbara Frock  
**Historian Emerita:** Martha Boyd  
**Members at Large:** Bill Lasher, Terry Martin and Ruth Rubio
- **Past – President:** Nancy Payne
- **Activity Calendar Editors:** Barbara and George Frock
- **Membership Co-Chairs:** Peggy Kruger and Peggy Mueller
- **Magazine Editor:** Linda Peterson
- **Photographer and IT:** Miles Abernathy
- **Scholarship:** Eleanor Moore

## **INTEREST GROUP CHAIRS.**

**Bridge Co-Chair:** Liz Bozyan & Mary Key Hemenway

**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:** vacant

**Health Chair:** Cecil Martinez (interim)

**Travel Co-Chairs:** Marcia & Mike Arn & Karen & John Harrison

Cecil asked that members check the activity calendar on the website to receive notifications and updates of all RFSA meeting and activities.

The RFSA Holiday Reception is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2016 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the new Sterling Events Center. Look for your email invitation closer to the date.

### **McKetta Attendance Awards**

Dr. McKetta donates 5 attendance awards of \$200 each and these were awarded by drawing attendance tickets. The winners were:

- Mary Crook
- Corky Hilliard
- Lizane Ledbetter
- Martha Ovando
- Phyllis Schenkkan

In conclusion, the meeting closed by singing THE EYES OF TEXAS – accompanied by Barbara Myers on the piano.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corky Hilliard  
Secretary