

The University of Texas at Austin
Retired Faculty-Staff Association Fall Meeting
April 25, 2017
12:00 PM
Alumni Center - Connally Ballroom

12:05 Opening Remarks by Cecil Martinez, RFSA President

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

Cecil expressed appreciation for the support of President Fennes' Office and their staff for their generous support. He further thanked the Texas Exes for the use of the building for our luncheon events, but in particular for the administrative support provided by Carol Barrett, their director of Special Services.

He reminded attendees to check that they had a ticket for the McKetta Attendance Award drawing to be held at the end of the meeting. He also reminded attendees that parking validation was available in the Rotunda.

The UT Austin ID Center is available in the Jackson room to make retiree ID's if needed.

Cecil remembered Dr. Margaret Berry for her service to The University. He particularly expressed thanks for her ongoing participation with the RFSA having served as president and officer. She also contributed generously to the scholarship fund and other RFSA activities. Her participation and her service will be missed.

LUNCH

12:45 – Meeting Opened – Cecil Martinez

Cecil expressed his honor in serving as president for this past year. He thanked the board for their support during the year.

Scholarship Report: Peggy Mueller for Eleanor Moore

Peggy introduced the student scholars in attendance at the meeting: Kaylen Parker (Architecture and Interior Design) from Sugar Land and Anna Hiram (Finance and Business Honors) from Houston. She noted that photos and brief background of each scholarship recipient are on the RFSA website.

Peggy announced that for the second year a gift of \$11,080. was received from the J.P. Morgan – Franklin Lindsay fund, a gift made possible by the recommendation of Bob Mettlen and Bill Lasher. A great round of applause showed the membership's appreciation of this gift.

This year RFSA awarded scholarships to 20 students at \$2,500.00 per year each. The total scholarship amount awarded was \$50,000.00. This announcement earned robust applause from the membership.

Peggy announced that on May 5 UT Remembers will honor 218 members of the UT family. The UT Remembers program includes a UT Tower carillon concert at dusk. RFSA members were asked to volunteer to make remembrance ribbons and bookmarks. Sign up with Peggy after the meeting.

Luncheon Speaker – Dr. Jim Vick

Dr. Vick came to UT from Princeton in 1970 and has had profound impact on The University of Texas. He served as a Professor of Mathematics, Associate Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and served as Vice President for Student Affairs for 16 years (1989-2005). He has received many awards and honors. His lasting legacy is the naming of the James W. Vick Center for Strategic Advising and Career Counseling. Dr. Vick spoke about “The Nine Days I will Not Forget”.

Cecil thanked Dr. Vick for his remarks, his leadership, and his support of the RFSA.

Business Meeting

Cecil recognized the Business Sponsors of the RFSA and thanked them for their support: Westminster, Stan’s Heating and Air Conditioning, Karavel Shoes, Mr. Appliance, The Bug Master, Sytha Gustafson Minter – Horizon Reality, St. David’s Health Care, University Federal Credit Union, and Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Homes and Cremation Services. Covert Auto Group was recognized as both a sponsor and generous donor to the RFSA Scholarship program. The membership was encouraged to support these businesses.

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

Treasurers Report – Clemith Houston

Clemith reported RFSA in good financial shape:

- Beginning of the year: \$34,744
- Current Balance: \$49,966

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

2017-2018 Officers:

The Nominating Committee was chaired by Past President Nancy Payne, assisted by committee members Sharon Justice and Bill Lasher. The Committee presented the following slate:

Executive Committee:

- **President:** Tany Norwood, elected last year as President Elect, begins her Presidency immediately following this meeting.
- **President Elect:** Ruth Rubio has been asked to serve as president elect.
- **Secretary:** Corky Hilliard will continue year three of her three-year term.
- **Treasurer:** Clemith Houston, will continue year three of a three-year term. John McKetta is our **Treasurer Emeritus**.
- **Historian:** Barbara Frock will continue as Historian. Martha Boyd is our **Historian Emerita**.
- **Members-at-large:** Continuing in their three year terms, Terry Martin and Bill Lasher; and beginning her first year, Sharon Justice.
- **Past President:** Cecil Martinez thanked Peggy Mueller for her guidance and support this past year.

The motion for acceptance was approved by voice vote.

Other officers:

- **Historian:** Barbara Frock
Historian Emeritus: Martha Boyd
- **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 Chair:** Liz Bozyan & Mary Kay Hemenway
- **Discussion Co-Chairs:** Don Davis and Alice Reinarz
- **Exercise Chair:** Carolyn Wylie
- **Finance and Investment Co-Chairs:** Phil Kelton, Pauline Lopez and Lewis Myers
- **Foodies Chair:** Sharon Justice
- **Fine Arts Chair:** open, assisted by Carolyn Wylie for Music Events
- **Health Co-Chairs:** Ruth Rubio and Linda Millstone
- **Travel:** Marcia & Mike Arn and Karen & John Harrison

McKetta Attendance Awards:

Cecil thanked Dean McKetta for his gracious and generous support for \$200 attendance awards which will be given to 5 members or spouses, awarded by drawing attendance tickets. The winners were:

- Don Davis, School of Information and Department of History
- Ella Quinlan, Child Development Center
- Tina Velasquez, Music
- Dan Wheat, Civil Engineering
- Sonja Berry, Social Work

New Retirees Recognized

Cecil honored the new retirees in the 2017-18 academic year. Each new retiree receives a free membership to RFSA for the first year after they retire. Seven new retirees were honored at this meeting.

Cecil asked our new president, Tany Norwood to join him on the dais.

Tany worked in the Dean of Students many years ending her career as an Assistant Dean of Students. She received many honors during her service including the UT Friars Society creating and naming an award for her – the Tany Norwood Staff Appreciation Award. She served as the Friars' advisor for many years. In 2012, the Tany Norwood Staff Appreciation Award Endowment was established by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System. She also received the Arno Nowotny Medal awarded to members of the Student Affairs Division who rendered meritorious service to students during their careers. She has been a member of RFSA since 2006 and has served as RFSA magazine editor for four years.

Recently Tany and her husband, Bob, established the Tany Norwood Scholarship to be awarded by the RFSA. We are honored and proud to receive the beneficiary of this scholarship. Many thanks to Tany and Bob for their generosity.

RFSA President Tany Norwood:

Tany expressed her excitement to be part and to lead this wonderful organization.

Tany adjourned the meeting at 1:35

The meeting closed with the singing of THE EYES OF TEXAS!