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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



► We are the center of our own universe. And, rightly so! Each of us must care for ourselves as well as we can. We care for ourselves physically by eating well, staying hydrated, getting our medical needs cared for and many other ways. We care for ourselves socially and emotionally, too, by staying in touch with friends, family and others who are important to us. These are a few of the ways we nurture ourselves and stay happy and healthy. If we are the center of our own universe then I'd like to spend a minute talking about the universe with which we are connected.

The universe for each of us is unique. I am a former social worker and previously I was on the clinical faculty at the UT Steve Hicks School of Social Work. In my profession there is a fundamental theoretical concept taken from general systems theory and ecosystems perspective that acknowledges each individual lives within a social environment. The social environment connects us all on many levels. I'd like you to imagine concentric circles with you at the center. Our immediate social

environment is usually made up of family. From there we branch out to a larger social environment such as friends, neighbors, schools, churches, places of employment, etc. Extending even further still, our social environment can include the school boards, cities, legislatures, and other civic entities that make up our world. The outermost circle includes broad economic factors, cultural patterns and belief systems.

Included in that broad and vast array of people and organizations is The University of Texas at Austin and the Retired Faculty-Staff Association. How strong a connection we feel to UT and RFSA is up to each of us. Yet, there is a connection that is irrevocable – UT is a part of our history. Our history includes either working for, or being married to someone who worked for, UT or UT System or simply being a vital and active UT supporter. For most of us, UT is our former employer. Perhaps you taught at the university or worked in housing and food, the duplicating center, library, human resources, university administration or any of a number of different places. The university was an important part of your work history and career. It was an important part of your past. Being part of RFSA is a great way to extend and continue this relationship with UT. Staying connected to UT and RFSA allows you to meet people with common interests, learn about new happenings on campus and be helpful to the university community through RFSA service projects and scholarship donations. I hope you'll become active by attending one of the interest group meetings, going on an adventure with the travel interest group or attending one or all of our general membership gatherings, such as the spring and fall luncheons or the winter holiday party. There are many ways to stay connected. UT was part of your past. Let RFSA and UT be part of your future.

RUTH RUBIO

President, 2018-19

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► Our sponsors have been solicited because of their excellent reputations in selling the best goods and providing the best service to customers. Many of them are family businesses that have been in our community for a long time. These include the Covert family of auto dealerships, the Strand family of Stan's A/C, the Ravel family of Karavel Shoes, the Goff family of Mr. Appliance, and the Fish family of Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Homes. Our other sponsors, although not family owned, have a long-time reputation for giving wonderful service to the community. They are St. David's HealthCare, University Federal Credit Union, and the Westminster Retirement Community. And please give a warm welcome to our newest sponsors: Fast Park & Relax, providing fast, easy and economical offsite parking at Austin Bergstrom International Airport; and Austin Hearing Services, offering state-of-the-art comprehensive hearing health care. Check their ads for information about their services, coupons, and special discounts.

Through their sponsorships, these businesses help us keep our membership dues low and provide support to UT students through the RFSA Scholarship Fund. When you need goods or services, please consider using them – it will be a win-win-win situation for you, for them and for RFSA. And when you use them, please let them know that you belong to RFSA, and that we appreciate their support.



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RFSA FALL BOARD MEETING



Past president Tany Norwood and current president Ruth Rubio at fall RFSA board meeting



RFSA board members Marcia Arn and Peggy Mueller staff our booth at the Pickle Research campus Health/Wellness Expo. We are very proud of our new table drape!

► The RFSA Board met on Tuesday, September 18, in the Robuck Room at Texas Exes. President Ruth Rubio welcomed all of us, especially our new Board members Susana Alemán, Scholarship chair; Rosie Maamar, Exercise Interest Group co-chair; and James Vick, member-at-large. We then moved on to reports from our executive committee, officers and interest group chairs. An exciting milestone was noted about our scholarship fund – it now has a market value of over one million dollars! This is very important because it will allow us to fund more scholarships. One reason we are doing so well in this area is the matching funds initiative started last year. Outgoing scholarship chair Eleanor Moore moved to set aside operating funds again this year as a match for contributions to the scholarship fund, and it was approved unanimously by the Board. Other exciting news from officers and interest group chairs included a glowing review of RFSA's tours to Yellowstone and Alaska, and Cecil Martinez's ongoing success in getting the support of community businesses who advertise in our magazine and contribute to the scholarship fund.

In other business, we discussed the Fall luncheon and decided to have designated greeters at the door to welcome all members to this festive occasion. We will also have a musical group perform instead of having a speaker.

Corky Hilliard presented a draft mission statement for RFSA, which led to discussion regarding our organization's purpose. We currently provide many social, service and educational opportunities for our members, but should we also become more active in representing members' interests to the UT administration? That discussion will continue, and we should have a proposal available for member consideration next year. Anyone wishing to provide input with regard to the direction of our efforts to interact with UT administration and the broader UT community, or in becoming more involved with RFSA in other ways, please contact Ruth Rubio at ruthrubio@utexas.edu.

INTEREST GROUPS



From left to right: Sylvia Huntsman, Phil Kelton, Tom Roudebush and Karen Kelton. Photo by Mary Kay Hemenway.



Don Davis, Doug and Thais Kilday, Alice Reinarz.

BRIDGE

The bridge interest group meets the first Monday of each month of the year, unless that Monday is a holiday, in which case we meet the second Monday of the month. We play at the Alumni Center where parking is provided. We welcome new players, but we need to know in advance so that an even number of tables can be arranged. You need not come with a partner. We play friendly party bridge (not duplicate) and begin at 1 p.m. For further information, contact Mary Kay Hemenway (mkhemenway@utexas.edu) or Kathey Ferland (katheyferland4@gmail.com)

DISCUSSION

The RFSA discussion group convenes during fall and spring on the first Wednesday of the month. The meetings are at 1:30 PM at the Howson Branch of the Austin Public Library. The format consists of a speaker who presents a topic geared to a general audience, combined with questions and dialogue from the attendees. A speaker schedule is maintained on the RFSA website (sites.utexas.edu/rfsa), and an email is sent to all members a few days before each speaker. The subjects are chosen to touch on a variety of interests. These meetings really are “discussions” with audience participation encouraged.

In October, Dr. David Leal, UT Professor of Government, gave insights into the mid-term elections from his

scholarship as a political scientist. Dr. Leal is a seasoned observer of Texas and U.S. elections. His comments covered historical perspective, demographic changes, and statistics. November’s guests were Doug and Thais Kilday. They described their humanitarian work in Cambodia. Doug Kilday, a successful Austin lawyer, and his family spent a year working on social justice issues in Southeast Asia. They described their personal perceptions and cultural understandings from that experience. The final speaker for fall, Randy Machemehl, UT Professor of Civil Engineering, had to be rescheduled until February because our meeting room was unavailable due to election runoffs. At that February meeting, he will speak about the traffic and transportation issues in Austin, a topic of interest to many of us!

Our discussion groups are supposed to be informative and fun. Your input and attendance are encouraged. Co-chairs Don Davis (dgdavis@ischool.utexas.edu) and Alice Reinarz (areinarz@tamu.edu) are eager to hear suggestions from RFSA members.

EXERCISE

The exercise group now meets in Gregory Gym (the north studio on the first floor), from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To participate you need to join Rec Sports; there is a 50% discount for retirees. Experienced exercise

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instructors Helen Scaffa and Sandy Erickson lead us in a variety of exercises designed for all ages and fitness levels. These include balance work, stretches, yoga and low-impact pilates, using exercise balls, hand weights, thera-bands and BOSU balls. We have men and women members of a wide range of fitness levels. Our instructors can adapt the exercises for anyone with special needs. This is a small, friendly group that welcomes new members. If you are a person who has resisted caring for your physical needs, come and check us out. Do not be intimidated. If you aren't a member of Rec Sports, you can join at their office just inside the entrance to Gregory Gym. Or you can buy a one-time pass for \$12 and try out the class before deciding whether to join. The pass will also admit you to all Rec Sports facilities for that day.

For more information, contact one of the co-chairs: Carolyn Wylie, 512-453-2556, cateswylie@gmail.com Rezala "Rosie" Maamar, 512-451-6798, rezlmt@gmail.com.



Foodies enjoy Suerte on East 6th.

FOODIES

How wonderful it is to be a foodie! We continue to enjoy Austin's unique restaurants and each other's company. This fall we could not ignore the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle so we celebrated with a traditional high tea at Full English, a British restaurant in south Austin. Our menu included several choices for tea, tiny tea sandwiches including the must have cucumber with vinaigrette, along with a variety of small cakes, biscuits [cookies] and scones.

And yes, some women wore hats and fascinators.

If you haven't visited the new downtown branch of the Austin Public Library, a true gem in our city, try to do so and include lunch at the CookBook Cafe. Not only is the food tasty, but the views are gorgeous and the building is an architectural masterpiece.

None of us knew when we ate at the Sour Duck Market earlier this fall that Matthew Odam would rank it number 25 out of 50 on his list "2018 Best Restaurants in Austin." We sat outside at picnic tables eating burgers, roasted sweet potatoes with mole, yogurt and sunflower seeds, and hush puppies with BSM cornmeal, smoked fish and remoulade salad. The dessert case beckoned many of us and we were not disappointed.

Ranked number three on Matthew Odom's list is Suerte, a Mexican-inspired East Austin restaurant. We enjoyed ceviche, snapper with red chile tortillas and queso, mole chicken with roulade, along with their version of a margarita. Yummy! Susana Alemán decreed that they served some of the best mole in the city! If you go, please leave room for the chocolate pudding cake or the coconut sorbet.

The Guild, located at 3800 North Lamar, is a new restaurant that serves Progressive American seafood. One of our diners declared that the Whitewater mussels in a cider and barn broth with basil and brioche "soldiers" was superb! And the serving is large enough to be shared with several other diners—a true bargain during happy hour! Selections from the menu that we foodies enjoyed on our visit included mac and cheese with a farm duck yolk confit, a fish dip made with salmon rillettes and blue emmer hush puppies with a celery root confit, striped bass and halibut along with a white Sonora agnolotti. For dessert, try their version of a chess pie with apple/pecan/juniper and buttermilk gelato.

We ended our foodie adventures for fall with Hank's, a light and bright neighborhood restaurant that serves a variety of American food including soups, crispy or pesto rice bowls, fried chicken, salads and sandwiches. Try the garden and goat salad, the brine fried chicken or the avocado toast with a poached egg, feta, cilantro, sprouts and lemon. All sandwiches are accompanied by french fries, sweet potato fries, an arugula salad or tomato bisque.

Contact Sharon Justice at dsshj@austin.utexas.edu if you want to join this group.

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Phil Kelton, Pauline Lopez, Ann Kitchen and Lewis Myers.

FINANCE

The RFSA finance/investment group meets five or six times per year on the second Monday of the month at the Howson Branch Library. Meetings are announced on the RFSA web site and via email. Since meetings are not held every month, members are advised to check the web site schedule for meeting information. We held our last meeting for this reporting period on September 10, 2018 on the subject of CodeNext, the major revision of the Austin development code that has been under consideration for several years by the Austin City Council. Ann Kitchen, City Council Member representing District 5, was our speaker. She discussed the latest information on CodeNext, why it was abandoned in its current form, and what might happen next on this important issue. One aspect related to CodeNext is on the November election ballot. Many members of RFSA are interested in real estate and its investment potential, are Austin homeowners, and their homestead is their biggest asset. Anyone who owns, rents, shops, or drives and parks on Austin streets will be affected by whatever follows CodeNext. For this reason, we decided to go beyond our usual traditional finance topics and include the topic of real estate.

Finance/Investment co-chairs are:
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Cecil Martinez, Dr. K. Ashley Garling, and Linda Millstone.

HEALTH

The Health Interest Group enjoys our visits with our medical speakers! In September, we heard from Dr. K. Ashley Garling, PharmD and Clinical Professor at UT Austin. She told us about the need to have the new shingles vaccine. Even if you had a previous shingles vaccine, she said this one is stronger and better. We also talked about over the counter medications that one should take for improved health. Finally, she addressed vitamins, telling us which ones are best and what strength we should purchase. We hope to have her return in the future. In October, we heard from Dr. Polo A. Banuelos, a neurologist at St. David's HealthCare. October was American Stroke Month, so Dr. Banuelos talked to us about the kinds of stroke events one might have: ischemic or hemorrhagic stroke are common ones. He also discussed the transient ischemic attack (TIA). He told us the causes of stroke and how to avoid them. We meet at the Old Quarry branch of the Austin Public Library (off of Far West Boulevard). Please look on the RFSA website for information about our meetings, which will be on the third Monday of February, March and April, with more speakers and discussion about health issues! Come join us. We learn a lot!

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Capitol Building, Washington, D.C.

TRAVEL

The RFSA travel interest group organizes and facilitates local, national and international tours for RFSA members and friends. This past session the group visited Alaska and Yellowstone (see articles on pages 20 and 24). They are offering four tours in 2019:

Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg: April 11-17, 2019

Discover some of the historic national treasures prominent in America's history. Step back in time in Jamestown settlement, the first permanent English settlement in the new world, and Colonial Williamsburg, where costumed villagers re-enact life in 18th-century Virginia. Travel to Annapolis to visit the U.S. Naval Academy. Enjoy Mount Vernon, the beautiful estate of President George Washington on the Potomac River. Visit the highlights of Washington D.C. like Arlington National Cemetery, the War Memorials at Yorktown and Richmond and the Smithsonian Institution. Contact Mike & Marcia Arn at TEXMARN@att.net or MJARN50@hotmail.com, or 512-335-0244 for more information on this tour.

Mackinac Island and the Great Lakes: July 7-14, 2019

Charming and historic hotels, beautiful Lake Michigan, fun experiences, and beautiful scenery...all of this and more await you on this Mackinac Island and the Great Lakes tour. One of the country's favorite summer retreats, Mackinac Island is known for bicycles and horse-drawn carriages as the only means of transportation. Outside of Detroit, visit the Henry



Avalon cruise ship on Danube. Photo courtesy Globus.

Ford Museum, with innovations and artifacts from America's past; historic Frankenmuth; and the Tunnel of Trees drive will offer woodland vistas at their finest. In Grand Rapids, visit the Gerald Ford Presidential Library and Museum. In Chicago, a private presentation at the historic and elegant Palmer House Hilton—where you'll stay for the night—lets you learn about the hotel's history. From vibrant cities like Detroit and Chicago to charming small towns like Charlevoix to scenic coastal beauty and fun-filled experiences on the water, this Mackinac Island and the Great Lakes tour is a vacation you won't want to miss. Contact John & Karen Harrison at kjharrison17@gmail.com, or 512-258-4506 for more information on this tour.

Magnificent Europe (September 19 – October 3) is a westbound river cruise starting in Budapest, Hungary, cruising the Danube, Main and Rhine Rivers, stopping in

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Bratislava, Slovakia, Vienna and the Dürnstein Wachau Valley. Following that we sail to Austria, including Passau, Regensburg, Roth-Nuremberg, Bamberg, Würzburg, Main River Village, Rüdesheim-Rhine Gorge, then on to Cologne, Germany and ending in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Danube Dreams (October 3-10) is an 8-day westbound river cruise from Budapest to Deggendorf, Germany with stops in Bratislava, Slovakia, Vienna, Dürnstein in the Wachau Valley, Linz, Austria and Passau.

The cruise line, Avalon Waterways, provides ships which feature the widest opening windows in river cruising, the industry's first Open-Air BalconySM and beds facing

the incredible views. Whether you want to enjoy a guided walking tour of one of Europe's great cities, join a cooking class or paddle a canoe, Avalon's collections of excursions offer a wide range of possibilities. Either European cruise from Budapest will be filled with new discoveries and simple pleasures of ancient cultures that you'll hold in your memory for many years to come. Contact Karen Bluethman (Heart of Texas Tours) for more information on either of the river cruises at hottours@sbcglobal.net or 512-345-2043. You may also contact travel group chairs Martha and Mike Arn and Karen and John Harrison at the emails listed above to offer suggestions about future trips.



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RFSA FALL LUNCHEON



RFSA members partaking of the deluxe buffet.



President-elect Eleanor Moore and current president Ruth Rubio.

► RFSA members gathered for their fall luncheon and meeting in the Etter-Harbin Alumni Center ballroom. Our lunch was delicious—garden salad, Caesar salad, a colorful array of roasted vegetables (broccolini, baby carrots and Brussels sprouts), ratatouille, pasta, grilled chicken with Alfredo sauce or olive oil, and fresh crisp rolls. The wine bar was busy and the mood was bright despite a rather cloudy day. Our dessert, a beautifully presented chocolate mousse with fresh berries, capped off this excellent offering courtesy of the President's office. And since it was Halloween, a generous supply of bite size candy was strewn across each table, along with free travel mugs from St. David's Health Care.

RFSA President Ruth Rubio welcomed us. She announced that, thanks to RFSA members-at-large Bill Lasher, Sharon Justice and James Vick, UT Austin retirees with UT Retiree IDs can now enjoy free admission to the Blanton Museum. They received a well-deserved round of applause. Ruth informed us that we had representatives from the UT Austin ID Center available to make UT Austin Retiree IDs for any UT retirees in attendance who did not already have one. This is an added benefit of attending the RFSA lunch, on top of all the great food and fellowship – not to mention a chance to win \$200 from the drawing for the McKetta Attendance awards!

Next, Ruth told us that the stainless steel tumblers at our tables were a gift to us from St. David's and thanked St. David's representative Molly Sherman for the tumblers. She also expressed appreciation to the members of the Orange Jackets for their help with our luncheon today. She also let us know that two of our RFSA scholarship recipients were able to be

with us at lunch, Milena Cuellar, a sophomore in Corporate Communication and Maddie Graham, a sophomore in Biology. Ruth reminded members that if we had any students at their tables, to please introduce ourselves and find out a little about them—what are they studying, where are they from, or how did they manage during the 'boil water' week.

Ruth asked us to keep enjoying our desserts while she began the meeting with acknowledgements, announcements and entertainment. First she thanked University President Greg Fenves and his staff for hosting the lunch. She reminded us that since President Peter Flawn officially created RFSA in 1982, the Office of the President has supported our organization in many ways, a recognition of how much UT faculty and staff are valued for their past and continued service. She also thanked the Texas Exes for everything they do for us, including providing their beautiful facilities for our meetings, maintaining our accounts, and designing and printing our magazine.

Next, she thanked our business sponsors, who have greatly contributed to RFSA's financial stability and to the scholarship fund. She introduced guests from some of these businesses who were able to join us:

- Greg Hattori from Westminster, a senior living community;
- Molly Sherman with St. David's HealthCare;
- Adam Higley with FastPark and Relax;
- Dr. Margaret Hutchison and Ron Herzfeld with Austin Hearing Service; and
- Lauren Fish with Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Homes.

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She also thanked the other sponsors who were not able to join us:

- Mr. Appliance of Austin;
- Covert family auto dealerships;
- University Federal Credit Union;
- Karavel Shoes; and
- Stan's Heating & Air Conditioning.

Ruth reminded us that we are in the season of sharing and that this luncheon was happening on the deadline for the Hearts of Texas campaign. RFSA has typically been one of the most generous donation groups, and she expressed the hope to continue that tradition with our help. Peggy Mueller was staffing a table in the back of the room and Ruth told us she had all the materials we needed to make our donations if we had not already done so by mail.

She then called our attention to the slides we had been viewing that had shown us 2018 trips and previews of upcoming 2019 trips. She asked RFSA travel co-chairs Mike & Marcia Arn and John & Karen Harrison to stand, and told us they had a table in the back with itineraries and pictures of four upcoming 2019 trips. They were available to answer questions or help us sign up for those trips:

- In April, the group is going to Washington DC & Williamsburg;
- in July we head to Mackinac Island and the Great Lakes;
- September 2019 brings the Magnificent Europe 15-day river cruise starting on the Danube in Budapest; and
- October 2019 will be the 8-day Danube Dreams river cruise, also starting in Budapest.

After we had finished eating, Ruth invited George Frock to join her on stage. She introduced him as Activities Calendar Co-chair with his wife Barbara. Professor Frock, together with Paula Crider, then Director of the Longhorn Band, started The UT Steel Pan Band, one of the ensembles that is part of the percussion program in the Butler School of



RFSA members enjoying their lunch—free tumblers are the centerpiece on the tables.

Music. Now called the Pans of Texas, the ensemble is based on the competition bands that originated in Trinidad and Tobago throughout the latter half of the 20th century. Made up of undergraduate and graduate students who are studying in nearly every college in the university, the Steel Pan Ensemble is a diverse group with a varied repertoire. From



UT Steel Pan Band.

the traditional calypso and soca styles of Trinidad and Tobago to today's pop music, the group consists of over 12 players and

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Scholarship recipients Milena Cuellar and Maddie Graham.



Gary Mueller, Judy Amis, Jo Anne Huber, Diane Seiken and Tom Morris

nearly 28 steel pans. He asked us to please welcome Nicole Robbins, academic assistant with the Butler School of Music and the director of the Pans of Texas. With a varied repertoire that included “Margaritaville,” “Funkytown,” “Bailla Esta Cumbia,” and “Jump the Line,” we were inspired to sway, tap our feet and clap along. The Pans closed with their version of “The Eyes of Texas,” as our members rose and sang along – it was a unique and rousing rendition of our customary ritual!

Ruth introduced the two scholarship students who were present and asked us to give them a round of applause:

Milena Cuellar
Sophomore, Corporate Communication

Maddie Graham
Sophomore, Biology

Our meeting ended with the drawing of the McKetta

Attendance Awards. Dr. John McKetta, our Treasurer Emeritus, provides funds so that we can select five attendees at our luncheon meetings to receive an “Attendance Award” of \$200 each. Dr. McKetta designated that these awards go to RFSA members and spouses. Ruth drew the five winning tickets and congratulated the lucky recipients. In alphabetical order they were:

- Judy Amis—CBA Foundation, McCombs School of Business
- Jo Anne Huber—Government/Liberal Arts
- Gary Mueller—husband of Carolyn Mueller, School of Nursing
- Tom Morris—Telecommunications and Networking
- Diane Selken—Art History

Ruth closed the meeting at about 1:30 p.m. and encouraged everyone to stay, visit and make or renew those connections.

STAY CONNECTED ONLINE

We have two ways for you to stay connected to RFSA online: our RFSA website and our Facebook group.

You can find photos and information about our organization and upcoming events on our website. Our RFSA Magazine is also posted here as soon as it is mailed to members. Note: UT recently changed the URL of many websites, so be sure you have our new website bookmarked: sites.utexas.edu/rfsa. Please also see the RFSA website for additional digital content under the “Etc.” tab.

And if you are a Facebook user, you can access our Facebook page and join us at facebook.com/groups/131246400563201/members, or by searching groups for “University of Texas Retired Faculty-Staff Association”. We want this to be a place where members can post activities, updates and photos, and not just those about RFSA. We want to create a community for our members to share all kinds of information.

MEMBERS' SUMMER TRAVEL STORIES



Tany admires the wooden propeller of the bi-plane. Photo by Bob Norwood.

► While not traveling in the traditional sense, Tany Norwood did take an amazing flight in an open-cockpit bi-plane. It was a surprise birthday gift, and she flew from ABIA over Austin and UT, up Lady Bird Lake, Lake Austin and Lake Travis, directly over her house. She and Bob wore leather helmets, which contained ear protection, headphones and microphones so they could talk to each other and hear

everything the Austin control towers were saying. She reported that the first few wing dips, so they could look down at something below, were a little unnerving; but she learned to love them!

Mary Kay Hemenway's summer travels took her to Vienna for the International Astronomical Union meeting. She sandwiched visits to museums and palaces in Vienna between technical sessions and during the free weekend in the middle of the meeting. She especially enjoyed the Austrian National Library State Hall. She said it is the largest Baroque library in Europe. Originally it was a private wing of the Hofburg



Astronomical globe by Vincenzo Coronelli, 1693, dedicated to Emperor Leopold I. Photo by Mary Kay Hemenway.



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imperial residence. In addition to two wonderful sets of globes (celestial and terrestrial), there are more than 200,000 books on display. The center section has a dome decorated by frescos on a ceiling that is over 60 feet tall. A number of display cases house special holdings and interesting objects, such as the world's first card catalog. An audio tour is available in English to assist in interpreting the frescos and learning about the library's history. This library wasn't on the 'must see' list of places to visit in her guidebook, but she was really happy she found it and spent some time surrounded by thousands of books in a historic room.



Maria E. Abernathy and clasped hands sculpture by Lorenzo Quinn. Located at Westminster City of Sculpture, Millbank, London. Photo by Miles Abernathy.

Miles Abernathy and his wife returned to London, a favorite city of theirs. They enjoyed the convenience and savings of the London Pass for admission to tourist attractions and Oyster cards for public transport. They stayed in an Airbnb apartment not far from the heart of the city, just across the street from a tube station and near pubs, restaurants and a grocery store. Miles said that visitors are welcome to observe the House of Commons and the House of Lords from the balconies, so they did both. They also visited the Churchill War Room, the Globe Theater, Hampton Court Palace, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Science Museum, the Tate Modern, Southwark Cathedral and the Royal Mews. They took the Verger's Tour of Westminster Abbey and a Thames Cruise to get a different visual perspective of the city. A big treat on the final day of their visit was the annual celebration

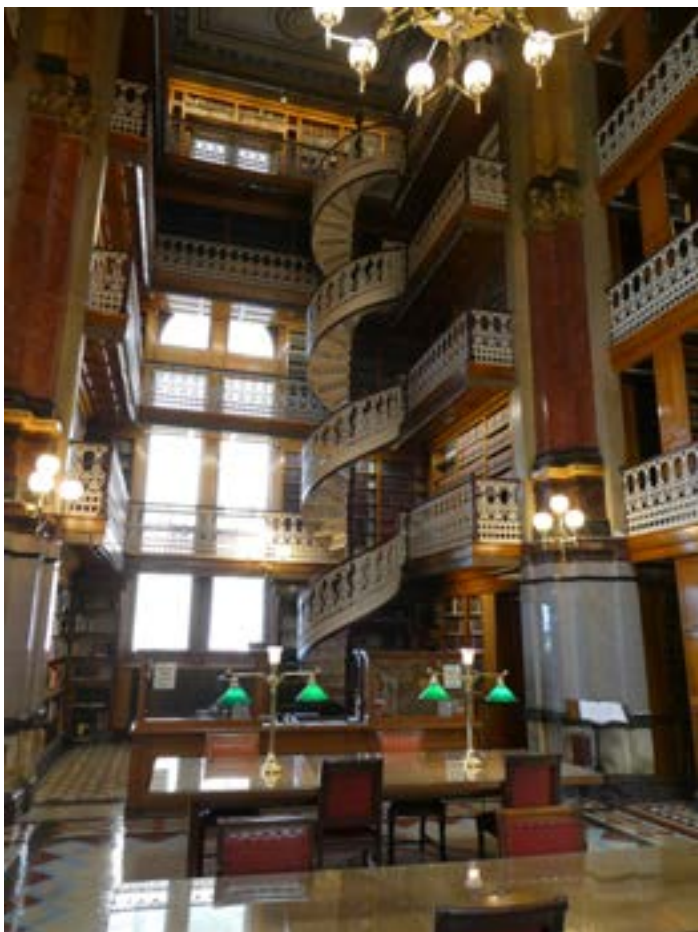
of the Queen's birthday, where they joined with thousands of Londoners in the streets to watch horses, soldiers and marching bands, ending with a Royal Air force flyover.



Karen and Phil Kelton at a lavender field in Provence.

Karen and Phil Kelton spent eight weeks in France from mid-May to mid-July. Karen is Director of the UT French Department Lyon Study Abroad program. She has been Director for 17 years, so they accompanied 33 students who studied and traveled in France and took classes in French language and culture. The group was based in Lyon for 6 weeks, but they also traveled extensively in Paris, the French Alps, and Provence in the south of France. In Lyon they visited the Gallo-Roman Museum, the food markets, the Renaissance sector called Old Lyon, a silk workshop, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Lumière Institute, the Resistance Museum, the Saint Jean Gothic cathedral and Fourviere basilica, the medieval village of Pérouges, and the Beaujolais wine region complete with degustation ("wine tasting" in English). They reported that Lyon is a beautiful and fascinating city with over 2000 years of history and wonderful food and culture. They recommended that world travelers should add it to their list! A trip to Provence in the south of France was another highlight. Visits included the Pope's Palace in Avignon, the town of Arles with its Provencal market and Roman and van Gogh sites, and the Pont du Gard (a famous Roman aqueduct). They also managed to find time for the beach at St. Maries de la Mer and the flamenco and a paella dinner at the El Campo restaurant.

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The library at the Iowa state capitol building. Photo by Marcia Arn.

Mike and Marcia Arn said that the highlight of their trip to Iowa was a visit to the Iowa capitol building in Des Moines. This marvel of architecture and craftsmanship has been almost completely restored. Built starting in 1871, its architect wanted it to last 1,000 years and hired Italians to do the marble work with 29 kinds of marble from all over the world, and Germans to do the woodworking. The highlight of the Supreme Court chamber is a justice bench with 16 hand-carved panels including one with an owl for wisdom and another with a snail symbolizing that sometimes justice moves slowly. The rooms have had layers of paint and wallpaper carefully taken off to find what was underneath and original paint colors replicated with stenciling on top, including the amazing ceilings. The library has decorative white iron grillwork on spiral staircases and protective railings for the walkways on the open floors of books. Another marvel was the marble and granite grand staircase that went



Linda pointing at Christo's "Mastaba" in Hyde Park.

from the huge open rotunda to the second floor and included a very large painting called "Westward", symbolizing pioneers going to Iowa. On the balcony wall above that painting were six very large and impressive Italian glass mosaics that represent Defense, Charity, Executive, Legislative, Judiciary and Education.

Your editor, Linda Peterson, finally got to see a site-specific temporary installation by Christo, one of her favorite artists for over 40 years. This one was in Serpentine Lake in Hyde Park, London. The day she went was also the day of Paul Simon's farewell concert there, an unexpected bonus. Then she traveled to Oslo for 10 days, with a brief excursion to Stavanger, the Norwegian port from which her grandmother sailed to America. This was her dream trip of a lifetime, and it was even better than expected because the weather was unusually warm and sunny, making sailing on Oslo fjord a special delight. Ekkeberg Sculpture Park, the Norwegian Folkemuseum, the Viking Ship Museum, the Munch Museum and the new Astrup Fearnley Museum designed by Renzo Piano were also high points.

In August, Nancy Payne traveled with her family to the Scandinavian countries where it was "supposed to be" cool, but not this year. They began with four days in Stockholm visiting in the home of a cousin located right on the Baltic. Their cruise included stops in Estonia, Helsinki, St. Petersburg, and Copenhagen, with lots of gorgeous scenery, beautiful palaces and of course, the fabulous Hermitage.

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Nancy also traveled to Washington and enjoyed several days with a former roommate in DC before witnessing Texas' loss to Maryland, which involved a serious weather event that entailed being evacuated from the stadium with the lightning and heavy rain that resulted in a long delay of the game. While in DC they also visited the new Bible Museum, which Nancy rates as a "must see." And she finally got to see the First Ladies Exhibit with beautiful Inaugural gowns and White House china which had been on her list for a long time!

Ruth Rubio and her husband, Larry Sclerandi, visited Boston and the surrounding area this summer. In Boston, one of their best experiences was to completely lose themselves in the Museum of Fine Art. They learned about John Singleton

Copley's portraits and how he is considered to be self-taught. They saw Egyptian Mummies, a Japanese Temple Room and John Singer Sargent's elaborate murals on the ceiling. They didn't notice the passage of time until five hours had passed when they discovered they were hungry!

Other RFSA members who had summer adventures include Eleanor Moore, who visited Bilbao and Barcelona on her trip to Spain; Alicia Ramirez, who enjoyed a cruise to Russia and the Scandinavian countries; Corky Hilliard who celebrated her birthday in a penthouse in Manhattan; and Jim Vick who went to Tuscany and Austria. We are definitely a well-traveled group of senior citizens!



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RFSA VISITS Yellowstone

BY KAREN HARRISON

PHOTOS BY MARCIA AND MIKE ARN

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► Twenty-two RFSA members and friends, along with four travelers from New York state, met in Salt Lake City, Utah on Monday, September 3, 2018, to join Western Leisure Tours for a spectacularly beautiful journey through the western portion of Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, Jackson, Wyoming and Salt Lake City, Utah.

As most everyone knows, Yellowstone National Park is an American national park located in Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho. Established by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Ulysses S. Grant on March 1, 1872, Yellowstone was the first national park in the United States and is also widely held to be the first national park in the world. The fact that men of influence recognized the beauty and uniqueness of those 3,468 acres enough to campaign for perpetual Congressional funding to protect it is a true miracle and one for which every citizen of the United States should be forever grateful.

The natural beauty of the park draws over four million

visitors annually from around the world to view its sweeping western landscape of mountains, lakes, meadows, and small running brooks and rivers and its dramatic geysers. Our group first visited the best known of the geysers, Old Faithful, and found that it is still quite faithful in its timely eruptions. While there we had a choice of lunching in one of the many



Palette Spring, Mammoth Hot Springs.

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(Left) RFSA group with backdrop of Grand Tetons, tour director Jim Sundby on right and Lynn, tour coach driver on the left. Photographer unknown.

restaurants and cafes within the Old Faithful Lodge complex, as well as walking on walkways surrounding several acres of glistening bright blue 200-plus degree bubbling and steaming thermal pools. During the two and a half days in the park we also visited the Midway Geyser Basin, the Fountain Paint Pots, and the Mammoth Hot Springs area. We stopped at visitor areas where unique geysers, springs, fumaroles (openings in the earth from which sulphurous gas escapes), and mud pots were steaming and spewing as we walked along the walkways. It was awe inspiring to see Mother Nature at her finest.

While in the park we did not have to look far to find their famous bison. Elk, moose, bear and wolves, however, were much more difficult to locate. While elk and moose sightings were rare, the bear and wolves were either tired of all the summer visitors or determined to remain out of sight. However, the grandeur of the park more than made up for the lack of large wild animals crossing our path.

After seeing elk cows and calves munching on green grass on the lawns of the former officers' quarters in old Fort Yellowstone, a U.S. Army fort established in 1891 at Mammoth Hot Springs in Yellowstone National Park, we spotted Bull Elk #51 on the way to a rest stop. The park rangers were directing us on foot because this big bull had terrorized walkers from getting too close all morning. He then

lay down, napping and watching the proceedings as he posed for photos for our group.

Our visit to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone Upper and Lower Falls area was one of the most breathtaking stops we made. While it was difficult to entice everyone away from the majestic site of the falls, we were still able to take group pictures for any of our group wishing to lend their cameras to our tour guide, who also served

as the trip's photographer.

Upon leaving Yellowstone we began our bus ride to Grand Teton National Park, stopping at Lake Lodge on Yellowstone Lake for lunch and arriving in Jackson, Wyoming in late afternoon. That evening we enjoyed a delicious dinner at E. Leaven Food Company, a small family-owned restaurant that opens in the evenings exclusively for Western Leisure tour groups. The following morning, we rafted the Snake River for two and a half hours beside the Grand Tetons and enjoyed the



Rafting the Snake River.

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Night view of Temple Square from restaurant. Photo by Robin Fradenburgh.



Deer in Snake River.

serenity, peacefulness, and beauty of this special region of the United States.

We visited Jackson Lake Lodge for a delightful lunch. There we had time to enjoy the scenery and take pictures before boarding the bus to Jenny Lake for further breathtaking picture opportunities. The next morning we reluctantly began our bus trip back to Salt Lake City, stopping for lunch at the Conestoga Ranch Glamping Resort near the Bear Lake Overlook, Garden City, UT. This resort offers a tented restaurant, overnight accommodations in a tepee that has no electricity or running water, a covered wagon with electricity but no water, or a tented “suite” with both electricity and running water. Those brave souls wanting an experience similar to that of the first settlers did have access to showers and rest rooms a “mere” 35 to 40 yards away.

In Salt Lake City late that afternoon we were treated to a delightfully entertaining city tour, conducted by a life-long Salt Lake City resident. Our guide had been conducting tours for 22 years and worked with the Olympic Committee in preparation for the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Our farewell dinner was a plentiful buffet at The Roof Restaurant, which overlooks the Church of Latter-Day Saints complex. The following morning, those travelers who were not flying home until later in the day visited the Church’s conference center and sat in the congregation for a live Sunday morning radio/TV broadcast presentation by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. It was a beautiful performance. We were then given a 45-minute tour of the beautifully manicured grounds of Temple Square.

At one point or another during our trip, every member of our group talked about how congenial, kind, and courteous our members were to each other as well as the many strangers we met throughout, and that we were all looking forward to the next RFSA trip. And those four New Yorkers who joined us on this tour? They fit right in as if they were members of our group. We said we would keep in touch, and they asked that we please send them future RFSA trip announcements!



Lower Falls of the Yellowstone. Photo by Janet Hicks.



Bull Elk #51 posing. Photo by Janet Hicks.



Old Faithful, Yellowstone National Park.



Bison herd, Yellowstone.



Elk mother and calf.



All creatures great and small—bird and Bison, Yellowstone. Photo by Janet Hicks.



Silex Spring on Fountain Paint Pots Trail.



Fumaroles, Yellowstone.



RFSA VISITS Alaska

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY MARCIA ARN

► Eighteen RFSA members began our trip in Vancouver, Canada. There we boarded Holland America's Westerdam to cruise the Alaskan portion of the magnificent Inside Passage, the coastal route for ships and boats that follows a network of waterways weaving through the islands on the Pacific northwest coast of North America.

On our stops at Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and Seward we all had the choice of optional excursions or just individual exploring. We also had one day in Glacier Bay, which is in Glacier Bay National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. While there, we visited several glaciers, including the magnificent Margerie Glacier, which has white ice that is almost blue it is so intensely colored. Margerie Glacier is one of the most active, and we were fortunate enough to be there when it calved. The cracking of the ice and the release of trapped air made a roaring boom as it tumbled down into the sea.

From Seward we took a bus to Anchorage. On the way we passed Girdwood, where the television series "Northern Exposure" was filmed. There we saw large areas with some dead pine trees as much as two-thirds lower into the ground

than the healthy trees. Known as a ghost forest, these areas of dead trees are the result of a major earthquake in 1984. After spending some free time exploring the city, we boarded the McKinley Explorer train to Denali National Park and Preserve for a day of spectacular scenery gliding by our train windows. We passed the Wasatch Mountains, Wasilla (the duct tape capital of the world), an old railroad track snowplow, fiddlehead ferns, telegraph poles with some insulators still on them, a few rivers and many, many trees. Upon arrival in Denali we went to the Denali Princess Lodge, which would be our home base for two nights in the park.

At 5:30 the next morning we left the main lodge on a Tundra Wilderness bus for a day-long tour that took us to and through Denali National Park. The mountainous scenery was awesome and the grandeur of the Alaska Range took our breath away. We started taking pictures of Denali, North America's tallest peak, from over 80 miles away, and continued up to 37 miles away, which was the closest we could get on the bus. Our driver, Jennifer, shared a multitude of information about the park and the animals that live in it. We saw a grizzly bear mother with her two 2-year-old cubs next to a river in the distance, and we stopped to get pictures. We also saw many caribou, the only members of the deer family where



Margerie Glacier.

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RFSA travelers, dwarfed by the towering Alaska Mountains.

both sexes have antlers. Jennifer spotted Dall sheep up on the mountain. They looked like white specks and those of us with binoculars or cameras with a zoom function got the best view of these iconic animals. Along the road we saw a ptarmigan, the Alaska state bird, a ground squirrel, some ravens that have special meaning to the indigenous people of Alaska, and a gyrfalcon. We crossed the Teklanika River, which is a braided river where several rivulets of water entwine and mingle with each other. We also stopped at Polychrome Pass, a photo opportunity just waiting to happen. We all took shots of the mountain vistas there. As we were leaving the park, we saw a moose very close to the side of the road eating some willow. Seeing this majestic creature up close was a perfect end to a great first day in the park.

On the next afternoon's bus trip to Fairbanks we had a lovely young driver named Faith. She had a great singing voice and sang the safety rules to us while she played her ukulele! We arrived in Fairbanks about 6:00 p.m. and had the rest of the evening free. In the morning on our way to Gold Dredge 8, a historic Alaskan gold mine, we saw a part of the Alyeska Pipeline where the 48-inch diameter pipe with a 5/8" steel skin inside rises above ground (about half of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System is above ground due to unstable permafrost).

Maintaining the pipeline requires the use of "dumb pigs" that push through the pipes to clean the inside edges and are so-called because they make a noise that sounds like a squealing pig. "Smart pigs" run through the pipes to detect any flaws in the integrity of the interior.

Our gold mining adventure began with a ride on a replica of the historic railroad near some of the original rail routes. Once aboard this narrow-gauge railway we enjoyed a short narrated journey to the dredge. Earl Hughes, our conductor and commentator, provided lively covers of Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson songs along with this history. When we arrived, we each got a bag of dirt and a demonstration of how to pan for gold. Equipped with pans and a small bottle for our finds we took our places at rows of troughs of water and started panning. We found flakes that glittered, put them in the bottle and took them to the assayer to learn their worth. We were able to keep what we found, or for an additional charge have it put in a small glass charm for a necklace.

After panning for gold we headed to Steamboat Landing for a nice lunch, followed by a leisurely trip down the Chena River on the sternwheeler Discovery III. We saw many dwellings ranging from small log cabins to huge modern houses along the shore. We stopped at Trail Breaker Kennel, now owned by Tekla Monson, whose mother Susan Butcher won the Iditarod four times and paved the way for more women to compete in that race. Tekla told us how the dogs are trained and gave a demonstration with a team of ten dogs pulling her

Caribou in Denali.



*Moose by the roadside.
Photo by Marcia Arn.*



Trailbreaker Kennel.



RFSA VISITS ALASKA

on an ATV around a course. We also saw an authentic Alaskan bush pilot take off and land on the river.

Our introduction to native Alaskan peoples and their culture began when we stopped to watch a demonstration of cutting up, drying and smoking salmon by a young Athabascan woman named Danielle. A bit later we were able to land at Old Chena Indian Village where Danielle and her colleague Levi demonstrated how the natives used different bones for scraping hides and how to soften the hides for clothing or other uses. They also showed us samples of ceremonial clothing including a maiden's dress, a chief's parka and a woman's parka with a sunburst hood, all with beautiful beaded designs.

We also learned about various kinds of pelts and the animals they were sourced from. Danielle told us the natives did not value mink because it wasn't as warm as the others, but that they reconsidered when the white traders and trappers arrived. We also saw caribou, moose and grizzly bear hides stretched on a frame on the ground. Danielle told us that caribou hide is the warmest because each hair shaft is hollow and provides insulation.

The roofs of Athabascan buildings were often made with flattened sheets of peeled bark laid over a framework and overlapped like shingles. Since the builders had no nails, they weighed down the bark with sod, which created insulation. As vegetation grew, the roots held the sod together. This resulted in a structure that was warm in winter and cool in summer when rainwater collected in the sod roof. They made temporary shelters of curved branches bound together in a dome shape and covered with hides or straight, tent-like ones with pine boughs. We also saw their domesticated reindeer, a subspecies of caribou. We left this wonderful world of ancient culture and spectacular scenery filled with images and memories of majestic Alaska and her people. As our riverboat returned us to Fairbanks, we all agreed it was a lovely way to end our travels in such a beautiful state.



Two rivers coming together and entwining, with Alaska Mountains in the background, Denali National Park.



Marcia Arn standing in front of a display of "pigs" in a pipe.



Discovery III riverboat that took us on the Chena River.



Danielle wearing an Athabaskan sunburst hood.



Tom and Carolyn Cartwright panning for gold.



Alyeska Pipeline with cooling rods.



Denali in the distance.

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*Ellsworth Kelly's "Austin," south facade. © Ellsworth Kelly Foundation.
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UT'S "AUSTIN"

► Did you know that UT is now the proud home of one of the most important new artistic structures in the world? Ellsworth Kelly's "Austin" joins Houston's Mark Rothko Chapel and Marfa's Chinati Foundation as the third of only a handful of 20th Century examples of this genre of structure-as-sculpture in the world. Located on the grounds of the Blanton Museum and oriented toward the Capitol, Austin can be seen in perspective through the angled Blanton buildings. The New York Times says "the presence of Kelly here almost instantaneously transforms [Austin] into an important art destination, the kind of place people make pilgrimages to." *Texas Monthly* hails its opening as the "debut of a destination showpiece on the University of Texas campus [that] marks a turning point for the Capital City." UT has put "Austin" (and Austin) on the international art map by partnering with the artist in the creation of this important work and raising the funds for its construction. If you haven't already seen it, go. It looks best on a sunny day when the colored windows glow most brightly but it is impressive in any weather. Thanks to RFSA Member-at-Large Bill Lasher, the admissions policy at Blanton has been revised: UT Austin retirees with a valid UT Austin retiree ID now qualify for free admission to the Blanton and Kelly's Austin. That is a savings of \$12 if you are under 65 and \$10 if you are 65 or older!

ON THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS FRONT

► Several RFSA members have reported losing between 10 and 20 pounds on the Naturally Slim program and feeling better than they have in years. Naturally Slim is an online behavioral program that helps you change how you eat instead of what you eat. It's not a diet. And, it's free to you. The program is available to all UT SELECT medical plan members age 18 and up, and the cost is fully covered by the

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Sophomore, Corporate Communications

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Senior, Marketing

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Senior, International Relations/Global
Studies

Madalyn Paige Graham
Sophomore, Biology

Tony Phuc Nguyen
Junior, Arts and Entertainment
Technologies

Kevin Matoke Ogega
Junior, Finance

Jabir Mohammed Rizvon
Sophomore, Exercise Science

Kyli Marie Schulz
Graduate School, Audiology

Mackenzie Leigh Thering
Senior, Architecture/Architectural
Engineering

Michael Anthony Truex
Sophomore, Computer Science

► The Retired Faculty-Staff Association created a scholarship fund in 1983 and awarded the first scholarship five years later in 1988. RFSA awarded 14 scholarships for academic year 2018-19. Students came from as far away as Bogota, Columbia and as near as Tomball, Texas. This year's recipients include a doctoral student in audiology who plans to emphasize studies in the area including cancer research and ototoxicity due to the drugs administered during chemotherapies; two future geologists; and a young woman studying corporate communication who hopes to continue her studies by pursuing a business law degree with the ultimate dream of becoming the first Hispanic female CEO of The Walt Disney Company.

In addition to being high achievers in their chosen fields these students still find time to have fun and give back to their communities. One student, who enjoys running, playing ultimate frisbee and football, and cooking, also volunteers at Nueces Masjid, the local mosque, where he helps to organize events ranging from outreach/interfaith conferences to assisting the local homeless shelters with various needs. Another volunteers within the local archival community, and is on the standing committee for the Austin Archives Bazaar while competing for UT on the Olympic Weightlifting team. A third is an active member of the engineering fraternity Theta Tau and participates in the UT Wakeboarding team that practices daily on Lake Austin. As for what the scholarship means to them, all cited the obvious relief from financial pressure, but many also said how good it felt to be chosen—that it validated them by showing that, as one student put it, “To me, receiving a scholarship means that someone else outside of me and my family, sees the hard work I put into my studies and has faith in me to keep going and striving to accomplish great things.” For full statements and photos from these remarkable young people see sites.utexas.edu/rfsa/meet-our-2018-19-scholarship-recipients/.

The UT Office of Student Financial Services selects recipients based on merit and financial need. Among the scholarships awarded are those named in honor of the following: Dr. Stanley Arbingast, Dr. William T. (Bill) Belt, Dr. Peter and Priscilla Flawn, Drs. Benjamin and Dorothy Fruchter, Dr. Robert E. Greenwood, Dr. Margaret Colyer Kirkner, and Dr. John and Helen McKetta.

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RFSA SCHOLARSHIP FUND REACHES MILLION DOLLAR MILESTONE

BY MARTHA BOYD

► At the end of July 2018, the Retired Faculty-Staff Association Scholarship Fund reached a major milestone, surpassing one million dollars to reach \$1,009,599 in market value.

Reaching this million-dollar milestone is the result of a steady flow of contributions beginning when RFSA member and retired UT professor Stanley Arbingast suggested establishing a scholarship fund in 1983. At that time, it was established with donations of \$1,298. By 1985 the Fund reached the minimum level for an endowment, and on April 11 of that year the Board of Regents approved it as an endowment eligible to receive matching funds under the Regents' Endowed Scholarship and Fellowship Program. RFSA awarded its first scholarship of \$500 in the fall of 1985 to Pascale Vial, a UT graduate student, for the spring semester of 1986.

The endowment fund grew steadily, reaching \$25,000 in 1988 and receiving matching funds of \$12,500. An additional \$10,000 in donations as of fall 1989 was matched by \$5,000 under the Regents' program. By the summer of 1992, contributions totaling an additional \$10,000 prompted the Regents to make an additional \$5,000 match. In December 1996, the Scholarship Fund surpassed \$100,000, and six students received scholarships of \$1,000 each for the 1996-97 academic year. Continued growth from contributions and accrued interest on investments allowed us, in 2018, to award scholarships to fourteen students for \$2,500 each, a total of \$35,000.

To provide an incentive for donations the RFSA Board voted in 2017 and 2018 to use \$10,000 in operating funds each year

as a match for donations. This allowed the scholarship fund to grow by over \$20,000 in both 2017-18 and 2018-19, helping us to reach this million-dollar milestone. This year a single donation from former RFSA member Pat Wissler in memory of her late husband, Eugene Harley Wissler, allowed the fund to increase by \$20,000 with the donation and match, so an additional \$5,000 was identified to be used as a match for donations for the rest of the year.

In the past 35 years, individual gifts, mostly from RFSA members, interspersed with larger bequests and contributions, have memorialized family members, friends, colleagues and associates and celebrated countless individual honors, accomplishments and events. In a report to President William H. Cunningham in 1992, Shirley Bird Perry, Vice President for Development and University Relations, recognized the fund by saying, "We are enormously proud of the dedicated efforts of the leaders and members of the [Retired Faculty-Staff] Association and their very special and sincere commitment to the growth of this important endowment."

RFSA founders who created the Scholarship Fund may not have foreseen the burden of loans students carry today, but they were acutely mindful of student needs. Among the scholarships awarded are those named in honor of the following who have contributed in significant ways to the Fund's success: Dr. Stanley Arbingast, Dr. William T. (Bill) Belt, Dr. Peter and Priscilla Flawn, Drs. Benjamin and Dorothy Fruchter, Dr. Robert E. Greenwood, Dr. Margaret Colyer Kirkner, and Dr. John and Helen McKetta.

The UT Austin Office of Student Financial Services administers the Fund and selects the recipients of RFSA Scholarships, open to both graduate and undergraduate students in all majors. Recipients are selected in large part based on documented financial need, but this is not a requirement. Graduate students must have a GPA of

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3.75 and have completed 15 hours of academic work at UT; undergraduates must have a GPA of 3.25 and have completed 30 hours of UT academic work. There are no other limitations. The need for financial assistance is easily understood as many recipients report working part-time jobs in addition to carrying a full load of academic hours. The range of academic interests and class status reflected in this year's group of recipients illustrates that diversity -- seniors in mechanical engineering and marketing, a master's student in information technology, a junior in arts and entertainment technology, a sophomore in exercise technology, and a

doctoral student in audiology, to list just a few. A sample of comments from recipients reflect their gratitude:

- The scholarship is "a privilege, and [it is] an honor to be recognized by RFSA."
- "This scholarship has allowed more time to do research" and is "a huge relief of financial burden for me."
- "This scholarship is extremely meaningful for me...I already have a mind-numbing number of student loans."

WISSLER DONATION HELPS UT STUDENTS THROUGH RFSA

► This semester, former RFSA member Pat Wissler donated \$10,000 to the RFSA scholarship fund in honor of her late husband, Dr. Eugene Harley Wissler. This is one of the largest single donations in the history of the fund and it covered the entire matching grant that the RFSA board had offered as an enticement for members to donate and double their impact. What an admirable way to honor a loved one!

Dr. Wissler, professor emeritus and Henry Beckman Professor of Chemical Engineering, was born in Iowa and educated at Iowa State University and the University of Minnesota. After receiving his Ph.D. in chemical engineering in 1955 he worked as a researcher for the U.S. Army prior to being hired as a professor of chemical engineering at UT in 1957. He taught in the Department of Chemical Engineering from 1957 to 1995. He was Chairman of the Department of Chemical Engineering from 1958-1970, the Associate dean of the College of Engineering from 1970-1976 and the Associate Dean of the Graduate School from 1981-1995. He was also active in

university affairs, serving on three presidential selection committees, the Faculty Senate and many student advisory committees. In addition, Professor Wissler was instrumental in the Army giving an analog computer to UT in 1957—one of the University's first computers. In his Army career he was introduced to the study of heat transfer in the human body. This became his defining area of scientific study. He developed a computer mathematical model of heat transfer in humans that has been used by researchers around the world to save and improve lives. He was also active in RFSA, serving as President in 1997-98. He was very proud of his students' achievements and it seems fitting that someone who loved teaching and those he taught is to be commemorated in this way.

RFSA wishes to thank Pat Wissler for this generous donation. We are very proud and thankful that she chose to honor her husband, who passed away on June 26, 2018, with a contribution to the RFSA Scholarship Fund. Generations of UT students will be grateful to the Wissler family for assisting them in paying for their education at UT, Dr. Wissler's academic home.

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a difference in a student's life. If you have ever considered donating, now is the time because you will be doubling the impact of your donation. Last October, RFSA announced that \$10,000 in one-to-one matching funds were available for gifts to the Scholarship Fund. Thanks to a generous donor we met that goal. Because of this, the RFSA board voted to allocate an additional \$5,000 dollars for matching. That means there is still time to double your donation's impact! All donations beyond this additional \$5,000 in matching funds are definitely still welcomed!

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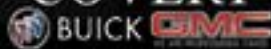
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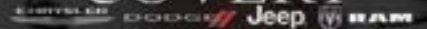
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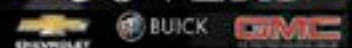
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MYSTERY PHOTO ANSWER



Coach Darrell Royal with James Street, 1970. Darrell K. Royal Papers, Briscoe Center for American History, di_01621.

RESPONSES TO SPRING 2018 MYSTERY PHOTO

First prize for prompt and correct answer goes to Terry Martin, who correctly identified Darrell Royal and James Street at the 1970 Cotton Bowl. Best related story award goes to Rick McManigle, husband of RFSA member and UT retiree Dianne McManigle, who wrote, "The answers: Cotton Bowl 1970 January. James Street QB and Head Coach Darrell Royal. Texas won the game from behind and the national championship. My dad took my mom and me to the game. We got to go into the locker room afterwards and I met James Street due to an Odessa player's dad who did business with my dad. Exciting game for a young boy!" Bragging rights to both of you for knowing your Longhorn history!

Stay tuned for another mystery photo in the summer issue of *RFSA Magazine*!



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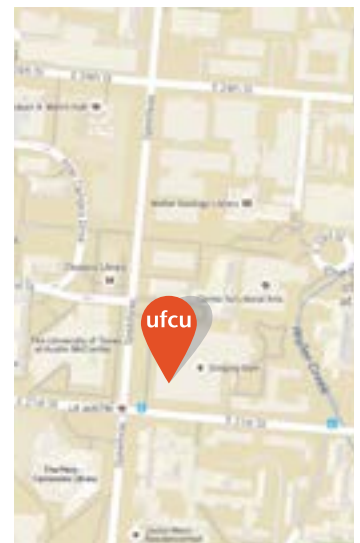
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This column honors the memory of active and retired University of Texas at Austin and University of Texas System faculty and staff whose deaths have been made known to us between May 1, 2018 and October 31, 2018. Every attempt has been made to identify the university affiliation of each individual or their contributions to the university community. Also included, when known, are spouses of retired faculty and staff members. Any additions or corrections to the list should be addressed to Barbara Frock, Historian, at jbfrock@gmail.com.

Richard Newbold Adams, 94

Rapoport Centennial Professor Emeritus of Liberal Arts; Professor Emeritus, Anthropology; and Director, Latin American Studies
September 11, 2018

Juana Canabal Antokoletz, 80

Widow of Elliott Antokoletz, Professor of Musicology
August 27, 2018

Milo Morian Backus, III, 86

Dave P. Carlton Centennial Professor of Geophysics; Shell Companies Foundation Distinguished Chair Emeritus in Geophysics; Research Scientist, Bureau of Economic Geology
May 25, 2018

Thomas C. “Buddy” Barnes, Jr., 91

Chief Photographer and Photography Supervisor, Division of Continuing Education
July 15, 2018

Sonja Yvonne (Rhodes) Berry, 74

Program Director, Steve Hicks School of Social Work
August 29, 2018

Ralph Winston Cain, 88

Associate Professor Emeritus, Curriculum and Instruction and Mathematics
August 11, 2018

Evelyn Cummins Daman, 70

Assistant Building Services Supervisor, Housing and Food Services
October 10, 2018

Frederik Willem De Wette, 93

Professor Emeritus and Chairman, Physics Department; Associate Dean, College of Natural Sciences
June 11, 2018

Larry Alan Doll, 69

Associate Professor Emeritus, Architecture
July 21, 2018

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June 4, 2018

James “Jim” Frederickson, 71

Chair, Management Department and Tom E. Nelson, Jr. Regents Professor, Business
July 23, 2018

Carol Morgan Freeman, 83

Wife of Robert Freeman, Former Dean, Department of Music
July 17, 2018

Roger S. Geibel, 97

Physician, Student Health Center
August 18, 2018

William Sanford Giorda, 79

Director, KUT Radio
November 5, 2017

Eugene Vasily “Gene” Ivash, 92

Professor, Physics
June 8, 2018

Gordon Wayne Kelso, 76

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July 21, 2018

Jeanne Mund Lagowski, 88

Professor Emeritus, Neuroscience, College of Natural Sciences; and Widow of Joseph Lagowski, Professor Emeritus, Chemistry/Biochemistry
September 11, 2018

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Widow of Alfred Hall Lagrone, Professor Emeritus, Electrical and Computer Engineering
September 2, 2018

Mary McGraw Lee, 92

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May 22, 2018

Leonard Lehrer, 83

Visiting Professor, Art and Art History; Director of Printmaking Convergence Program, College of Fine Arts
May 8, 2018

Deena (Hersh) Mersky, 87

Clinical Faculty, Steve Hicks School of Social Work
August 10, 2018

Ruth Edna Moore-Wilson, 101

Widow of John Andrew Wilson, Professor Emeritus, Geological Sciences
September 18, 2018

Joanne Ravel, 93

Ashbel Smith Professor Emeritus, Chemistry and Biochemistry
June 28, 2018

Dolores Sands, 88

Dean Emeritus, School of Nursing
October 22, 2018

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*Professor Emeritus and Department
Chair, French and Italian*
October 14, 2018

Adele Black Silvus, 83

*Staff, Art Department and Office of the
Vice President and Dean of Graduate
Studies*
June 19, 2018

Evelyn Singer, 82

*Wife of S. Griffin Singer, Senior
Lecturer, Journalism*
August 28, 2018

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*Staff, Department of Housing and Food
Services*
October 19, 2018

Janis Parkhill Stansell, 94

Nurse, Student Health Center
July 19, 2018

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*Assistant to the Executive Vice
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September 3, 2018

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*Widow of William Owen Sheppard
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English and Robert A. Law and Thomas
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April 23, 2018

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July 4, 2018

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March 3, 2018

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