

**Retired Faculty-Staff Association
The University of Texas at Austin
Fall Luncheon
October 31, 2018
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Connally Ballroom
Etter-Harbin Alumni Center**

Minutes

NOON – Lunch

Welcome and Opening Remarks – Ruth Rubio, RFSA President

- The Blanton Museum has agreed to grant RFSA members a great benefit - free admission to UT Austin retirees if they show a UT Austin Retiree ID. Thanks to the RFSA Members at Large for working with the Blanton to come to this agreement. The effort was led by Bill Lasher with help from Sharon Justice and Jim Vick.
- Representatives from the UT Austin ID Center are here to make UT Austin Retiree IDs for those who need one. The IDs are open to Retirees from UT Austin. Retirees from other institutions unfortunately are not eligible for these IDs.
- Be sure to have your garage ticket validated at nametag table before leaving today
- Tickets for today's McKetta Attendance awards were distributed at the nametag table as you entered. If you don't have one just contact the staff at the reception tables in the lobby.
- The metal drink tumblers at the table are gifts from St David's HealthCare, one of our business sponsors. A big thanks to Denice Bradley and Molly Sherman of St. David's for these gifts.
- A heartfelt thanks goes out to the students here today. We appreciate the members of Orange Jackets for their help with our luncheon today. Please introduce yourselves to students that may be at your tables and thank them for their service to RFSA and UT. There are also RFSA Scholarship recipients here today; they will be introduced later
- The meeting will begin at approximately 12:20 so enjoy your lunch!

12:30 Opening Remarks by Ruth Rubio, RFSA President

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

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

Further she thanked the Texas Exes for everything they do for RFSA including the use of this beautiful facility for our meetings, maintaining our accounts, designing and printing our magazine 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 willingness to help and a smile.

President Rubio thanked our business sponsors who greatly contribute to our financial stability and to the scholarship fund. She reminded the members to shop at their businesses and be sure to thank them for their support.

Those business sponsors joining us today:

- Lauren Fish III with Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Homes;
- Adam Higley with FastPark and Relax;
- Molly Sherman with St. David's Healthcare; and,
- Dr. Margaret Hutchison and Ron Herzfeld with Austin Hearing Service.

Sponsors not able to attend today are University Federal Credit Union, Covert Family Auto Dealerships, Stan's Heating and Air Conditioning, Karavel Shoes, Westminster, and Mr. Appliance.

Let's give them all a round of applause!

President Rubio also acknowledged the deaths of

- Deena Mersky, Social Work, who was past president of RFSA, and
- Delores Sands, Dean Emerita of the School of Nursing

The Hearts of Texas (HOT) campaign is in its final days. The HOT coordinators are here today at the HOT table. You may also return your contribution in the return mail envelope. Today is the deadline. RFSA typically has been one of the most generous donation groups and we hope to continue that tradition with your help.

The travel slides shown today are from RFSA's 2018 trips as well as the upcoming trips for 2019. She asked the travel cochair Mike & Marcia Arn and John & Karen Harrison to stand. The travel table in the back of the room has itinerary and photos of the four upcoming 2019 trips and help you to sign up. The trips are wonderful

- April 2019 – Washington DC and Williamsburg;
 - July 2019 – Mackinac Island and the Great Lakes
 - September 2019 – 15-day Danube river cruise
 - October 2019 – 8-day Danube river cruise
- Both Danube river cruises begin in Budapest

12:45 – Luncheon Entertainment – Butler School of Music – Pans of Texas

The Pans of Texas ensemble is based on competitive bands originating in Trinidad and Tobago. RFSA Board member George Frock came forward to introduce the group. George along with Paula Crider, then Director of the Longhorn band, started the UT Steel Pan Band as one of the ensembles that is part of the percussion program at the Butler School of Music. Nicole Robbins director of Pans of Texas introduced the seven members. The Pans delighted the members with their joyous and lively program.

1:10 pm Business Meeting

The minutes from the Spring 2017 meeting were approved by the Board and have been posted on the website.

Scholarship Recipients

Through the generosity of donations to the scholarship fund, the support of the business sponsors and the RFSA travel Committee, RFSA was able to grant 18 scholarships this year. here with us today are:

Milena Cuellar, Sophomore Corporate Communications
Maddie Graham, Sophomore Biology

Program Interrupted and Shortened

At this point the meeting was interrupted and abbreviated due to a medical emergency President Rubio thanked Carol Barret and the Ex Students staff assisted with this luncheon and provide support all year

McKetta Attendance Awards

Dr McKetta donates 5 attendance awards of \$200 each and was awarded by drawing attendance tickets. The McKetta Attendance Awards were awarded to:

- Judy Amis, CBA Foundations, 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

A group photo was taken

Ruth asked all current and past officers of RFSA to stand to be acknowledged for their work through the years.

She announced that the annual Holiday Party will be held on December 6, 2:30-4:30 pm at the Commons Conference Center at the J. J. Pickle Research Campus.

The Pans of Texas played the Eyes of Texas

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Corky Hilliard
Secretary