

The University of Texas at Austin
Retired Faculty-Staff Association Fall Meeting
April 23, 2019
12:00 PM
Alumni Center - Connally Ballroom

12:00 Luncheon Begins – Luncheon Attendance 220

12:15 Opening Remarks by Ruth Rubio, RFSA President

President Rubio welcomed all to the Spring meeting and made the following announcements:

She welcomed special guests in attendance: Former UT President Larry Faulkner and his wife, Mary Ann.

Ruth welcomed representatives from the UT Austin ID Center, Thomas Gutierrez and Chris Longoria who will be making retiree IDs for any UT Austin retirees needing an ID Card.

She also reminded those who parked in the Manor garage to have their parking tickets validated at the nametag table before leaving.

Tickets for the McKetta Attendance Awards are available from the staff at reception area in the lobby.

UT REMEMBERS

This year's UT Remembers ceremony will be held on Friday, May 10, the last class day of Spring Semester. This special day of remembrance for the retirees, staff and students who have died in the previous year will include flag lowering on the Main Mall in the morning followed by a program in the Tower Garden in the afternoon. RFSA annually participates by assembling bookmarks and ribbons. Today we will be assembling bookmarks and ribbons after the luncheon in the Legends Room of this building. Rides back to the parking garage will be provided if needed.

THANKS TO STUDENT SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Thanks were given to the Orange Jackets, Blazers and Silver Spurs for their help with the luncheon today.

RFSA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Ruth recognized two of the RFSA Scholarship recipients present today :

- Ana Flores Monarrez – Marketing Major
- Melanna Quero – Corporate Communication Major

UT CLUB

Membership is open to all retirees of UT at a reduced rate. Information and brochures are available at a table in the back of the room.

TABLE SURVEY

Ruth asked for volunteer at each table to lead a table discussion about members thoughts about travel destinations and program speakers. Paper surveys were placed at each table to record comments. They were collected at the end of the luncheon.

12:35 BUSINESS MEETING

Ruth expressed appreciation for the support of President Fenves' Office and their staff for hosting this RFSA luncheon. She acknowledged the long-time support started in 1982 when President Flawn officially created the RFSA in recognition of the value and thanks felt for the UT retiree's past and current service.

She also thanked the Texas Exes for everything they do to support RFSA including the use of the building for our meetings, maintaining our accounts, designing and printing our beautiful magazine, and the administrative support, especially for the outstanding support and assistance provided by Carol Barrett, their director of Special Services.

She thanked the business sponsors who greatly contribute to RFSA's financial stability and to the scholarship fund. Ruth asked the attendees to please consider using the goods and services of our sponsors and to thank them for their support of RFSA.

Business sponsors attending were:

- Denise Bradley and Molly Sherman with St. David's Healthcare
- Mary Hoyt with FastPark & Relax
- Charlie and Angel Goff with Mr. Appliance
- Omar Montique and Charlie Moore with University Federal Credit Union

Rox Covert from the Covert family auto dealerships – stopped by briefly but had to leave early. All received a hearty round of applause from the attendees!

LUNCHEON SPEAKER – Dr. Don Carleton, Founder and Executive Director of the UT Dolph Briscoe Center for American History.

Dr Carleton holds the J.R. Parten Chair in the Archives of American History. He has published and lectured extensively in the history of new media and 20th Century U.S. Political History. He was historical advisory to novelist James A. Michener for his novel *TEXAS* and a chief researcher and historical advisor for Walter Cronkite's bestselling memoir *A Reporters' Life*.

Dr Carleton spoke about the extensive holdings and collections, compelling exhibits, and interesting programs of the Center. The Center also has three museum locations: The Sam Rayburn in Bonham; John Nance Garner Museum in Uvalde (now the Briscoe-Garner Museum); and the Winedale complex of early Texas architecture and crafts.

Among the collections in the Austin Research Center are:

- Specialty collections documenting early history of Texas: the Bexar Collection, Spanish Colonial Records.
- History of The University of Texas (UT Archives)
- History of the South (Natchez Trace Collection)
- Political and Congressional History
- History of American Energy companies (Spindletop records, Exxon Mobile history)
- History of Touring Entertainment
- Military History
- News Media History: Walter Cronkite, Bob Schieffer, Dan Rather, Morley Safer, and the 60 Minutes Archives
- Photographic Archives including the Texas photograph (the Alamo, of course!)

He invited RFSA members to drop by to see the exhibits and view the collections.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

New members and recent retirees were recognized and asked to introduce themselves and the department from which they retired. Each new retiree receives a free membership to RFSA for the first year after they retire. Six new retirees were honored at this meeting.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS 2019-2020

Ruth recognized the members of this year's nomination committee and thanked them for their service. Tany Norwood, past president, chaired the committee which included Sharon Justice and Alice Reinarz.

The slate of officers presented was:

PRESIDENT: Eleanor Moore was elected last year and will serve as president

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Corky Hilliard was nominated as president-elect.

SECRETARY: Susan Kessler was nominated as secretary.

TREASURER: Tany Norwood was nominated as treasurer. Clemith Houston has stepped down. Thanks were given to Clemith for his service

HISTORIAN: Barbara Frock will continue to serve and George Frock will join her as co-chair.

Martha Boyd is our Historian Emerita

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: Sharon Justice, Bill Lasher and Jim Vick will continue.

PAST PRESIDENT: Ruth Rubio

The slate of officers was elected by unanimous vote of the members present. Congratulations were offered to all.

SPECIAL AREA AND INTEREST GROUP CHAIRS 2019-2020

Special Areas:

- Membership: Peggy Mueller will continue. Peggy Kruger was thanked for her past service.
- Magazine Editor: Tany Norwood is interim Magazine Editor for Spring 2019. Donna Bellinghausen will work with Tany on the Spring Magazine then she will be our new editor Linda Peterson has stepped down Thanks to all for their work
- Scholarship Chair: Lael Hasty. Thanks to Susana Aleman for her past service
- Sponsorship Chair: Cecil Martine

Interest Group Chairs:

- Bridge: Kathey Ferland and Mary Kay Hemenway
- Discussion: Margaret Borden and Alice Reinarz
- Exercise: Carolyn Wylie and Rosie Maamar
- Fine Arts: We still need a chair. Please let one of the board members know if you are interested
- Foodies: Sharon Justice
- Health: Linda Millstone and Cecil Martinez
- Investment/Finance: Phil Kelton, Pauline Lopez, and Lewis Myers
- Travel: Marcia & Mike Arn and Karen & John Harrison

Announcement: This fall RFSA will initiate Speakers Series to be developed by the following interest groups – Discussion, Health and /Investment. Stay tuned for program announcements.

Ruth thanked all the wonderful Officers, Board members, Committee and Interest Chairs for their work for the RFSA. She asked anyone interested in serving on a committee or interest group to contact one of them.

OTHER BUSINESS

Minutes - Minutes from the Fall Luncheon are posted on the RFSA website.

Treasures Report and Scholarship - Treasure Summary for 2018 - 19

- Income \$20,610.00
- Expenses \$18,719.00
- Balance on Hand \$58,972.00

This shows remarkable progress from the dire financial situation of just a few years ago. Our financial stability is in great part thanks to the generous business sponsors. Ruth offered heartfelt thanks for their continued support. She further recognized the contributions to the RFSA Scholarship fund. There is a matching program in place to double your donations. She directed members to scholarship donation envelopes at each table.

TRAVEL INTEREST GROUP

Upcoming Trips in 2019-20:

- Mackinaw Island/Great Lakes, July 7-14
- Danube River Cruise, Oct 3 – 10, 2019

Watch the RFSA website for more information or contact one of the Travel Interest Group co-chairs.

MCKETTA ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Ruth reminded the members of Dr. McKetta's gracious and generous support in establishing \$200 attendance awards which were given to 5 members or spouses, awarded by drawing attendance tickets. In his memory the award winners were drawn:

- Joe Hammer, Wildflower Center
- Bill Lasher, Education Administration
- Martha Ovando, Education Administration
- Elaine Ward, ITS
- Seyfi Yazicioglu, Facility Services

LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

Ruth Rubio thanked the membership for allowing her to serve as RFSA president this past year. She asked other past presidents to stand and be honored.

Ruth asked the new RFSA president, Eleanor Moore to join her on the dais. Ruth then introduced Eleanor to the membership.

Eleanor grew up in Cleburne, Texas, graduated from UT, married a UT graduate and their daughter is a UT graduate. She worked at the Texas Exes for over 29 years where she was director of the Texas Exes scholarship department. She guided, nurtured and influenced thousands of the most promising students to come to the University she loves. Past recipients endowed a scholarship in her name. She and her husband endowed a scholarship in her parents' memory when she retired. She has served as RFSA Scholarship chair for the past 4 years.

RFSA President Eleanor Moore:

Eleanor expressed her excitement to be part and to lead this wonderful organization. She has been a member of RFSA since 2011 when she retired. She thanked Ruth for her leadership this past year.

She asked all members to be an active part of RFSA.

She then introduced member pianist Barbara Myers who played *The Eyes of Texas* while the members sang.

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

Ruth adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm