

The University of Texas at Austin
RETIRED FACULTY-STAFF ASSOCIATION
Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting
Connally Ballroom, Etter-Harbin Alumni Center
April 27, 2022
Noon-2:00 P. M.

Opening Remarks Tany Norwood, RFSA, President

The President welcomed attendees to the Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting of the RFSA, and invited them to enjoy continue enjoying lunch and wine bar. Everyone was reminded to validate parking tickets before leaving. RFSA members and their spouses are eligible to win the McKetta Attendance Award drawing.

After the luncheon RFSA volunteers will make bookmarks and remembrance ribbons for the UT Remembers Ceremony to be held on Friday, May 6th to honor and remember retirees, faculty, staff, and students who have died in the previous year. Everyone is invited to help assemble mementos in the Legends Room. A ride to the parking garage will be provided after the activity.

Valeria Martin and Abida Shoukat, volunteers for UT Outpost, were in attendance at the luncheon. They accepted donations of food, HEB gift cards, and cash for students who are experiencing food insecurity. Valeria addressed the attendees to detail the services provided, which also includes a clothing store where students can obtain professionally appropriate attire. RFSA members were thanked for their donations and were asked to remember UT Outpost when making future donations to UT.

The President thanked the members of the Orange Jackets, Blazers and Silver Spurs for their help with the luncheon, and urged RFSA members to thank them for their service to UT.

The RFSA Scholarship recipients were shown on a video loop. One recipient was in attendance. Nida Virabalin is a sophomore with a dual major in anthropology and civil engineering. She is from Sugar Land, TX.

RFSA members were asked to fill out the survey to indicate events that might be of interest. Completed surveys were to be left on the tables.

At approximately 12:30 P.M., President Tany Norwood called the Spring Meeting of the UT RFSA into session.

Rox Covert, of the Covert family of auto dealerships and a long-time RFSA sponsor, was introduced and thanked for all support provided to RFSA. After brief remarks, Rox Covert presented a \$10, 000.00 check as a donation to the RFSA Scholarship Fund. The President thanked him for his generous gift.

Next, the President introduced the *Ransom Notes*, a UT student-led a capella vocal ensemble from a variety of majors. The leader, Arianna Hadjebian, introduced four songs, the last of which was by special request. That song was a parody of *My Favorite Things*

https://www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com/Hymns_and_Carols/my_favorite_things_senior_vers.htm The entertainment was greatly enjoyed and soundly applauded.

The RFSA President thanked President Jay Hartzell and his staff for hosting the RFSA luncheon, following a tradition begun in 1982 by then President Peter Flawn to recognize faculty and staff for past and continued service. President Hartzell who could not be present offered a video greeting.

The President thanked the Texas Exes for their support that includes the use of their facilities for meetings, accounts maintenance, and the design and printing of our magazine.

The business sponsors were thanked and credited for RFSA's financial stability and the scholarship fund. RFSA members were encouraged to patronize the businesses of sponsors and thank them for supporting RFSA. Present were: Rox Covert from the Covert family auto dealerships; Molly Sherman with St. David's HealthCare; Mary Hoyt with FastPark and Relax; Elizabeth Quintero Kingsley with Weed-Corley-Fish.

Recent retirees and our newest members stood and introduced themselves, giving their names, retirement date; and former UT unit. All were welcomed.

President Tany Norwood called the business meeting to order.

Bill Lasher, Treasurer gave the financial report (a full report is available on the RFSA website). In summary, \$3,800.00 in dues; \$3,200 in sponsorships; \$1,000 McKetta Foundation; and \$2,400 from Travel. Ten thousand dollars were transferred to the Scholarship Fund. Currently, the Scholarship fund has 1.5 million dollars.

President Tany Norwood introduced the members of the *ad hoc* Constitutional and By-Laws Revision committee: Corky Hilliard, RFSA Past President, Chair; Tany Norwood, RFSA President; Susan Kessler, RFSA President – Elect; and Eleanor Moore, RFSA Former President.

Charles Roeckle made a motion to approve the changes as written. Bill Lasher seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the constitutional revision and by-laws became effective immediately.

The vote on new RFSA Executive Officers for 2022-2023 was next on the agenda. The nominees were Charles Roeckle, President-Elect; Mary Knight 1st Year Member-at-Large; and John De La Garza, Member-at-Large representing UT System. The motion to accept the slate of nominees was seconded and approved.

The President recognized and thanked the members of this year's Nominating Committee chaired by Past President, Corky Hilliard, Sharon Justice, President-Elect; Donna Bellinghausen, Susan Kessler, and President, Tany Norwood.

The following persons will continue as executive officers for 2022-2023:
Susan Kessler was elected President-Elect last year and will serve as President
Joyce Harris will continue as Secretary
Bill Lasher will continue as Treasurer
Barbara & George Frock will continue as Historians, with
Martha Boyd as our Historian Emerita
Alba Ortiz will continue as Member-at-Large, 2nd Year
Sharon Justice will continue as Member-at-Large, 3rd Year
Would you all please stand and be recognized?

RFSA Administrative Officers for 2022-2023 will be:
Donna Bellinghausen will continue as Magazine Editor
Sharon Justice will continue as Assistant Editor
Miles Abernathy will continue as Photographer and Website Chair
Holly Thompson will join as Assistant Website Chair
Lael Hasty will continue as Scholarship Chair
Cecil Martinez will continue as Sponsorship Co-Chair
Jim Crook will continue as Sponsorship Co-Chair
The Membership Chair position will remain vacant until the ad hoc Membership Committee has made its recommendations
Would you all please stand and be recognized?

Interest Group Chairs for 2022-2023 will be:
Laraine Lasdon will continue as Arts & Culture Committee Chair
Mary Kay Hemenway will continue as Bridge Chair
Carolyn Wylie will continue as Exercise Chair
Bob Lawrence will continue as Foodies Chair
Karrol Kitt will continue as Health Co-Chair
Linda Millstone will continue as Health Co-Chair
Phil Kelton will continue as Speaker Series Co-Chair and Finance/Investment Chair
Alice Reinartz will continue as Speaker Series Co-Chair and Interdisciplinary Topics Chair
Don Davis will continue as Discussion Topics Coordinator
Sybil and Keith Momii will continue as Travel Co-Chairs

The RFSA Board Members stood to be recognized and thanked for their service.
All RFSA members interested in committee service were asked to contact one of the current Board members.

Other Business

Minutes from the Fall Luncheon and Business Meeting are posted on the RFSA website.

The Travel Interest Group had a table staffed by Karen and John Harrison. They provided information about upcoming trips. The RFSA website has sign-up information.

President Tany Norwood extended thanks to the Alumni Center Service Staff for their preparation of the room, food, and drink, and for all that made our time there fun and enjoyable.

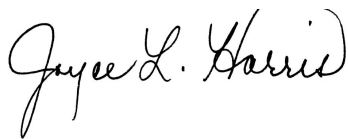
In 2013, Dr. John McKetta, RFSA Treasurer Emeritus, instituted The John McKetta Attendance Award to be awarded at each RFSA Luncheon and Business Meeting to an RFSA member or his or her spouse. This year's awardees of \$100 each were: Dorothy De La Garza; Mary Kay Hemenway; Alba Ortiz; Terry Martin; and Margaret Tiedeken.

President Tany Norwood thanked the RFSA for the honor and privilege of serving as President. She acknowledged all the RFSA past Presidents by asking them to stand to be recognized. She introduced the new President Susan Kessler with the following biographical sketch.

Susan grew up in West Lafayette, Indiana, graduated from Purdue, married a Purdue graduate and they have two daughters and three grandchildren. She grew to love UT as she worked at the Texas Exes for over 36 years where she was Associate Executive Director of the Texas Exes. She was a needle-sharp planner, speechwriter, and manager. She guided, nurtured, and influenced thousands of the most promising students and volunteers to come though the University. She served as the RFSA secretary before becoming President-Elect, and now she is going to be a remarkable President. Let's all congratulate our new President, Susan Kessler!

President Susan Kessler gave brief remarks before inviting the audience to stand and face the Tower to sing the Eyes of Texas as an adjournment to the meeting. Attendees were reminded to go to the Legends Room to assemble bookmarks and loops for UT Remembers.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce L. Harris".

Joyce L. Harris, RFSA Secretary

