

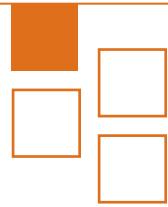


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Fall 2012



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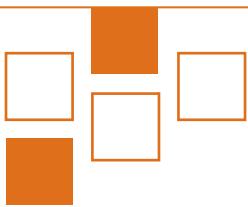
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



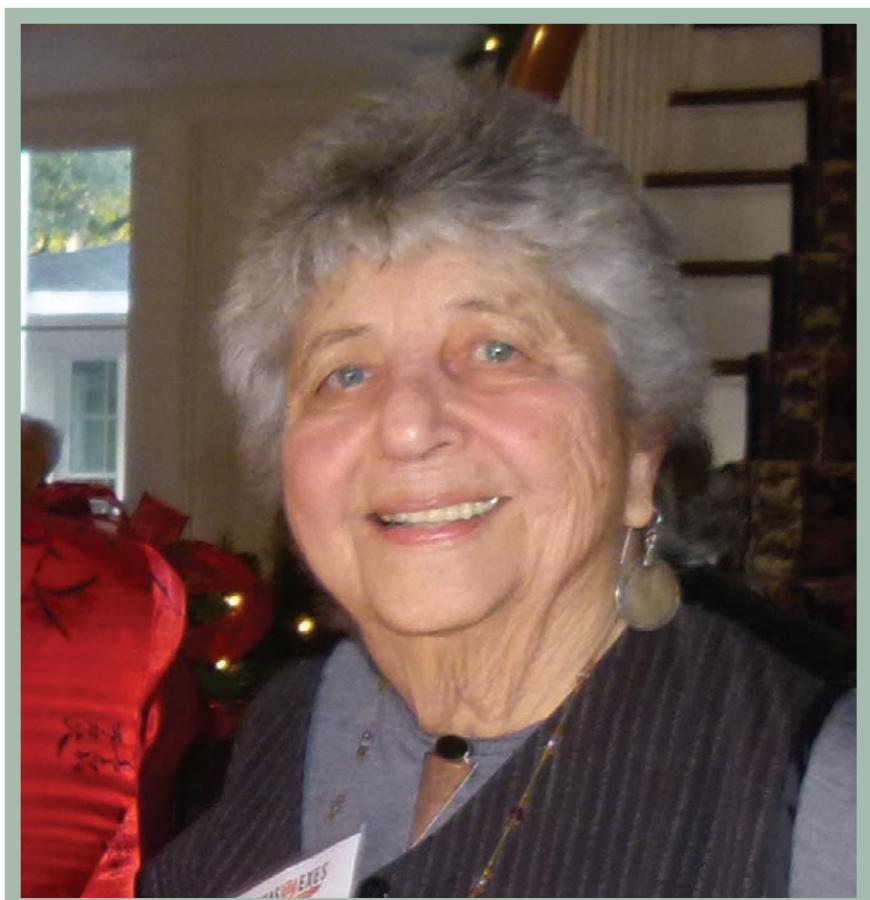
Welcome Old and New members:

This promises to be an exciting year of rewarding and meaningful activities. Our recent Fall Luncheon, sponsored by the Office of the President, had a record attendance, delicious food, and a bit of excitement with our first ever raffle and door prizes. But the big highlight was the engaging speaker, Melissa Chavez, Director of the UT Elementary School. She generated so much interest in this outstanding program that I am currently looking into a trip we might organize for those RFSA members who would like to visit this impressive model school.

A very special event to put on your calendars: RFSA will have a holiday party at the Bauer House on Tuesday, December 4, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Invitations with details will follow.

A word to new members: RFSA has a lot more to offer than immediately meets the eye. The many current interest groups provide recreation, information, social networking, and lots more. AND we need not be limited to what is available right now. When I joined there was no travel group, but travel was my main interest at the time. I was encouraged to get one started, and after about ten years or so (but who's counting?) the group has not run out of places to go.

RFSA President
Deena Mersky



Don't see your interest reflected in the RFSA? Consider starting a group.

If your particular interest is not being met, I want to challenge you to do as I did – it might fill a gap we don't know is there! And definitely join us at the twice-a-year lunches for delicious food and an opportunity to catch up with former colleagues.

I want also to draw your attention to the website--we try to keep it up to date, and there's much to be found there that isn't covered elsewhere. For the latest information (plus great photos), go to: www.utexas.edu/rfsa/index.html

The Executive Committee and Interest Group Chairs stay in touch with the membership via email and the website. But communication is a two-way street. Please contact any of us, or Carol Barrett at the Texas Exes (our amazing staff support), with your suggestions, new ideas, or questions. The new membership directories will be out very soon, making communications much easier.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you in a fun and productive RFSA year!

Deena Mersky
RFSA President

INTEREST GROUPS

IN JUNE THE RFSA TRAVELERS boarded a motor coach bound for Palo Duro Canyon with stops at Clark Botanical Gardens, Possum Kingdom Lake and the Hummer House in Cristoval along the way. June 30 we attended a concert at Festival Hill in Round Top where one of George Frock's students was the featured soloist. In September the Chihuly Exhibit at the Dallas Arboretum thrilled us all as we strolled the pumpkin lined paths. In October for the New England Fall Foliage trip we flew into Boston and spent a day there before travelling to the White Mountain Resort in North Conway, New Hampshire. We explored the Mt. Washington Weather Discovery Center, drove through valleys and mountains passing picturesque lakes and rivers spanned by covered bridges. While in scenic Vermont we toured Cabot Cheese, Cold Hollow Cider and Morse Farms Maple Sugarworks. In Portland, Maine we cruised Casco Bay past the Portland Head Lighthouse and enjoyed a lobster dinner aboard DeMillo's floating restaurant. A good time was had by all and Mother Nature cooperated with wonderful fall color.

Looking ahead to 2013, RFSA is offering 3 trips. Coming up first is the Mystery Trip on February 27. Next is the Spring Getaway to America's newest museum, Crystal Bridges in Bentonville, Arkansas (April 4-8) – a destination that has generated a lot of interest. On our way there and back we will stop in Tulsa for the Philbrook Museum and in Oklahoma City for the National Memorial and the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. While in northwest Arkansas, we will experience some local flavor thanks to arrangements by Jim Stice, past president of RFSA and a native of Fayetteville. October 13-18, 2013 we are offering Great Trains and Grand Canyons, a trip that features five nights in beautiful Sedona with day trips that will include 2 train rides (the Grand Canyon Railway and the Verde Canyon Wilderness Train.)

We hope you make plans to join us on one or all of our upcoming journeys! *For more information on any of these trips, please contact the RFSA Travel Chair, Carol Kay Johnson (carolkayjohnson@earthlink.net or 512-926-8191).*

TRAVEL

JOIN THE RFSA EXERCISE GROUP to improve your balance, flexibility and energy level!

We meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:30 in the Recreational Sports Center, room 1.106. To participate, you need to join Rec Sports, and there is a 50% discount for retirees. Or get a free one-day pass if you want to just try it first. Discounted parking permits also available for class times. *For more information, contact chair Carolyn Wylie at cwylie13@att.net or 512-453-2556.*

EXERCISE

BRIDGE

THE BRIDGE GROUP usually meets on the first Monday of each month. Meetings for the rest of this year are scheduled for December 3 and January 7. We have a lot of fun and are always looking for new members! *If you are interested, please contact chair Bill Crook at wcrook@satx.rr.com or 210-251-3584.*

OUR NOVEMBER MEETING was on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. in the Howson Branch Library, 2500 Exposition Blvd. (This change to Tuesday is only this month, due to a conflict with another group for the meeting room.)

Our speaker was Kim Fry, an educator at the Health Risk Management Department of the Austin Diagnostic Clinic. The title was "Healthy Holiday Food Options". Since November 20th was two days before Thanksgiving, Kim brought samples of healthy foods for us to taste!

If you have any questions, contact co-chairs Carol Obianwu (cobianwu@mail.utexas.edu) or Alice Bridges (aearlsbridges@sbcglobal.net)

HEALTH

LEADERSHIP

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FINANCE & INVESTMENT

ON OCTOBER 8, a full house of Finance and Investment Group members attended a talk by Mr. Carl Stuart, a nationally highly regarded investment advisor, speaking on "Investing in Perilous Times." Mr. Stuart prompted many questions during and after his talk. You can listen to Mr. Stuart every Saturday on his KLBJ radio talk show, "Money Talk", and learn more on investment topics.

The next Finance and Investment speaker will be Mr. Kevin Holcomb on a date to be determined. Mr. Holcomb is a shareholder with Graves Dougherty Hearon and Moody and has been a board certified attorney in estate planning and probate law for over 30 years.

For more information, contact co-chairs Phil Kelton (pwk@mail.utexas.edu, 512-458-9961) or Cecil Martinez (cecil.martinez@sbcglobal.net, 512-303-5936.)

VISUAL ARTS: We had a very instructive docent tour of the Blanton's "Into the Sacred City" exhibit of Tibetan Buddhist deities. If it seems feasible for us to go back for some part of the monks' creation (and destruction) of a sand mandala, January 9-13, we'll notify by email.

No visual arts activity scheduled for December, but watch for an announcement for our annual tour of "The People's Gallery" in Austin's City Hall early in 2013. For questions, contact Deena Mersky (merskd@gmail.com or 477-4152.)

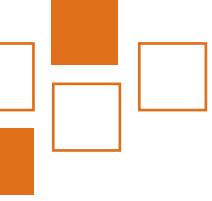
MUSIC: The Butler School of Music offers many inexpensive concerts by the UT Choral Arts Society, Wind Ensemble, Chamber Singers, Jazz Orchestra, Great Organ Series, and other musicians. For more information, see website: <http://www.music.utexas.edu/calendar/>

Saint Cecilia Music Series (<http://scmsaustin.org>) The Cantors of St. Thomas Leipzig: Schelle, Kuhnau, and Knüpfer. Fri., Nov. 30, 8 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 8001 Mesa Drive, 512-345-8866. \$20 general admission, \$15 seniors (60 and over), \$10 students.

Watch for e-mail notification of concerts for December and January, or contact Carolyn Wylie (cwylie13@att.net) for a list.

FINE ARTS

RESOLUTIONS PASSED



BE IT

RESOLVED

The Board of the Retired Faculty-Staff Association
passed two resolutions since our last general meeting.

OCTOBER 2

On October 2, the Board passed a resolution supporting passage of the Central Health Tax Ratification Election, including the tax increase of \$.05 per \$100 in valuation, to provide for local healthcare expansions and upgrades.

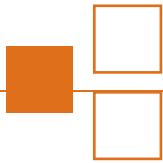
MAY 22

At the Executive Committee meeting on May 22, the Board unanimously adopted a resolution supporting President William C. Powers, Jr. for his outstanding leadership and efforts on behalf of The University of Texas at Austin.



*For the full text of these resolutions, please go to the RFSA website:
www.utexas.edu/rfsa/index.html*

RECENT RFSA EVENTS



FALL LUNCH



October 23, 2012 • Austin, Texas



MEMBER UPDATES

Sharon Justice

Sharon H. Justice retired in 2001 as Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students. She now serves as Secretary of the Retired Faculty Staff Association.

Any favorite memories of your time working at UT?

My favorite spot on campus is the Main Mall, with its corridor view from the UT Tower to the Capitol. It has the “six pack” and is the site for commencement. And it is next to the West Mall, where students share their diverse ideas and opinions. I spent countless hours at those areas, and have many wonderful memories.

What have you done since you retired?

I have been involved with the Master’s class “College Student Personnel Administration” in the Higher Education Program. I taught the class until 2008, and continue to direct research projects for students and sit on the admissions committee for Master’s applicants.

I have been a volunteer at UT on several fronts. I really enjoyed my work with the Barbara Jordan statue dedication committee. I also loved being involved with the Almetris Duren residence hall dedication, particularly since I knew Mama Duren during her time in the



Dean of Students Office. I am currently a member of the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement Advisory Committee, and, of course, involved with the Retired Faculty Staff Association.

My husband (Dean Justice, retired director of the Frank Erwin Center) and I have traveled all over the U.S. in our “coach,” known to some as a motor home. Some of my favorite trips have included the Oregon coast, New Mexico, summers in Michigan and New England, Glacier National Park, and, of course, I enjoy the big cities like Chicago and New York.

You were recently honored with the Sharon H. Justice Endowed Leadership Scholarship. What does this mean to you?

This scholarship was initiated by a group of students, and I consider that to be the highest honor possible. It is designed to recognize student leaders, particularly those involved with women’s issues and organizations. It was recently fully endowed, so will provide assistance to student leaders in perpetuity.

DEPARTMENT NAMED FOR JOHN MCKETTA

We all know Dr. John McKetta for being the beloved Treasurer of the Retired Faculty Staff Association, but he was also recognized on November 9 for his exceptional academic career at The University of Texas.

Dr. McKetta's career at UT spanned more than half a century. During that time, he chaired the Department of Chemical Engineering three times, and served as the Dean of the School of Engineering during a time of tremendous growth. In 1995, a retired Dr. McKetta added up his total salary from UT and decided to give it all back – \$1 million – if his former students would match it. They did, and in 2006 alumni and friends initiated the "Challenge for McKetta" campaign with a goal of \$25 million. When they reached the \$11 million mark, the Board of Regents authorized the name change to the John J. McKetta, Jr. Department of Chemical Engineering.

Dr. McKetta was recognized at the UT vs. Iowa State football game on November 10, when President Powers escorted him onto the field. And generations of future students will benefit from his generosity, leadership and enduring legacy as they attend the John J. McKetta, Jr. Department of Chemical Engineering. Congratulations, Dr. McKetta!



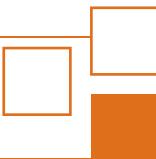
JOIN THE RFSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN HONORING DR. MCKETTA!

At their meeting on November 13, members of the RFSA Executive Committee celebrated and honored John McKetta by individually donating to the RFSA Scholarship Fund in his honor. Over the years, Dr. McKetta has been a generous donor to our scholarship fund, recognizing many other members of RFSA. Now is our chance to donate in his honor!

If you would like to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund, send contributions to:

Carol Barrett, RFSA Coordinator
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RFSA REMEMBERS



THIS COLUMN honors the memory of retired University of Texas faculty and staff who have died. Every attempt has been made to identify the University affiliation of each individual. Some named below may not have been members of RFSA, but they are included because of their contribution 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 the editor of the newsletter.



April 17, 2012

Karen Keel Gould

Wife of Lewis Gould, Professor Emeritus, History

June 17, 2012

Ludmilla Roth

Staff, Student Union, Alumni Center & Pres. Res. Meadowbrook

April 18, 2012

Helen Baldwin Bauer Egbert Victor Smith

Administrative Assistant

June 18, 2012

Grace Bernadette (Leary) Schmitt

Wife of Karl M. Schmitt, Professor Emeritus, Government

May 7, 2012

Joe Walter Reed

Heavy Equipment Operator, Balcones Research Center

June 29, 2012

Jimmy Breazeale

Physician, UT Student Health Center

May 14, 2012

Thomas Brady Arbuckle

Building Inspector, UT System

July 3, 2012

Peter Oakley Coltman

Associate Professor Emeritus, Architecture

May 16, 2012

Melvin P. Sikes

Professor of Clinical Psychology, Retired

July 7, 2012

Evangeline Falcon-Korems

School of Social Work, Retired

May 27, 2012

Joseph Howard Culver, Sr.

Personnel Director & VP of Development, UT System

July 7, 2012

Robert Louis Helmrich

Professor, Psychology

May 29, 2012

Frank Drake Graydon

Tenured Faculty, Dept. of Accounting and UT System Budget Director

July 15, 2012

Roger Cook Osborn

Professor Emeritus, Mathematics

June 3, 2012

John Paul Stark

Professor Emeritus, Mechanical Engineering

July 19, 2012

Elizabeth Breihan Cotner

Wife of History Professor

June 11, 2012

R. Bruce Johnston

Professor, Physics

July 22, 2012

Robert Kent Goodnow

Research Scientist, Applied Research Laboratories

June 11, 2012

Angeline Allen Umlauf

Wife of Charles Umlauf, Professor Emeritus, Art

July 26, 2012

Shirley Fleischer Binder

Dean of Admissions & Records, Director of Financial Aid

June 14, 2012

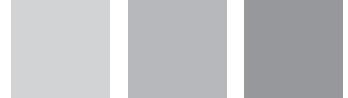
Karen Burns Dailey

Sr. Administrative Assistant, Center for Space Research

July 30, 2012

Arwin A. Dougal

Professor Emeritus, Electrical Engineering



IN MEMORIAM April 15, 2012 - October 23, 2012

July 30, 2012
Clinton Lynch Smith
Construction Inspector, Physical Plant

August 7, 2012
Ruth Adlof Haak
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Educational Psychology

August 19, 2012
Ruth Jon Smith
Executive Assistant to the Dean of Liberal Arts, Retired

August 20, 2012
Louise Maxine Nelson Perdue
Staff, Liberal Arts Dean's Office and Chemistry

August 23, 2012
Stella Churchill Mullins
Instructor, School of Social Work

August 26, 2012
Alma Faye Madden
Served on UT Boards and Endowed a Professorship

August 31, 2012
Delbert Arlyn Taebel
Associate Dean, Urban Affairs & Public Administration, UT Arlington

September 2, 2012
Beatrice C. DeLeon
Staff, Student Health Center

September 2, 2012
James L. Hill
Senior Vice President & Special Assistant to the President

September 2, 2012
Nancy Louise Neff
Staff, Office of Public Affairs

September 6, 2012
Waynie Meredith Greer White
Staff, Office of Sponsored Projects

September 9, 2012
John Harrison Hicks
Professor Emeritus, School of Music

September 15, 2012
Omar Jordan
Carpenter, Physical Plant

September 24, 2012
Marguerite Harwood Kreisle
Great Grandfather on Commission that Founded UT

September 25, 2012
Maxine Wiles
Staff, Defense Research Laboratory

September 26, 2012
Billie M. Botbyl
Wife of George Botbyl, Aerospace Engineering

September 27, 2012
John Silber
Former Dean, Arts & Sciences and Professor of Philosophy

September 27, 2012
Melvin C. Daniels
Transportation Manager, Physical Plant

October 4, 2012
Christine Louise Matyear
Communication Sciences & Disorders Department

October 6, 2012
Catherine Anne Haley Potter
Staff, Molecular Genetics & Microbiology

October 7, 2012
Albert Francis Kirby
Staff, Office of Accounting

October 21, 2012
Helen Frantz
Former member of RFSA



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Please consider making a contribution to the RFSA Scholarship Fund - it will make a difference in a student's life!

CONTRIBUTIONS Carol Barrett, RFSA Coordinator
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Generous RFSA member donations allow our organization to award annual scholarships to University of Texas students. Student recipients are selected by Student Financial Services based on several criteria. We were able to fund a record high of 17 scholarships in 2012-2013!

The scholarship fund benefits from donations made in memory of friends or colleagues, in celebration of particular events, in the form of a legacy from deceased members, or as a general contribution.

The following donations were received in the six months since our last newsletter.

2012-2013 RFSA SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECIPIENTS

The following 17 undergraduate students were awarded scholarships in 2012-2013 from the Retired Faculty and Staff Association.

Maria Suzanne Bosley, *Biology, Premed, Predent, Prevet*

Michelle Buckholtz, *German and Linguistics*

Gary Guvanny Cantu, *Chemical Engineering*

Zackary T. Dryer, *English*

Elizabeth Ann Harroun, *International Business*

Justyn Kase Huckleberry, *Biology/Texas Interdisciplinary Plan*

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Julianne Theresa Kasper, *Applied Learning and*

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Sooyeon Kim, *English*

Erica Lisbeth Morales, *Biochemistry/Prepharmacy*

Asal Naderi, *Portuguese/Premed, Predent, Prevet*

Lynn Nguyen, *Pharmacy*

Ross Carlton Orlando, *Finance*

Bianca Dilip Patel, *Human Development and Family Sciences*

Subhan Tabba, *Biology, Premed, Predent, Prevet*

Ma. Leslie Ynalvez, *Biology/Cellular/Molecular Biology*

Some of the comments from their thank-you letters include:

"I am proud that experienced former educators at The University of Texas at Austin see potential in me they find to be worth investing in."

Julianne Kasper

"As a first generation college student, I did not have much of an idea of what university life was all about and what it would take to make the most of it. Considering this, I am absolutely honored that you deemed me a student worth of this scholarship."

Erica Morales

"Thanks to your scholarship, I will be paying only a small out-of-pocket expense for the 2012-2013 school year. This scholarship almost perfectly filled in that gap of money that I needed, so now I can help my brother and sister fund their education instead. Therefore, I cannot put into words how humbled I am by your offer."

Bianca Patel

"Working towards graduation and medical school has been challenging but it is people like you and the encouragement you provide that has given me the inspiration I've needed to keep working towards my goals and dreams."

Maria Bosley

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What's more, because of your years of service to the University and current affiliation with the Retired

Faculty-Staff Association, we are pleased to offer you an annual member rate of \$25 – that's a \$25 savings off the standard \$50 rate. Membership dues help to support the many programs - like Camp Texas, student scholarships, community engagement, and advocacy on behalf of UT - that radically shape experiences and improve lives. Unlike shirts that fade and games that end, a membership in the

Texas Exes positively impacts you, the University, and the Longhorn faithful. And that's something you can feel good about.

Join at the UT Faculty-Staff rate of \$25 online at: www.TexasExes.org or by calling 512.471.3819.

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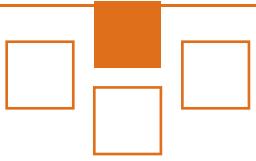
Do you wish you could still drive onto campus without having to stop at the guard kiosk, park in an available spot and use loading zones? You still can!

Retired UT faculty and staff are eligible for an "AR" parking permit at no charge. Any retiree who no longer holds an appointment with compensation may get this permit. Simply take your UT Retiree ID card to the Parking & Transportation Services office in the Trinity Parking Garage and receive a free "AR" hanging tag. This permit allows you to park in "A" parking areas, Monday-Friday from 5:45 pm - 7:30 am.

If you have any questions, call P&TS at 471-7275 or check online at: <http://www.utexas.edu/parking/parking/fs/ar.html>.



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



RFSA CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

RFSA MEMBERS ARE TALENTED AND CREATIVE PEOPLE, AND WE'D LIKE TO SHOWCASE SOME OF THAT TALENT IN OUR NEWSLETTER!

Do you write essays, poetry or fiction? Do you create artwork or beautiful photographs? Please consider submitting your work or a photo of your

artwork to be shared with our members. Submissions should be able to fit on one page in the newsletter (approximately 1,000 words

or less.) We will try to include as many submissions as possible.

Submissions can be emailed to: tanyenorwood@utexas.edu or mailed to: Carol Barrett | RFSA Coordinator Texas Exes | P.O. Box 7278 | Austin, TX 78713

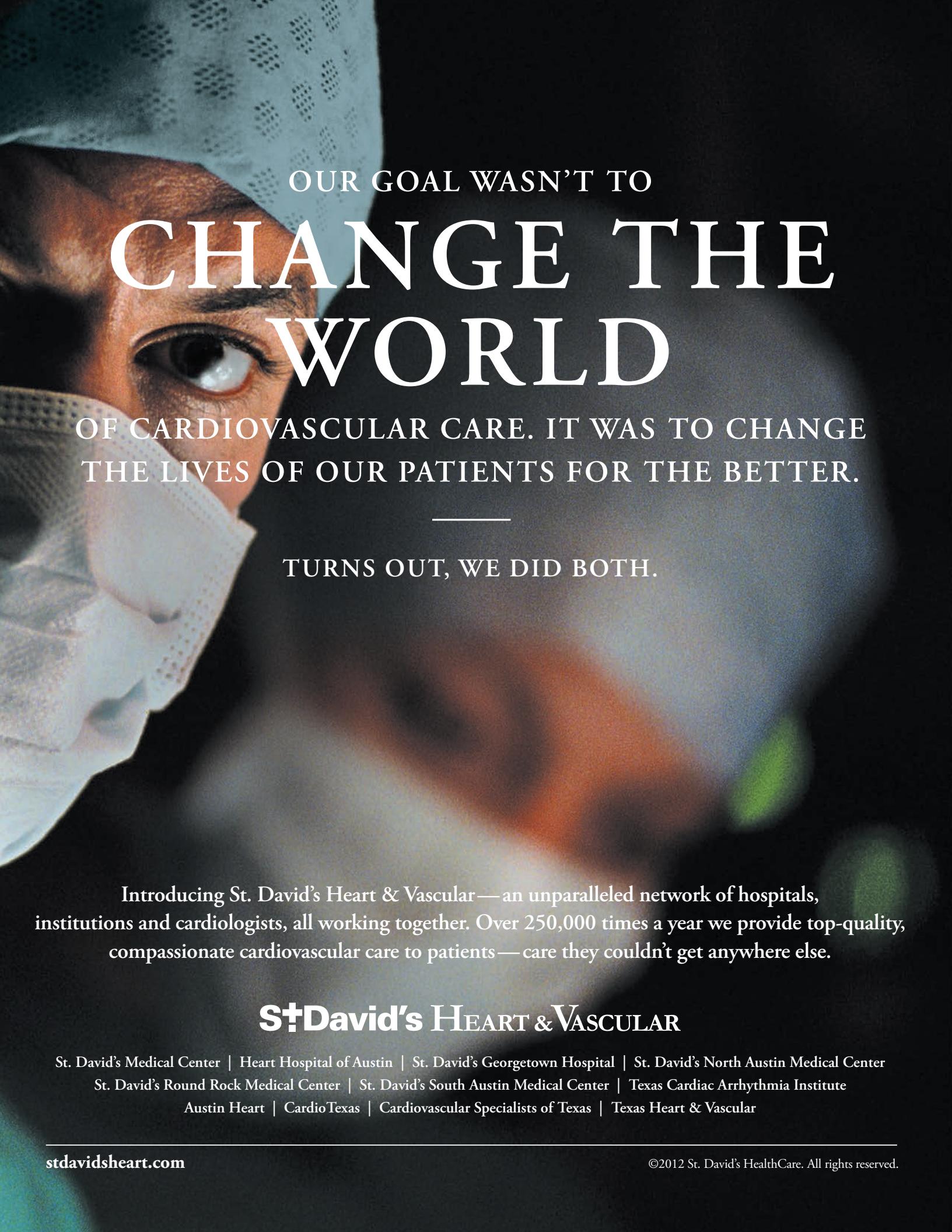
DESIGN OUR LOGO!

The RFSA needs a logo for our newsletter, directory and official correspondence. It should include "The University of Texas" (or "UT") and "Retired Faculty-Staff Association"

(or "RFSA".) Just a drawing or concept is fine – we'll ask a graphics pro to fine-tune it. The RFSA Executive Committee will select the winning design.

If you have any good ideas, please submit them to Carol Barrett, RFSA Coordinator (Texas Exes, P.O. Box 7278, Austin, TX 78713 or barrett@alumni.utexas.edu)





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The RFSA provides a wide range of activities designed to enrich the retirement experiences of its members. In addition, it serves as a mechanism for advising UT officials about the suitability of current retirement benefits. A complete statement of the purposes of the Association can be found in the Constitution.



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DR. MARTHA FREDE, RETIRED CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

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