Retired Faculty/Staff Reunion Recap: Our annual event was held on July 17, 2010 in the lower level of Z-6. We had over 100 people turn out to honor our new retirees! This capstone event allows current and former employees to reunite in fellowship. Honorees were able to mingle with current and former colleagues, friends and family. It is always great to see so many of the honorees present. Food and beverages were provided by the Alumni and Development Office and entertainment was provided by pianist Bernie Wong. We thank Anne and Fred Richards for providing wine for the event. The Retiree Class of 2009-2010 included the following folks, most of whom were in attendance:


Congratulations and welcome to ARFS!

A nice addition to this most recent retiree reunion was the inclusion of a continuous projected slide show of photos of UWG retirees doing their favorite kinds of retirement activities. This was Frank Pritchett’s idea based on a similar display used by some groups during alumni events, and we certainly hope to keep it going for our 2011 reunion. See the request below.

Special thanks to Anne Richards and Martha Ann Saunders for their excellent and hard work in putting together this year’s Tribute Book. They do a wonderful job each year so that we have a lasting memento of our annual reunion. A special thanks to Dale Duffey, Dotti Green, Frank Pritchett, Steven Broome and Sally Roberts for continuing to support ARFS.

2011 Retiree Reunion: Our annual event to honor this year’s retirees and to reunite with former friends and colleagues will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 16 in the lower level of Z-6. Please mark your calendars and try to attend.

Retiree Photos: At this year’s reunion, we would again like to project a slide show up on wall screens of retirees enjoying their favorite activities. Photos of hobbies, trips, family and friends are all appropriate—whatever you are doing to enjoy your retirement! This will provide all of us with an enjoyable prelude to the evening of refreshments and awards. Send one or more prints showing what you’ve been doing to Frank Pritchett at the Alumni House (1601 Maple Street, Carrollton, GA 30118) or e-mail photos in JPEG format to him at fpritch@westga.edu. He will take it from there. We promise you will get your prints back in the mail, and you will enjoy seeing what your former colleagues have been up to these past years.

Next ARFS Planning Meeting: Please try to attend our next planning meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 11 at the Alumni House. We will continue updating our list of this year’s retirees, address issues relating to the 2011 Retiree Reunion in July, and discuss other items of interest to our family of UWG retired staff and faculty. We welcome all attendees and appreciate new ideas for things to do.

Retiree Medallions: The Office of Development and Alumni Relations and the Association of Retired Faculty and Staff continue to make the medallions available free of charge to any retiree who did not previously receive one. The medallion is bronze with the university logo on the obverse and the engraving on the reverse, and hangs from a ribbon. The engraving shows your name, department, and years of service. To obtain your medallion, contact Dale Duffey at 678- 839-6582 or dduffey@westga.edu.

Third Thursday ARFS Travel Programs: Jan Ruskell began a travel program for the ARFS group in 2009. It meets the third Thursday of every month at 11:00 a.m. in the Neva Lomason Library. Following the program, there is an optional lunch at a local restaurant for more opportunity for visiting and discussion. Programs scheduled so far include:
- The Amazon by Mary Erickson, February 17
- "Gatsby’s East Egg" by Lynn Kress, March 17
- St. Petersburg, Russia by Betty Sue and Roger Smith, April 21

If you would like to share your travels with the group, please contact Jan Ruskell (jruskell@westga.edu). She is always looking for new presenters for future programs. Programs are free and open to the public.

**Friday Dinner Get-togethers:** Spring semester the University Club will continue to provide opportunities for retirees to socialize with each other and with current faculty/staff by sponsoring dinners (Dutch treat) beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the locations listed below on the following dates:

- February 18: Fish House Tavern and Grill
- March 4: Corner Café
- March 18: Irish Pub
- April 1: Samba Loca
- April 15: La Salsa
- April 29: Spring Picnic at the Alumni house

The University Club is open to all faculty, staff and retirees of UWG. Family members are also welcome. For more information, contact Julie Lineback at jlinebac@westga.edu or 678-839-6464.

**Upcoming Events:** Here is partial list of some up-coming events that may be of interest to our retired faculty and staff:

- League of Women Voters "Great Decisions" Series: weekly every Thursday in February and March starting February 3 from 7:00 -9:00 p.m., Stallings Community Center, free and open to the public, topics TBA
- The Big Read, The Great Gatsby: film at 7:00 p.m. March 4, UWG Ed Center; dinner-dance March 12; special lunch 11:30 a.m. March 16; speaker March 20; check local paper and e-mails for more details, or contact Jan Ruskell at jruskell@westga.edu
- Theatre: Life is a Dream, February 15-19, 7:30 p.m.; February 19-20, 2:30 p.m., TCPA
- Music: Don Giovanni, March 1 and 3, 8:15 p.m., TCPA; UWG Jazz Ensemble, March 18 7:30 p.m., TCPA; Choral Concert, April 19, 8:15 p.m., TCPA
- Theatre: Blithe Spirit, April 12-16, 7:30 p.m.; April 16-17, 2:30 p.m., TCPA

**Information/Announcements to Share:** Want to share news with our 100 plus members, our Listserv is a perfect way to share it. As a member of the Listserv, you can send announcements or share information to other retirees and you will receive announcements posted to it. If you have information to share with the group, in the "To" field on your e-mail, simply type the address: UWG-ARFS@westga.edu.

**Sign-up** for our listserv to receive and share the latest events and announcements! To sign up for our listserv, just e-mail Debbie Novak (dnovak@westga.edu) or Glenn Novak (gnovak@westga.edu) and we will sign you up. Also, remember that if you’ve changed your e-mail address, you have to notify us so we can update you on the ARFS listserv.

**Ideas Welcome:** If you have an idea for some type of activity you would like the ARFS group to sponsor or you would like to head up, e-mail us (dnovak@westga.edu) or come to the next Steering Committee meeting (announced via our Listserv) and let us know. That’s how we got our very successful monthly travel program. Perhaps you would like to do a talk on a book you’ve written or some research you are working on?