Retired Faculty/Staff Reunion Recap: Our annual event was held on July 16, 2011 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. We thank Anne and Fred Richards for providing wine for the event.

The Retiree Class of 2010-2011 included the following folks, many of whom were present: Anne Ball, Jo Burson, Mary Nell Calhoun, Jack Charlesworth, Tim Chowns, Sharon Eggleston, Opal Grizzard, Becky Hart, Tina Hudgins, Evelyn Johnson, Robert Johnson, Lee Jones, Sandra Jones, Lisa Ledbetter, Harrison McCraw, Marcia New, Cathy Osborne, Jeanette Pollard, Michael Renfrow, Randy Robinson, Brent Snow, John Stogner, John Storer, Teresa Traylor, Willie Wynn. Congratulations and welcome to ARFS!

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.

2012 Retiree Reunion: Our annual event to reunite with former friends and colleagues and to honor the current retirees will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012 in the lower level of Z-6 with time TBA. Please mark your calendars and try to attend. We have shifted our event to the Fall this time.

Third Thursday ARFS Travel Programs: Jan Ruskell began a travel program for the ARFS group in 2009. It meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 11 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 include: Jan. 20, Mary Erickson: Elbe River Cruise through Germany (Note: this is on a Friday); Feb. 16, Mary Erickson: Poland; Mar. 15, Margaret Garrett: Hannibal, Missouri and Mark Twain (Big Read).

If you would like to share your travels with the group, please contact Jan Ruskell. She is always looking for new presenters for future programs. Programs are free and open to the public. Reminders are sent via the listserv.

UWG and KSU Retirees to Socialize: Some ARFS members recently met with their counterparts from Kennesaw State University for a lunch meeting in Douglasville. We shared and exchanged ideas regarding what our groups are doing. We are going to be setting up a field trip next year for the two of our groups to meet for lunch and a trip to a local museum. We will pass along the details on the listserver when the details are finalized.

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, email us or come to the next Steering Committee meeting (announced via our Listserv) and let us know. Perhaps you would like to do a talk on a book you’ve written or some research you are working on?

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 p.m. at the locations listed below on the following dates:

- January 20: Lucky Buffet, 800 Bankhead, Carrollton
- February 3: Sam’s Barbecue, 108 Alabama St, Carrollton
- February 17: La Salsa
• March 2: Mellow Mushroom
• March 30: Irish Pub
• April 13: Picnic at the UWG Alumni House
• April 27: Corner Café

The University Club is open to all faculty, staff and retirees of UWG. Family members are also welcome. Reminders will be sent via the listserv. So, please get signed up if you are interested. For more information, contact Susan Fishman-Armstrong at 678-839-6303.

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

- International Night, Feb 2, 7 p.m., Z-6
- UWG Theatre: Broke-ology, Feb 22-26, Dangle Theatre at TCPA
- UWG Music: Opera: Carmen, March 8 and 10, TCPA
- UWG Jazz Ensemble: March 15 at 8:15 p.m., TCPA
- UWG Theatre: Tradin’ Paint, April 11-15, Dangle Theatre at TCPA

**Information/Announcements to Share:** Want to share news with our 160 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 email, 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 email Debbie Novak or Glenn Novak, and we will sign you up. Also, remember that if you’ve changed your email address, you have to notify us so we can update you on the ARFS listserv.

**Retiree Medallions:** The Office of Development and Alumni Relations and the Association of Retired Faculty & 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.