November 2009

Retired Faculty/Staff Reunion Recap: Our annual event was held on July 11, 2009 in the lower level of the Food Services Building. This larger venue seems to be working out well for us, and we had around 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. The Retiree Class of 2008-2009 included the following folks:

Audrey Baird, Peggy Houston, Karen Sifton, Patsy Barr, Margaret M. Kosowski, Bonnie Stevens, Oliver L. Calvert, Tamara Lane, Mark Taylor, Mitchell H. Clifton, Ed Murphy, Mack A. Terry, Lynne Gaskin, Marion A. Odom, Pat Gaston and Gloria Reid.

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.

Next ARFS Steering Committee Meeting: Friday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the Alumni House Dining Room. Please come, get involved!

Congratulations Dr. Lucy Garmon and Audrey Baird on being this year’s faculty and staff recipients of the National Alumni Association’s J. Owen Moore Awards. Their contributions to UWG have been enormous.

University Club Socials: The remaining socials will be 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20 at Irish Bred Pub, and Dec. 11 at Tim and Barbara Chowns’ home.

Monthly ARFS Programs: Jan Ruskell began a travel program for the ARFS group this year. It meets the third Thursday of every month. We have had some very interesting presentations on river boat cruising and travels to places such as Alaska, Egypt, New Zealand and Hungary. Our last program for the year will be Thursday, November 19 at 11:00 a.m. at the Neva Lomason Library in Carrollton. Leland Gustafson will share adventures of cruising around the tip of South America.

Following the program there will be an optional lunch at a local restaurant for more opportunity for visiting and discussion. If you would like to share your travels with the group, contact Jan Ruskell. On December 17 we will have a holiday Pot-Luck at the Novaks’ house. More details regarding the pot luck to follow via e-mail or call us at 770-832-6353.

Food Drive: The Sport Management Society is currently hosting the second annual Wolves Can food drive to support the local food bank. Boxes for non-perishable food items will also be available in the Education Center and The Coliseum. Donations will be accepted through Friday, Nov. 20.

Ideas Welcome: If you have an idea for some type of activity you would like the ARFS group to sponsor, e-mail us or come to the next Steering Committee meeting and let us know. That’s how we got our very successful monthly travel program.

Retiree Medallions: The Office of Development and Alumni Relations and the Association of Retired Faculty and Staff continue to make the retirement medallions available free of charge. It is available to all who did not receive one in person at a former retiree reunion. 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, simply contact Dale Duffey at (678) 839-6582.

Retiree Benefits:
Here are some highlights of the “Benefits” available to retired faculty and staff.
Ingram Library Usage: Retirees may borrow books and other materials from the Library. All that is needed is a valid UWG ID* or a Guest Borrower ID. Apply for the Guest Borrower ID at the Library’s Circulation Desk. Questions? Call 678-839-6502.

UWG Bookstore Discount: Retirees may obtain a 20% discount on any of their in-store purchases by showing their Faculty/Staff Retiree ID card to the cashier at the checkout.

Current Faculty and Staff Directory: You should have received a copy of the 2009/2010 Faculty and Staff Directory. Every retiree may receive one as a convenience to help you reach various offices or personnel on campus. All retirees who give their permission are listed in a special section of the directory. Contact Sally Roberts if you need a directory, and contact Glenn Novak to give your permission for inclusion.

UWG Parking Services: Retirees may obtain a courtesy "V" parking hanger tag allowing him/her to park in any student or faculty parking area (white and green curbs) on campus and obtain a UWG Gate Card. Contact UWG Parking Services.

UWG Campus Center Membership: The Center offers an indoor track, cardiovascular machines and weights in the fitness center, aerobics rooms, basketball courts and a climbing wall. All retirees are eligible to join. Memberships may be purchased at the Campus Center Administration Office or contact Linda Picklesimer at 678-839-5500.

UWG Theatre Company productions: Retirees are eligible to get 2-for-1 theatre tickets to the plays on campus produced by the UWG Theatre Company. Buy one ticket and get the second for free. Just present your UWG ID card and ask at the ticket office in the TCPA for this great deal, and enjoy.

*NOTE: ID cards can be made at the Student Center.

Information/Announcements to Share: If you have any news to share with our members, our Listserv is a perfect way to share it. As a member of the Listserv, you can both send and receive announcements posted to it. In the "To" field the address to type is simply 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 or Glenn Novak and we will sign you up.