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The Rejuvenator - October 2008

Retired Faculty/Staff Reunion Recap: Our annual event was held on July 12, 2008, in the lower level of the Food Services Building. With a larger venue this year than last, and also some dryer weather, 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 was 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 Bernice Wong.

The Retiree Class of 2007-08 included the following folks: Dr. James Agan; Helen Brouillet; Barbara Chowns; Ray Gibson; Anita Hayes; Dr. David Hovey; Dr. Marc LaFountain; Mary O’Neill; Dr. Ann Phillips; Patricia Reinhard; Jan Ruskell; Ann Shirey; Dianne Smith; Dr. Barbara McKenzie; Dr. John vonEschenbach.

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 we can have a lasting memento of our annual reunion. Thanks also go to Dale Duffey and Dotti Green of Alumni and Development, and to Andy Leavitt for his continued support of our group.

Retiree Medallions: The Office of Development and Alumni Relations and the Association of Retired Faculty and Staff continue to make the retirement medallions available. This effort is an attempt to make available, free of charge, the special medallions to all faculty and staff who have ever retired from UWG. The medallion is bronze with the university logo on the obverse and the engraving on the reverse. It hangs from a ribbon. The engraving shows your name, department and years of service. If you would like one as a memento of all your years of service to UWG, contact Dale Duffey at 678-839-6582 or dduffey@westga.edu.

Congratulations Dr. Tim Carrere on being the recipient of the National Alumni Association's J. Owen Moore Faculty Award. Come to the Alumni Awards Presentation Dinner on Friday, Oct. 17, to see Tom get this honor. Contact Dale Duffey at Development and Alumni Relations (678-839-6582) for details.

Campus Activities:

- **Play:** Twelfth Night, October 1-4, 7:30 p.m.; October 5, 2:30 p.m. TCPA
- **Music:** An Evening of Musical Theatre, October 23, 8:15 p.m., Cashen Hall

A DAY Campaign and Activities: This year marks the 26th anniversary of A DAY for West Georgia. The theme this year is "Fulfilling the Vision." You will soon receive a letter and pledge card for this year's fundraising event. Please consider a donation to help the students at West Georgia. Contact the Alumni House at 678-839-6582 or alumni@westga.edu for more details on all of the following events.*

- A DAY Run, October 2
- Music/Faculty Concert, October 13, TCPA, 8:15 p.m. (Reception at 7:30 p.m.)
- A DAY Victory Celebration, October 16, 6:00 p.m.

* Please note the Jim Gill Roast for Student Scholarships has been cancelled.

Homecoming Activities: Homecoming this year is October 18, 2008. This year's theme is "West Georgia Nights Under Hollywood
Lights." Contact the Alumni House at 678-839-6582 or alumni@westga.edu for details on all of the activities, breakfast, parade, football game and reunion.

**Friday Happy Hours:** The Friday afternoon Happy Hours, sponsored by the University Club, continue this fall and run from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Join former and current faculty and staff members for refreshments and socializing at the following locations on the dates listed.

- September 26 - The Border
- October 10 - Alumni House
- October 24 - Mia Bella’s
- November 7 - Alumni House
- November 21 - Little Hawaiian
- December 5 - Alumni House

**Trips:** We hope to identify some person or persons among our ranks who will take a leadership role in helping our group plan some trips to places such as the High Museum, Georgia Aquarium, etc. We might negotiate group discounts and take a university bus to keep costs low and make the trips more convenient. If you are interested in taking charge of this, please e-mail Glenn Novak at gnovak@westga.edu. Let’s get the bus rolling.

Also, if you are looking for a vacation tour for next Spring, check out retired business professor Leland Gustafson’s website. He and his wife currently have a South American tour planned.

**Retiree Benefits:** Here are highlights of some of the “Benefits” available to retired faculty and staff:

- **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. ID cards can be made at the Student Center.
- **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.
- **Current Faculty and Staff Directory:** You should have received a copy of the current academic year’s Faculty and Staff Directory which was mailed out in the fall to every retiree as a convenience to reach various offices or personnel on campus. A new feature to this year’s directory is a listing of Retirees to make communication with each other easier. Contact Sally Roberts if you need one.
- **UWG Parking Services:** Retirees may obtain a courtesy "G" 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.
- **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, 678-839-6502.

**Please sign up for the ARFS Listserve by e-mailing Glenn Novak at gnovak@westga.edu.**