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The Rejuvenator - September 2007

Retired Faculty and Staff Reunion Recap: Our annual event was held on July 14, 2007 in the recently renovated Martha Munro Building. Despite a torrential downpour just as the party was set to get underway, we had about 80 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 Joel Aubel and his band. The Retiree Class of 2006-2007 include: Oizzie Binion, Ray Crook, Bill and Peggy Gauthier, Dot Geter, Betsy Griffies, Leland Gustafson, Myron House, Cecilia Lee, Winston Pickett, Harold Phillips, Robert Snyder and Rob Tomow. Welcome!

ARFS Website: We hope you are enjoying our Website, chocked full of items of interest for you. It is designed to keep retired faculty and staff up-to-date on events, activities and perks that are available to UWG retirees. Feel free to give us any feedback or suggestions.

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 locales 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 trip more convenient. If you are interested in taking charge of this, please e-mail Glenn Novak. Let’s get the bus rolling!

Retiree Medallions: The Office of Development and Alumni Relations and the Association of Retired Faculty and Staff continue to make the retirement medallions available. As it turns out, it is not too late to place your order if you have not yet done so. This effort is an attempt to make available, free of charge, the special medallions to all faculty and staff who have retired from UWG. The medallion hangs from a ribbon and is bronze with the university logo on the obverse and the engraving on the reverse. The engraving shows your name, department and years of service. It will be available to all who didn't receive one of these at our earlier receptions (or didn't receive one in the mail). If you didn't order or receive one of these medallion, and you would like one as a memento of all your years of service to UWG, we have a procedure in place. Simply contact Dale Duffey at 678-839-6582 or via e-mail, and give her your name as you would like it to appear engraved on the reverse side of the medallion, your former department or division, and your years of service. She will take it from there and will place a subsequent order and mail it to you.

Alumni and Retiree Travel Opportunities: The university of West Georgia National Alumni Association in partnership with Gustafson Travel is planning tours to New Zealand/Australia and Egypt in 2008. For detailed information, contact Gustafson Travel.

Volunteers Needed for GPB/Georgia Public Broadcasting Pledge Drive: Plans to help GPB with a Fall pledge drive are in the early stages of development. If you think you might be interested in participating by staffing the GPB telephones for part of one day, contact Anne Richards at 770-834-8143 or via e-mail. Transportation, lunch and a fun time will be provided to volunteers. Volunteers will get on-site training.

Listserv: Sign up for our listserv to receive and share the latest events and announcements. To sign up, just follow the procedure listed below:

“Go to the following Website called "Join or leave a List"
http://www.westga.edu/warchives/subunsub2.html
*Complete only the first 3 fields (boxes)
In the first box labeled "List to Join or Leave," type in UWG-ARFS
In the second box, type in your complete e-mail address.
In the third box, type in your first and last names.
*Leave the defaults on the rest of the page as is unless you want to change it. *Click on "Join the list." You’ll get a message stating "A confirmation request is being sent under separate cover."
Then wait for your e-mail confirmation and follow the instructions provided.

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

- September 21 - Annual Fall Picnic at Alumni House
- October 5 - Stryker's
- October 19 - Alumni House
- November 2 - Rome Street Tavern and Grill
- November 16 - Alumni House
- November 30 - Corner Café
- December 14 - Holiday Party at Tim & Barbara Chowns' home

**Retiree Benefits:** For those of you who don't have Internet access available at home, we thought we'd highlight some 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. Call 678-839-6502 if you have any questions.

*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 Memberships:* The center offers an indoor track, cardiovascular machines and weights in the fitness center, aerobic 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. Current Faculty and Staff Directory: A copy of the current academic year's faculty and staff directory will be mailed each Fall to every retiree as a convenience to reach various offices or personnel on campus. Retirees who grant permission will also be listed in a special section of each year's directory.

*UWG Parking Services:* Retirees may obtain a courtesy "G" parking hanger tag allowing him or 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.

**Upcoming Events:**

*Homecoming Activities:* Homecoming this year is Sept. 29. Contact the Alumni House at 678-839-6582 or via e-mail for details on all of the activities: breakfast, parade, golf, football, reunions, etc. This year's theme is "West Georgia on My Mind."

*A DAY Campaign and Activities:* This year marks the 25th anniversary of A DAY for West Georgia. You will soon receive your solicitation letter and pledge card for this year's fundraising event, which runs through Sept. 30. Contact the Alumni House at 678-839-6582 or via e-mail for more details on all the following events:

- Faculty/Staff A DAY Cookout, Sept. 14, front campus lawn
- A DAY Run, Oct. 4
- Music Faculty Concert, Oct. 15, TCPA, 8:15, Reception 7:30
- A DAY Victory Celebration, Oct. 18, 6:30

*Play: Taming of the Shrew,* Oct. 3-6, 7:30; Oct. 18, 6:30

*Arboretum Plant Sale:* Oct. 20, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Greenhouse