

UT Health Science Center - RETIREES ASSOCIATION

# POSTSCRIPTS

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September, 2014

## General Membership Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, **September 18, 2014**

**TIME:** 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**WHERE:** Room **305**, Student Alumni Center

**LUNCH:** Reservations Only: Call **Ida Mosby** (901) 315-0549, email [idamosby@yahoo.com](mailto:idamosby@yahoo.com)) to **make reservations on or before Thursday, September 11.**

Family members and guests are welcome.

**COST:** \$9 (First time attendees receive free meal.)

**PARKING:** Free parking in the garage next to SAC. UTHSC ID required to enter garage.

**PROGRAM:** Ms. Maria Sun, RD, MS, Assistant Professor Southwest Community College Allied Health/ Dietetics

### DO YOU HAVE NEWS?

Please send any items of interest for Postscripts to

**Andrea Crisler**, Editor. E Mail to [acrisler@uthsc.edu](mailto:acrisler@uthsc.edu) or mail to **P O Box 254, West Memphis, AR**

## ID BADGES REQUIRED !!

Retirees must have UT ID Badges to enter the SAC and the Parking Garage. Badges are free and maybe procured at the UT Campus Police Office

## From the President

I am excited to share some good news! The Retirees Association of UTHSC will soon have an office in the Student Alumni Center (SAC) building located at 800 Madison Avenue. Speaking for our association, I am appreciative to Executive Vice Chancellor & Chief Operations Officer Ken Brown and Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Chandra Alston for providing this much needed resource. In addition to using the office space to conduct business and maintain records for the association, we are developing plans to staff the office with volunteers on a limited schedule each week to be available for consultation with UTHSC faculty and staff members who are contemplating retirement. Additional information about the office will be coming soon.

I want to thank Sherrill Wolf, Ida Mosby, Barbara McAdams and Kathleen Stewart for their faithful service to our association. Sherrill's term as Chairman of the Board ends this year. He had previously served as Vice President and President before assuming the chair position. Ida has served as our Secretary for the past three years and Barbara and Kathleen are completing three year terms as board members.

The UTHSC Office of Human Resources is now providing additional administrative support to our association. Debbie Jackson has been assigned as our liaison. We also continue to have staff support from Liz Roemer in the Office of Student Life. Thanks, Debbie and Liz.

Thank you for letting me serve as President this year. I appreciate the encouragement and support I have received from our members and officers. I will be serving as Chairman of the Board next year.

I hope to see you at our luncheon meeting on Thursday, September 18. In addition to our program, we will be electing officers for the new year. Information about lunch reservations are contained in this newsletter. Spouses and guests are also welcome.

Remember, lunch is free for retirees that are first-time attendees (please make a reservation).

Steve Rowland  
President

**Geraldine Harris** Conference Specialist,  
Educational Development  
**James Davis** Senior Maintenance, Mechanical  
Services  
**Frances Anne Cole** Sr. Acct. Clerk, Molecular  
Science  
**Elizabeth Bowman** Professor, Health Informatics  
**Cheryl Stegbauer** Professor, Nursing  
**Rosemary Batorski** Assoc. Professor,  
Occupational Therapy  
**Martha Freeman** Research Nurse Coordinator.  
Rheumatology  
**Erma Brown** Custodial Foreman, Facilities  
**Kenneth Sakayue** Professor and Chair. Psychiatry  
**Virginia Betts** Professor. Adv. Prac. & Doc. Studies  
**Nancy Lee Turner** Admintrative Aide, College of  
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**Geraldine Moore** Lab Aide III, College of Dentistry  
**Lue Ida Upchurch** Police Chief, Campus Police  
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**Neva Strickland** Payroll Assistant, Payroll  
**Leslie Gray** Sr. General Maintenance Worker,  
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**James R. Brown** Professor, Pharmacy  
**Joe Bragg** HVAC Superintendent, Physical Plant  
**Leyra Purnell** Counselor, Student Affairs  
**Ruth Mulvany** Professor, Physical Therapy  
**Gail Spake** Technical Writer, Nursing  
**Shila Cholera** Sr. Research Asst., Medicine  
**Mary Murphy** Research Nurse Director, Medicine

### *In Memoriam*

**George A. Coors., M.D.** May 21, 2014  
Surgery, Former Methodist Hospital Chief of Staff  
**Max Foner, M.D.** June 14, 2014 Family Medicine

#### **REMINDERS:**

- \* UT Retirees may use the UT Recreation and Fitness Center free of charge. For hours of operation and other information, call 448-5612.
- \* ID Badges are required to enter the SAC and the UT Parking Garage. Retirees may obtain badges at no charge at the UT Campus Police Office . See Sgt. Avis before any Thursday luncheon meeting to have your free ID Badge made.
- \* Visit the UT Retirees webpage for current notices and for past issues of PostScripts. Go to:  
<http://www.uthsc.edu/retirees>

## **2014 Board Meeting And Luncheon Schedule**

### **Mark your calendars**

November 13, 2014 Board Meeting  
**December TBA** (to coincide with  
Chancellor's Holiday Party)

### **Maria Sun, RD, MS, Assistant Professor Southwest Community College Is Featured Speaker at September Retirees Luncheon**

Maria Sun received her BS in Food Science at Clemson University in South Carolina and her MS from the University of Memphis.

Her professional affiliations include Memphis Area Nutrition Council, Memphis Academy of Nutrition Dietetics, TN Academy of Nutrition Dietetics and the Academy of Nutrition Dietetics.

Area(s) of Specialty are Nutrition and Wellness, Geriatric Nutrition and Intellectual Disability Nutrition.

Ms. Sun is an Assistant Professor, Southwest Community College Allied Health/Dietetics; Adjunct Faculty, Allied Health, Baptist College Health Science and a Consultant-Therapist for D and S Community Services.

Ms. Sun was one of four dietitians who worked with the UT Look AHEAD study, a NIH-funded multi-center research study with 20 sites across the U.S.

Maria's parents were both physicians and she always loved science, biology and medical care. She loves working with people and treating them with respect and dignity; encouraging, equipping and educating them with knowledge and tools so that they may use them to improve their health and bringing hope and improved health to those in need.

Ms. Sun has been married to Heywood for 25 years and they have two sons. Her interests include: healthy international cooking, traveling, family and music.

Maria's favorite quote: "To get through the hardest journey we need take only one step at a time. But we must keep on stepping..." Chinese Proverb

## Highlights from June Retirees Luncheon

County Commissioner Melvin Burgess spoke of the many challenges and changes facing the Shelby County Schools.

These include:

- Inventory- some of the equipment, which can date back 40 years is difficult to find and account for it so one has to move on and there is now a plan in place for proper accountability for the taxpayers' money.
- The Merger of City and County Schools
- Budget has been approved-\$1,500,000. Shelby County Schools are the second largest employer in this county (FedEx being #1).
- Employee Benefits-People are living longer and working longer, but Mr. Burgess tries not to make recommendations to get rid of people, does not believe in messing with people's pensions and does not believe in outsourcing-Keep the jobs here.
- Getting the best teachers available, but the child is faced with hurdles at home
- Shelby County Budget - More money is put into the correctional system than into the school system
- Education is most important, and all children should have equal opportunity
- As leaders, we have to help get the children living in the inner city beyond its borders – Shelby Farms has worked with Mr. Burgess to get them out there to visit
- One of the questions asked when a new business considers moving here, “what about the work force?” Many are not trained to be able to do what is needed.
- Poverty is the major factor in the problem for all of the children getting an education. Some children want to go to school, but do not clothes, so they steal to get the money to buy them. Churches and outreach programs try to assist, but it will take the whole community to become involved to see results.
- Trying to revitalize the districts, to improve the schools, so we can have good schools all over the county.
- Everyone can help, even if it is only one child. Engage them, read to them, listen to them, care about them.
- The need to deal with the poverty rate and thus education are paramount so that this county may prosper.

### Entrance to SAC Building Information

As of this writing: Due to demolition, the front entrance of the SAC has been fenced off. Entrance from the west side behind the kitchen area is open, or if you want a little more exercise, you can enter behind the SAC using the stairs between it and the pool area.

### *Employee Appreciation Day!*

The **DATE** for UTHSC Employee Appreciation Day has been changed to **THURSDAY, September 11, 2014**. Remember to bring your UT ID retiree badge to check-in. The theme of the event is “Happy”. Come enjoy the food, fun, games and entertainment.

