

UT Health Science Center - RETIREES ASSOCIATION

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September, 2015

## General Membership Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 17, 2015

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

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

**LUNCH:** Reservations Only: Call **Andrea Crisler** (870) 732-4811, email [acrisler@uthsc.edu](mailto:acrisler@uthsc.edu) to **make reservations on or before Monday, September 14.** 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:** TBA

### DO YOU HAVE NEWS?

Please send any items of interest for Postscripts to

**Andrea Crisler**, Editor. Email to [acrisler@uthsc.edu](mailto:acrisler@uthsc.edu) or mail to

**P O Box 254, West Memphis, AR 72303**

## From the President

During my tenure as President of the Retirees Association, I have learned a successful leader is one who can spur his team members to work well together toward a common vision and goals. Your Retirees Association has accomplished a number of important initiatives during this year. The new Retirees Association Office in the Student Alumni Center, an informative and well-constructed retirees brochure, just to name a few of our accomplishments; however, we do not want to rest on our laurels when there is still much work yet to be done.

So fellow members, I am, again, calling upon each of you to service to your association. We need your ideas, comments and input so that we can become more effective and a stronger organization. Henry Ford quoted "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." Great accomplishments and ideas are generated by ordinary people like you and me.

As many of you know, I have spent the better portion of my life involved in sports, team sports. I feel each member of the UT Retirees Association is my teammate and I am honored to be a part of this team. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at our next general body meeting.

Bobby Thomas  
President



## ID BADGES REQUIRED !!

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

## RECENT RETIREES

### CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!!

**Vanessa Herring** Res. Specialist, Clin. Pharmacy  
**Sturla Canale** Dept. Chair, Dept. of Orthopedic  
**Angela Augustus** Fellowship Coordinator,  
Graduate Medical Education  
**Mary Peterson** Staff Res. Nurse, Endocrinology  
**Francis Hammond Cole** Professor, Surgery  
**Cheryl Scheid** Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs  
**Dinah Payne** Coordinator, Finance & Operations  
**Everett Hurd** Audit Manager,  
**Andrea Elberger** Professor, Anatomy &  
Neurobiology  
**James Lacey Smith** Professor, Medicine  
**Barbara Blakely** Supervisor, LACU  
**Dorothy Ammons** Medical Technologist,  
Medicine  
**Lisa Jennings** Professor, Internal Medicine  
**Carl Briscoe** Research Tech., ALCU  
**Thomas Elmore** Professor, OB GYN  
**John Charles Ford** Professor, Restorative  
Dentistry  
**Anne Estes** Research Specialist, Pharmacology  
**Donna Heath** Fellowship Coordinator, Graduate  
Medical Education  
**Irma Jordan** Associate Professor, Nursing  
**Bobbie Grandberry** Accounting Specialist,  
Anesthesiology  
**Edward Lazarus** Associate Professor, OB GYN  
**Mary Perkins** Sr. Custodian, Facilities  
**Joseph Cofer** Professor, Chattanooga COM  
**Benjamin Payne** Sgt., Campus Police

#### 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>

## *In Memoriam*

**Dr. Robert E. Taylor** June 25, 2015

Professor Emeritus and former UTHSC Professor of Physiology and Biophysics and Vice Chancellor. Dr. Taylor was instrumental in writing the Health Careers grant proposal that helped disadvantaged students to pursue a career in the medical field.

**Laverne Tolley Gurley, Ph.D.** July 11, 2015

Dr. Gurley was employed by the University immediately following her graduation from UT Roentgen Ray Technology (which later became Radiologic Technology) where she remained on faculty staff for 30 years. Among her many achievements was research on developing a technique for reducing the radiation dose in Mammography which resulted in a collaboration that was marketed under the trade name "Low Dose Mammography. Dr. Gurley worked with scientists at NASA on computer assisted radiographic analysis. Throughout her career she was active in state, regional and national professional organizations and was recognized and honored numerous times.

**Charles M. Mansbach II, M.D.** August 19, 2015

In 1986, Dr. Mansbach became Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Professor of Medicine and Physiology.

**Louis G. Britt, M.D.** August 22, 2015

Professor and Chair of Surgery. Dr. Britt performed the first kidney transplant in Memphis in 1970; founder of Mid-South Transplant Foundation, Inc.

## 2015 Board Meeting And Luncheon Schedule

### Mark your calendars

**September 17, 2015** Luncheon Meeting  
**November 19, 2015** Board Meeting  
**December TBA** (to coincide with  
Chancellor's Holiday Party)

## Highlights from June Retirees Luncheon

Ken Brown was unable to attend the luncheon, so Jim Stockdale graciously agreed to be our “program” for the day.

Jim came to UT in the mid-1950’s as director of student welfare. In 1955 he volunteered as the coach for the UT Nurses women’s basketball team who competed against nurses from local hospitals in a league run by the city’s parks commission. To complement a schedule that included a dozen games each season, Stockdale started a tournament — the Cotton States Nurses Invitational. It drew competition from as far as Georgia and Kansas. Under Stockdale, the UT Nurses won seven tournament championships and 12 Nurses League titles in 26 years. His teams won 68 percent of their games. Three teams finished with undefeated records. By 1981, when Stockdale retired from coaching, the golden age of nursing school basketball was gone, a victim of changing times.

The **Jim Stockdale** Scholarship, established in 2011, provides support for students demonstrating academic scholastic ability and financial need, with preference given to the previous year’s recipient. This endowment, started by players and friends, honors 36 years of volunteer service by Coach Stockdale.

Jim regaled those attending with some memorable events during his time with UTHSC. Many buildings that were built during his time here are now being demolished and new ones being erected.

At one of the graduations being held in the North Hall of Ellis Auditorium, a wrestling match was being held on the other side. One of the “participants” wandered onto the stage. The participant being a bear. Andy Holt put a cap on him, extended a diploma and the bear was ushered offstage.

Another time someone was suffering a heart attack at the graduation and the question was asked “Is there a doctor in the house?”

In the late 50’s, UT students stopped rush hour traffic on Union Avenue. At that time the ‘staged lights’ made it difficult to cross Union. The incident was a *Commercial Appeal* story and eventually the city engineer provided Pedestrian Lights.

Dr. Holt was known for never being late, so there was some concern when he did not arrive as usual for a banquet. His excuse when he arrived, “President Carter had called.”

These were just some of the remembrances Jim disclosed.

Thank you for stepping in at the last minute and giving us a delightful program

### Executive Board Member Election

Reminder that the September Luncheon is the meeting for election of members for the Retirees Association Board. If you are interested in serving or know of someone you would like to nominate, please email Steve Rowland, Chairman of the Board, at [steve\\_rowland@bellsouth.net](mailto:steve_rowland@bellsouth.net).

### *Retirees Office Now Open*

The NEW Retirees Office in the SAC, Room 312 B, will be open 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday’s of the month (unless UTHSC is closed), 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The phone number is (901) 448-5069. We want to be available to retirees and those considering retiring to answer questions, relate pros/cons from our experiences or to refer people to the person knowledgeable to answer your questions.

If you know someone with questions about retiring from UT, please refer them to this new service.

If you would like to volunteer to help “staff” the office, please contact Steve Rowland, Bobby Thomas or Andrea Crisler.

*Additional thanks to everyone who has responded to this appeal.*

We are updating the UTHSC Retirees Association member information. If you have not filled out the form, please do so and bring it with you to the next Luncheon or mail it to

Andrea Crisler  
PO Box 254  
West Memphis, AR 72303

Thank you for assisting us with this effort.

UTHSC RETIREES ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Add'l Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you are a paid Lifetime member