

RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

# POSTSCRIPTS

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September, 2016

## General Membership Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 15, 2016

**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 12.** 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.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
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**

### 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.

*It is with our deepest regrets that the UTHSC Retirees' Association Board announces the death of the 2015-2016 President, Earl Terrell, Sr. Mr. Terrell passed away on August 18, 2016. The Board extends our sincerest sympathy to his wife and family.*



### LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

As we stated in the last newsletter, "This year has been a year of growth, change and transition. The Executive Board is pivoting to better address the needs of an ever changing constituency". Toward this end we are proposing some changes to the Constitution of THE RETIREES ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER. Please find a copy of the proposed document included with this newsletter. Proposed deletions have a ~~strike through~~, new wording is underlined and a new position, University Liaison, is proposed (Article IV. Officers, Section 6). This will change Vacancy of Office to Section 7.

Please read these changes before the General Luncheon Meeting on September 15, 2016. Ballots will be available at the meeting for you to approve these changes. The ballots will be collected at the luncheon and counted so that you will be apprised of the vote at that time.

Thank you for your support and all that you do.

## RECENT RETIREES

### CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!!

**Janet Todd** Program Director, CDD

**Robert Macklin** Carpenter Shop Supervisor,  
Facilities

**Joann Irby Sr.** Library Associate II, Library

**Brenda Thornton Sr.** Admin. Service Asst.,  
Pharmaceutical Sciences

**David Eppes Sr.** IT Tech II, IT

**Carolyn Woods** Assistant Professor, Family  
Medicine

**James Melton** HVAC Engineer, Facilities

**Marilyn Ward** Admin. Specialist, Family  
Medicine

**Frankie Stentz** Professor, Medicine

**Kenneth Broughton** Superintendent, Facilities

**Thomas Singarella** Professor, Library

**Paul Herron** Professor, Anatomy & Neurobiology

**Rajendra Rai** Assistant Professor, MIB

**Dominic Desiderio** Professor, Neurology

**Janet Harrison** Professor & Chair, Restorative  
Dentistry

**Gloria Harris Sr.** Library Asst., Library

**Stephen Foster** Professor, Library

**Carol Sue Farmer Sr.** Admin. Srv. Asst., MIB

**Bernice Richardson** Library Assistant, Library

**Myra McGarrity-Randolph** Patient Care  
Specialist, College of Dentistry

**Devonia Cage Sr.** Business Manager, MIB

**Gina Brown** Acct. Specialist, Family Practice,  
Jackson

**Raymond Whitlow** Police Officer, Campus Police

**Deborah Nelson** Professor, Pediatrics

**Judy Brooks** Supervisor, CDD

**Darnita Brassel** Coordinator, Dentistry-Cont.  
Education

### *In Memoriam*

**Patti Lauren Johnson, BS** July 16, 2015.

While attaining her BS in Biology at the University of Wisconsin she studied English composition with National Book Award winner and playwright Dr. Herbert Kubly. She came to UT in 1976 where she worked in medical research in the labs of Lester Van Middlesworth and Syamal Bhattacharya. She played a key role as grant-writer and co-author on numerous medical research papers with Professor Bhattacharya. She participated in several church sponsored short term mission trips to Hungary and Belize. Ms. Johnson was a private pilot, a published writer of fiction and a gifted artist.

**Harry I. Schaffer M.D.** June 3, 2016. Pediatric anesthesiologist at Le Bonheur and later at St. Francis Hospital.

**Edgar Ray Franklin, M.D.** July 1, 2016. Dr. Franklin was a pioneer in the transnasal approach to pituitary surgery. He was twice President of the ENT Society and served as Chairman of Surgery and Executive hospitals committees. He was the longest tenured board member of the Memphis Shelby County Medical Society. Active in the Civil Patrol, he had been a pilot since age 16 and flew over 8,000 miles. He was a Major and Commander of the Army National Guard Medical Unit based in Memphis.

**David Lee Myers, Jr., DDS** July 6, 2016. Dr. Myers was a 1979 graduate of UT Dental College; he started the MidSouth Dental Center and raised the business as co-owner.

**Norman James Shuman, D.D.S., M.P.H.** July 7, 2016. He earned the Doctorate of Dental Surgery at Temple University and also a specialty in oral pediatrics. He earned the Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Shuman was a Professor of Public Health at UTHSC; he founded a dental clinic to provide care for impoverished children. He was also a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserve, honorably discharged in 1988.

**Thomas Marion Jackson, M.D.** July 17, 2016. Served as a General Medical Officer at the base hospital at Roswell Army Airfield; completed residencies in pathology and also in Ear, Nose and Throat and Neck Surgery. He was a member of the Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy Society; served as clinical instructor at the UT Hospital (Bowld); retired after 50 years of practice. He enjoyed his weekly lunches with the ROSES (Retired Old Surgeons Eating Society).

**Abbas E. Kitabchi, M.D.** July 18, 2016. Dr. Kitabchi served as Associate Chief of Staff for Research and Education at the VA Hospital, and later as Director of Endocrinology, Diabetes, & Metabolism at UTHSC. He was also Director of the Clinical Research Center at UTHSC and tenured Professor of Medicine and Molecular Sciences. His research, medical practice, and teaching spanned over 45 years. He was principal investigator or co-principal investigator

for four multi-center National Institutes of Health sponsored studies, and was principal investigator for numerous medical grants. He authored over 300 articles, book chapters, and journal reviews. His pioneering work on diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) and its therapy using low dose insulin provided guidelines for the ADA and the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists. This treatment approached developed by Dr. Kitabchi has become the standard therapy for DKA and has been adopted by physicians worldwide. Before 1980, the mortality rate for this condition in the U.S. was in excess of 15%. With Dr. Kitabchi's protocol, the mortality rate fell to 1 %.

**Barrett G. Haik, M.D.** July 22, 2016. Dr. Haik, an ophthalmologist, helped launch and lead the Hamilton Eye Institute. Dr. Haik specialized in cancers of the eye; he helped improve survival rates of retinoblastoma. According to Dr. Ralph Hamilton: "Twenty years ago or thereabouts, 90% of children that had retinoblastoma died, and now 90% of them live. That really is his (Dr. Haik's) legacy, I'd say."

**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>
- \* An office has been established on-campus for the Association in the SAC building for assistance to those considering retirement or more information about the Retirees Association.

**Retirees Association  
Membership dues  
Annually - \$5.00  
Lifetime membership - \$50.00**

**2016 Board Meeting  
And  
Luncheon Schedule  
Mark your calendars**

**September 15, 2016** Luncheon Meeting  
November 17, 2016 Board Meeting  
**December TBA** (to coincide with  
Chancellor's Holiday Party)

**UTHSC RETIREES ASSOCIATION  
OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS  
2015 - 2016**

*Past President and  
Chairman of the Board* Bobby Thomas  
*President* Earl Terrell  
*Vice President* Pam Vaughn  
*Secretary* Andrea Crisler (2016)  
*Treasurer* Marsha Ewart (2016)  
*HR Support* Debbie Jackson (ex officio)  
*Administrative Support* Liz Roemer (ex officio)

**AT LARGE BOARD MEMBERS**

*Terms expire in 2016*  
Roni Engle  
John Crisler

*Terms expire in 2018*  
Lue Ida Walls-Upchurch  
Larry Qualls  
Vic Crutchfield  
Barbara Culbreath

*Newsletter Editor*  
Andrea Crisler (appointed)

**A reminder that the election of officers  
and board members of the  
UTHSC Retirees' Association  
will be held at the Luncheon Meeting  
on Thursday, September 15, 2016.**

**Highlights from June Retirees' Luncheon Guest Speaker: Genie Ashworth, Master Gardener**



MASTER GARDENER  
**UT**EXTENSION  
INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

The Master Gardener Program is offered by the University of Tennessee Extension. The purpose of the Extension Master Gardener program is to train citizens as horticultural-educated volunteers of the University of Tennessee Extension and the Tennessee State Cooperative Extension Program.

Volunteers work in partnership with their counties to expand the educational outreach by providing home gardeners with research-based information.

These volunteers, known as Extension Master Gardeners, support the Extension Service by:

- running plant clinics
- answering phone requests for horticultural information
- establishing and maintaining demonstration gardens
- working with the handicapped, youth, the elderly and other special groups in the community
- designing and implementing community involvement projects
- coordinating local Master Gardener training programs

Classes are held once a year beginning in January. Applications must be completed by July 31. More information to follow in the March, 2017 Issue of *Postscripts*.

***Again, thanks to everyone who has responded to this appeal.***

We are updating the UTHSC Retirees Association member information. Many of you have responded to this request and it is much appreciated. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

## CONSTITUTION

### THE RETIREES ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

#### ARTICLE I. Name

The name of the organization is The Retirees Association of The University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC). Hereinafter called the Association.

#### ARTICLE II. Purpose

The purpose of the Association is to provide means for UTHSC retirees to: maintain fellowship, advance mutual interests, and support and remain an integral part of UTHSC.

#### ARTICLE III. Membership

**Section 1.** All faculty (including volunteer faculty) and all staff members who have retired from UTHSC are eligible for membership.

**Section 2.** Affiliate membership is available to spouses/companions of retirees.

**Section 3.** Honorary membership may be bestowed upon selected individuals by a majority vote of the membership.

#### ARTICLE IV. Officers

##### Section 1. President

The President shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association.

The President shall preside at membership meetings; shall be a non-voting ex officio member of all committees; shall serve as ~~the primary~~ a liaison between the Association and the UTHSC administration and the university office providing staff support for the Association; shall assure that the Constitution is reviewed at least every two years and revised as appropriate: shall assure that new retirees are invited to join the Association and assure that a database of retirees is maintained. The President's term of office shall be one year. Reelection as Vice President/President Elect is permitted ~~only after a three year period has elapsed~~ after serving one year as Chairman.

##### Section 2. Vice President/President Elect

The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President. Such disability shall be decided by the Executive Committee. He/She shall serve as the program chairperson and shall arrange for all meeting programs. His/Her term of office is one year. He/She will become President the following year.

## **ARTICLE IV. Officers (continued)**

### **Section 3. Secretary**

The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of the meetings of the Association and the Executive Board; for keeping records of the Association's history, including minutes, treasurer's reports, meeting attendance, and newsletters; for sending out notices for Executive Board meetings; and for making physical arrangements for the regular quarterly meetings. His/her term of office shall be two years with ~~only two consecutive~~ additional terms permitted.

### **Section 4. Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall supervise all receipts and expenditures, be in charge of financial arrangements at all meetings and events, maintain bank account(s) and certificates of deposit for the Association, submit a written annual report, provide financial record updates to the Executive Board, and provide the Secretary with Treasurer's reports. His/her term of office shall be two years with ~~only two consecutive~~ additional terms permitted.

### **Section 5. Chairman of the Board**

The Chairman of the Board shall be the immediate past President.

### **Section 6. University Liaison**

A University Liaison can be appointed by the Executive Committee when the need arises. With increased support of the Retiree's Association by UTHSC, this role will be necessary from time to time. In order to qualify for this position, the candidate must have previous experience as an officer of the Retiree's Association Executive Board. The University Liaison will have voting privileges.

### **Section 6 7. Vacancy of Office**

In the event that a vacancy occurs in the offices of the President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, prior to completion of their full term, the Chairman of the Board, with approval of the Executive Board, may appoint another member to serve the unexpired term. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Chairman of the Board prior to completion of his/her full term, then the President shall assume those duties as well as his/her own for the balance of the term.

## **ARTICLE V. Committees**

### **Section 1. Executive Board (A Standing Committee)**

The Executive Board shall consist of the four elected officers, the immediate past president, chairs of all appointed committees, a minimum of six at-large members, and the UTHSC administrative support person. The Executive Board conducts the business of the Association between its quarterly meetings, and determines the locations and dates for quarterly meetings and for Executive Board meetings. All members have voting privileges, ~~but including~~ including the Chairman of the Board ~~may only vote to break a tie vote.~~

### **Section 2. Ad-hoc Committees**

The President, with approval of the Executive Board, may appoint such Ad-hoc committees as, in his/her judgment, the interests of the Association may require. He/She shall prescribe the duties of such committees

## **ARTICLE VI. Meetings**

Quarterly Association meetings shall be held in the months of March, June, September and December. Persons eligible for membership may attend one meeting only without paying annual dues. However, if a retiree joins after the June meeting, no dues will be assessed for the remainder of that partial year.

## **ARTICLE VII. Dues**

Annual dues for all categories of membership may be ~~set each~~ changed in any calendar year by vote of a simple majority of the members present at an Association meeting. The dues paid by a member will automatically include affiliate membership for the member's spouse/companion. If no change is proposed, the dues will remain at the previous year levels.

A lifetime membership fee for a retiree and spouse/companion may be established by vote of a simple majority of the members present at an Association meeting.

Dues will be due and payable on a calendar year basis (January - December).

If a member has not paid his/her dues by the end of the June meeting each year he/she will be dropped from the membership.

Dropped members may be reinstated by the simple act of paying the current year's dues.

## **ARTICLE VIII. Elections**

The Vice-President and two at-large executive board members shall be elected each year. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected every second year.

The at-large Executive Board members shall serve for a three-year term. They may not serve more than two consecutive terms, but will be eligible to serve again after being off the Board for two years. Elections will be held annually at the September meeting.

## **ARTICLE IX. Amendments**

### **Section 1.**

Proposed amendments to this Constitution, after approval by the Executive Committee, must be posted on the Retirees Association website at least two weeks prior to the quarterly meeting at which they are to be submitted for a vote of the membership.

### **Section 2.**

Adoption of an amendment shall require an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.

### **Section 3.**

The Secretary is authorized to modify this Constitution in accordance with title changes made by UTHSC, without requiring a vote by the membership.

**Memphis, Tennessee**

**Two Guest Speakers for September  
Retirees Association Luncheon**

The guest speakers are Officer Joann Morrow, 10 year law enforcement professional, of the UT Police Department and a member of the Memphis Police Department addressing us on "Holiday Safety".

With the busy holiday season approaching everyone's safety is even more important, as well as throughout the year. Please join us on September 15, 2016, Room 305 SAC. Call (870) 732-4811 for reservations.