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Happy Fiscal Year 2024! That would be the year beginning 9/1/2023.

Fall is coming, thank goodness. Looking forward to cooler temperatures and giving our electric grid a breather!

The new and returning Officers and Executive Committee members (see newsletter list on right border) began their one year term 9/1/23. I look forward to working with all of these talented volunteers to continue to provide opportunities for all retirees to support each other, our university and community. The goal is for us to enjoy our hard earned free time as UTD Retirees.

A big thank you to our outgoing President, Lynn Butler, who kept us entertained, energized and on our toes throughout the year! Lynn also served as our Program Chair so we especially appreciate her dedication to our association. The newsletter also provides the list of all past presidents of the UTD Retiree Association and Lynn will be joining a very illustrious group.

The mission statement of our Association is as follows:

The University of Texas at Dallas Retiree Association’s mission is to promote continued collegiality and communication among retired faculty and staff and provide a vehicle for them to remain in contact with each other and support the goals and endeavors of their university.

As many of you know, our website is https://ra.utdallas.edu/ and there are many benefits of membership in the Retiree Association. Please check out our website. We get together monthly for lunch at different local restaurants and meet quarterly for in person association-wide meetings which typically include a guest speaker. Our next general meeting will be held September 22nd and information and details will be forthcoming. We encourage all members of our
association to suggest other ways we can periodically get together that are fun, informative and fulfilling. Some possible events could be field trips, campus tours, game night, book clubs or attending local sporting and other entertainment events.

Please join us as often as you are able and fully enjoy the life of a retiree.

Best Wishes,
Pete Bond

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**UT Dallas Campus Event on September 10, 2023: The Thread That Connects Us**

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion would like to invite you to hear USA Today’s bestselling and #1 international bestselling author of historical novels, Alyson Richman, and corporate lawyer, turned diversity, equity and inclusion activist, Shaunna J. Edwards. The authors will discuss their endearing friendship, what they learned about each other and themselves while collaborating on *The Thread Collectors*, and the message of hope infused in their work. A book signing and reception will follow.

The event will be held on September 10th from 2:00 - 4:00pm. The event will be hosted in the 1,200-seat ATEC Lecture Hall (ATC 1.102) with convenient covered parking in Parking Structure 1. The program is open to UT Dallas students and employees as well as our community friends, neighbors, and partners. **The event is free with advance registration.**

Learn more at [utd.link/Threads](http://utd.link/Threads)

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**UT Dallas retirees Association lunch:** Due to the Labor Day holiday, the First Monday Lunch for September will be on **Monday, September 11th.** Our October luncheon will be back on the normal schedule - Monday, October 2nd. Keep an eye out for the location details in your email and/or the RA Facebook page.

Thank you,
Kathy White
Social Committee Chair
General Membership Meeting

The next general membership meeting will be held on **September 22, 2023 at 1:00 pm.**

It will be held in the Amistad Conference Room, 12.216, in the SPN2 Building. The address for the SPN2 Building is 3020 Synergy Park Blvd.

You can park anywhere in the parking lot, even the street. **Please see the parking map at the end of this newsletter.**

Please respond to Sandee Goertzen at goertzen@utdallas.edu or 214 733-3466 to let us know if you will attend. **Need your RSVP by the 20th of September.**

Thank you,
Sandee Goertzen
Secretary

Our speaker for the next General Meeting on September 22nd will be the Dean of the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences (BBS), Dr. Steven Small. He will present on new developments and research happening in BBS.

Steven L. Small, Ph.D., M.D., Professor of Neurology, is Dean of the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences, and the Aage and Margareta Møller Distinguished Professor. Dr. Small is Professor Emeritus at the University of California, Irvine, where he was the Chair of the Department of Neurology from 2010-2017, and at The University of Chicago, where he founded the first high-field MRI research center in Chicago in 1999. Dr. Small has been a pioneer in understanding the anatomy and physiology of the human brain and its relation to function.

As Dean, Dr. Small aims to continue BBS's upward trajectory by expanding and broadening research and education in neuroscience, psychology, and speech and hearing sciences, building partnerships with other educational, industrial, and philanthropic institutions in Dallas.

**Also, at our General Meeting we will have a line item under New Business.** We would like to discuss having a social time with the Retirees **AFTER** the meeting. We will have some sign-up sheets for ideas but also thought we could have games such as cards, Mexican Train dominos, trivia, puzzles, a book club, and any other suggestions that you may have. We would also have refreshments during that timeframe.

Please look for the sign-up sheets for other ideas because we would love to have your input.

Thank you,
Lynn Butler, Program Chair
The University of Texas at Dallas Doctor of Audiology program is seeking volunteers for our Fall 2023 Teaching Clinic, which will run from September to early December. The Teaching Clinic is a chance for our Doctor of Audiology students to perform hearing evaluations under the supervision of a licensed audiologist. Any future services at the Callier Center are not part of this educational volunteer program. The appointment will consist of a comprehensive hearing evaluation at no cost to you. The evaluation will take approximately 2 – 2.5 hours.

You will be provided with a copy of your test results, but these records will not be maintained in Callier records.

Evaluations will be completed at the Callier Center for Communication Disorders Dallas Campus located at 1966 Inwood Rd., Dallas, TX.

If you are interested, please provide the below information and send your email to: lauren.cullen@utdallas.edu

1. Full Name
2. Preferred Appointment Day(s) and Time(s) - see options below
3. Email Address
4. Mailing Address (so we can send you your test results)
5. Daytime Phone Number
6. So that we may schedule you in the most appropriate time for students’ learning needs, please Indicate if you:
   a. Do NOT suspect you have a hearing loss
   b. Suspect you have a hearing loss
   c. Have a known hearing loss
   d. Wear a hearing aid

*If you prefer not to share this information via email, please contact Dr. Cokely at 972-883-3125.

Available appointment days/times: 9/25 through 11/30

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Once they receive an email indicating your interest, they will send you an appointment confirmation and case history forms to complete and bring to your appointment.
Gwen Bowen has notified me that Betty Garrett passed away August 31, 2023 in her home at Highland Springs.

Betty began work at UTD in 1977 as an Admissions Counselor and became an expert in evaluating international transcripts and education records. She retired as Assistant Director of Admissions in 1998.

Betty's daughter Allison has notified me that there will be a memorial service for Betty on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the Spring Valley United Methodist Church at 7700 Spring Valley Road, Dallas, TX 75054

Best regards,
Jean Stuart
Membership Chair

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UT Retiree Association Annual Meeting/Reception July 26, 2023

President Richard C. Benson spoke about the university's history and the growing number of student enrollment.
New retirees were introduced:

First row: Dwayne Salmon, Maggie Swigert, Charlotte Mason, Juanita Loveland, Peggy Attari

Second row: Ted Harpham, Doug Tomlinson, David Springate, Kevin Masten

Lynn Butler, outgoing President, handed the gavel to Pete Bond, the incoming President of the UT Dallas Retirees Association.
Pete thanked Lynn for her outstanding service as President.