

UT Health Science Center - RETIREE ASSOCIATION

POSTSCRIPTS

December, 2008

General Membership Meeting

WHEN: **NOTE DATE CHANGE:**
Wednesday, **December 10**, 2008

TIME: 11:30AM - 1:00PM

WHERE: Room 305, Student Alumni Center

LUNCH: Reservations Only
Call June Medvec, 901-837-1423, to make reservations. Family members and guests are welcome.

COST: \$7 (First time attendees receive free meal.)

PARKING: Free Parking in the garage next to SAC.
Garage opens at 11:00AM

PROGRAM: **HOLIDAY SOCIAL**
(The December meeting was changed from December 18, the date previously announced in PostScripts, to **December 10** to coincide with the Chancellor's Holiday Party scheduled for 2:00 - 4:00PM on **December 10** in the SAC Dining Hall. All retirees are invited to the Chancellor's Party. UT identification badges are required.)

DOOR PRIZES! DOOR PRIZES!

DO YOU HAVE NEWS?

Please send any items of interest for UT Retirees to Carolyn Gibson, Postscripts Editor. E Mail to cgibson@utmem.edu or send by snail mail to 2686 Meadow Hill Cove, Germantown, TN 31838

From The President



As was announced and demonstrated at the September 18 General Membership meeting of the UTCHS Retirees Association, I am pleased to remind everyone that the UTCHS Retirees Association web site is now available and can be accessed at www.utmem.edu/Retirees. Many thanks to Dr. Ray Tanner for his initiative in spearheading this effort in conjunction with Mr. Todd Barber in Computing and Telecommunications.

The web site will include Postscripts, minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board, minutes of the General Meetings of the Association and other items of interest to all Retirees. Your feedback is important and welcomed. Please send any comments to me at edalem@msn.com or call me at 901-767-0289.

The Executive Committee is interested in hearing from members their thoughts and suggestions for speakers and/or other programs for the General Membership meetings.

As indicated elsewhere in Postscripts, the program for the December General Membership meeting on December 10 will be the traditional Christmas carols that everyone seems to enjoy along with fun and fellowship. Following this meeting, the annual campus Holiday Celebration will be held at 2:00 pm in the SAC. This meeting for Retirees was changed to December 10 so that they would only need to make one trip to UT for both the Membership meeting and the campus party. I regret that I will be unable to be at either event this year.

Happy holidays and best wishes for 2009 to all retirees.

Peter Jones

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

2009 LUNCHEON MEETING DATES

MARCH 19

JUNE 18

SEPTEMBER 17

DECEMBER : To Be Announced



ID BADGES REQUIRED !!

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

IN MEMORIAM

Victor M. Coury, D.D.S., November 11, 2008, Professor of Dentistry and Chairman of the Department of Behavioral Science

Richard Laurens DeSaussure, Jr, M.D., September 24, 2008, Professor of Neurosurgery, Assistant Dean, Director of UT Intern-Resident Training Program

James Hendrix, Jr. M.D., October 20, 2008, Professor and Founder of UTCHS Plastic Surgery Program

*Stanley B. Kaplan, M.D. May 27, 2008, Professor of Medicine, College of Medicine**

Valmeater Shepard, October 6, 2008, U.T. Bowld Hospital

Fannie Lou Spence Leake, October 16, 2008, Doctor of Audiology, Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities

Nathan Sloane, Ph.D., October 19, 2008, Emeritus Professor of Biochemistry, College of Medicine

Roland T. Woodson, October 8, 2008, UTHSC Administrator

**Editor's note: Dr. Kaplan was not retired at the time of his death as was erroneously reported in the previous PostScripts*

RECENT RETIREES

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!!

Queen Ester Douglas Taylor, Custodial Foreman, Physical Plant

John W. McCall, Associate Professor, Family Medicine

Hiroko Nishimura, Professor, Physiology and Biophysics

Sherly Evelyn Brase Smith, Clinical Coordinator, Business Office

Michael A. Cremer, Professor, Medicine-Rheumatology

HOLIDAY MENU

Turkey and Dressing	Tossed Salad
Cranberry Sauce	String Beans
Potatoes	Rolls
Dessert	Tea, Coffee

RETIREE SPOTLIGHT



The retiree spotlight is shining on **June Medvec**. June began service at UTHSC in 1986 as Administrative Aide to Chancellor, Dr. James C. Hunt. After six

years as Dr. Hunt's Aide, June, for the next 12 years, was Administrative Services Assistant to Chancellor, William R. Rice, and continued her work after that as Assistant to Mr. Rice when he stepped down as Chancellor and became Executive Director of the UT Medical Alliance. During her years of service, June was nominated for Secretary of the Year in a city wide contest (1988), was recipient of Achiever of the Month (1995), and was nominated for the Thomas C. Lichterman Outstanding Employee Award in 1987 and again in 2000 when she was named one of five finalists. June retired in 2004; her service to UTHSC continues as Secretary of the UT Retirees Association Board.

June is State Auxiliary Vice President of the Gideons International; in this capacity she travels throughout the state of Tennessee speaking and coordinating state conventions and training sessions. Actively involved in church, June is a member of both choirs and travels with the Hallelujah Choir, a senior citizens group whose ministry is to sing at nursing and assisted living facilities across the state.

June and her husband John have two children, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Two grandsons are serving in the military: Captain Bill Woodward, pilot in the US Marines, is scheduled for a second deployment to Afghanistan on December 28, 2008, and Bradley Woodward, paramedic on a Search and Rescue team with the US Air Force has served four times in Afghanistan and twice in Iraq. Bradley will be deployed again to Afghanistan in June, 2009. Bill and Bradley are the sons of John and June's daughter, JoBeth, and her husband, Bill Woodward Sr. who is a retired Navy Seal.

June and her daughter recently enjoyed a relaxing trip to Miami Beach where June's son has an ocean front condominium. With all of her other activities, June loves to travel; Switzerland and Australia are on her list of favorites as places she would like to visit.



*Happy Holidays
from
The Medvecs*

HIGHLIGHTS

September 18, 2008

Dr. Peter Jones called the meeting to order. Opening announcements included the following:

- A UT Identification badge is now necessary to enter the Student Center. Retirees who do not have a badge may obtain one free at the UT Campus Police headquarters, 740 Court Avenue. Badges may be made from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM. No appointment is necessary.
- Ray Tanner demonstrated how to access the new UT Retirees website. The URL of the web site is www.utm.edu/Retirees and is accessible from the UT home page, www.utm.edu. The Retirees website includes updated notices, a copy of the most recent newsletter, information about the purpose, organizational structure, and meeting dates of the Association, and contact information for the Association officers.
- Dr. Dianne Greenhill leads the Membership effort to encourage all retirees to become involved in the Association. Retirees attending the meeting for the first time included Sue Scates and Lana Kile. Spouses and friends of retirees are welcome to attend the quarterly meetings; reservations are required.
- Dr. Jones and other members of the Executive Board continue to meet with Richard Nollan about the UTHSC Centennial Celebration in 2011. Dr. Jones is a member of the campus focus group, and he will keep retirees informed about developing plans and activities related to the event.

The remainder of the meeting allowed the retirees to take a vicarious trip to the white continent with Dr. Peter Jones. Dr. Jones and his wife began their overseas adventure in Buenos Aires. Dr. Jones spoke about the Antarctic Treaty, and many of us were surprised to learn that Antarctica does not belong to any country.

A presentation of beautiful slides was enhanced by descriptions of the trip itinerary and weather conditions. The temperature ranged from five degrees below freezing to five degrees above freezing. The Joneses traveled on an impressive ship designed to navigate the icy waters. Usually the ship carries 90 passengers and 57 crew members; on this journey, there were only 30 passengers. The smaller number of passengers allowed for a bit more freedom in the sight seeing schedule. On the trip over, passengers experienced the typical rough seas with 30 foot waves. The waters were unusually calm on the return voyage.

Among the magnificent photos were shots of the moon rising over the Antarctic peninsula, Emperor penguins, 1000 year old icicles, Adelie penguins, Gentoo penguins, Chinstrap penguins, and penguins flying under water. (There are 17 different species of penguins, four different types were seen on this trip). There were sightings of Leopard, Weddel, and Elephant seals and remarkable birds such as the wandering albatross, snowy sheathbills, terns, and the blue-eyed shag.

The weather was great on this trip until the last day. The return trip was by Cape Horn, Chile and culminated with a tango street dance in Buenos Aires. Dr. Jones answered many questions about how the trip was planned and what it felt like to be in a place with only three or four hours of darkness in a day. Thanks to Dr. Jones for taking us on a brief, but exciting journey to the great White Continent!