

UT Health Science Center - RETIREES ASSOCIATION

POSTSCRIPTS

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June, 2013

General Membership Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, June 20, 2012

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) to **make reservations on or before Monday, June 17**. 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: **Mongolia and the Gobi Desert: Presentation by Dr. Peter Jones**

DO YOU HAVE NEWS?

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

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

From the President

Greetings Retirees

Our next meeting will be June 20th at 11:30 in room 305 of the SAC. Dr. Peter Jones will talk about his recent journey to Mongolia. Several years ago, Dr. Jones made a presentation to our group about his travels, and we were all captivated by his slides and descriptions. Don't miss the exciting June meeting. Please remember to call in your reservation for lunch no later than Monday before the luncheon. Please see the side bar to the left for information on who to call for your reservations. Meals are \$9.00; first time retirees are free. Any guest or spouse you bring will be charged the regular price for the meal. We will be giving away several gift cards as door prizes.

It is that time of year to elect new officers who will begin serving in September. Steve Rowland will move to President, which will leave the Vice President position vacant. I will move to Chairman of the Board. The By-laws require that Dianne Greenhill, current Chairman of the Board, take a year off. We will miss her contributions to the Association and look forward to her returning to the Board in the fall of 2014. We will need a new Treasurer to replace Morris Robbins who has served two terms in that position. We also have several open At Large positions that need to be filled. If you reside in this area, please consider serving in some capacity on the Board. The Board meets the third Thursday in the second month of the quarter to plan the next meeting and to conduct other related business. Meetings are held in room 315 of the SAC at 10 AM. Usually, the meetings last no more than an hour.

Be sure to check to see if your dues are expired. The \$5.00 dues are payable annually. For your convenience, you may pay \$50.00 for a lifetime membership. For dues questions, please email mrobbins@uthsc.edu.

See you at the next luncheon. Be sure to invite a friend or a fellow retiree. If you have questions or suggestions, please email me at swolf@uthsc.edu.

Sherrill Wolf
President

RECENT RETIREES
CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!!

David Armbruster	Professor, Library
Linda Wallace	Child Care Assistant, Childcare
Janice Watkins	Child Care Assistant, Childcare
Phyllis Blackwell	Child Care Assistant, Childcare
Sharon McBride	Child Care Assistant, Childcare
Janette Sullivan	Child Care Assistant, Childcare
Marilyn Clay	Child Care Assistant, Childcare
Marsha Ewart	Director, Childcare
Alie Kanu	Assistant Professor, Physiology
Andrea Crisler	Research Coordinator, Endocrinology
Johnny Crisler	Medical Technologist, Endocrinology
Thomas Bogue III	Alumni Program Director, Pharmacy

In Memoriam

Leslie Robert Ballou, Ph.D

May 9, 2013

Associate Professor, Medicine and Molecular Science

Robert D, Kirkpatrick, M.D.

April 26, 2013

Program Director and Chair, St. Francis Family Medicine Residency Program

Edwin Orr

May 5, 2013,

Mechanical Engineer, UT Physical Plant

Note of Condolence

The members of the Retirees Board wish to acknowledge the years of service given to the Retirees Association by Edwin Orr who passed away in May. Ed served many terms as a member of the Retirees Association Board; and, he and his wife, Hattie, were in regular attendance at Retiree meetings. His loyalty and service will be missed.

Ed retired from UTHSC as a mechanical engineer. A veteran of World War II, Ed was also active as a leader in the Chickasaw Council of the Boy Scouts of America where he was the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. Ed is survived by a son, William E. (Bill) Orr of Arlington, TN, a daughter, Susan Hensley of Newport News VA, and a sister, Jacqueline Lindbeck of Bowie MD. His wife, Hattie, preceded Ed in death.

2013 Board Meeting and Luncheon Schedule

Mark your calendars!

Luncheon Meeting: June 20, 2013

Board Meeting: August 15, 2013

Luncheon Meeting: September 19, 2013

Board Meeting: November 14, 2013

Luncheon Meeting: TBA

MONGOLIA & THE GOBI DESERT

You are invited to join Peter Jones at 11:30 am on June 20, 2013 in room 302 SAC when he will talk about his recent journey in Mongolia, Land of Blue Sky. Please join him as he and his wife travel by road and by air from the capital and largest city, Ulaanbaatar (City of Red Hero), to ger camps in the Khogno Khaan mountains, at Khovsgol Lake, and the Gobi Desert. They stay in gers (traditional Mongolian felt tents) in these ger camps, experiencing the life of Mongolian nomads. Even today about 30% of the estimated Mongolian population of 3.2 million are nomadic or semi-nomadic in a country that is similar in size to Alaska, and is the most sparsely populated independent country in the world.

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.utmem.edu/retirees>

Highlights

On a cold March day, the UT Retirees received a warm welcome, a delicious lunch, and a grand tour of the new UTHSC College of Pharmacy building. Dr. Marie Chisholm-Burns welcomed us and spoke about her role as the new Dean of the College. A letter summarizing Dr. Chisholm-Burns first year as Dean is attached to this edition of PostScripts.

Pharmacy students took us on tours of the new building. With 186,000 square feet, the building has four floors completed with two more floors and the basement yet to be finished. The vision of Dr. Jim Eoff, a Pharmacy Museum is located on the ground floor and offers a fascinating trip to an “ole timey” drug store.

One hundred seventy five students are admitted to the college each year; approximately 60% are female. Students graduate to work in retail pharmacies, hospitals, clinics, clinical specialties, and in other scientific liaisons. Focus is given to increasing research. The College was awarded 3.3 million in NIH grant monies for 2012. Please see the attached letter from Dr. Chisholm-Burns for greater detail about the accomplishments and vision of the faculty and students of UTHSC College of Pharmacy.

Special thanks to Dr. Chisholm-Burns, the College of Pharmacy staff, and the students who made our visit and tour so memorable; we, along with you, are justifiably proud of the beautiful, new student-centered facility on our campus.



Entry at
UT College of Pharmacy

Building Named Gift Opportunities Available

Dear Faculty, Staff, Students and Alumni,

The University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy is ranked 17th among 129 colleges and schools of pharmacy in the United States by *US News and World Report*. We provide the only ranked pharmacy program in the state of Tennessee. The College offers both PharmD and PhD degrees with the opportunity for students to pursue

PharmD/PhD and PharmD/MBA degrees. Overall we enroll approximately 620 professional degree students and 60 graduate students. The PharmD program maintains an on time graduation rate that exceeds 94%, and a first time board pass rate exceeding 98%. Our graduates continue to have a powerful edge in a competitive market for residency and job placement.



During my first year as Dean at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, we have capitalized on our assets. One of our greatest strengths is our statewide presence, allowing us to offer an exceptional education program, drawing on a talented pool of students, faculty, and alumni.

As I travel across Tennessee getting to know alumni and appreciating the beauty of this state, I am impressed with our statewide support. In the last year, our alumni were recognized locally and nationally as successful business people, as innovators, and for their distinguished service to our profession. The College has provided nearly 44,000 hours of continuing education to more than 17,000 pharmacists throughout Tennessee and the nation. Alumni were generous with their financial support and time over the past year, endowing new student scholarships, raising over a quarter of a million dollars to name the Student Affairs Suite on the Memphis campus, and allowing me to visit with them at their practice sites including community pharmacies, health-systems and organizations such as BlueCross BlueShield. Both state and local pharmacy associations and societies have welcomed me with open arms, giving me the opportunity to present at several of their meetings across the state.

Our outstanding faculty and staff continue to grow in number and stature. A total of 4 new faculty and 4 new staff have been hired since March of last year. We continue searches for additional faculty and we are currently recruiting for Director of Admissions and Alumni Affairs and Coordinator of International Affairs and Experiential Education staff positions. Our Health Outcomes and Policy Research faculty transitioned from the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences to the Department of Clinical Pharmacy in July to provide more opportunity for collaborative research. Faculty have increased their scholarly productivity and research funding, thus improving our NIH ranking. Additionally, many faculty were awarded internal seed grants to help generate research and funding to purchase needed equipment. The campus administration has been extremely supportive of the College, and we are extraordinarily grateful for funding provided by UTHSC and Plough Foundation to transform our good manufacturing practice (GMP) Facility to a state of the art enterprise. Meanwhile, faculty across the state continue to serve as leaders at the campus, state and national levels with numerous professional organizations. For example, during the last year, faculty and staff have been recognized with state and national awards for their achievements in education, student organization advising, research, practice and service to our profession. Our strong residencies continue to thrive in number, quality, breadth, and depth. The PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency Program added two new positions in Knoxville this year, while both PGY1 and PGY2 residents have been honored with national research awards and competitive research grants. I am continuously impressed how we, by working together, so effectively engage in all aspects of our mission areas.

Our student pharmacists are the foundation for all that we do. Our goal is to produce the top graduates, not only in the state of Tennessee, but in the nation. We are dedicated to giving our graduates a competitive advantage in the job market. To that end, we are becoming more student-centered by providing greater flexibility in campus choice, along with opportunities to earn additional certificates in medication therapy management, informatics and nuclear pharmacy. Beginning this Spring, during the experiential portion of our curriculum, students may choose one of three tracks to gain more focused experience in their chosen career path: 1) community practice/residency, 2) inpatient practice/residency and 3) graduate/dual degree. Our International Program is flourishing with the addition of a month-long experience in Gambia to the already impressive list of established experiences in 12 different countries. Students are offered PharmD/MBA degree options with both the University of Memphis and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. To produce the best graduates, we must recruit the cream of the crop to our programs. While the unique opportunities outlined here will certainly draw outstanding students to the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, a new Direct Admission Program with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville has been implemented as well. Exceptional high school students meeting rigorous admission criteria will be admitted to the College of Pharmacy as freshmen and will retain their admission status by satisfactorily completing pre-requisite coursework, achieving an acceptable PCAT score and completing the interview process. The Direct Admission Program will be expanded across the state to the University of Memphis this year. Our student pharmacists continue to astound us with their academic and professional accomplishments both individually and collectively through student organization outreach on both campuses. A complete list of all regional and national student awards, leadership roles and presentations is impossible to include here; however, our student pharmacists were recognized at the recent American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists meeting as 2012 Division A Chapter of the Year, they received the 2012 National Operation Immunization Award, produced the 2012 Most Informative PharmFlix Video, and our own Nick Capote is the 2013-2014 National APhA-ASP National President-Elect. Please join me in congratulating all of our students on their many outstanding accomplishments.

In summary, the College of Pharmacy serves the entire state of Tennessee as one college with two campuses in Memphis and Knoxville and a clinical education center in Nashville. Student pharmacists across the state are successful both academically and professionally. Our residency programs continue to be highly sought after and nationally acclaimed. Faculty are flourishing as educators, researchers and practitioners while serving as leaders throughout the state and the nation. Our alumni continue to lead the way in practice, innovation and service to the profession. I am grateful for the efforts of faculty, staff, students and alumni who have led the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy to this success. The last 12 months have been filled with hard work, dedication, and stretching ourselves to new heights of achievement. I appreciate all who have contributed to our productive and successful year, and I look forward to us working together to realize many more accomplishments in the future.

Marie Chisholm-Burns, PharmD, MPH

Dean, College of Pharmacy



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