

UT Health Science Center - RETIREES ASSOCIATION

POSTSCRIPTS

June, 2010

General Membership Meeting

- WHEN:** Thursday, **June 17**, 2010
- TIME:** 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
- WHERE:** Room 305, Student Alumni Center
- LUNCH:** Reservations Only: Call Barbara McAdams, 901-767-3947 (e-mail bsmvols@gmail.com), 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 11:00.
- PROGRAM:** **Speaker - Timothy Hottel, DDS, Dean, College of Dentistry**
“Recent Progress in the UTHSC College of Dentistry”

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 38138.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

2010 LUNCHEON MEETING DATES

June 17
September 16
December 16

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

From the President

Rain, Rain, Go Away! I hope that everyone has stayed dry and had no serious flooding, particularly during the earlier severe storms.

The UTHSC Administration will soon select the new Chancellor, and I have been told that they are using the Retirees Association's advisory input in making the choice. We are proud that we could be of service.

Also, we extend congratulations to Dr. Noma Bennett Anderson who was recently appointed Dean for the College of Allied Health Sciences. We offer our sincere best wishes.

As you may have noticed, we retirees have expanded the benefits that we are eligible to receive by working with the UTCHS Alumni Association and other campus administrative offices. In addition, we have recently been cooperating with the University of Memphis Association of Retirees (UMAR) in an attempt to increase our social functions from quarterly luncheon meetings to other activities such as book reviews and outings. Be sure to read in this issue of PostScripts about the plans for a June 24 tour of historic Elmwood Cemetery. Special thanks to Diane Wyatt for making arrangements for an informative day that includes fun and fellowship in a place renowned as a Memphis landmark. In some cases we have received invitations to attend UMAR functions such as their annual picnic; and in other instances, they have come to ours. We welcomed several UMAR retirees at our last luncheon meeting who came to hear Dr. David Mirvis discuss the controversial Health Care Reform issue.

In any case, hopefully this interaction with the University of Memphis retirees will increase our activities. But in order to notify you of upcoming events, we need to be able to contact you. So, if you haven't already been receiving notification, please send your home address, telephone number, and most importantly your email address to our Secretary, Barbara McAdams, 4316 Amber Lane, Memphis TN 38111 or to bsmvols@gmail.com.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next general/ luncheon meeting on June 17. Our thanks to Morris Robbins, who arranged for our speaker, Dr. Timothy Hottel, Dean of the UTHSC College of Dentistry. Dr. Hottel will speak about the progress made during the first year of his administration.

Harry Mincer

RECENT RETIREES

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!!

Lambeth, Helen C.,	Nurse Manager, Medicine-- Endocrinology
Montgomery, Annie R.,	Senior Custodian--Physical Plant Custodial
Lester, Nellie C.,	Service Aide I--Physical Plant Custodial
King, Deloris Jean,	Administrative Aide, Medicine-- Nephrology
Bittle, Joyce B.,	Chief of Nutrition--Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities
Martin, Elizabeth,	Health Records Examiner--Preventive Medicine
Barcroft, Faith B.,	Administrative Specialist-- Pharmaceutical Sciences
Richard, Donna Lynn,	Medical Administrative Specialist-- Pediatrics
Thompson, Jerry Wayne,	Maintenance Helper--Physical Plant Custodial
Clark, Sara L.,	Senior Secretary--Preventive Medicine
Smith, Mary E.,	Instructor--Ophthalmology
Bridgeforth, Henry,	Police Officer--Campus Police
Rogers, Bernell Y.,	Accounting Assistant--College of Dentistry
Cox, Marion W.,	Computer Systems Specialist-- Finance and Operations

IN MEMORIAM

Sidney A. Coleman, M.D.,	March 21, 2010 Pathologist
Lana C. Kile,	May 14, 2010 Boling Center Accounts Manager
Grant Somes, PhD.	March 11, 2010 Professor and Chair, Preventive Medicine

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. 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

March 18, 2010 Luncheon Meeting

President Harry Mincer called the meeting to order and welcomed new members and guests. Barbara McAdams introduced special guests from the University of Memphis Retiree Association: Suzanne Darnell, Bill Crump, David Sissell, and Dot Urata. The representatives from the University of Memphis Retirees Association extended an invitation to attend their May 16 picnic at Shelby Forest.

Dr. Mincer announced that Dr. Dianne Greenhill was nominated by the Executive Committee and approved by acclamation to fill the Executive Board position of Vice-President recently vacated by Dr. Raoul Arreola. New business included the nomination and election of two new at large Board Members, Earl Turrell and Kathleen Stuart Turrell.

The guest speaker, Dr. David Mirvis, presented a thought provoking presentation titled, "Why is Health Care Reform so Hard for Us?" One reason is that the problems Congress gets are hard to solve. Why do we care why it's so hard, and why now? Medicine has gone from the compassionate MD who could only do so much to high technology diagnostics where a person can get a brain scan for \$169.00. The delivery system is changing, there is a more educated society, and people are more independent with greater capabilities and greater concerns. High and rising health care costs are a concern. Everyone seems to agree on the problems of cost, access, and quality of care.

Two big sets of problems are related to policy and politics, areas that do not have much in common. Policy is asking, "What do we do?" Policy is about defining what we want. Health care systems are very complex. Problems overlap and compete, are longstanding, have high consequences, and have many approaches with a variety of answers to each question. There is always the issue of uncertainty about the right path. What do we want as a society? There are issues of health insurance, medical care, and preventive health care. The U.S. has the 37th highest infant mortality rank among industrialized countries. Are we even asking the right questions? Social functions have important linkages: income, literacy, education, graduate levels, teen pregnancy rates, and infant mortality. There is no single US health care system. There is a whole set of interacting systems that are often in conflict. American health care is an appalling patched together ship with rotting timbers, water leaking in, mercenaries on board, and with 15% of the passengers thrown overboard to keep it afloat. But hundreds of people depend on it. The problems of cost, access, and quality are competing issues.

Poli (many) tics (blood sucking insects) is, according to Jay Leno, "a show business for ugly people." Policy without politics is like architecture without engineering. The general sense of the public is that the political part of the equation is holding up health care reform. The issues of politics include self-interest and political ideology. Health care affects everyone personally and in many different ways. Health care is a focus for conflicting American values. "Politics" is often synonymous with "special interest groups".

For every 100 people who lose their jobs, 88 will become uninsured. There may be unrealistic expectations about health care reform. "Where all think alike, nobody thinks very much."

The presentation ended with questions concerning policy preferences of health related groups. Is health care a right or a privilege? There was discussion about the rugged individualist approach versus communal support. There is fear of centralized power, skepticism about government, and evidence of conflicting views on social justice. Do we view the uninsured person as a victim or a sinner? Dr. Mincer's remarks led to lively and stimulating discussions.

With no further Association business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.



RETIREE SPOTLIGHT



Barbara McAdams, Secretary of the UTHSC Retirees Executive Board.

UTHSC RETIREE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES SURVEY RESULTS

Results from respondents at the March 18 luncheon meeting show that activities with the highest interest level include: taking a bus day trip to Oxford with lunch included, working a campus event registration, having a guided tour of Elmwood Cemetery, and participating in a monthly book club. The next highest interest was shown in a visit to other UT campuses.

The impetus for the survey came from an earlier meeting between several UTHSC retiree association representatives with representatives from the University of Memphis retirees association. The meeting was held to share ideas and to discuss the possibility of some joint retiree activities.

University of Memphis retirees shared that their activities include: working at various university event registrations, staffing faculty presentation day, hosting receptions for donors, providing a \$1000 scholarship for a dependent of faculty/staff, interviewing faculty and students in preparation for the 100th Anniversary in 2012, sending representatives to state and national retirees association meetings, and working in the University's history/archives room.

The UTHSC Executive Board continues to support an ongoing relationship along with the possibility of future shared programs and activities with the retirees from the University of Memphis.

The spotlight is shining on Barbara McAdams, the new Secretary of the UTHSC Retirees Association Board. Barbara graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys College of Law. When Barbara became the assistant alumni director in 1979, she was the first woman to head a campus alumni program. She was promoted to Director, then Assistant Vice Chancellor, and finally Associate Vice Chancellor/Assistant Vice President of Alumni Programs. In this capacity, Barbara was privileged to work closely with many university administrators as well as UTHSC alumni across the nation.

Barbara's accomplishments included expanding alumni involvement with the university and working to raise funds for the university. She worked with UT Deans to create the College of Medicine Alumni Council and College of Pharmacy Alumni Boards while expanding the Dental and Nursing Alumni Boards. She created an alumni mentor program in the College of Medicine. The expansion of alumni programs led to increases in private donations to colleges.

She worked with the Dean of Dentistry in the 80's to raise a million dollars for the first Dental Alumni Endowment to support research efforts of faculty and later worked with the Chair of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery to expand endowment support. Along with Dr. Bill Slagle, Barbara helped to establish the annual MidSouth Dental Congress that annually attracts hundreds of dental office staff to Memphis for continuing education.

Other accomplishments include her work with the College of Medicine leadership to establish the first alumni funded million dollar endowment named for Simon Rulin Bruesch. She also assisted in raising funds for the Medicine Alumni Council Scholarship Endowment.

During the years before her retirement, Barbara volunteered with MIFA and also tutored children in math at La Rose Elementary School. Now, Barbara enjoys spending more time with her family, friends, and three canine companions. She is traveling more, going to more movies, and serving on the Board of Grace House in Memphis. Barbara's attention to detail, organizational, and leadership skills are greatly appreciated by all members of the Retirees Board.



Barbara with two of her favorite companions!

WHO CAN SERVE????

It's not too soon to begin thinking about September elections for the UTHSC Retirees Association Executive Board. Dr. Dianne Greenhill will be vacating the Vice President position to serve as President. Ray Tanner will be leaving the Board as an at-large member.

Be ready to make nominations for the Vice President and at-large board members. Send suggestions for nominees to President Harry Mincer at hmincer@uthsc.edu

ARE YOU JUST DYIN' TO GET INTO ELMWOOD?

Well, some of us in the UTHSC Retiree Association decided we were, so we planned a tour for June 24, 2010. Elmwood Cemetery is a Bluff City landmark that relates much Memphis history through the stories of those who rest there.

In deference to the likely hot weather, we opted out of the walking tour in favor of the audio tour in the comfort of our cars (4 people per car). The tour will last approximately one hour, and a box lunch and drink will be provided at the tour's end at picnic tables near the cottage.

HERE ARE THE SPECIFICS:

DATE: June 24, 2010

TIME: 10:15 AM

WHERE TO MEET: The Cottage at Elmwood located at 824 S. Dudley St.

DIRECTIONS: Traveling west on Lamar, continue onto E.H. Crump Blvd.

Turn left on S. Dudley St. Proceed on S. Dudley until you see the Cottage at Elmwood.

COST: \$8 per person

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS:

Please reserve by cash or check made out to Diane Wyatt on or before June 17, 2010. You may do so at the Retiree Luncheon on June 17, or by mail to:

Diane Wyatt
6584 Deermont Dr.
Bartlett, TN 38134

Please let Diane know if you are willing to provide a car for the tour.

CONTACT : At Elmwood – Linley Schmidt, 774-3212

INFORMATION: Diane Wyatt – 848-6340

The event promises to be fun, interesting and instructive. See you there.

