

UT Health Science Center - RETIREE ASSOCIATION

# POSTSCRIPTS

September, 2008

## General Membership Meeting

- When:** Thursday, September 18, 2008  
**Time:** 11:30 AM--1:00 PM  
**Where:** Room 305, Student Alumni Center  
**Lunch:** **Reservations Only**  
**Call June Medvec, 901-837-1423, to make reservations. Family members and guests are welcome to attend**
- Cost:** \$7 (First time attendees receive free meal)  
**Parking:** Free parking in the garage next to SAC. Garage Opens at 11:00 AM
- Program:** **Guest Speaker, Dr. Peter Jones**  
**Topic: Antartica, "The Great White Continent"**

### 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

## DON'T MISS

UT RETIREES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON  
DECEMBER 18, 2008  
11:30 AM, ROOM 305 SAC



*Centennial Seal  
Unveiled*

## From the President

I am pleased and honored to serve as President of the UTHSC Retirees Association for the 2008-2009 academic year. This promises to be a challenging and exciting year for the Association.

The Executive Board is currently addressing a number of areas including:

**Budget** – Thanks to the leadership efforts of last year's president, Dr Morris Robbins, the Chancellor's office has graciously agreed to provide the Association with a small budget for the forthcoming year. This budget will be used for such things as an enhanced newsletter, development of a web site, updating the data base, development of an informative brochure for all new retirees summarizing the benefits available to all retirees, and participation in the UTHSC Centennial Anniversary celebrations in 2011.

**Web Site** – The Board is in the process of establishing a web site on the UT home page for the Association – the URL of the web site will be [www.utmem.edu/Retirees](http://www.utmem.edu/Retirees) and will be accessible from the UT home page ([www.utmem.edu](http://www.utmem.edu)). Dr Ray Tanner is spearheading this effort on behalf of the Executive Board; it is anticipated that the web site will be available shortly. Information pertaining to the Association will be available on the web site. However, recognizing that all retirees may not have computer access, a Newsletter will continue to be distributed to all retirees.

**UTHSC Centennial Anniversary** – As presented by Richard Nollan at the last meeting on the Association in June, the UTHSC Centennial Anniversary is scheduled for 2011. The Retirees Association is expecting to be called upon to be actively involved in the planning for this event.

**Newsletter** – Many thanks to Fay Russell for being the editor of the Newsletter for the past several years, and thanks to Dr. Carolyn Gibson for being willing to assume this role.

**Membership** – Led by Dr. Dianne Greenhill, the Board is actively recruiting all retirees to participate in the activities of the Association. Appreciation is expressed to Frank Crowe for leading this effort for the past few years.

Finally, let me express my considerable thanks to Dr. Morris Robbins, President, and the members of last year's Executive Board for their hard work on behalf of all members of the Retirees Association.

Peter Jones

## ***IN MEMORIAM***

***Edwin Wesley Cocke, Jr. M.D. August 22, 2008, Clinical Professor Otolaryngology***

***Benjamin Franklin Dover, June 9, 2008, Visiting Professor of Pharmacy and Assistant to the Dean, College of Pharmacy***

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

***Alfred Kraus, Sr., M.D. Emeritus Professor of Medicine, College of Medicine***

***Joseph Warren Kyle, M.D. July 21, 2008, Associate Professor, College of Medicine***

***Frank Louis Moretta, Sr., July 27, 2008, Department of Pathology***

***Susan Selig, May 26, 2008, UTHSC Library***

***Roy Martin Smith, D.D.S. August 23, 2008, Professor Emeritus, College of Dentistry***

## **RECENT RETIREES**

### ***CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!!***

Sergio R. Acchiardo, Professor, Medicine-Nephrology

Samuel P. Alston, Sr. Licensed Practical Nurse-Family Practice, Tipton Co.

Hilton Jonas Burnes, Manager ,Bookstore

Leyvonn Cleveland, Police Officer, Campus Police

Sherry W. Wright Davis, Pharmacist, former Bowld Hospital

William Keith Easley, former Bowld Hospital ICU Nurse Specialist

Arthur Michael Geller, Professor, Molecular Sciences

Annie B. Gordon, Senior Lab Assistant, Educational Development

Dan R. Hankins, General Superintendent, Physical Plant-Building Operations

Barbara Sue McAdams, Assistant Vice President, Alumni Affairs

Bernice Vault McWright, Service Aide I, Physical Plant-Custodial

Horace N. Noe, Professor, Urology

Harold Quick, Coordinator, Student Affairs

Carole Rhodes, Sr. Employment Clerk, Human Resources

Douglas Shanklin, Professor, Pathology

Vicki Lynn Allen Sparr, Sr. Custodian, Physical Plant-Custodial

Gregory Stidham, Professor, Pediatrics

Gloria Dean Pruitt Thompson, Sr. Special Order Clerk, Bookstore

Bernard Tydus, Sr. Procurement Clerk, Physical Plant-Stockroom

Margaret I. Ingram Veaser, Professor and Director, Nursing-Primary/Public Health Department

Janice S. Sudbury Volner, Coordinator, Preventive Medicine

## **UTHSC STRATEGIC PLAN INTRODUCED BY CHANCELLOR**

To hear a copy of Chancellor Wall's June speech to the Memphis Rotary Club, go to <http://www.utmem.edu/record/> (click on May-June 2008 link).

# HIGHLIGHTS

June 19, 2008 Meeting

HIGHLIGHTS is a new feature for PostScripts that offers a brief overview of the immediate past meeting of UT retirees. Hopefully, this information will be interesting for those of you who were unable to attend the meeting. The luncheon fare is always delicious, and even more delicious is the opportunity to spend time with former co-workers, and to make new friends who share a common interest in the future of UT.

The meeting was called to order by President Morris Robbins who thanked everyone for support given during his tenure as leader of the Association. The new slate of suggested officers was presented, and with no nominations from the floor, all nominees were elected by unanimous voice vote.

Richard Nollan, Associate Professor at the UTHSC Library spoke about his role in establishing archives for this campus as the Centennial Year approaches. While there is now a History and Archives standing committee, no previous efforts to capture and preserve our history have been made. The current archives collection consists of many boxes and some furniture now in storage on campus. Jim Stockdale, Martha Jo Young, and Bill Robinson have helped with these materials. Richard asked for volunteers to help organize the collection in a useable form. The UT home page has a pdf file listing those articles that are currently sorted. Many of the materials reference O.W. Hyman and his influence. Richard is providing leadership and direction to any who volunteer to help with archives. If you are interested in this important work, contact Richard at 448-6053 or by e mail at rnollan@utm.edu.

Richard is organizing events for the Centennial celebration in 2011. The Centennial logo was shown as Richard explained the unique opportunity this celebration offers. The Centennial is important to acknowledge the 100 years of research, service, and education that UTHSC has provided in producing health care professionals. The event is equally important to advertise and to promote what goes on at UTHSC. The work of this university is often said to be a "well kept secret". The Centennial event is a wonderful way to promote this campus and mission.

Jim Eoff, Pharm. D., and Executive Associate Dean in the College of Pharmacy provided an overview of the UT College of Pharmacy, past, present, and plans for the future. Dr. Eoff began by listing the ingredients necessary for excellence in academics, a list that can be paralleled to excellence in athletics. The list included excellent: student scholars, facilities, research and practice sites, innovative curricula, faculty and staff, alumni base, reputation, and economic input.

Ground has been broken for the new pharmacy building on our campus. The new building in Knoxville is complete, and there are also clinical pharmacy education centers in Nashville, Kingsport, and Jackson, TN. The class size in Memphis has increased from 125 to 150. The new curriculum increases clinical rotations by 50% with rotations throughout the state and elsewhere. The statewide program includes the use of distance education technology. Data from the 2008 student profile show that UT Pharmacy students score 11-12 percentage points higher than the national average on Board Examinations with 99% passing the national exams. The College of Pharmacy has the largest number of Board Certified faculty, and since 1990 has been ranked in the top 20 of 103 U.S. Colleges of Pharmacy

Dr. Eoff also pointed out the accomplishments of Pharmacy faculty in new drug development, new systems of delivery, and other research efforts. Over half of the pharmacists in Tennessee attend UTHSC continuing education courses. The College of Pharmacy also maintains an impressive list of partnerships across the state.