Welcome to the final newsletter of Spring Semester 2009. We are in the process of wrapping up another winning academic year and are counting down toward our Spring Retirement Reception that will be held on May 6 at 4:30 p.m. at the Georgia Center. You will receive a separate invitation to the reception along with RSVP instructions. At this reception, we will recognize all the retirees since our December reception. Both President Michael Adams and Provost Arnett Mace are scheduled to attend and to pass out certificates of appreciation. Please make every effort to attend. I want to thank Candace Stanciel, UGA Office of Special Events, and Debra Watson, Social Chair, for their outstanding planning of these events this year.

We have had a busy and successful 2008-2009 academic year. UGARA operates on the academic year calendar just as the university does. Our membership in UGARA stands at 609 total members with 554 being life members. We thank our Membership Chair, Allan Barber, as well as Marcus Jennings from Alumni Relations, for their diligent work this past year.

This has been an inspiring year for travel. Our Travel Committee is definitely to be commended for the outstanding trip on March 11 to see the King Tut Exhibit at the Atlanta Civic Center and China’s Terracotta Army exhibit at the High Museum. Lunch between the two exhibits was enjoyed at Mary Mac’s Tea Room. All 50 tickets sold out quickly. This day trip was truly a “cultural bonanza.” We want to thank Marsha Gruner and Gene Michaels, Co-Chairs of the Travel Committee for arranging an outstanding travel year for UGARA members. Please watch for announcements about travel opportunities for this fall.

I also want to thank our Communication/Newsletter Co-Chairs, Margaret Anderson and Jean Bowen, for their excellent work on this and all our newsletters this past year. We hope you have benefited from the newsletters and found them to be an effective way to stay informed. Elizabeth Pape has been a remarkable support as our faithful webmaster. I also want to thank Marcus Jennings in the UGA Alumni Office for his outstanding administrative support this past year. Shea Landers, also in the Alumni Office, has done a great job with our accounting. Claude McBride has coordinated our relationship with the Alumni Association. I also want to thank Clif Pannell (Immediate Past Chair) and our other elected UGARA Council members, Romeo Toledo, Vicky Smith (Secretary), and John Jeffreys, for their contributions during the year.

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This year the UGARA Council worked on revising the Bylaws, which have not been updated since 2001. The purpose of the Bylaws revision was to bring the Bylaws into conformity with what we have concluded to be the best practices for our operations. A separate mailing for the membership to vote on the Bylaws revision is currently underway. The Council asks you to support the proposed Bylaw changes as outlined in the mailing.

It has been my pleasure serving as Council Chair this past year. As a parting thought, I encourage you to participate in UGARA activities and give the organization your support in the coming years. Have an outstanding summer 2009.

Archie Carroll
UGARA Council Chair 08-09

Spring Reception for New Retirees

By now you have received an invitation to the spring reception for new retirees on May 6 at 4:30 pm in the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. Even though this reception honors new retirees, all UGARA members are invited to come and visit with friends and colleagues. Pictures of previous receptions are found on the UGARA website at http://www.uga.edu/ugara/album.html.

Web Sites of Interest

The “Goin’ Back: Remembering UGA” history project that captures memories of former faculty, staff, and students is now available on the web at http://www.uga.edu/livinghistory/. This ongoing project is a collaboration between the Office of Public Affairs and the UGA Alumni Association, and we think you will find it very interesting.

Another informative web site is http://ugadog.com/heritage/, a link from the UGA Alumni Association homepage. This page contains stories of alumni legacies, campus history and the greatest generation. You might want to give this site a view.

UGARA Newsletter on the Web

UGARA newsletters dating from 2004 are on the UGARA web site at http://www.uga.edu/ugara/newsletters/, and there is link to the most current newsletter on the UGARA homepage at http://www.uga.edu/ugara/. The latest newsletters on the web are in color! If you would like to stop receiving a paper copy and instead receive a message from UGARA with a link to the newsletter, send an email to ugara@uga.edu and let us know.

New Members

UGARA welcomes new members who have joined UGARA since January 15. They are: John C. McKissick, Gail F. Lebengood, E.M. “Woody” Beck, Sandra B. Daniel, John All, Terry All, Susan H. Brooks, John Langone, Robert Dixon Phillips, Paul E. Sumner, Reid Torrance, and Paul Totis.

In Memoriam

We are saddened to lose the following UGARA members:

- Mr. Bruce Engle Beck 1/27/2009
- Dr. James Camp Fortson 1/7/2009
- Dr. William P. VanEseltine 2/6/2009
- Dr. Daniel Jackson Sorrells 3/11/2009
March 11th Trip to the King Tut and the Terracotta Soldiers Exhibits
The trip on March 11 to visit the King Tut and the Terracotta Soldiers exhibits was most enjoyable. Some photos of this trip are included here, and more can be found at http://www.uga.edu/ugara/album.html.

Gene Michaels and Sylvia Pannell  Marsha and Chuck Gruner  Terracotta soldiers

Cal Hasbrouck with Gale and Dave Anderson. Gale took many of the photos that are on the web.

UGARA Trip to Madison and to the Bruce Weiner Microcar Museum
Wednesday, June 3, 2009
This trip will include transportation on a first class “team bus” with all amenities and a short stop to meet Phillip von Hanstein, a member of the German Royal family. We will have lunch “Dutch treat” (you buy your own) in a private dining room at the Chop House in Madison. After lunch we will make a short tour of the special Madison portrait exhibit at the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center and then on to see the microcars. The Microcar Museum has a wonderful web site at http://microcarmuseum.com/, and it is claimed to be the largest collection of microcars in the world with over 350 in the collection. We will also see the restoration area where these microcars are completely refurbished to their original new condition. We will try to arrive back in Athens by 5:00 pm.

The cost for this trip including transportation and all event admission and guide charges will be $50.00 plus the cost for lunch. Detailed instructions will be mailed to all participants. The deadline for reservations is May 15.

Travel Co-Chairs,
Gene Michaels and Marsha Gruner

Reservation Form for Madison and Microcar Trip

Names:
(1) ____________________________________________________
(2) ____________________________________________________

Address(es) to which instructions should be sent:
(1) ____________________________________________________
(2) ____________________________________________________

Contact Phone ___________________________ Date __________

Signature ____________________________________________

Send form and check for $50 per person made payable to the UGA Alumni Association c/o Marcus Jennings, Wray-Nicholson House, 298 Hull Street, Athens, GA 30602-6372 by May 15. Please note Microcar Trip on your check.
Email us with your comments and suggestions, or subscribe to the UGARA-L listserv to stay informed. To subscribe send an email to ugara@uga.edu requesting that you be added to the list. This list is a distribution list, not a discussion list. This means that you can receive emails, but you cannot respond to them on this list. Therefore, you will not be bombarded with a multitude of emails, but you will receive notices approved by the UGARA Council that are considered relevant and of interest to UGARA members.

Be sure to visit our web site for upcoming events, trip reports, contacts and other useful information. Learn more about UGARA at:

http://www.uga.edu/ugara

The UGA Alumni Association sponsors UGARA, which is an official retirees’ organization for faculty and staff. Visit the Alumni Association’s web site at http://www.alumni.uga.edu/alumni to find out about other activities that may be of interest to you.

Meetings of the UGARA Council are scheduled for the 2nd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Alumni House Conference Room, Wray-Nicholson House.