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The University of Georgia Retirees Association

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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR: Happy New Year! The UGARA Council has held its first meeting of 2010 and we are looking forward to another year of informative and fun activities. Last year, was a busy year for UGARA. We enjoyed outstanding trips planned by our Travel Committee, the most recent of which was to the Candlelight Christmas Service at The Biltmore House in Asheville. The overnight trip included a candlelight service, the Biltmore Winery and the River Bend Farm. We had a delightful dinner at the Deepark Restaurant on the Biltmore property on the evening of December 2nd. Earlier in the year, we enjoyed a day trip to Atlanta to see the King Tut Exhibit and a tour of the Terracotta Warriors Exhibit at the High Museum.

In conjunction with the President and Provost's offices, we held two Retirement Receptions during 2009. Both were well attended by UGARA members and new retirees who were honored with certificates presented by Provost Arnett Mace. The food was delicious and the atmosphere festive. We hosted three meetings during October and November during which UGA's Human Resources reviewed changes to retirees' health insurance effective January 1, 2010 and answered questions from retirees at the well-attended meetings. We are fortunate to be retired from an institution that strives to keep us informed and is sincerely concerned about our well being. We owe the people in Human Resources and all UGA an expression of appreciation for their continuing support and concern.

One of the activities we continue to be excited about is the UGARA website (<http://www.uga.edu/ugara/album.html>). The website is full of the latest information for retirees as well as a potpourri of offerings regarding activities, photographs from trips and receptions, and answers to questions posed by retirees. Please visit the website and enjoy the offerings. You can join the listserv by sending an e-mail to ugara@uga.edu and request you be added to the list.

Being active in UGARA is a valuable service for our retirement community and fun in the process. We invite your expressions of interest in service on a UGARA committee. Especially, the UGARA Travel Committee; address your interest to ugara@uga.edu. Committee membership is open to all UGARA members whether or not you are on the UGARA Council; members who enjoy travel excursions are urged to volunteer (it's fun!).

THE UGARA Council invites nominations for Council membership for terms beginning July 1, 2010. Send nominations to UGARA Council at ugara@uga.edu
no later than March 12, 2010.

Allan W Barber
UGARA Council Chair



UGARA Retirees Reception December 8, 2009



New retirees! L to R are:
Robert Robinson, John Pope,
Frances Beall, Elizabeth
DeLoach, Marilyn Poole, John
Napier, Patricia James, Cheryl
Williams, Willie Chance III,
Alice Vernon, Richard
Schmerhorn



In Memoriam

*We are saddened to lose the following
UGARA members:*

Mrs. Phyllis P. Barrow ~ 11/30/2009
Mrs. Nancy G. Couvillon ~ 11/14/2009
Mrs. Jane McGee Hogan ~ 1/22/2010
Dr. Francis E. Johnstone Jr. ~ 10/16/2009
Mrs. Huguette LeBerge Le Gall ~ 10/2/2009
Dr. John W. Pou ~ 11/23/2009
Mrs. Agnes F. Storey ~ 1/23/2010

New Members!!

Fran Beall
Willie O. Chance III
Chung-Jan Chang
Elizabeth W. DeLoach
Pauline Groh
Stanley J. Kays
Allen D. King Jr.
Brendel C. King
Jack J. King
Romesa Lewellen
Peggy J. Peters
Betty Pharr
Robert W. Robinson
Gail Sloan
Patricia Simmons Stuckey
Cheryl Williams



*Christmas at The Biltmore
December 2-3, 2009*



UGARA Trip to Koi Farm, Microcar Museum Wednesday, March 31, 2010

The UGARA Travel Committee has arranged a delightful trip on March 31 for members to see beautiful Koi fish at the **Flat Rock Koi Farm** near Watkinsville, and amazing microcars at the **Bruce Weiner Microcar Museum** in Madison. The trip will include transportation in a first-class tour bus, lunch at the **Town 220 Restaurant** in Madison and a quick side-trip to another attraction in Madison.

Our first stop will be Flat Rock Koi Farm, one of the largest Koi operations in the Southeast, featuring many varieties of these colorful and charming fish. The owners regularly go to Japan to buy and import some of the more exotic and expensive Koi. Some of their specimens are valued at more than \$1,000. The visit will require walking around to see the farm's 10 ponds and other facilities, and golf carts will be available for those with limited mobility.

In addition to breeding and raising fish, Flat Rock also provides services such as training on koi health, food, nets, filters and other fish needs. More information is available at <http://www.flatrockkoi.com>.

From the Koi farm, we will go to the Town 220 Restaurant in Madison, which has a well-deserved reputation for excellent food and service. Time permitting, we will make a quick visit to either the African-American Museum or the Madison Cultural Center.

In the afternoon we will visit the Bruce Weiner Microcar Museum, home of the world's largest single collection of these fascinating vehicles. Compact (some are less than 10 feet long and weigh under 110 pounds) and highly efficient (most engine sizes are 700cc or less), these so-called "bubble cars" enjoyed a brief stint of popularity following World War II when they are credited with helping Europe rebuild its weakened economy. Of the thousands produced, most were eventually abandoned but those remaining are considered symbols of the ingenuity and perseverance of their European inventors.

The Weiner Museum's collection of more than 300 microcars, completely restored and beautifully displayed, includes many rare models. Some are among a small number remaining, and a few are the only existing model of their kind. The museum curator will come on the bus to talk about the cars. For more information, visit <http://www.microcarmuseum.com>.

We will ride on a Champion Team bus complete with snacks and restroom. We will be back in Athens by 5 p.m. The \$40 per person fee includes transportation, lunch and admission to tour attractions.

The reservation deadline is March 12. Interest in this trip is expected to be high, so early reservations are recommended. Use the form below to make your reservations.

Travel Co-Chairs,
Gene Michaels and Marsha Gruner

Reservation Form

THIS FORM MAY BE DUPLICATED

NAME : 1) _____ 2) _____

ADDRESS: Each participant will receive a letter of information concerning bus loading and the final itinerary. _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Send form and check for \$40/person to the UGA Alumni Association c/o Marcus Jennings, Wray-Nicholson House, 298 Hull Street, Athens, GA 30602-6372 by March 12.
Please note UGARA Microcar Trip on your check PAYABLE to UGA Alumni Association.
For questions, please call 800-606-8786 or 706-542-2251.



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Your invitation to the next New Retirees Reception scheduled for April 7, 2010.

E-mail us with your comments and suggestions, or subscribe to the UGARA-L listserv to stay informed. To subscribe, send an e-mail 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. 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.

The Fall Reception for New Retirees on December 8 at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education was a most festive event! Please remember that although the retiree receptions honor new retirees, ***all UGARA members are invited to come*** and visit with friends and colleagues. Pictures of the December and previous receptions are found on the UGARA website (<http://www.uga.edu/ugara/album.html>). You can also find photos of UGARA trips at this site.

The UGARA Council meets on the second Monday of each month in the Conference Room, Wray-Nicholson House beginning at 10 a.m.

The UGA Alumni Association sponsors UGARA which is an official retirees' organization for faculty and staff. You can visit the Alumni Association's web site (<http://www.alumni.uga.edu/alumni>) to find out about other activities that may be of interest to you.

PAPER or COMPUTER? Would you be willing to receive your UGARA newsletter by e-mail? An electronic newsletter is easier and less expensive to produce, saves postage costs and helps the environment by reducing paper use. If you would like to get your newsletter via computer, send an e-mail to our membership assistant, Marcus Jennings (mrj@uga.edu).