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Greetings from the Chair

The last UGARA Council meeting for this year was held May 7. As is our tradition, this meeting served to recognize and thank our outgoing Council members and to welcome new members as they begin to plan for the year beginning in September.

Marsha Gruner, Janine Bethel, Sharon Price, and I are leaving the Council in our official capacities. Marsha has served in so many ways, and for so long, that it would be hard to capture her contributions in just a few words. Past president, travel chair, secretary – all around volunteer – are the official descriptors for Marsha. She even has a trip planned for you during the summer. But, simply put, she is UGARA personified! Janine, Sharon, and I feel honored to be in her company.

We are excited about the incoming members of the Council and are confident that along with Clif Pannell, the new chair, these and others will provide exciting, educational, and fun programs and events. Incoming members include Jean Bowen, Vicky Smith, John Jeffreys, and Romeo Toledo. With the support of the Alumni Association staff and the Office of the President and the Provost, UGARA will continue to serve a vital role in bridging the association of the University with its faculty and staff retirees.

As I reflect on the past two years as your chair, there are several moments that stand out for me. The adoption of a motto “Staying Informed, Keeping Involved . . . “ is a highlight along with the evolution of a web site and the newsletter. Thanks go to the communications committee. Another was a luncheon with Dr. Knapp and all living past presidents, each with a special story to tell about UGARA and its beginnings. Claude McBride was very helpful in arranging this and in reconstructing our history. Of course, we’ve enjoyed trips and receptions, special programs, and our yearly benefits review.

Thank you each for your membership and involvement in UGARA. Thank you also for the opportunity to serve as your chair and to experience firsthand the dedication of so many people who are committed to UGA and UGARA.

*Helen Mills
UGARA Council Chair*

Thanks and Congratulations to Helen Mills

All of us in UGARA thank Helen Mills for serving as Chair of the UGARA Council for the last two years. Helen has done an outstanding job, and we appreciate the time and effort she has put into UGARA.

We also want to congratulate Helen on being named 2007 Athens Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Northeast Georgia. Helen was honored at a luncheon on May 4 at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education.

In Memoriam

Dr. Reba Mae Burnham (March, 2007)

An Invitation to Recall Your Days at UGA : The University of Georgia Legacy Project

In March 2006 Fran Lane of the UGA Visitors Center and Claude McBride of the UGA Alumni Association began a joint effort to collect, preserve and make available filmed interviews with notable UGA alumni. Recently, Claude and Fran presented a preview of one of these videos, which is a 20 minute compilation of some outstanding memories of Mr. Tyus Butler, Dr. George Marshall, Mr. Dan MaGill, Dr. Louise McBee, Dr. Henry King Stanford, Mrs. Joanna Stegeman Traylor, and Mr. Charlie Trippi. UGARA members and other alumni were invited to come to Athens Regional Library for the viewing and those who did reacted very positively, voiced their own recollections, and asked numerous questions.

The intention of the UGA Legacy Project is to preserve this oral history for research purposes, but also to remind us as alumni of how we and UGA actually were in our years here, and to continue to tie us all together through our recollections. To date, two of the videos, filmed and edited by UGA videographer Bill Evelyn, are complete. By calling the UGA Visitors' Center information desk at 706-542-0UGA, you and your family and friends can arrange a time to come by the Visitors' Center to view them. Our advice to UGARA members is that you not wait until football season to reserve a time for what is destined to be a popular family event.

The UGA Legacy Project tapes also will be permanently archived, available in the UGA Library, and transcribed in print. This is a time-intensive and meticulous effort. So far nine interviews have been taped. Public Affairs would like to complete twelve more this calendar year and hopes to continue this project in following years.

Appreciation to the Gruners -- Marsha and Chuck

Marsha and Chuck Gruner have been active with UGARA since it began, and Chuck was the first University Council liaison with the UGARA Council. Both Marsha and Chuck have served as members of the UGARA Council. Chuck was on the Travel Committee and then chairman of it with Marsha as his able assistant, and then Marsha became chair with Chuck as her assistant. Marsha has also been chair of the Council, editor of the newsletter, and acting secretary. As Marsha says, "We're a team. When you get one Gruner you have two." Marsha and Chuck are also UGARA volunteers for the Alumni Association at Wray-Nicholson House. Chuck says "We're top-notch envelope stuffers and labelers." We appreciate the time and effort both of them have contributed to UGARA and to the Alumni Association.

Reception for New Retirees in April

The Reception for New Retirees was held at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education and Conference Center on April 3, and several pictures from it are shown below. President Adams and Provost Mace greeted the new retirees and presented each with a certificate.



Marsha and Chuck Gruner with
President Adams



Outgoing Chair of the UGARA
Council, Helen Mills



New Retirees, Romeo Toledo and
Sylvia Pannell

Review of the Louvre/Titanic Trip

The Travel Committee worked very hard this year to plan interesting trips. Marsha Gruner, as Travel Chair, deserves a huge round of applause for the well-planned Titanic/Louvre trip to Atlanta on March 13. This trip included a visit to the Atlanta Civic Center to see the Titanic, lunch at Mary Mac's Tea Room, and then a stop at the High Museum to view exhibits from the Louvre. To see photos from this and other trips, visit the UGARA web site at <http://www.uga.edu/ugara/album.html>.

Trip to the Flat Rock Playhouse - July 18

The Travel Committee was disappointed that we had to cancel the trip to Waycross and the Okefenokee Swamp due to the terrible wildfire and smoke situation in South Georgia. Hopefully, we can put this trip together again in the future.

We hope you will join us for a theatre outing on **Wednesday, July 18th**, at the Flat Rock Playhouse. Flat Rock is the state theatre of North Carolina. We have 40 tickets reserved for the Wednesday matinee of the play "Nuptials." I am quoting the write-up about the play that the Playhouse included in their season listing. "As a Southern family prepares to celebrate the wedding of their daughter, everything that can go wrong does. From a fussy florist, to a snooty wedding director, to a home-cooking caterer with a granddaughter in tow, things are about as bad as they can get. The frazzled bride-to-be takes off for the movie theater and leaves everyone, including the groom to wonder if there's going to be a wedding or not. Humorous and sweet, 'Nuptials' is a North Carolina 'Steel Magnolias' from one of Charlotte's finest playwrights." This sounds like it should be a rollicking good time.

The cost of this trip is **\$55.00 per person**. Reservations need to be in by **June 27**.

*Marsha Gruner
Travel Chair*

Reservation form for the Flat Rock Playhouse Trip

Names (1) _____

(2) _____

Address(es) to which instructions should be sent:

(1) _____

(2) _____

Contact Phone _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Send form and check for the full amount (**\$55.00 per person**) made payable to the UGA Alumni Association c/o Marcus Jennings, Wray-Nicholson House, 298 Hull Street, Athens, GA 30602-6372 by **June 27th**. Please note **Flat Rock Playhouse Trip** on your check.



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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*

See photos from the April 3 New Retiree Reception and UGARA trip to the Titanic & Louvre Exhibits plus other photos at: *http://www.uga.edu/ugara/album.html*

Thanks to Elizabeth Pape for maintaining the UGARA web site and for making these photos and other information available to UGARA members.