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The University of Georgia Retirees Association

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Front Row, L-R, Claude McBride, Archie Carroll, Debra Watson, Marsha Gruner, Margaret Anderson, Back Row, L-R, Candace Stanciel, Jean Bowen, Susan Landrum, Vicky Smith, Clif Pannell, Allan Barber, Dot Cofer, Marcus Jennings, Elizabeth Pape

Greetings from the Chair

UGARA co-sponsored four Employee Benefits sessions in the month of October this year. Over 300 retirees attended each of the first two sessions held at the Athens Regional Library and two more were quickly scheduled by the Human Resources Department because of the keen interest in health insurance issues for next year. The latter were held at the Georgia Center. By now, all retirees have had ample opportunity to learn of the benefits situation for 2009. Many new members joined UGARA as membership forms were distributed at all sessions.

UGARA has been monitoring Gov. Perdue's proposal to eliminate the automatic COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) for TRS (Teachers Retirement System) members. UGARA has encouraged members to write or email the Governor and their local legislative contingents. The vote on this proposal will take place November 19 at the TRS Board meeting. UGARA has gone on record as opposing the Governor's proposal because it is unfair to our well-funded system which has built in funds for the COLA raises over the years.

Check out the updated UGARA web page at <http://www.uga.edu/ugara/>. There you will find a recent photo of the UGARA Council, the list of this year's officers, and other information, such as how to sign up for the UGARA-L listserv to receive email notices about upcoming events and other information of interest to UGA retirees. If you have any suggestions for UGARA, please send me an email at acarroll@uga.edu.

Archie Carroll

UGARA Council Chair



Fall Retirees Reception on December 9

The Fall Semester Retirement Reception has now been scheduled for December 9 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education to recognize recent retirees. Invitations to this event will be sent out to all UGARA members who may then RSVP. This social event gives you the opportunity to honor the new retirees, mingle with old friends, and make new friends. The food served is always wonderful.

Special Thanks

Our special thanks go to UGARA Council Chair, Archie Carroll, for making us aware of the TRS COLA vote, for writing letters on our behalf, and for supporting UGA retirees.

We also want to thank Jean Bowen for her untiring effort in working with Human Resources to arrange sessions about retiree benefits during the open enrollment period. These sessions were held at the Athens-Clarke County Library and additional sessions were added at the Georgia Center. All sessions were well attended.

Invitation to Join the UGARA Listserv

UGARA wants to keep retirees informed about issues that affect members and also about other happenings at the University. Two such recent items that are important to you are retiree benefits and TRS COLAs. In order for UGARA to do a better job of keeping you informed, we encourage you to join our UGARA-L list, which 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.

There are three ways you can join our UGARA-L list. Select one of the following:

- 1) Send an email to listserv@listserv.uga.edu . The only thing you need to include is the message *subscribe UGARA-L your name*. For example, if your name is Mary Smith, the message in your email would be *subscribe UGARA-L Mary Smith*.

The screenshot shows an email composition interface with buttons for 'Send', 'Save Draft', 'Expand', and 'Spelling'. The 'To:' field contains 'listserv@listserv.uga.edu'. The 'Subject:', 'Cc:', and 'Bcc:' fields are empty. The 'Bcc:' field contains the text 'subscribe UGARA-L Mary Smith'.

- 2) Send an email to ugara@uga.edu and request that you be added to the UGARA-L list. If you have changed your email address since you joined the UGARA list, please send an email to ugara@uga.edu and ask to have your email address changed.

- 3) Mail your name and email address to UGARA, c/o Marcus Jennings, Wray-Nicholson House, 298 Hull Street, Athens, GA 30602-6372, and request that you be added to the UGARA-L list.

Note: If you had a UGA email address when you retired from the University, especially if you retired recently, that email address may still be active. You are now required to change your password every 6 months. If you find you cannot log in, or if you want to check about your UGA mail, call the EITS helpdesk at 706-542-3106 or go to <http://eitshelpdesk.uga.edu> for assistance.

Welcome New UGARA Members

Margaret A. Turner, Carolyn Hawes, Donna W. Brown, Glen Kaufman, Susan Tuggle, Walter O'Briant, Sherry G. Carson, Lisa Boone, Connie S. Pannell, Nick Dale, Margaret J. Christian, Howard Ansel, Dwight R. Lee, Patricia L. Crites, Dhandapani Kannan, Barbara A. Booth, Peter Rice, Marie C. Ellis, and Lester D. Stephens

In Memoriam

We are saddened to lose the following UGARA members:

Col Charles T. Ostick	7/23/2008
Dr. Earl F. Davis	8/08/2008
Ms. Vivian Harrington Fisher	8/30/2008