Welcome to the University of Georgia Retirees Association (UGARA)’s new fiscal year, 2011-2012. Our purpose is “to provide ongoing communication and connection between the University and its retirees, with expressed needs and opportunities coming from retirees and from the University.”

Membership in UGARA entitles retired faculty and staff to receive newsletters and announcements of planned activities, such as the upcoming Antiques Road Show event sponsored by Merrill Lynch on November 21st, travel opportunities, and other activities both on and off campus.

UGARA also sponsors a reception each spring to honor new retirees in conjunction with the offices of the President and the Provost. The next reception will be held in April of 2012.

Bill Flatt, Council
UGARA is an organization for all retired University faculty and staff and we seek to represent their interests in all we do. Our association is governed by a Council that meets monthly to oversee business affairs and plan and conduct programs and activities. You can find information about UGARA and our events and programs at the UGARA Web site, www.uga.edu/ugara. Your suggestions, comments or questions are welcomed and can be sent by e-mail (ugara@uga.edu). We hope you will be active and take advantage of the many opportunities provided by UGARA.

Got Antiques?

Dust off that old painting in your attic. Polish up that old silver tea service in your closet. Pull out that Chinese vase you inherited years ago. You could be sitting on some big money!

You can find out what your antiques, collectibles and other vintage items are worth at the UGARA “Antiques Roadshow” November 21 from 3-5 p.m. in the Tate Center Grand Hall (the new addition to the Dean Tate Student Center). The event is free for UGARA members and guests and will include refreshments.

Lee Stennes, a UGA graduate who works with the Athens Merrill Lynch office, is organizing the event as a service to UGARA members. He has arranged for Roger Krava, an experienced general antiques expert, to be present to evaluate items. Krava will spend about five minutes assessing each item and will be able to perform 30 appraisals during the two-hour event.

Bill Flatt, chair of the UGARA Council, urges all UGARA members to attend. "This is a great opportunity to find out if that old art work or jewelry or other old item that’s been laying around your house for years could actually be worth something," Flatt said. "Even if you don’t have something to be appraised, it will be a wonderful time for UGARA members to get together to socialize and renew friendships. UGARA is very grateful to Lee Stennes for sponsoring this event."

If you would like to have an item appraised, or if you just want to join in the fun and fellowship, RSVP to Stennes by e-mail (lstennes@gmail.com) or telephone (706-340-2910).
In Memoriam

This past June the University of Georgia lost a valuable member of its community. Dr. Gene Michaels passed away following a brief illness. As an avid member and former Council Chair of the UGARA, he left an indelible mark on this organization. As Chair of the Travel Committee he coordinated a number of rewarding travel experiences for retirees. Those frequent travelers are sure to remember those fun times.

In addition to his role with UGARA, Dr. Michaels was a retired mycology professor and a generous supporter of the University of Georgia, and its athletic programs. The UGA Retirees Association would also like to recognize other members who passed away this year.

Mrs. Margie Cobb  
September 2011  
(wife of Mr. Leonard Cobb)

Dr. Ann Elizabeth Jewett  
March 2011

Dr. Martha Sue Jordan  
April 2011

Dr. Paul Kelly  
May 2011

Dr. William B. Pavlik  
July 2011

Mrs. Laura M. Perkins  
September 2011

Dr. Norman G. Sansing  
September 2011

Welcome New Members!

John W. Albright  
Ann S. Allen  
Mary Ellen Blackburn  
Shirley Chambers  
James Crawford  
Mary Ann Fitzgerald  
Maureen Golia  
Peter Hartel  
Doris Kadish  
Darrell W. Laughlin  
Christine Lo  
William Loughner  
Gordon Maner  
Judith McWillie  
Myrtle S. Miller  
Kenneth Oppecker  
Leonard W. Poon  
Karen L. Prasse  
James W. Reddick  
Pat Smith  
Garnett Stokes  
Robert Terry Thigpen  
George Thornton  
Nancy Watson  
Scott Weinberg  
Amy M. Williams  
Cheri Wranosky

UGARA Council Announces its New Members

This fall the UGARA Council took on three new members. Nancy Canolty and Novene Landers have joined the Travel Committee along with Betty Jean Craigie who will co-chair our Receptions Committee.

Pictured from L-R: (Standing) Emily Somerville, Bill Flatt, Vicky Smith, Betty Jean Craigie, Elizabeth Pape, Larry Dendy, Marcus Jennings; (Seated) Bill Barstow, Guillermo Alzuno, Bob Burton, Nancy Canolty. (Not Pictured: Dot Cofer, Novene Landers, and Claude McBride.)
Celebrate the Holidays with UGARA!

The UGARA Travel Committee has arranged an overnight trip to Callaway Gardens to take in their fabulous and expanded Fantasy in Lights Festival. This trip includes overnight accommodations at the Mountain Creek Inn, luggage handling, holiday dinner buffet, breakfast buffet, gratuities on the meals, Fantasy in Lights Festival admission, a guided day tour of the Gardens and all their attractions.

On the way back from Callaway we will stop in Warm Springs for lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants there. There will be an opportunity for those interested to visit the FDR Little White House. Admission to the Little White House is not included in the trip fee, but will not be more than $7. Those not interested in the tour may shop in Warm Springs.

The date of this trip is December 14 - 15, 2011. The cost is $175 per person for double occupancy and $230 per person for single occupancy. Instructions for meeting the bus will be mailed to trip participants.

Reservations need to be in by Thursday, December 1st. Please fill out the form below, clip it, and send it along with a check for the full amount made payable to the UGA Foundation; c/o Marcus Jennings; Wray-Nicholson House; 298 S. Hull Street; Athens, GA 30602.

Reservation form for Callaway Gardens on December 14 - 15, 2011

Name(s): 1) ________________________________________________

2) ________________________________________________

Address(es): 1) ________________________________________________

2) ________________________________________________

Contact Phone __________________________________________

Signature __________________________________________ Date ________________

Send form and check for the full amount ($175 per person for double occupancy and $230 per person for single occupancy) made payable to the UGA Foundation; c/o Marcus Jennings; Wray-Nicholson House; 298 S. Hull Street; Athens, GA 30602 by December 1st.
Email us with your comments and suggestions, or subscribe to the UGARA-L listserv to stay informed. Just send an email to:

uga@uga.edu

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

www.uga.edu/ugara

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www.oli.uga.edu