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Greetings from the Chair

Welcome to UGARA's new year which coincides with UGA's academic year. UGARA is the official liaison group between UGA and all its retirees. Membership in UGARA entitles you to receive newsletters and announcements of planned activities. UGARA's special activities include seminars in Athens, day and overnight trips with transportation furnished, and other special events. Each year, receptions for new retirees are held in the Fall and in the Spring, and these are coordinated with the President's Office and the Office of the Provost. As of the Summer, 2008, UGARA has 582 members with new members being added weekly.

UGARA strives to represent all retirees from the University and we are proud that both faculty and staff are represented and active in all aspects of UGARA. UGARA seeks to keep all retirees informed of retirement benefits and each year a seminar is held in which UGA officials outline any changes expected for the upcoming year.

I am pleased to serve as Council Chair during the 2008-2009 year, and I invite you to become involved in UGARA as activities are announced. If you have any recommendations as to what you would like to see UGARA do, please feel free to send them to me at acarroll@uga.edu. The UGARA Council meets monthly to consider the organization's business and to plan activities for the year.

Archie Carroll

UGARA Council Chair



Congratulations

Marcus Jennings is Administrative Assistant for Membership Services in the UGA Alumni Association, and he assists UGARA in many ways. All of us in UGARA want to congratulate Marcus for receiving the External Affairs Employee of the Year Award on June 25. Marcus has worked with the Alumni Association for five years, and he was chosen over 250 employees.

Welcome New Life Members

UGARA welcomes new life members who have joined UGARA since April 14. They are J. Scott Shaw, Sue Achtemeier, Carol Carey, Opal Haley, Richard Riggs, Yvonne Seay, William Barstow, C. Thomas Poss, and Norma Craddock.

In Memoriam

We are saddened to lose the following UGARA life members:

Dr. Gary Anthony Couvillon 4/24/2008

Dr. August W. Staub 4/19/2008

Col Warren Atticus Thrasher 6/8/2008

Members Leaving the Council

We want to thank **Clif Pannell**, **Nancy Canolty**, and **Sara Potts** for their service to the UGARA Council. **Clif** served as Chair of the Council during 2007-2008, and he will remain on the Council. **Sara** and **Nancy** will leave the Council this year. **Sara** retired from UGA Food Services in 1995 after 16 years as Manager of Bolton Dining Hall and joined UGARA the same year. She served on the Council from 2005-2008 as a member of the Travel Committee and also as Social Chairman during 2007-2008. Her interests include cooking, attending UGA sports and concerts, and participating in church activities. She also spends time looking after a tree farm in Columbia County, GA. **Nancy** retired from the College of Family and Consumer Sciences in 2004. She was appointed to the UGARA Council in 2005 and served three years as Chair of the Membership Committee and one year as a member of the Travel Committee. Nancy is co-founder and co-president of SoloSENIORS for single men and women at least 50 years old.

New Council Member Brief Profiles

Archie Carroll, UGARA Council Chair

Archie retired as Robert W. Scherer Chair of Management and Professor of Management in the Terry College of Business in 2005. He served on the faculty of the business school for 32 years. He served as Associate Dean of the College (1979-1982) and Department Chair of Management (1995-2000). Upon his retirement he was honored with the title Professor Emeritus and was invited to continue part-time as Director of the Nonprofit Management & Community Service Program, a position he had held since 2000. Archie is serving his third year on the UGARA Council and has agreed to be Council Chair for 2008-2009. He continues to revise and update his business ethics textbook (7th edition), and he has two other books underway. He has taught since 2001 in the GLOBIS Study Abroad Program in Verona, Italy.

Allan Barber, UGARA Membership Chair

Allan Barber retired from UGA in September 2000 as Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration. Allan has three degrees from UGA (BBA, MBA, and PhD in Public Administration) and worked at UGA for almost 35 years, 30 as Chief Financial Officer. Allan and LaVerne have two daughters and five grandsons, two of whom live in Athens, and they enjoy many UGA activities, including concerts and sports. They also enjoy spending time at their house on Lake Burton with their grandsons. Allan has lived in Athens all of his life, and UGA has always been a big part of his life – and so it continues.

Marsha Gruner, UGARA Travel Committee Co-Chair

Marsha Gruner needs no introduction. She has been active with UGARA for many years and has held different positions on the Council. This past year she was off the Council, but she still attended Travel Committee meetings. Marsha is now back on the Council as Co-Chair of the Travel Committee, and she is a UGARA volunteer with the UGA Alumni Association. Marsha retired as an Academic Advisor for the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, and she enjoys bridge, traveling, reading, and spending time with her family.

Spring Reception for Retirees

New retirees were presented certificates and were honored for their service to the University of Georgia at the Retirees Spring Reception at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education on May 7.



Provost Arnett Mace, new retiree Bill Barstow, and President Adams



Keynote speaker, Bill Flatt

May Trip to the Okefenokee Swamp Successful

Fifty-three UGARA members had an interesting time visiting South Georgia in May. We went first to Obediah’s Okefenok, a site that is listed on the National Historic Register. We enjoyed this facility in spite of a rain shower. After spending the night at the Waycross Holiday Inn, we bused to the Okefenokee Swamp Park. Our admission there included the “Eyes on Nature” program -- a live presentation covering the wildlife in the park, complete with some of us handling snakes. The boat and train rides provided evidence that the swamp is coming back better than ever after the fires of a year ago.

Marsha Gruner, Travel Co-Chair

A Mixture of Horses, Willows, and Cars Wednesday, October 22

For the fall UGARA trip we will visit some very interesting people and learn about their unique hobbies. The first visit will be to Bill Simpson’s cutting horse training facilities where we will see his three horse barns and practice arena. Bill will demonstrate his electronic training cow and then show us what a well-trained horse can do when working with a herd of animals. Bill said the cows are too dumb to challenge a cutting horse, so he has a herd of buffalo (bison) for his horses to work. Lunch will be in Social Circle with Louis and Billie Van Dyke at their award winning Blue Willow Inn, which is famous throughout the South. We will also see the Van Dyke’s newest addition, the Blue Willow Village, which is located just behind the Inn. Our final stop will be in Madison where we will see Bruce Weiner’s collection of over 350 microcars. After a leisurely trip through this unique collection, we will head back to Athens.

The cost for this trip will be **\$60.00/person**. This amount will include a deluxe bus for the day, all entrance fees to the horse ranch and to the museum, and cost of lunch and tip at the Blue Willow. The reservation form and check for \$60.00 made payable to the UGA Alumni Association c/o Marcus Jennings, Wray-Nicholson House, 298 Hull Street, Athens, GA 30602-6372 should be in by **October 1, 2008**. Instructions for meeting the bus and other details will be sent to participants.

Gene Michaels, Travel Co-Chair

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Reservation Form for Horses, Willows, and Cars Trip, October 22

Names:

(1) _____

(2) _____

Address(es) to which instructions should be sent:

(1) _____

(2) _____

Contact Phone _____ Date _____

Signature _____

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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, April 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Alumni House Conference Room, Wray-Nicholson House.