



Newsletter of the UWG Association of Retired Faculty & Staff No. 30 August 2017



#### THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF

# **REUNION**

Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 Sunset Hills Country Club

The Annual Association of Retired Faculty and Staff (ARFS) Reunion will be held at 11:30 am on August 26, 2017 at Sunset Hills Country Club in Carrollton. Lunch will be sponsored by the Association of Retired Faculty and Staff and the University of West Georgia Foundation and catered by Sunset Hills. We will honor the new retirees and enjoy visiting with current and former colleagues, friends, and family.

Please join us at the reunion to celebrate the following 2016-2017 retirees:

Steve Arrington	Mills Lane	H. Denise Robinson
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Ed Croy Shirley Oliver Lankford Dennie Sears

Van Edwards Tim J. McWhorter Diane C. Shackleford

Cynthia D. Epps Thomas J. Mackel Elaine R. Shirey

E. Lorene Flanders Charles K. (Charlie) Marlar Wayne Walker

Kathy H. Gibbs Sandra S. Nix Laurie Jowers Ware

Joey Hannaford Dinuabhai C. Patel Bob Watkins

Donna M. Harkins Patricia D. Pinkard L. Dean Wilburn, Jr.

Linda P. Harris Shelia Redwine

Deborah B. Holcombe\* Don Rice

Debra L. Hytower Sheila D. Rivera

\* Honoring Posthumously



Photo of honorees from 2016 Reunion





## ARFS Candidate Slate to be presented at August 26, 2017 Reunion

By Glenn Novak

The ARFS Nominating Committee is pleased to present to the membership our slate of candidates for Officers and Coordinating Council for the coming year(s). We are grateful to our members who reached out by phone and email to recruit these fine retirees who will help guide our organization in the months and years ahead. And we appreciate each of our candidates for their willingness to have their names placed on this year's ballot.

The ballot shown below is the document each retiree present at our August reunion event will vote on, and it includes persons continuing on for the rest of their terms as prescribed by ARFS By-Laws.

Terms begin at reunion date and end two years later at reunion date.

### Officers (also members of Coordinating Council)

President: Mitch Clifton:	(term 2016-2018)
Vice President: Jan Ruskell (also Scholarship)	(term 2016-2018)
Past President: Glenn Novak	(term 2016-2018)
Secretary: Need candidate	(term 2017-2019)
Treasurer: Karen Smith	(term 2016-2018)

#### **At-Large Members of Coordinating Council (minimum of six)**

Jimmy Drew	(term 2016-2018)
Dan Flinn	(term 2017-2019)
Kathryn Grams	(term 2017-2019)
Swain Harris	(term 2017-2019)
Bruce Lyon	(term 2017-2019)
Debbie Novak (Scholarship Committee)	(term 2017-2019)
Linda Picklesimer	(term 2017-2019)
Bob Reeves	(term 2017-2019)
Gail Reid	(term 2017-2019)
Anne Richards (Co-Chair, Program/Events Committee)	(term 2017-2019)
Martha Ann Saunders (Co-Chair, Program/Events Committee)	(term 2017-2019)



# OneUSG Connect - Benefits Improving Our Service to You

#### What does this mean for you?

You now have two new ways to access your benefits. Rest assured, your benefits themselves are not changing.

Any benefits through the Aon Retiree Health Exchange will not change.

USG offers two new ways to manage your USG benefits:

OneUSG Connect - Web Site: Visit connect-benefits.usg.edu to access this site.

OneUSG Connect - Benefits Call Center: Call toll-free 1-844-5-USGBEN (1-844-587-4236) for expert help.

Have coverage through the Aon Retiree Health Exchange? Reach your dedicated Benefits Advisor at 1-866-212-5052 or visit retiree.aon.com/usg.

#### Additional helpful Information

- 1. Direct Debit Instructions for Retirees: http://www.usg.edu/assets/hr/benefits docs/Retirees Direct Debit Job Aid.pdf
- 2. Sample Bill: http://www.usg.edu/assets/hr/benefits\_docs/Retiree\_Sample\_Bill.pdf
- 3. Direct Debit Information:

http://www.usg.edu/assets/hr/benefits docs/USG Direct Bill Mailing Insert.pdf







#### The Coordinating Council

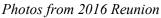
The next meeting of the ARFS Coordinating Council is scheduled for Friday, September 29, 2017 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room of the Alumni House. Please feel free to join us for this meeting.

Your service record: ARFS is compiling a list of all of our retirees who are generously donating their time and energies to make UWG a better place. You are rightfully proud of your volunteer efforts. So, send a brief note listing them to Denice King, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, dking@westga.edu, and we will pull it all together into an annual report.

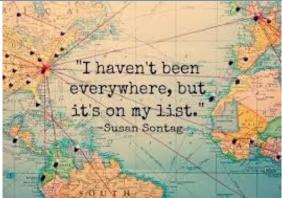


# The Rejuvenator









ARFS TRAVEL PROGRAM UPDATE

The Third Thursday Travel Program held its final event this summer. The successful program granted opportunities for socializing while learning about the interesting travels of members of our community. And the efforts of Jan Ruskell to coordinate these events are greatly appreciated!

Now the ARFS Coordinating Council is excited to offer a different kind of travel experience. We are planning outings right here in Carrollton that will provide retirees opportunities for social gathering and some behind-the-scenes tours of sites on the UWG campus. There are so many amazing things happening at UWG, and many of them are unknown even to the people who have worked on campus for many years.

We hope you will join us for these day trips "Back to Campus" to learn about incredible state-of-the-art buildings, innovative academic programs, and outstanding student projects here at The University of West Georgia. It promises to be an enlightening and enjoyable expedition with friends!

Details will be shared in the coming weeks via email sent to the ARFS listserv and on the ARFS website.

**ARFS Website:** For more information on the Association of Retired Faculty and Staff, check out our website at <a href="https://www.westga.edu/arfs">www.westga.edu/arfs</a>.

**ARFS Listserv:** To sign up for our listserv email Debbie Novak at <a href="mailto:dnovak@westga.edu">dnovak@westga.edu</a>. Also, remember that if you've changed your email address, you must notify us so we can update you on the ARFS listserv. Our listserv address is uwg-arfs-list@westga.edu.





## **UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship Fund**

Great News! The current balance of our UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship is \$ 24,417.00.

We are so close to our goal! As soon as we reach \$25,000, the scholarship will become endowed and will be added to the UWG Foundation investment portfolio for one year to start receiving earnings toward awarding it to a deserving student.

Remember the purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to students with a legacy connection to UWG. Please consider making a donation and help a student with a UWG connection! For more details on the scholarship, see <a href="https://www.westga.edu/arfs.">www.westga.edu/arfs.</a>

If you would like to make a gift, you may donate online (http://giving.westga.edu/arfslegacy). You may also mail a check to the Alumni House (1601 Maple Street, Carrollton GA 30118). Be sure to indicate on your check that your donation is designated for the UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship. Another way to give is to do a pledge donation. For additional information/questions, please contact Ketty Cusick, Director of Development, at kcusick@westga.edu or 678-839-6501.

Thank you to all that have already donated to this worthy cause!

# Don't miss the 2017 ARFS Reunion!





Photos from 2016 Reunion