

**UAHRA Newsletter
Fall 2015**

**UAHRA Fall General Meeting: Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Spragins Hall, Room 110 (Varsity Room) 11:30 a.m.
Wellness Screening and Flu Shot Fair 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

UAHRA will hold its Fall General Meeting on Wednesday, October 14, at 11:30 a.m. in Spragins Hall Room 110 (Varsity Room). This is a potluck luncheon meeting of sandwiches, salads, and desserts. The drinks will be provided by the Board. All members are invited to bring a dish of their choosing, but it is not required for your attendance. In order to insure sufficient serving and dining space, please RSVP to Mary Summerlin (256-536-6214) or Val Seaquist (256-851-7423). Those bringing food should arrive early before the meeting starts at 11:30 a.m.

We are pleased to announce that President Bob Altenkirch will present "The State of UAH" at this meeting.

There will also be a Show and Tell by Dr. Michael Eley, Retired Professor of Biological Sciences, on "Chaco Canyon in New Mexico, A UNESCO World Heritage Site." Mike had to be rescheduled from the spring meeting.

The Alabama Department of Public Health nurses will be setup in the racquetball court starting at 10:30 a.m. to conduct wellness screenings and give flu shots. Please bring your Medicare Card and/or PEEHIP cards with you.

**UAHRA Officers and Board of Directors
2015 – 2016 Officers**

Bernard Schroer, President
Hugh Coleman, Vice President/President Elect

Val Seaquist, Secretary
Sheila Scruggs, Treasurer

Members of the Board of Directors

Peter Gibson
Kyle Siegrist
Brenda Maples-Sterry

Mary Summerlin
Mary Beth Walker
Joan Williamson

The Board of Directors asks the members to contact them with suggestions, questions, complaints, and offers of assistance. We need your input to insure we are meeting the needs of all the members.

Reminder - UAHRA Now Has a Website!

Thanks to UAH Advancement, UAHRA now has a website: www.uah.edu/retiree. Upcoming meeting announcements will be available on the website. In addition, retirees can download a membership application and mail it or bring it to a general membership meeting.

You will begin receiving more correspondence by email as well. If you have changed your email from what is printed in the UAHRA Directory, please contact Sheila Scruggs at sheilascruggs2@gmail.com

UAH Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Board has established a goal to increase the Scholarship Fund from \$30,000 to \$50,000 in the next three to five years. It would be great for a member to step forward and make a significant challenge grant to get the ball rolling. Joan Williamson has agreed to make this goal a reality. You can contact Joan at coachwill@aol.com

Know or Contact your State Senator or Representative

The names, addresses, and emails of the Alabama State Legislature are available on-line. Click on "Alabama Legislature" on UAHRA home page www.uah.edu/retiree. You will be sent directly to the State of Alabama's legislative home page. Members are listed by name, district, and standing committee. There is also a district map to help locate a member.

Ten Year UAHRA History

Gladys Jones and Lee Cook are busy writing the ten year history of UAHRA. The history should be completed by the 2016 winter meeting. If you have any input please contact Gladys or Lee. The history will be available on the UAHRA website.

Show and Tell

Many UAH retirees are busy traveling, have very interesting hobbies, or are actively volunteering. If you would like to share what you are doing at one of our quarterly meetings, send an email to Bernard Schroer at schroerb@comcast.net. You will have three minutes for your show and tell. If you would like to contribute a paragraph to the quarterly newsletter, send an email to Dr. Schroer.

Community Service Projects

Please bring any of the following items you wish to donate to the October meeting.

Food Bank of North Alabama www.fbofna.org

NEED: Canned and nonperishable food items and cash donations

Free2Teach www.free-2-teach.org

NEED: School supplies: notebook paper, computer paper, #2 pencils, pens, crayons, washable markers, glue sticks and cash donations

Community Free Clinic www.hsvfreeclinic.org

NEED: Travel sized toiletry items such as shampoos, soap, and lotions and cash donations

Directory Changes

Please send any corrections and/or changes to the UAHRA Treasurer and make the following changes to your copy of the directory.

New Members – please add to your directory!

Lionel West, Jr. lwest@knology.net

Ina E. Warboys warboysi@uah.edu

In Memory

Dr. Najendra Singh, Electrical and Computer Engineering

General Membership Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2015 Shelby Center, Room 150

The members attending were met by Jeff Thompson, Director of the Center for Management and Economic Research (CMER), which is affiliated with the College of Administrative Science. He gave an overview of the functioning of the Shelby Center which houses research, classrooms and administrative offices. The building is the heaviest per square foot of any building in Alabama, according to Jeff, because of the heavy equipment used inside.

Introductions: Mary Beth Walker welcomed the new members attending: Reva and Ed Bailey, and Ravi Seth. Toni Morgan from the Office of the Dean of Students was introduced and would serve as tour guide for the CU.

“Show and Tell”

The group ate their lunches as Bernie Schroer showed pictures of the Southwest taken by Franz Rosenberger and himself. Mike Eley was not present as scheduled. The pictures Franz took of Antelope Canyon were so sculptural and artistic that they hardly looked like photographs. Kyle Siegrist showed pictures and talked of his experiences teaching math in NPU, Xi'an, China in fall term of 2014. He showed pictures of everyday life that were different than we experience, such as open-air haircuts and storefront dentistry, no cold drinks, delicious food often served on a carousel and with a more communal eating style than in most of the USA. He particularly enjoyed the students who were congenial and welcoming. Traffic was also very different. Everyone went at whatever speed they could and did not yield to pedestrians. Traffic jams occurred often and when they did, bikes used the sidewalk to get through the jams. Their system worked well to get people around in the busy city, but it required attention!

Minutes: The Minutes of the Winter Meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's report: The balance in the UAHRA account is \$6,647.28. Sheila reported that \$1,000 would be given to the UAH Scholarship account. The Scholar is given \$1,400 the first year of the award and \$1,200 if awarded the scholarship for a second year. The balance in the account is now \$29,778. Donations for the “Take A Seat” Roberts Hall fundraiser have reached \$909 and the remainder will be paid from the UAHRA general account.

Legislative Report: Donna Reed reported that it is likely that a 5% increase will be required to fund PEEHIP health insurance. The Educational Trust Fund details will be unveiled in the next few days and Mary Beth will send an informational email to members.

Other Business: Brenda Maples-Sterry collected survey forms of suggestions for future meetings. She will report later on the results. Door prize winners were selected.

Announcements:

New Board Members, who will be serving 3 year terms, were introduced: Hugh Coleman, Peter Gibson, and Joan Williamson. Val Seaquist will complete Dave Brown's term as he requested an alternate. The new group was thanked for their willingness to serve. Departing board members were thanked: Donna Reed, Carol Roach, Vella Dailey and Dave Brown.

Outreach/Philanthropy: Report will be later after this meeting's contributions can be tallied.

Tour of Charger Union: Toni Morgan led the tour of Charger Union. The new building was designed after many studies of other student centers and suggestions from students and community. It is particularly student friendly with spaces to pursue whatever interests students have: game room, video games a place for computers, study carrels and storage for research projects, charger stations for computers and phones, ample choices for dining, etc. The building design shows that student's interests were carefully considered. Also it is in the center of campus and very accessible to the intermodal parking garage. The garage is full every school day.

New Business: AERA Meeting of Higher Ed representatives will take place on Monday, May 18 at 10:30 in Montgomery. Vella Dailey will attend and report back to the group on information gathered.

Respectfully Submitted, Vella Dailey, Secretary



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