

UAHRA Newsletter

Summer 2024

Upcoming Activities

As you will see in the Recent Events section of this newsletter we have enjoyed frequent meetings and events. The Board's goal is to have an event or activity almost every month. Here is a list of upcoming events. Please feel free to bring a fellow retiree or guest.

August 14, 11 am
Meeting with Kristina Hendrix, UAH
Vice President for Strategic
Communications
Shelby King Hall, Room 369

Vice President Hendrix will tell us about the upcoming media campaign to increase UAH visibility and enhance recruitment, planning for the Executive Plaza, and plans to increase awareness of UAH distance learning degree programs.

August 23, 4 to 6 pm
Welcome Back Picnic
Student Services Building 112

Retirees are invited to the picnic along with current faculty and staff.

September 18, 5 pm
Burritt on the Mountain
Cocktails at the View



The View at Burritt on the Mountain

The View is a patio area with a spectacular view of Huntsville. Admission is free and drinks and food are available for purchase.

October 10, 1 pm
Meeting with President Chuck Karr
Student Services Building, Room 313

President Karr will give us an update on important matters and events at UAH.

November 7, 5 pm
US Space and Rocket Center
Biergarten



Biergarten at USSRC

Here's a chance to drink beer and eat German food under the Saturn V in the

Davidson Pavillion. Admission is \$5 and food and beer is available for purchase in the Pavillion.

December Holiday Cheer Reception

Once again retirees will be invited to the campus holiday party. The date and time have not yet been announced.

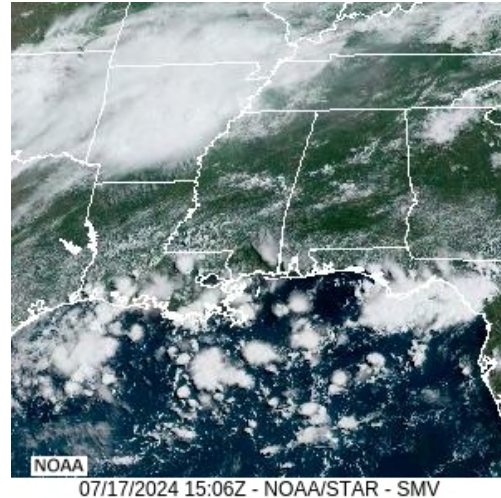
Recent Activities

February 23 OLLI



Clay Williams, OLLI Director, gave us a tour of OLLI facilities in Wilson Hall. A discussion of how OLLI and UAHRA could work together more closely followed.

March 31 National Weather Service Weather Forecasting Office



We learned how the daily weather forecast for North Alabama is prepared. We had a very lively discussion with forecasters about the daily forecast and how the forecast office deals with severe weather.

April 14 Dracula: A Feminist Revenge Fantasy



UAHRA members attended the play in the Morton Hall Black Box Theater and then a reception after the play.

April 14
Provost David Puleo

Provost Puleo gave the Retirees Association an update about enrollment and spoke about the development of a strategic enrollment management plan including recruitment, matriculation, retention, and graduation. He noted that the UAH graduation rate has increased over the last 5 to 6 years.

He also spoke about several physical plant projects on campus, including a new engineering building, an update for the Bevill Center, and the development of the 58 acres of the former Executive Plaza.

Several retirees suggested that as the strategic enrollment plan is being developed it might be good to have input from retirees who had been through such exercises before. Provost Puleo was receptive to the idea. Later, the UAHRA president forwarded statements of interest from a number of retirees to Provost Puleo.

May 16
Employee Decades Luncheon

This was a new version of the traditional staff and faculty picnic and was held in the Charger Union. Attendees were asked to dress appropriate to their favorite decade. Retirees were again invited and many attended.

July 19
Cocktails and Cosmos at the Intuitive Planetarium.



The Messimers, the Simpsons, Leigh Kamm and Guests at Cocktails and Cosmos

Many retirees attended the event at the USSRC. After cocktails or wine/beer we saw a terrific planetarium show about explosive events ranging from meteoroid impacts on planets to the Big Bang.

Officers and Board

The UAHRA Officers and Board for 2024-25 are:

President	Jack Fix
Vice President	Sharlene Bruce
Treasurer	Debra Moriarity
Secretary	Juanita Owen
Board Member	Steve Bruce
	Leigh Kamm
	Sherri Messimer
	Carolyn Sanders

New Member

Carolyn Sanders

We Welcome New Members!

UAHRA President's Message

One of the goals of the UAHRA is to help retirees maintain contact with UAH. One way this can be done is through the UAH electronic magazines UAH Digital Magazine and UAH Faculty and Staff Headlines. But only a relatively small fraction of retirees get these publications.

During my recent conversation with Vice President for Strategic Communications Kristina Hendrix, she agreed to add all retirees for whom email addresses are available to the distribution list for both of these publications. So you should soon start to get both of them by email.

A bonus for UAHRA is that we will be able to put notices about upcoming UAHRA events in the Events and Announcements sections of Faculty and Staff Headlines. Thus, we will be able to get this information to essentially all UAH retirees rather than just our membership. We hope this will increase attendance at our events.

In 2024 we continue to ask those who attend UAHRA events to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Charger Pantry. The Charger Pantry provides UAH students with food assistance in times of need. The Pantry is usually low on protein (tuna, chicken, etc), ramen noodles, breakfast items (breakfast bars, single serving cereals), and fruits (canned or cups). These items are very helpful and run out quickly. The Pantry usually has plenty of canned vegetables, beans, and pastas.

If you know UAH retirees who are not members, encourage them to join. If you are a new or not so new retiree, please consider joining.

An organization such as ours always needs new ideas, helping hands and the strength that our mutual past brings. If you know of a potential UAHRA member, please ask them to fill out the "Membership Form" on the last page of this newsletter and mail it along with a check made payable to UAHRA to:

***Debra Moriarity
1704 Mountain Fork Road
New Market, AL 35761***

Our membership year runs from October 1 – September 31.

Retiree Spotlight

This and future newsletters will include short updates on what our retired colleagues are doing in retirement.

David Billings

After serving UAH as Dean of Business for 26 years, David retired in 2008. For the last 16 years David has been volunteering in a variety of different venues.



In 2010 David completed the prescribed track of study and Church reviews and became certified as a Lay Speaker for the United Methodist Church. He remains an active Lay Servant by contributing service and completing continuing education hours annually.

David and wife Nancy love plants and, 2009, completed the course and volunteering requirements and became certified as Alabama Master Gardeners. For a number of years they remained active as Alabama Extension Master Gardener Volunteers.

Since retiring David has devoted considerable time and energy to genealogical research and the history of his family. This has involved coursework on the discovery, evaluation, and use of genealogical sources and research methodology as well as participation in National Genealogical Society Family History Conferences, which are the premier annual events for family historians, professional genealogists, and hobbyists.

In a related activity, David has been a member of the **Tennessee Valley Chapter** of the Sons of the American Revolution since 1999. Members of the SAR can trace their lineage back to a patriot who served in or supported the cause of the American Revolution. The SAR's goals include promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and teaching it to future generations. David has served on numerous SAR committees and has held a number of chapter, district, and national offices. He is currently the Vice President of the Southern District, which includes Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

David and Nancy like to travel and in retirement have taken many national and international trips often to professional meetings. They celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with a trip to Chile, Argentina, and Brazil, their 50th anniversary with a Danube River cruise through Eastern Europe to the Black Sea, and their 60th at home in Huntsville.

Thank You to UAH

Although the UAH Retirees Association isn't officially part of UAH, we get a great deal of help and cooperation from the university. The officers and board are very grateful for UAH support.

The University of Alabama in Huntsville

Retirees' Association (UAHRA) 2025 Membership Form

Membership in UAHRA is available on an annual and lifetime basis. Annual fees are due on October 1 and must be paid in full to qualify to vote in the spring elections in May.

New retirees may enjoy complimentary membership until the fiscal year begins in October.

Membership

- ☐ Already a UAHRA Lifetime Member \$ 0.00
Please skip to bottom of form to update in your personal information.

Type of Lifetime Membership:

- ☐ UAH retiree \$100.00
☐ UAH retiree and spouse \$150.00
Lifetime Membership fees are assessed as a one-time payment only.

Type of Annual Membership:

- ☐ New UAH retiree--date of retirement:_____ \$ 0.00
☐ UAH retiree \$10.00
☐ UAH retired spouses (both UAH retirees) \$15.00
☐ UAH retiree and non-UAH retired spouse \$17.50
☐ UAH retiree and non-retired spouse \$20.00
☐ Surviving spouse of UAH retiree \$10.00
☐ Associate member* \$10.00
(UAH employee within five years of retirement eligibility)
☐ Other individual applicant* \$20.00
(as approved by the Board)

*Cannot vote or hold office

Name: _____
Title First Middle Last

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Department/Division: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone(s): _____
Please label your numbers as "H" for home, "C" for cell or "W" for work.

Email(s): _____
Your email address is greatly appreciated such that we may mo

Send form and check (if applicable) made payable to "UAHRA" to:
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