

## Origin of UTA Retirees Club



In 1985 Elwood Preiss, executive assistant to then UTA President Wendell Nedderman, called a group of people together to discuss the formation of an organization for University retirees. The group included John Gardner, who was named chair of the steering committee; Joe Spradlin, who became vice chair/newsletter editor; and members Betty Hamilton, Fred Hunstable, and Mary Smith.

They proposed creating a club that would help UTA retirees sustain their relationship with the University and stay informed about new developments on campus. The club would provide a means for retirees to renew old friendships and make new ones, offering fellowship opportunities for them to play games or gather for conversation.

The steering committee produced bylaws to govern the club and established the offices of president, president-elect, vice president for membership, secretary, treasurer, and newsletter editor. In 1988 a games coordinator was added, and a year later the office of president-elect became vice president for programs.

In 1999 the Retirees Club formed a Roll of Honor to recognize the contributions of those club members who filled leadership positions in the club. Currently, 32 members have received this honor.

Except for one or two occasions, the club has met every month, September through June, since 1985. Meetings are held at the Maverick Stadium conference room on the second Tuesday of each month. Examples of programs and events for Retirees Club members include a Christmas Musicale performed by a group of professors from the Department of Music, Allen Saxe discuss on the 2016 Elections, Dave Lieber on Consumer Awareness, presentation and history on The Bankhead Highway in Texas (Highway 180), and Retiree Benefits Update.

For more information on becoming a member of the Retirees Club, email Rita Thompson, president, at [rhuertat@uta.edu](mailto:rhuertat@uta.edu).

## Honors



### UTA Retirees Club Roll of Honor

<b>1999</b> John Gardner Elizabeth Gardner Thurman Jasper Louise Koehl Joe Spradlin	<b>2001</b> Jason Ellis Naomi Ford Armentha Elliott Hill Pam Morris	<b>2006</b> Alice Kennedy Fay Van Dam	<b>2012</b> Josie O'Quinn Wanda Slinkard
<b>2000</b> Carl Files Sam Hamlett Barbara Hibbard Elwood Preiss James Richards	<b>2002</b> Howard Connally	<b>2009</b> Jack Fitzer Don Cantwell	<b>2013</b> Bernice Franks
	<b>2004</b> Kathryn Powell Ellis Eleanor Bagby Langley	<b>2010</b> Earl Patrick	<b>2014</b> Harley Courtney
	<b>2005</b> Evelyn Martin	<b>2011</b> Robert James	<b>2015</b> Rosanne Minyard
			<b>2016</b> Frank Gault Midge Holliday

### The Elwood Preiss Distinguished Retiree Service Award

Named in recognition of its inaugural recipient, this award was established in 2007 to recognize UTA retirees who embody outstanding service to the University community and the Retirees Club.

<b>2007</b> Elwood Preiss	<b>2009</b> Thurman Jasper	<b>2013</b> Wanda Slinkard	<b>2015</b> Larry Barcroft
<b>2008</b> Joe Spradlin	<b>2012</b> Josie O'Quinn	<b>2014</b> Frank Gault	<b>2016</b> Dianne Chance



### UTA Retirees Club Officers

2018-2019

<b>President</b> Dr. Shirley Theriot	<b>Program Committee</b> Earl Patrick and Larry Heath
<b>Vice President for Membership</b> Earl Patrick	<b>Treasurer</b> Frank Gault
<b>Vice President for Programs</b> Rita Thompson	<b>Secretary</b> Josie O'Quinn

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## Celebrate a Maverick Legacy

23rd Annual Retiree Dinner and Recognition Ceremony

Saturday, June 2, 2018  
Bluebonnet Ballroom  
E.H. Hereford University Center

## Program



### Reception

### Welcome

Rita Thompson  
*President*  
*UTA Retirees Club*

### Dinner

### Remarks

President Vistasp Karbhari

### Keynote Speaker

Dr. Duane B. Dimos,  
*Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies*

### Recognition of the 2017-2018 Retirees and Presentation of the Gift

Jean Hood  
*Vice President for Human Resources*

Eunice Currie  
*Assistant Vice President for Human Resources*

### Closing Remarks

Rita Thompson  
Dr. Shirley Theriot

## 2017-2018 Retirees



**Cynthia Allen**  
*Administrative Assistant I,*  
*Business*

**Rita Anderson**  
*Administrative Assistant I,*  
*Science*

**Enid Arvidson**  
*Associate Professor,*  
*Public Affairs Department*

**Janice Baldwin**  
*Associate Clinical Professor,*  
*Management*

**Debi Barton**  
*Academic Advisor,*  
*Mechanical and Aerospace*  
*Engineering*

**E Bragg**  
*Administrative Assistant II,*  
*Theatre Arts*

**Lewis Bryant**  
*Maintenance Supervisor,*  
*Facilities Management - Building*  
*Maintenance*

**Tin Bui**  
*Building Attendant I,*  
*Facilities Management - Custodial*

**Norma Canter**  
*Student Financial Aid Officer I,*  
*Financial Aid*

**James Chen**  
*Business Intelligence Analyst,*  
*Nursing*

**Vicki Clark**  
*Payroll Technician III,*  
*Payroll Services*

**Beverly Clower**  
*Office Assistant I,*  
*Human Resources*

**Camille Costabile**  
*Academic Advisor II,*  
*Computer Science and Engineering*

**Joe Crosswell**  
*Research Engineering Scientist,*  
*TMAC*

**Mary Crow**  
*Professor,*  
*Curriculum and Instruction*

**Sheri Decker**  
*Academic Advisor III,*  
*Nursing*

**Michael Doran**  
*Librarian,*  
*Library*

**Ronald Elsenbaumer**  
*Senior Advisor for Entrepreneurship*  
*& Innovation,*  
*President's Office*

**Mary Evans**  
*Accountant I,*  
*Computer Science and Engineering*

**Linda Franklin**  
*Accountant II,*  
*Procurement*

**Wesley Gant**  
*Plumber Supervisor,*  
*Facilities Management - Housing*

**Sonja Godeken**  
*Adjunct Assistant Professor,*  
*Mathematics*

**Linda Goggans**  
*Assistant Director,*  
*Business*

**Marda Gunter**  
*Support Specialist II,*  
*Psychology*

**Chien-Pai Han**  
*Professor,*  
*Mathematics*

**Jane Hickerson**  
*Assistant Dean,*  
*Social Work*

**Stanley Howard**  
*Engineering Technician III,*  
*Electrical Engineering*

**Sandra Idziak**  
*Lecturer,*  
*Communication*

**Julie Jackson Estill**  
*Administrative Services Office,*  
*Industrial Engineering*

**Kathy Kelly**  
*Senior Lecturer,*  
*Economics*

**Joseph Kongevick**  
*Associate Professor,*  
*Theatre Arts*

**Clark Langhorst**  
*Building Services Supervisor,*  
*Facilities Management - Custodial*

**Crystal Livingston**  
*Director,*  
*Education Technical*  
*Support Service*

**David Mansholt**  
*Assistant Grounds Maintenance,*  
*Facilities Management - Grounds*

**Araya Maurice**  
*Director,*  
*Institutional Effectiveness &*  
*Reporting*

**Tina Menchey**  
*Coordinator I, Special Program,*  
*Civil Engineering*

**Beverly Moore**  
*Senior Office Assistant,*  
*Facilities Management - Housing*

**Susan Nead**  
*Lecturer,*  
*Communication*

**Linda Nesbitt**  
*Administrative Assistant II,*  
*Honors College Dean*

**Tam Nguyen**  
*Building Attendant I,*  
*Facilities Management - Custodial*

**Trinh Nguyen**  
*Building Attendant I,*  
*Facilities Management - Custodial*

**Kenda North**  
*Professor,*  
*Art and Art History*

**Thomas Parmelee**  
*Instructional Designer,*  
*Engineering*

**Herman Phifer**  
*Maintenance Worker II,*  
*Facilities Management - Housing*

**Tina Poss**  
*Office Assistant I,*  
*Physics*

**Austin Robinson**  
*Lecturer,*  
*Communication*

**David Wayne Ross**  
*Research Engineering Scientist,*  
*TMAC*

**Linda Rouse**  
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*Sociology and Anthropology*

**Deborah Sanford-Wilson**  
*Clinical Assistant Professor,*  
*Nursing*

**James Schofield**  
*Assistant Grounds Maintenance,*  
*Facilities Management - Grounds*

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*Environmental Health & Safety*

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*Biology*

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*Mechanical and Aerospace*  
*Engineering*

**Michael Varner**  
*Associate Professor,*  
*Music*

**Louise Vaughan**  
*Radiological Technologist,*  
*Health Services*

**Denise Ward**  
*Accounting Clerk III,*  
*Facilities Management -*  
*Administration*

**Kevin Warner**  
*Auto Mechanic Leader,*  
*Facilities Management -*  
*General Services*

**Michael West**  
*Executive Director,*  
*UTA Fort Worth*