



The Rejuvenator

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THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF

REUNION

Saturday, August 26th 2017 Sunset Hills Country Club

Important Benefits Announcement— OneUSG Alert for Retirees

The purpose of this article is to alert you of a change that is taking place this summer with the way University System of Georgia retirees pay for optional USG benefits. If you have optional USG retiree dental, vision, supplemental life insurance, or pre-65 healthcare coverage, this change will affect you.

You should have already received a letter from the University System explaining these changes. If you have not received such a letter you may obtain a copy by calling University of West Georgia's Human Resources Department at 678-839-6403.

Beginning on June 26, 2017, the University System of Georgia is initiating two new ways to access your optional USG retiree benefits: a OneUSG Benefits website and a OneUSG Benefits call center. Between June 26 and July 9 you will need to use either the OneUSG website or call center to provide banking information to arrange payment for your premiums for optional USG benefits. If you do not take the required action during this time period, you will receive a bill via regular mail for 1-2 months. After this, however, if you don't provide the information required to either the website or the call center, you are at risk of losing your vision, dental, supplemental life insurance, or pre-65 healthcare benefit(s). **No benefits will be lost if you provide the required information.**

Note that the changes listed above do not replace the Aon website and call center, which you will continue to use for health insurance and prescription drug insurance. Note also that your benefits and premiums are not changing.

Human Resources will hold an open meeting about this new process on Thursday, June 8, from 10 am to 11 am, in the lower level of Z6. On Tuesday, June 27 and on June 28, from 9 am to 4 pm, Human Resources will staff a computer lab in the Coliseum where retirees may access the OneUSG website to enter their banking information (retirees will need to bring their banking information with them). All retirees are welcome to attend these events.

The Coordinating Council

The next meeting of the ARFS Coordinating Council is scheduled for Friday, June 2, 2017 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room of the Alumni House. Please feel free to join us for this meeting. Also, we are looking for new Coordinating Council Members to serve two year terms, starting in September. Contact ARFS President Mitch Clifton (mclifton@westga.edu) or one of the other officers if you are interested in serving.



Alumni Weekend Garden Party Re-cap

By Glenn Novak, ARFS Immediate Past President

On Saturday, April 29th, as part of this year's Alumni Weekend, the Association of Retired Faculty and Staff hosted its Second Annual Garden Party on the grounds of the UWG Alumni House.

Although the turnout this year was down from last year's event, the weather cooperated and the sun was out, and we appreciated the shade provided to us by the large tent on the front lawn.

Attendees were treated to a delicious assortment of sandwiches, scones, petit fours, and macaroons along with citrus infused water and tea. And everyone enjoyed the opportunity to mix and mingle with other retirees and many of the newer members of the Alumni Relations and Development family. Also making its debut was our brand new ARFS tablecloth which adorned the registration table where folks checked in for the event.

Those attending this year included Jason Thogmartin, Steve Anthony, Anne & Fred Richards, Denice King, Debbie & Glenn Novak, Wanda McGukin, Bob Reeves, and Peggy & WH Smith (not pictured). We also enjoyed the company of two UWG students, Summer Jones and Taylor Smith. They are members of the elite student ambassadors program, The Blue Coats.

The retirees thank our friends in Alumni Relations for coordinating this event and handling all the logistics, and we look forward to future events hosted by the Association of Retired Faculty and Staff.



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.

Third Thursday ARFS Travel Programs

Our travel program, coordinated by Jan Ruskell, is now in its 8th year! It meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 11 a.m. in the Neva Lomason Library. Following the program a lunch opportunity is available for more fellowship.

Future programs are listed below:

June 15: "From Glacier National Park to Carrollton" by Bob Myers

July 20: "Texas" by Bob Myers

August 17: "Holland and Belgium in the Springtime" by Mary Erickson

Want to share your travels? Contact Jan Ruskell (jruskell@westga.edu)



Please note, exciting changes to the travel program are on the horizon... look for further information in the coming months! We will share details via the listserv and website. See below for assistance with either.



UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship Fund

The Association of Retired Faculty and Staff is excited to announce we are so very close to achieving our goal of raising \$25,000 toward the UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship. The current balance of our scholarship fund is \$ 23,892.00. We are just \$1,108.00 from 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 UWG student.

The student must have a legacy connection to UWG, which would include any students attending our institution that are relatives of a retiree. We are not very far away from reaching this goal. Let's make it happen before the end of this fiscal year by making a contribution to this fund before June 30th. For more details on the scholarship, see www.westga.edu/arfs.

If you would like to make a gift, you may donate online (www.westga.edu/arfs). 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 for your support!

ARFS Website: For more information on the Association of Retired Faculty and Staff, check out our website at www.westga.edu/arfs.

ARFS Listserv: To sign up for our listserv email Debbie Novak at dnovak@westga.edu. 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