

## Spring 2024

**RET – EXPRESS**

**From the Association President – Lisa Theriot**



"Come quickly, I am tasting the stars!" –Dom Pérignon

I'm writing this message on New Year's Eve, and while I probably will not "ring in the new year" with champagne, it's always a good idea to make a few resolutions. My resolutions this year are 1.) take a donation to Goodwill at least every month; 2.) spend more time traveling; and 3.) lose 10 pounds. I can always hope!

At the beginning of a new year, it's also good to take stock of what you have accomplished in the previous year. The Retiree Association sponsored many interesting and varied activities in 2023.

In March, we held the Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting at the El Centro Food and Hospitality Program and provided a \$1,000 scholarships for two deserving students. We also visited the Texas Electric Railway Museum in Plano, and had docent led tours of the Holocaust and Human Rights Museum and the Bush Presidential Center at SMU. In April we had a group visit the Dallas Arboretum, and we assisted several students in completing scholarship applications at various campuses of Dallas College. During May, a group of our retirees attended Derby Day at Lone Star Park, and we had a few members volunteer at the Dallas College Graduation. In June, we had a lovely visit to explore the Mark di Suvero sculpture exhibit at the Nasher Gallery. August meant the beginning of a new school year, and several of us had fun attending the Dallas College Conference Day to let current employees know about the Retiree Association and to answer questions about retirement.

In the Fall of 2023, we enjoyed the musical *Hairspray* at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing Arts. We also enjoyed seeing the Alamo diorama exhibit at the Hall of State, and we can't forget the spectacular Holiday Luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy in December.

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I'd like to publicly welcome J.D. Haight to the Executive Board as President Elect. I know he will be a great addition to our group. I'd also like to thank Susan Turner for her long service to the Retiree Association, first as Editor of the newsletter and then Vice President on the Board.

It's been a busy year; I'm looking forward to an equally great 2024!

Cheers!

Lisa Theriot

P.S. You should be receiving a survey by email soon that asks you about your interest in several new opportunities for tours and events. Please fill it out and submit it. It will help us with planning.

## **Dr. Justin Lonon, Chancellor** **January 2024**



Welcome to the Spring edition of the Dallas College Retiree Newsletter.

We're kicking off 2024 on a high note with the opening of our newest workforce development center this time at the Shops at RedBird (formerly RedBird Mall). The [Dallas College Workforce Center at RedBird](#), occupying about 53,000 square feet, will deliver training in information technology, health care, manufacturing, logistics, customer care and more. Most importantly, the center directly aligns with one of our institution's strategic priorities of reducing income disparity in our communities by targeting underserved populations, and providing education opportunities that lead to high-demand jobs. Innovative, flexible, and responsive career training is now available for the south Dallas community – talk about transforming lives!

You may remember back in 2020 that we launched our first bachelor's degree program, a Bachelor of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education and Teaching (BAS ECE). The first cohort of more than 100 students graduated from that program last Spring and are all employed in the teaching pipeline. Well, the innovation continues as we announce the launch of our second bachelor's program – this one focusing on strengthening the health care workforce. With the help of a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), WE WILL LAUNCH A Bachelor of Science in Nursing program this summer. The program will begin with 20 students and will feature online courses except for three laboratory courses students take in-person. Through this program, we are directly addressing a shortage of nurses with bachelor's degrees. Currently, only 65.2% of registered nurses are prepared at the baccalaureate or graduate degree level. The new bachelor's program brings quality education at a reduced cost to Dallas County, and we are proud to be part of transforming lives in our community.

As you can see, we have a lot to look forward to this year and we're grateful for your support as we continue to live out our mission. I hope each of you has a fantastic and healthy New Year. Happy 2024!

Be Well,  
Dr. Justin H. Lonon

# About Us

## **Vivian Dennis-Monzingo, a retiree of Eastfield College and Eva Anderson, a Retiree of El Centro College**



Eva Anderson, El Centro, and Vivian Dennis-Monzingo, Eastfield, joined a small group to enjoy a seven-day pre-Christmas Caribbean Cruise. The cruise departed from Fort Lauderdale and the itinerary included stops at ports in George Town, Grand Cayman; Cozumel, Mexico; and Nassau, Bahamas. An excursion in Nassau provided a view of the island and visits to a candy factory, a Rum cake factory, a wine tasting at a wine distillery, and a tour of John Watling's Distillery, home of the John Watling Rum.

Great food was enjoyed on the beautiful Celebrity "Reflection" and the professional theater productions each evening were remarkable. The fitness center provided "some" compensation for the bountiful and delicious food. Days at sea were filled with bingo, visits to the spa, shopping on board the ship, participating in games, and visiting with other passengers.

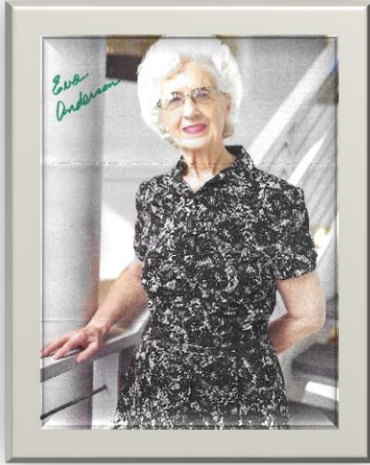


## **Don Baynham, a Retiree of Eastfield College**



On Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Don Baynham, Eastfield retiree, will present "Mrs. Exall and Mr. Carnegie: How the Free Public Library Came to Dallas" at the Hall of State in Fair Park. The presentation is part of the Dallas Historical Society's Brown Bag Lecture Series.

## Eva Anderson, El Centro College, The Excellence in Nursing Award



Did you know that one of our retirees was recognized in *D' Magazine* for her accomplishments in nursing? *D' Magazine* contacted local hospitals, nursing organizations, doctors, and patients and asked them to visit the *D' Magazine* website to nominate outstanding nurses. The magazine asked nominators to answer three questions regarding how the nurses affected their lives, communities, and professions. The editors selected the best nominations and sent them to a panel of esteemed registered nurses in various fields. The panel could not judge those they worked with directly. The judges' scores were compiled to select winners. These winners were also vetted for the existence of their registered nursing licenses and reviewed for any disciplinary actions. El Centro's Eva Anderson was one of those chosen. The article below was published in *D' Magazine*.

*D' Magazine* – **Janice Edmonson**, Assistant Clinical Professor, Baylor University Medical Center writes:

Eva Anderson, clinical instructor from the Louise Herrington School of Nursing of Baylor University, was one of the selected winners. Eva says that she was called to be a nurse from childhood, and she has followed that calling for more than 60 years. Working as a single mother of four children, Eva established herself as a nursing leader in the early development and rapid expansion of the DeBakey cardiac transplant ICU in Houston before returning to Baylor University Center in Dallas. After Eva earned her master's degree in nursing, her love for teaching nurses and nursing students continued to grow, and she felt drawn to the field of psychology. She joined the nursing faculty at Dallas College, El Centro Campus and taught nursing clinicals for 30 years at various local hospitals, including psychiatric nursing at Terrell State Hospital.

Not content to retire, Eva returned to her alma mater, continuing to teach psychiatric nursing for the past 20 years. She has remained committed to high standards through her nursing career as she has taught and promoted policy changes to improve patient outcomes in mental healthcare settings. Eva has seen the changes in psychiatric nursing from the early 1970s and inspires her students to exercise grace and compassion while establishing professional boundaries with their patients.

An energetic and inspiring nursing instructor and fellow faculty member, Eva continues to contribute to the next generation of nurses. As the policies and protocols were being established for quarantining students and faculty exposed to the COVID-19 virus, she demonstrated a courageous commitment to the students by encouraging them to maintain their focus on completing their educational goals to graduate on time. No small number of nurses working in the Dallas-Fort Worth area healthcare systems over the last 50 years will remember their experiences with Professor Eva Anderson at Terrell State Hospital as they moved from fearful to confident in caring for patients with mental illness.



## Chris and Kathy LaLonde, Retiree of El Centro College

Chris and Kathy LaLonde have moved to Waynesville, NC. They live on a farm with their cats and chickens, surrounded by their neighbor's cows. They volunteer on the swan care team at nearby Lake Junaluska. Their new address is 130 Leopard Dr., Waynesville, NC 28786. Same email as before.



## **Diane Graifemberg, a Retiree of Brookhaven College Reunited after 58 Years**



In the summer of 2022, my two daughters received an email from Ancestry that they have a full sibling. Well, after 58 years I uttered the first words about the event. I had a baby after graduating high school. As it was in those days, I was sent away to have the baby and give her up for adoption. All records were sealed. With DNA this first daughter found us. Michelle and Sarah were absolutely thrilled to have another sister, which was good news to me. None of the three judged me. The four of us have had several weekends together since that time and have had such fun learning of all our similarities – interests, looks, foods, wine and so much more. What was a rather sad experience has become a very loving and joyful relationship. Coincidence: all three girls are 8 years apart. I am truly blessed.

## **Ellen Whitaker, a Retiree of Brookhaven College Eighty-One Years Ago, in My Hometown**

Two months before I was born, my mother was still able to wear her straight-lined winter coat and was the envy of her neighborhood. The night before I was born, my mother was at the movies seeing “Road to Morocco” with Bob Hope. She laughed so hard, her water broke. She left the theater with her friend, crossed the street, walked under the railroad underpass and checked herself in to the Lawrence Hospital.



I was born on February 11, 1943, at 8:15 PM “war time.” To this day, I haven’t gotten a good explanation as to why “war time” was needed after 8:15 PM. Wasn’t 8:15 PM sufficient? Back then, women remained in the hospital for two weeks after giving birth. My father was in the Army Air Corps and was stationed in England at the time but was able to return six months later for my Baptism.

In December of 1943, a headline in the hometown paper read “Vaccination Drive Opens Next Week with Six Centers.” Although vaccinations were to safeguard against smallpox back then, history does appear to repeat itself, doesn’t it? Under “Help Wanted,” a girl was wanted ‘for housework one day a week. Protestant! Four dollars.’ Later, an ad read that a woman was wanted, also for housework. ‘Must be White!’ How times have changed.

Another headline read “Blackouts and Alerts will Continue.” “So long as our enemies, Germany and Japan, have the capability to launch attacks on Americans, etc., etc., etc.” Does anyone remember ration books?

My parents joined the Reformed Church during the mid/late 1940s. I remember Dr. Lowell Russell Ditzen and Dr. Charles Copenhaver. Dr. Copenhaver years later officiated at my wedding, and the organist refused to play “A Whiter Shade of Pale” as I walked down the aisle.

(Ellen Whitaker’s Story continued on page 8)



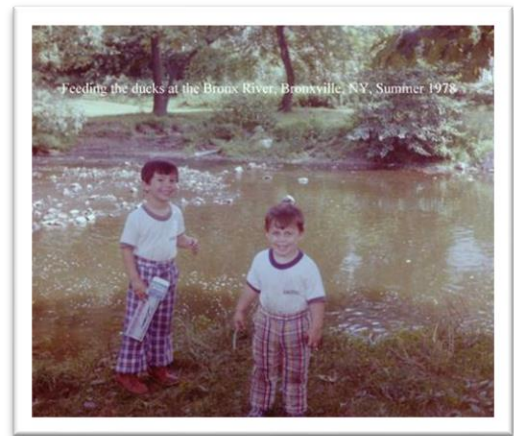
I always waited till the very last minute when the collection plate came around, to take out my offering, so everyone could see my Roy Rogers wallet. There was Sunday school, choir practice, White Gift Services, and now, my parents' ashes are interred in the Columbarium at the church. It's still hard to reconcile that they have been gone for 35 years.

I loved the Christmas Eve pageant on the hill of the Reformed Church. I thought it was so nice – and still do - that clergy from all the churches in town delivered their Christmas messages. For some reason, my father was always in charge of securing Mary's donkey for the event. I wanted to attend the pageant during the following years of my life, but living in Chicago, San Francisco, Dallas and now Syracuse, made it difficult.

Growing up, feeding the ducks in the Bronx River was a weekly ritual. Early on, there was a police station next to the Bronx River, where River House is now. I remember it as a dark, dingey, scary building, more like a haunted house. I implemented the duck-feeding ritual more than 30 years later with my two boys.



George and Ellen 1946



Ralphie and Charlie 1978

#### Other memories include:

- petting and feeding Lifesavers to Amy Dusenberry's (Miss Amy) cow, which she kept in a field in the back of her house;
- riding up and down the elevator at Best & Co. while my mother tried on clothes;
- painting store windows at Halloween;
- every Saturday morning, walking down to the record store on Pondfield Road, dollar in hand, to buy the latest hit 78: "Earth Angel," "Hound Dog," "Blue Suede Shoes," "Rock Around the Clock;"
- when the weather got cold enough, the Field Club would flood its south field, so we all could go ice skating;
- paying 25 cents to see "Bambi," "Them" and "House of Wax" at the movies on Saturday afternoons, and dodging boxes of popcorn, used as projectiles, against the movie screen. How about those newsreels before the main feature?
- buying a new Easter outfit every year – a hat, gloves, dress, shoes, purse - even though the one from the year before fit just fine;
- Miss Covington's dance classes;
- One time, my mother and I went into the A&P, and two women were physically fighting over a box of Tide. I could never understand why, since the war had been over for at least two years – just not at the A&P I guess;
- sipping an ice cream soda at the 5&10;



- standing in awe & amazement at all the toys crammed onto the shelves at Robert's Toy Town;
- glee club concerts and plays at the Womens' Club succumbing to the television set;
- A few teenagers removing some lightbulbs from the Gramatan Hotel sign, so it read the "Hot Grama." That sign could be seen all the way to the Bronx!
- working summers as a nurses' aid at the Lawrence Hospital;
- Robert Frost's reading his works to a crowd of over 800 adoring fans. This was cause for great celebration at our house since Robert Frost was my father's English teacher at Amherst College;
- Joan Bennett and Ted Kennedy's wedding at St. Joseph's Church;
- concern that a Catholic would run for president; yet, when JFK was elected, the headline in the Review Press read "Bronxville Man Elected President of the United States," even though very few people in Bronxville proper voted for him.

While my hometown has changed socially and politically in many ways, visually, it looks the same to me. The names have changed on the store fronts, but the buildings and homes are all still the same. If you squint your eyes a little and look down Pondfield Road, you can see what my hometown looked like in 1943.

## Retiree Association Directory Available in PDF Format

When considering the price increases related to printing and postage and the increased numbers of retirees, a first class mailing of a printed version of the Retiree Association Directory seems unreasonable. The cost projection for 2024 is \$4,152, to print and mail copies to the 450 members.



Therefore, at the annual meeting on December 5, 2023, held during the luncheon at Maggiano's Italian Restaurant, Delryn Fleming presented the following motion: "That the Retiree Association provide members a biennial electronic directory (PDF) via a member-provided email address at no charge."

Members who have no computer access may request a paper copy by contacting the RA Treasurer before the scheduled production of the directory at no cost to the member.

Members who prefer a paper copy may receive one by contacting the RA Treasurer before the scheduled production of the directory at no cost determined by the RA Board.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Please know that this decision is designed to accommodate all our members. The only responsibility for members is to make sure the RA Board members have your most current email address or physical address. Requests and questions can be sent to Lisa Theriot, [Lmtheriot@msn.com](mailto:Lmtheriot@msn.com) or (214) 537-4294.

## Save the Date for the Holiday Luncheon 2024

The participants in the 2023 Holiday Luncheon felt that the event was wonderful and wish they didn't have to wait a year to participate and see old friends once again. For that reason, we encourage everyone to mark their calendar and participate in the 2024 event. The Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2024.





## Retiree Association Membership Roster

### 2024 LIFETIME MEMBERS

Contact Diane Graifemberg at [dgraifemberg@gmail.com](mailto:dgraifemberg@gmail.com) or call Diane at (972) 816-0546 if you have questions about your membership status.

Olivia Novelo Abreu	Glenn Clayton	Tony Hall
Patricia Acrea	Jean Conway	Ramona Hamilton
Thomas Adams	Tammy Cooper	Jim Handy
Mary L. Adams	Mary Cooper-Wallace	Velma Hargis
Johnyce Alders	Lionel Cortez	Nancy Harrison
Ken Alferts	Joe Cortina	Tricia Harrison
Gemmy Allen	Charles Dale	Virginia Hayes
Monique Amerman	Merry Ellen Daniel	Kathry Hegar
Lois Ames	Joe David	Tom Henderson
Thomas Anderson	Alberta Davis	Patricia Henry
Joy Arndt	Patricia Davis	Jimmie Henslee
Brenda Arnold-Darensbourg	Vivian Dennis-Monzingo	Jerry C Henson
Mary Lou Avera	Edward Des Plas	Ruby Herd
Linda Baker	Barbara Dogger	Dorothy Herndon
Ella Barber	Karen Doss-Harris	Marilyn Herridge
Nancy Barlow	William Drake	Maria Hinojosa
Don Baynham	Irene Dryden	Margot Hirsch
M. Sharman Beasley-Vesecky	Deborah Dutschke	Linda Hoffman
Marvin Bechtold	Glenda Easter	Martha Hogan
Mildred Bell	Lisa Ehrich	R. Chris Holland
Rodger Bennett	Ines Eishen	Beverly Holmes
Vernon Beuke	Marvin Elke	Mike Howard
Peggy Biegler	Frank Ellis	Norm Howden
Martha Black	Phyllis Elmore	Martha Hughes
Reba Blackshear	Roz Ewalt	Sarah Hutchings
Chris Boldt	Patricia Ewert	Pamela Ice
Patricia Bollin	Larry Felty	Nathan Ivey
Dru Bookout	Sarah Ferguson	Mary Alice Jacquez
Cassandra Howell	Delryn Fleming	Claralyn Jefferson
Cynthia Bowlin	Marcia Funnell	Jamie Jenkins
Darlene Branscome	Zina Gardner	Hector Jimenez
Dee Brock	Susan Garza	Ann Johnson
Jacqueline Burden	Mary Frances Gibbons	Carole Johnson
Patricia Byars	Herlinda Glasscock	Rosa Johnson
Claude Caffee	Tony Gobar	Becky Jones
Susan Calhoun	Mariaelena Godinez	Jesse C. Jones
Luis Camacho	Angela Gomez	Virginia D. Jones
Ray Canham	Linda Gomez	Mahon Justice
Beverly Carpenter	Robert Gonzalez	Carol Karsteadt
Robert Carpenter	Stephen Gooch	Costas Katsigris
Jacquelyn Caswell	Carole Gray	Susan Klutts
Enrique Chamberlain	David Gregory	Cindy Krause
Robert Chambers	Lindle Grigsby	Karen Laljani
Maria Chobany	Sandy Groom	Chris LaLonde
Carol Cinclair	Jonathan Haight	Anita Landenberger
Richard Cinclair	Susan Hall	Nancy LeCroy

## Dallas College Retiree Association 2024 Lifetime Members (Continued)

Alice Lee	Dan Perkins	Rosemarie Steffen
Rita Lewis	Mary Petterborg	Dava Stephens
Peggy Little	Jennie Pollard	Wanda Stimson
Barth Loe	James Picquet	Becky Stinson
Kathleen Long	Marty Ray	Donna Strain
Victoria Magee	Calvin Richard	Jimmie Strain
Diane Martin	Linda Richardson	Marilyn Sullivan
Willadean Martin	David Riehl	Tim Sullivan
Fred Martinez	Margaret Jackson Riley	Trudi Swedlund
Marco Martinez	Rodger Pool	Lisa Theriot
Rick Maxwell	Judy Pouncey	Darrell Thompson
Marilyn Mays	Maria Caratini Prado	John Trickle
Mary Metcalf	David Preston	Robert Trotter, Jr
Jana Meyer	Pam Quinn	Bobbie Trout
John Millemon	Reva Rattan	Kathryn Tucker
Ellen Miller	Cynthia Risher	Bettie Tully
Susan Miller	Vic Rizzo	Susan Turner
Frank Millsap	Claudia Robinson	Stephen Twege
John Minnett	Maria Rojas	Travis Ueoka
Diana Moore	Pamela Rouze	Ronald Van Gordon
Michael Moore	Lonnie Roy	Bethene Vance
Georgeann Moss	Viola Ruck	Cheryl Dyer Vargas
Pierrette Mouledous	Susan Russell	Finney Varghese
George Mount	Sally Satterwhite	Alice Villadsen
Susan Muha	Herlinda Savage	Carolyn Vines
Lou Myers	Jerome Scardina	Laura Waddle
Rosemary Neiman	Patricia Scardina	Tarrilynn Wall
Gina Nelson	Dawn Segroves	Janet P. Ward
Sandra Newton	Kelly Sexton	John Wells
Annetta Norwood	Philip Shelp	Don Welsh
Spencer Olesen	Anahita Sidhwa	Monica Wenthold
Carole Olson	Jane Slone	Ellen Whitaker
Kay O'Neal	Ronald Slone	Charles Hale Wickersham
Mary Osentowski	Bea Smith	Jill Ann Williams
Jerry Owens	Tim Smithart	Becki Williams
Ursula Palmer	Beth Sonnier	John Williamson
Joan Parent	Maas Tony Sookoor	John Willis, Jr.
Nanette Pascal	Debbie Speck	A Burlene Willson
Jane Penney	Patricia Spence	Jennifer Wimbish
Angela Perez-Michael	Hal Spiegel	Robert Young

## 2024 Annual Members from January 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024

Eva Anderson	Nancy Beaver	Earlene Bond
Mel Anderson	Joan Becker	Rebecca Boriskie
Janice Andrews	Delfina Bedarte	Carolyn Boshart
Angela Auzenne	Michael Bell	Barbara Branum
Donnine Balance	Cindy Berry	Sheila Brock
David Bartley	Joanett Blackburn	Betty L. Brown
Heidi Basett	Bart Blaydes	Linda B. Brown

**2024 Annual Members from January 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024 (Continued)**

Leslie Burkel-Powell	Harold Hill	Traci Morin
Helen Butler	Rose Marie Hilmer	Larry Mosby
Chris Cantrell	Thomas Hilmer	Tom Motley
Patsy Caropresi	Trina Ho	Barbara Murray
Joan Carroll	Jo Holland	Claudia Neeley-Plog
Jean Chapoton	Helen Howard	Bobby Nieman
Dennis Cheatum	Ora Howard	Linda Noblin
Tina Chin	Robert Hueston	Gwen Oliver
Rich Chumbley	Debbie Hutchison	Daisy Ollie
Mary Ciminelli	Mary Kay Jacobson	Clara Sue Parks
Howard Clapper	Robert James	Tony Pecina
Cynthia Clements	Patti Jennings	Julienne Pendleton
Adriana Cobo-Frenkel	Sharlee Jeser-Skaggs	Carthy Perez
Liz Craddock	Sherry Jessup	Jackie Peterson
Pamela Crawford	Maylene Johnson	Jane Peterson
Glenn Currier	Christa Jones	Jack Pierce
Tonya Daily	Jerry C. Jones	Guy Pollock
Millie Davidson	Pat Jones	Rose Pope
Dorothy Jean Disher	Margarette Jones-Davis	Joyce Powell
Dianna Drury	Shirley Kaczka	Katherine Pritchett
Lynda Edwards	Doug Keenan	Ernest Rager
Delores Elder-Jones	Ida Keller	Sulema Ramos
Margaret Etheredge	Dorothy Keylon	Diana Reding
Vallye Ezell	Linda Kleen	Josie Regnault
Nancy Faris	Frank Korman	Jackie Reynolds
Pamela Farley	Cecilia Kornegay	Frances Rhodes
Barbara Field	Judith Lambert	Cheryl Roach
Peggy Fleming	Len Larsen	Nancy Roberts
Bill Fowler	Annie Lee	Peggy Rodgers
Georgia Francis	Terry Lefler	Cynthia Ann Rogers
Jerry Francis	Doris Leigh	Jeanette Rogerson
Alice Fulbright	Sue Lichten	Lincoln Rolling
Betty Fuller	Paul Lindsey	Theresa Rose
Ed Garcia	William Lineberry	Jane Rowe
Elaine Gardner-Morales	Veda Little	Janie Rubalcava
Kim Garrett	Sharon Loftis	Anne Schroeder
Michael Garza	Scott Longacre	Ladan Scott
Claire Gauntlett	Marie Maness	Adrianne Settles
Jacquelyn Glee	Monique Mannering	Isa Shores
Larry Goff	Ivan Martinez	Kathy Slonecker
Katherine Gonnet	Paul McCarthy	Rosemary Smith
Claudia Goodson	Adrienne McClain	Lupe Solis
Regina Gowans	Adrienne McClain	Marilyn Stacy
Diane Graifemberg	Jerry McElveen	Jeff Stagner
Karla Greer	Judy McMullan	Brenda Stevenson
Linda Groves	Earldene McNeill	Janet Stiles
Sharon Grubbs	Marti Mendiola	Rise Talbot
Eileen Harding	Norma Mendoza	E. Simone Thaxton
Vera Estelle Haynes	Rosalinda Minnis	Martha Timberlake
Mary Jo Henry	Sandra Mogollon	Elena Torres
Gus Herring	Betty Moran	Irma Tovar
		Charlotte Tunnell

## 2024 Annual Members from January 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024 (Continued)

Stephanie Venza  
Sharron Wagoner  
Thomas Walsh  
Jo A. Walker  
Carolyn Washington  
Joan Washington  
Clifton Weaver

Joel Weiner  
Jeanice Weatherford  
Bill Wells  
Joel Weiner  
Bill White  
Jim White  
Jerome Williams

Kay Wilson Linda Wimbish  
Becky Witherspoon  
Shirley Woelfle  
Evelyn Wong  
Joseph Wong Hugh Wood  
Linda Youmans  
Marla Ziegler

### Are You Interested in Joining or Renewing Membership in the DC Retiree Association?



If so, go to the Retiree Website :

<https://www.dallascollege.edu/employees/retirees/pages/default.aspx> and complete the necessary information. Submit the application online. In addition to submitting the application online, you need to pay your membership fee. Annual membership fee of \$10.00. Lifetime membership is \$100.00. You may pay by check or online with Zelle. If writing a check, it should be made out to Dallas College Retirees and addressed to Diane Graifemberg, Dallas College Retiree Association

Treasurer, 13656 Janwood Lane, Farmers Branch, TX 75234. To pay online using Zelle, enter this phone number as the recipient in the Zelle app: (972) 816-0546. To get help with Zelle: <https://www.zellepay.com/get-started>. Contact Diane Graifemberg at [dgraifemberg@gmail.com](mailto:dgraifemberg@gmail.com) or call Diane at (972) 816-0546 if you have questions about your membership status.

All 2023 annual memberships expire on December 31. If your name does not appear on either list shown above, consider joining the Association now as a Lifetime or 2024 Annual member. If you choose there is a membership form online on the Dallas College Retiree Web Site. You may also use the membership form to make a donation to the Retiree Association student scholarship on the Dallas College Retiree website.



*To join the Retiree Association or donate to the Retiree Association student scholarship, please print or replicate this form. Insert your personal information, and mail it with your check or money order made payable to the "Dallas College Retiree Association:"*

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Diane D. Graifemberg,  
Treasurer  
13656 Janwood Ln.  
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

OR

Pay with Zelle (972) 816-0546

\* Phone: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

### 2024 Membership

\* Email: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

(January – December)

Retirement Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please note: If you do not want your phone Number and/or email address to appear in the retirees' directory, please indicate by placing a ✓ mark in the appropriate box.

Questions about membership dues? Contact Diane Graifemberg at (972) 818-0546 or email [dgraifemberg@gmail.com](mailto:dgraifemberg@gmail.com)

Annual Membership Dues	\$10
<b>OR</b>	
Lifetime Membership Dues	\$100
Scholarship Donation	_____
TOTAL Enclosed	\$ _____

**OR**



## Retiree Association Scholarship 2024



The selection committee for our \$1000 Retiree Association Scholarship for Spring 2024 was comprised of John Wells, and Georgia Francis, chair. There were 21 qualified applicants. We won't know who the recipient is until after the certification date, Monday, January 29, to be sure the student continues to stay enrolled in the minimum number of hours required (12 hours) for the semester the scholarship is awarded. Once again, this year we are able to award two \$1,000 scholarships.



**New Retirees: Welcome!** We know you've looked forward to the day when you didn't have to get up early to go to work. Relax, you can now sleep as late as you want, take all those exciting trips that you've planned, and simply enjoy the good life of retirement. Our retiree association welcomes you to retirement and hopes you will join our organization.

### Employees who retired May 2023 through December 2023

Name	Location	Name	Location	Name	Location
Agent, Rainey	RLC	Gammon, Cheryl	RLC	McClain, Adrienne	ECC
Austin, Jeffrey	DSC	Gonzalez, Sylvia	CVC	McDonald, Elsa	EFC
Borvakova, Irena	NLC	Hines, Gregory	DSC	Molina, Oswaldo	MVC
Burwell, Brenda	NLC	Hagele, George	EFC	Silva, Wagner	RLC
Bryant, Cathy	MVC	Hitt, Tammy	DSC	Singleton, Emma	MVC
Carter, Jean	RLC	Howie, Douglas	NLC	Tiller, Jana	DO
Clements, Cynthia	RLC	Johnson, Anthony	NLC	Wyatt, Hattie	DSC
Cummings, Brynndah	EFC	Mayhan, Vicki	RLC	Ziegler, Marla	BHC
Fugitt, Marja	ECC				

## Dallas College Retiree Website



Have you visited the Dallas College Retiree Website? If not, there is a wealth of information. You can stay informed on Retiree events. Read the latest newsletter, with information provided on how to contact the Retiree Executive Board and coordinators for any questions you might have about the association or activities.

Whether you are considering retirement, or you are a current retiree, you will be provided with the telephone numbers and web addresses for Teacher Retirement (TRS) and Employee Retirement Services (ERS). There is even information regarding Medicare. If you have never visited this site, you want to make sure you can obtain the information you need. I encourage you to bookmark this website at

<https://www.dallascollege.edu/employees/retirees/pages/default.aspx>

## Updates to the Retiree Directory



Is your contact information with the Retiree Association up to date? New phone number? New email? Please help us keep in touch with you by contacting our treasurer, Diane Graifemberg. Please send any updates you would like added to the Dallas Retiree Association directory to Diane Graifemberg, [dgraifemberg@gmail.com](mailto:dgraifemberg@gmail.com). We want to have everyone's correct contact information, including their email addresses. As mentioned previously, members who have no computer access or those preferring a paper copy may request a paper copy by contacting the Dallas Retiree Association Treasurer **before** the scheduled production of the directory.

## Retiree Association Executive Board and Event Coordinators

<i>Retirees Association Executive Board</i>		<i>Retirees Association Event Coordinators</i>	
<i>President</i>	<b>Lisa Theriot</b>  <a href="mailto:Lmtheriot@msn.com">Lmtheriot@msn.com</a> (214) 537-4294	<i>Theater</i>	<b>Donna Strain</b>  <a href="mailto:Dstrain50@gmail.com">Dstrain50@gmail.com</a> (972) 780-1413
<i>President-Elect</i>	<b>J.D. Haight</b>  <a href="mailto:jonhaight@att.net">jonhaight@att.net</a> (463) 323-7650	<i>Special Events/ Luncheons</i>	<b>Rosie Steffen</b> (972) 699-9549  and  <b>Georgia Francis</b> <a href="mailto:gsfrancis@aol.com">gsfrancis@aol.com</a> (214) 505-1766
<i>Secretary</i>	<b>Linda Savage</b>  <a href="mailto:lsavage50@gmail.com">lsavage50@gmail.com</a> (972) 989-0032	<i>Museum</i>	<b>Bob Chambers</b>  <a href="mailto:bchambers101@verizon.net">bchambers101@verizon.net</a>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<b>Diane Graifemberg</b>  <a href="mailto:dgraifemberg@gmail.com">dgraifemberg@gmail.com</a> (972) 816-0546	<i>Social Media</i>	<b>Norm Howden</b>  <a href="mailto:rrgrandad@gmail.com">rrgrandad@gmail.com</a>
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<i>Past President</i>	<b>Rodger Bennett</b>  <a href="mailto:rpbfape@gmail.com">rpbfape@gmail.com</a> (214) 886-6893		

## ***Meet the Retiree Association's Officers 2024-2026 Term***

### ***President: Lisa Theriot***



Lisa Theriot was born and raised in central Illinois. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology degree from Illinois State University, and an M.A. in Counseling from Amber University. She began her career with Dallas College in 1989, managing one of the first Welfare-to-Work grants for the Bill J. Priest Institute. She transferred the following year to El Centro College and worked as an administrator in Workforce Education and Resource Development, eventually becoming the Executive Dean of Communications, Mathematics, Developmental Studies, and Teacher Preparation Division.

In retirement, Lisa grew active in politics as a Volunteer Deputy Registrar, a Precinct Chair, and an Election Judge. She is the Stewardship Chair for her church, serves on the City of Mesquite's Quality of Life Corporation Board and the Economic Development Advisory Board. She served as Secretary of our Retirees Association for more than 10 years and has been President for the last two years. On the weekends she and her Novice Trick Dog Maisie practice Agility Sport.

### ***Vice President: J.D. Haight***



J.D. Haight retired from Dallas College as an Associate District Director of Information Technology in 2015, after 34 years with the District. He had worked at Cedar Valley, North Lake, and the District Service Center. He holds a Master's in Library Sciences from UNT, a BA in English from UT/A, and an AAS from Cedar Valley College. He is a veteran, having served four years in the Air Force. He is the proud grandfather of Samuel and Abigail, the proud father of Katia, and proud bonus dad to Nicholas, Hunter, and Alex.

He currently enjoys his retirement with Connie, working the occasional contract job in IT and playing bass regularly in a '70s Classic Rock band, The 8tracks. Their Doberman/Labrador mix, Carl, and American Longhair, Topaz, are quite satisfied with this arrangement and are prepared to provide references, upon request and provision of treats.

### ***Treasurer: Diane Graifemberg***



Diane Graifemberg began her Dallas College career at Brookhaven College in 1990 as Administrative Assistant to the President. In 2000, she assumed the same role for the President of Richland College. She also served as office manager in the Richland ACCESS Center (adjunct faculty office) from 2010 until retirement in September 2016. Diane served as President of the Professional Support Staff Associations at both Brookhaven and Richland, and eventually as District PSSA President. While at Richland, she was honored PSS Employee of the Year. In 2017, she returned to work, in the Human Resources office at El Centro, retiring for good in 2019.

Her retirement activities include traveling, quilting, lunch with friends, reading, helping with church women's projects, and volunteering at the Farmers Branch Police Department.

### ***Secretary: Linda Savage***



Linda Savage retired in 2021, having held a variety of jobs in the District, including administrative assistant, Program Services Coordinator, and IT faculty member at El Centro, Data Analyst at Richland, and Continuing Education Director at Eastfield. Her experience also includes a 2-year stint as a Rehabilitation Counselor for the State of Texas. Along the way she completed her Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Linda has been serving as the Association's Secretary for some months, having stepped in upon the departure of the previous Secretary.

She has been married to Michael, a school principal and Adjunct Faculty Member at El Centro and Richland Campuses, for 41 years. They have two daughters and one grandson. In retirement she has enjoyed following soccer, hockey, and baseball, reading science fiction (real pages, please), and eating both healthy and junk food.



## **Maggianno's Holiday Luncheon and Business Meeting December 5, 2023**

### **DRAFT**

The luncheon and business meeting were called to order by the Retiree Association President Lisa Theriot at 12:37. Approximately 56 retirees and their guests were in attendance.

#### **Welcome**

RA President Lisa Theriot welcomed the members to the luncheon and business meeting.

#### **Treasurer's Report.**

Treasurer Diane Graifemberg presented the treasurer's report, which showed we have \$21,935.01 unencumbered funds available and \$505.07 in savings, all at Chase Bank. We have 261 Lifetime Members and 202 Annual members.

#### **Minutes from Spring 2023 Luncheon Meeting**

Members were asked to read the minutes from the spring luncheon meeting. The membership voted to approve the minutes without changes.

#### **Proposed Bylaws Changes**

Don Bayham presented the Proposed Bylaws Changes; copies of the changes were on the tables for all to read; they had also been printed in the fall newsletter. The membership approved the changes, which are effective immediately.

#### **Slate of Proposed Officers, 2024—2025**

Don Bayham, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of proposed officers for 2024—2025. He had a handout on the tables with the pictures and brief information on their background and professional career. The membership voted to approve the proposed slate: Lisa Theriot, President; J. D. Haight, Vice President/President-Elect; Diane Graifemberg, Treasurer; Linda Savage, Secretary.

#### **Biennial Directory of Retirees**

Delryn Fleming made a motion that we start providing paid members with a PDF copy of our directory rather than a print copy as the cost goes up each time, we print them. The cost of printing and mailing the new one would be a little over \$4,000. Members who have no computer access may request a paper copy by contacting the RA Treasurer before the scheduled production of the directory. Members who prefer a paper copy may receive one by contacting the RA Treasurer before the scheduled production of the directory. The directory to come out early spring will be a PDF copy except for those who tell Diane ahead of time that they want a print copy.

#### **Announcements**

Lisa announced that Glenda Easter wanted her to remind everyone that if they have Items for News about Us or other items for the spring newsletter, be sure to send them to her. She has not yet set the due date for the items to be sent to her.

Lisa announced that we had lost a very important member of our association in March: Dottie Clark. Nancy Harrison, who worked with Dottie at the LeCroy Center, spoke briefly about Dottie and how wonderful she was to work with and what a wonderful person she was. Then Pam Quinn spoke too of Dottie and being able to go to Dottie's services in Blanco, TX, where she was buried with her husband and other family members; Pam represented all of retirees who couldn't be there.



**Maggiano's Holiday Luncheon and Business Meeting (Continued)**  
**December 5, 2023**

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There was a handout on the tables of spring events. The coordinators spoke of their events. Donna Strain announced this would be her last year as coordinator, and if someone is interested in taking over that role, let Lisa know.

Don Bayham had a handout on the table of his tour of the Scottish Rite Cathedral with lunch afterwards on March 15, 2024. He asked that people let him know if they are interested in coming; it is limited to 30 people.

Norm Howden had a handout for a survey of several events in the area, asking which ones people might be interested in attending. He also had a couple of lines for people to write in their own suggestions.

Door Prizes

Rosie Steffen and Lisa Theriot coordinated the drawing of the tickets and handing out the door prizes. There were seven door prizes donated by various businesses and retirees.

Adjournment

Lisa adjourned the meeting at 1:13.

Minutes submitted by:

Georgia Francis

**Bill Neal: A Tribute to Mr. Thunderduck**  
**Beloved Coach and Originator of Richland's Mascot Is Remembered**



Neal left an impact on each and every person he came across, and his legacy will last for years after his passing. He had been inducted into two wrestling halls of fame and had proven his skill in coaching over 10 years as his wrestling teams won seven state championships. Neal coached at the Olympic Training Center, and even appeared in the movie "Born on the Fourth of July" (1989) as match official in a scene where he had trained star Tom Cruise to wrestle. And after teaching at Dallas College for 48 years, Neal retired only to become a kicking coach at Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas, helping to train the football teams there.

Bill Neal left a mark on the history of Richland and the community as a whole, giving his very best to those around him. It made his students, peers and loved ones better for it. And because of his effect on others, Neal will be remembered fondly, as a true Thunderduck and a hero to many.

In the '70s when Neal began coaching for the Richland wrestling team, he wanted to create a mascot for the sports team as every other team they went up against had one. He jokingly created the Thunderduck, and it became the "unofficial" mascot. It wasn't until almost 10 years later that Richland adopted the Thunderduck as the school mascot, due to the wild success of the wrestling team. And because Neal could be credited with the creation of the mascot, he also became the first true Thunderduck.

*Aislyn Smith, Editor-in-Chief*  
*Richland Student Media*  
*October 4, 2023*



## Trinity River Audubon Center

Please join us on Wednesday, March 27th for a tour of the Trinity River Audubon Center. We will meet there at 9:00 a.m. and take the 45-minute tour and short hike to the river. After the tour, we will explore the property and building on our own. The center is located just ten miles south of downtown Dallas, is your gateway to explore the amazing resources of the 6,000-acre Great Trinity Forest. As the largest urban hardwood forest in the United States, this forest supports a diverse community of plant and animal species and contains a unique mixture of bottomland hardwoods, wetlands and grasslands. A part of the City of Dallas-Trinity River Corridor Project, the center's 120 acres sit on a former illegal dump site, [Out of Deepwood](#) now a reclaimed haven for a vast array of birds and other wildlife in an increasingly urbanized metropolitan area. Five miles of trails lead visitors through hardwood forests, pond, wetland, and prairie ecosystems, and along the Trinity River.



The center itself, designed by 2006 AIA Gold Medalist architect Antoine Predock, is the first LEED-certified building constructed by the City of Dallas Park and Recreation Department. Its green features include a vegetated roof, rainwater collection system, energy efficient systems, and recycled materials.

The visit will take approximately 1.5 hours. Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes. You may also want to bring binoculars if you have them. We may have a picnic afterward on the grounds. The cost of the tour depends on the number of people who attend. The tours are \$85 for fewer than 15 people so if we have 10 it will be \$8.50 each. Please contact Lisa Theriot at [Lmtheriot@msn.com](mailto:Lmtheriot@msn.com) if you have questions and to RSVP for this event.

## Dallas Museum of Art Tour



I would like to propose a trip to the Dallas Museum of Art to see an exhibition titled "Impressionist Revolution from Monet to Matisse." This exhibit marks the 150-year anniversary of the first Impressionist exhibit of 1874. It explores the history and legacy of Impressionism within European modernism, delving into "the rebellious origins of these outcast artists," discovering connections to the new directions taken by the great figures of the 19th and early 20th centuries. "The unique innovations of its core members, including Claude Monet, Edgar Degas, and Berthe Morisot, are showcased alongside the responses of successive generations of avant-garde artists, from Paul Gauguin and Vincent van Gogh to Piet Mondrian and Henri Matisse." Our tour is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10 at 11:30. We can meet in the area of the information desk near the north entrance of the

museum. The cost is \$18 per person; parking in the lot below the museum is now \$20 (both free to members, of course).

For lunch afterwards, the Mi Cocina in Klyde Warren Park across the street is a good possibility. I hope many of you will want to come. If you have questions, call me at 469-271-2684 or e-mail me at [bchambers101@verizon.net](mailto:bchambers101@verizon.net).

## Classical Music Concert – 7<sup>th</sup> Hallam Family Concert

**What:** A one-hour, free concert, online registration requested

**Where:** Central Commons, 4711 Westside Dr., Dallas 75209

**When:** Saturday, May 25, 2024 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Website:** <https://www.fineartschamberplayers.org/>

**Coordinator and Contact:** Barbara Murray, [garlandbmurray@live.com](mailto:garlandbmurray@live.com)

**Lunch:** TBA depending on participants' interest; suggestions welcomed



This is a one-hour, free concert by the Fine Arts Chamber Players. Comfortable seating is first come first serve. The concert we will attend is the “The Charles Barr Memorial Concert – 7<sup>th</sup> Hallam Family on May 25, 2024. -You are welcome to register for any of the other concerts displayed, but the Retiree group will be attending the May 25 event.

Please contact event coordinator, Barbara Murray at [garlandbmurray@live.com](mailto:garlandbmurray@live.com) or 469-648-7140 so that she knows who will attend and to get suggestions on possible lunch plans. The concert coordinators at [www.fineartschamberplayers.org](https://www.fineartschamberplayers.org) also request that you register with your own number of guests by scrolling all the way down to the May 25 event and clicking on the Register box.



### A Special Thank You



The Dallas College Retiree Association Executive Board also wishes to thank Grady Hinton for serving as the photographer for our Association. He has taken pictures at our luncheons and other functions for many years. The Retiree Expanded Board wishes to thank you for all your service to the DCRA.



Our theater event for spring is *God of Carnage* at Theatre Three. The details are below. I will send out information about lunch closer to the event. I hope to see you on February 14, 2024! All theater events are chosen based on time of day, free parking, reasonable ticket prices and geographical accessibility.

Theater:	Theatre Three 2688 Laclede St #120, Dallas 75201
Play:	<i>God of Carnage</i>
Tickets:	Senior Tickets \$12.00

<i>Date:</i>	<b>February 14, 2024</b>
<i>Time:</i>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>
<i>Lunch:</i>	TBA

Two sets of Brooklyn parents meet to deal with a playground altercation between eleven-year-old boys and a calm and rational debate between grown-ups transforms into a hysterical night of name-calling, tantrums and tears. Winning the Tony Award for Best Play in 2009, this hilarious, emotionally charged production asks the question, "How many parents standing up for their children become infantile themselves?" A dark, physical comedy with a bite!

Tickets will be available to purchase at <https://www.theatre3dallas.com> or 214-8712-3300. Please purchase your tickets online, and notify Donna that you plan to attend.

If you are not a part of the theater email group, please send your information to [dstrain50@gmail.com](mailto:dstrain50@gmail.com) and I will add you to the group. –Donna





### ***Spring Luncheon and Meeting***

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Check-in and Chat

11:00am—11:30am

Luncheon and Meeting

11:30—1:00

El Centro Dining Room, C100

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, March 7, 2024

The registration form is on page 30 of this newsletter.

Enjoy a gourmet lunch of New England cuisine prepared and served by the students in the award-winning culinary program at El Centro Campus. We don't know the menu yet as that is determined by the students after the semester starts, but we know from experience it will be delicious. And this is a good opportunity to be on campus and interact with students.

Cost: \$17 per person (This includes a \$2 "tip" that goes into a scholarship fund for students.)

If you have a dietary restriction, please write it in the space provided on the registration form.

Parking and Transportation: You can take the red, orange, blue or green DART line to the West End Station. El Centro is one block south. (Schedule and fare information is available at [www.DART.org](http://www.DART.org) or 214-979-1111.) There is limited parking for a fee around the college.

The college has a security officer stationed at each entrance door to check identities. The easiest thing to do is to wear a retiree/employee badge if you have one. If you don't have one, the officers will have a list of those attending the luncheon, so you won't have to sign it and present an ID.

Hope to see you there!

## Hall of State Tour



On November 10, members of the Retirees Association toured the Hall of State at Fair Park.

The Hall, originally known as the State of Texas Building, was one of the original structures in the 1936 Texas Centennial Exposition and is now headquarters of the Dallas Historical Society. The Society houses some 3 million artifacts in its collection, but by far the most impressive is a diorama of the battle of the Alamo titled "Texas Liberty Forever."

Artist Thomas Feely, Jr. spent more than 18 years creating the exhibit, which spans 336 square feet, and is the largest depiction of its kind. Over 2,000 hand-painted miniature figures show the battlefield as it was on the morning of March 6, 1836.

In addition to the Alamo diorama, retirees enjoyed other features of the Hall, including a 25-foot medallion depicting the six flags of Texas, two 30' X 80' murals of Texas' history, and paintings and statuary illustrating historical themes and famous figures. After the tour retirees gathered at the downtown El Fenix for lunch.

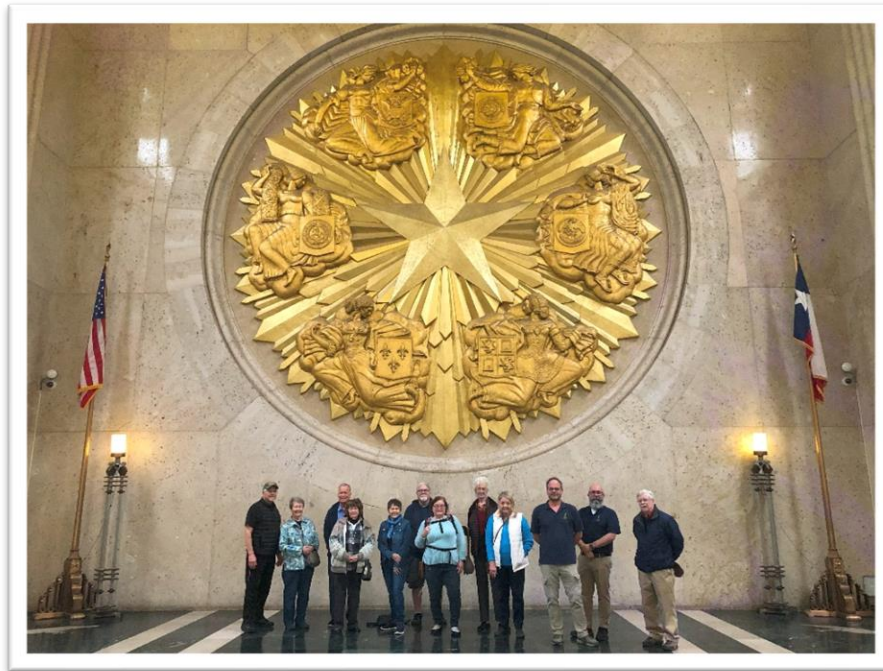


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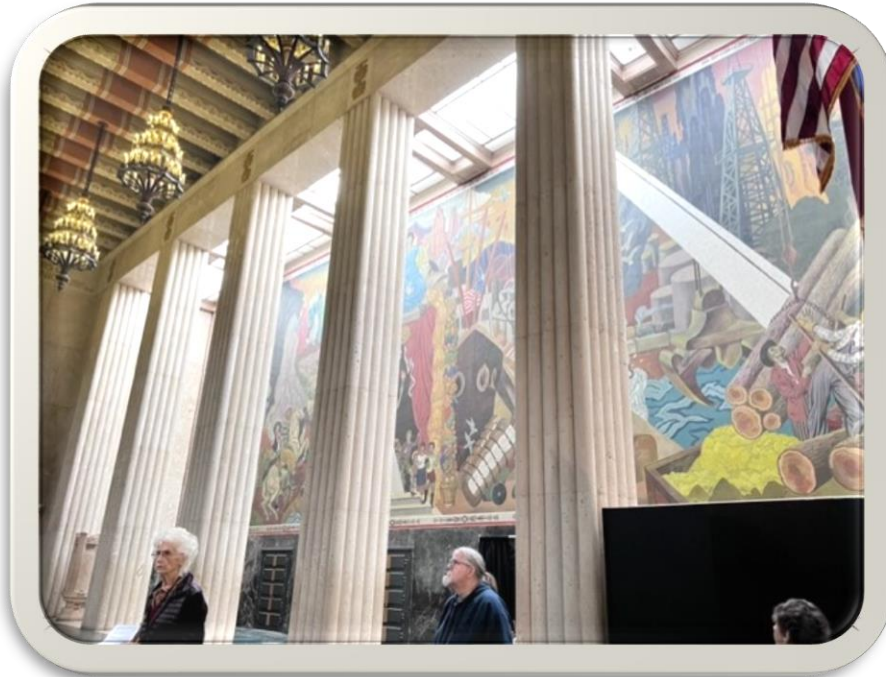


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## Know Your Tax Facts



Tax season is around the corner. Here is a refresher about tax-time forms related to your retirement and health care benefits.

### *1099-R Form and 1095-B reminder*

*To view or print your form:*

1. Log in [ERS OnLine](#).
2. Look for “My Payroll Information” on the **Retiree homepage**.
3. Click “1099-R Summary.”

You can also access your 1099-R forms from the past three years.

If you did not register your ERS Online account before you retired or within 90 days after your retirement, call ERS at **(866) 399-6908 (TTY: 711)**.

### *What’s on your 1099-R?*

Total distributions (gross earnings) from your ERS retirement account for the year and the taxes that were withheld. You should receive the form in the mail by early **February**. You can view it through your ERS Online account starting **January 15, 2024**.

- Taxable portion of your retirement benefit and amount of federal tax withheld
- Non-taxable portion of your retirement benefit, if any

If you do not receive a copy of your Form 1099-R by February 15, 2024, you can find and print it from your ERS Online account or call **(866) 399-6908 (TTY: 711)** to request another copy be mailed to you.

### *Form 1095-B: proof of medical coverage*

Form 1095-B contains information to prove that you (and any covered dependents) had medical coverage in 2023. You no longer need to provide the IRS with a copy of Form 1095-B during tax season. Your GBP health plan provider or, if you’re enrolled in Medicare, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will send this information to the IRS electronically.

If you want a copy of your Form 1095-B to keep with your tax or insurance records, you can get one from your health provider.



**HealthSelect<sup>SM</sup> of Texas plan participants:** If you participated in HealthSelect of Texas or Consumer Directed HealthSelect<sup>SM</sup> in 2023 and were not enrolled in Medicare, you can get a copy of Form 1095-B online through your [Blue Access for Members<sup>SM</sup> account](#). Or, you can request a paper copy be mailed to you by calling Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) at **(800) 252-8039 (TTY: 711)**. (Please note: All covered dependents will be included on one form; your Blue Access for Members account will not show a separate form for each of your dependents.)

**Medicare enrollees:** If you are 65 or older and were covered by Medicare Part A for the entire calendar year, CMS will provide the IRS with proof of your medical coverage. If you enrolled in Medicare for the first time, you had Medicare Part A for part of the year, or you are under age 65 with Medicare, CMS will send you a copy of Form 1095-B. If you want a copy of Form 1095-B from Medicare, call **(800)-MEDICARE or (800) 633-4227), TTY (877) 486-2048.**

## Express Scripts Transition on January 1, 2024



Don't forget, beginning January 1, 2024, Express Scripts and Express Scripts™ Medicare (PDP) will become the new third-party administrators for the HealthSelect<sup>SM</sup> Prescription Drug Program (PDP) and HealthSelect<sup>SM</sup> Medicare Rx, respectively.

## Home Delivery



Choose Express Scripts® Pharmacy and get a 90-day supply of your maintenance medication delivered with free standard shipping.

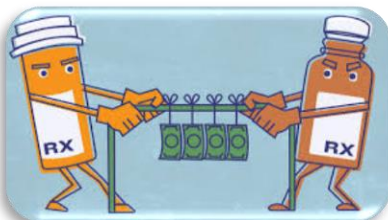
[Home Delivery Order Form](#)

## Retail Pharmacies

We also have a large pharmacy network, including Extended Day Supply (EDS) pharmacies. We'll help you [find a nearby retail pharmacy](#).



## Price a Medication



We'll make it easy to check medication coverage options so you can compare prices and find savings. [Price a medication here](#)

## Contact Us

Have questions about your benefits or medication? Our pharmacists will be available 24/7 from the privacy of your home.

Current members and prospective members should call (800) 935-7189. TTY users should call 711.

### Customer Service Hours:

24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



## TRS to provide One-Time COLA to Eligible Annuitants in January 2024



A cost-living adjustment (COLA) was dependent on Texas voters approving a constitutional amendment (Proposition 9) to authorize the COLA. Voters approved the amendment in the November 2023 election and the COLA will be applied to eligible annuitants' payments beginning with the January 2024 payment due January 31, 2024, the last business day of the month.

Eligibility letters were mailed to annuitants in December. Beginning the week of January 22, 2024, TRS will mail a second letter showing the new monthly annuity payment reflecting the increase.

The COLA is a one-time permanent increase to annuities. Read more about [SB 10 COLA amounts and eligibility](#) as well as [COLA-related FAQs](#).



## Life Insurance Coverage Decreases at 70



If you continued your Optional Term Life Insurance benefit into retirement, this is a reminder that coverage begins decreasing at age 70 while your premium rates continue to increase every five years.

### Coverage Changes

Once you turn 70, the Optional Term Life Insurance you continued at retirement reduces to a percentage of the amount you had before you turned 70.

Age:	Your coverage reduced to:
70-74	65%
75-79	40%
80-84	25%
85-89	15%
90+	10%

## \$10,000 Retiree Fixed Optional Life Insurance

If a flat amount of protection for life best meets your needs, you may change your coverage during Fall Enrollment to the \$10,000 Retiree Fixed Optional Life Insurance benefit. The current cost is \$24.80 per month – and the coverage amount does not change with age. You can decrease your life insurance coverage any time during the year and do not need to wait for Fall Enrollment or a qualifying life event.

To learn more about the coverage and cost of your life insurance options, you can access the [Retiree Benefits](#).



**We Extend Our Sympathy to the Families of Those Retirees Who Have Passed Away**

### **Retirees of Dallas College Who Have Passed Away**

- Terry Lundsford, a retiree of ECC, passed away on 09/25/2019.
- Bill Neal, a retiree from RLC, passed away on 09/17/2023.
- Beth Stall, a retiree of LCET, passed away on 09/25/2023.
- Rayburn Hill, a retiree of EFC, passed away on 11/03/2023.
- Jacquie Bradley, a retiree from ECC, passed away on 11/16/2023.
- Carole Shlipak, a retiree from the DO, passed away on 12/18/2023.
- Phil Keys, a retiree from RLC, passed away on 12/07/2023.

### **Retiree Family Members Who Have Passed**

- Bob Boriskie, husband of Becky Boiskie, from El Centro College, passed away on 11/26/2023.



# RESERVATION FORM

## Retiree Association Events



### ***Spring Luncheon and Meeting***

**Event Date: Thursday, March 21, 2024**

**Reservation Deadline: Thursday, March 7, 2024**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ (no. of persons) x \$17(per person) = \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you have dietary restrictions or  
if you are a vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

***Make check payable to:***

***Retiree Association***

Mail to:

Diane Graifemberg, Treasurer

13656 Janwood

Farmers Branch, TX 75234

OR

Pay with Zelle to 972-816-0546

### **Please make your selections below:**

**First Course**

☐ Clam Chowder

☐ Arugula-Watercress Salad

**Entr'ee**

☐ Sautéed Cod,  
Herbed-Butter Sauce

☐ Chicken Chesapeake

***If you do not wish to print this form, please write this information on a sheet of paper and  
send to Diane Graifemberg.***

## The Holiday Luncheon



## The Holiday Luncheon (Continued)





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