

Fall 2023

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From the Association President – Lisa Theriot



I had a great time at the Dallas College Conference Day on August 18th. I was able to see many friends I had not seen in a long time. Because I was at the Retiree Association table, I didn't get a chance to attend any of the breakout sessions, but we had several people come by to talk about their plans to retire soon. Thank you to Diane Graifemberg, Norm Howden, Glenda Easter and her husband Chuck, and Bette Plog for helping with this.

I'm getting ready to travel to Illinois for my 50th high school reunion. My husband and I are driving up with our dog Maisie. We have 167 graduates signed up for the dinner. It will be wonderful to see old friends at this event too. On our way home, we plan to stop in Nashville for a couple of days.

There are many activities being planned for the RA this Fall. I have my ticket to attend the musical *Hairspray* at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing Arts on September 16th. The musicals at this incredible high school are always excellent. I have also signed up to visit the Hall of State with Don Baynham's group on November 10th. You can find more information about this event in this newsletter. I've decided to lead a tour of the Trinity River Audubon Center. I collaborated with this group while they were planning a Leeds Certified Building and we wrote a science classroom for ECC into a Title 5 grant that was funded. The Center sits at the gateway to the 6,000-acre Great Trinity Forest, the largest hardwood forest in the United States. I hope you will consider joining me. More information on date and cost is also in this newsletter. Part of this tour will be a short hike to the river, so I'm waiting until later this Fall when it hopefully has cooled down more.

Maisie and I are still in agility training on Saturday mornings. She's a very fast girl and I just try to keep up! She loves the A-frame and the Dog-Walk, and of course jumping and tunnels. She's such an obedient dog and aims to please.

Please enjoy this Fall Newsletter. I hope to see you soon! Maybe at the Holiday Luncheon in December. It's always good to catch up with old friends! –Lisa

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Dr. Justin Lonon, Chancellor



Welcome to the new academic year at Dallas College! I hope you're staying cool as we all look to Fall and cooler temperatures.

We kicked off the new semester with Conference Day, focusing on the great things happening with our Dallas College students.

The best part -- being inspired by the praise and gratefulness our students showed for the support and encouragement they receive from the faculty and staff at their respective Dallas College campuses. From our on-campus food pantries and clothes closets to our childcare support, we heard several stories about the difference Dallas College is making in the lives of our students, and we continue to pursue that goal each day.

Speaking of childcare, we are moving forward with our goal of expanding support of our student parents. Dallas College is now the first higher ed institution in Texas to partner with the Bezos

Academy offering tuition-free, on-campus early childhood education centers. Most importantly, this addresses a longstanding need within our community.

Our Cedar Valley campus Academy has been operational since last Spring, and the Mountain View Academy is expected to open November 1. The Bezos Academy at Mountain View will open with 30 students with one English-as-a-first-language classroom, and one classroom that is dual language. Our Bezos Academy locations have had a tremendous response, and there is currently a waiting list at both.

Earlier this month, we invited the community to join us for a conversation on our \$1.1 billion bond that voters overwhelming approved in 2019. We discussed our vision for a downtown innovation hub and a new El Centro campus and received welcome insight from those we serve across Dallas County. We look forward to bringing this form of next-level support to downtown Dallas.

We are also excited to see the progress being made on the more than 50,000 square feet of educational space we're working on at the Red Bird center. For the southern Dallas County community, this workforce development center will help Dallas College provide more space for educational and employment opportunities, extending the effectiveness of higher education beyond our classrooms.

As you can see, the semester is off to a fantastic start as we remain steadfast in our mission to transform lives through higher education. The positive impact we're making across Dallas County is evident, and I hope you are as proud as I am of what we're accomplishing at Dallas College. Thank you for your continued support as part of our Dallas College family.

Be well,

Dr. Justin H. Lonon Chancellor



Tuck Minnett, a Retiree of El Centro College

In July, El Centro's Tuck Minnett (far left) and wife Betsy joined the current members of the Lucas Fire Rescue, including several other retired officers, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the department. Tuck was a firefighter/EMT for 26 years and was the department chief in the 1990s.

In August, Tuck and Betsy escaped the heat and returned, for the 6th year, to Santa Fe, for the 101st Southwest Association for Indian Arts Festival.



Donna Strain, Retiree of El Centro College



In her former life Donna Strain was a high school band director, but when her son was born, she went back to school to get enough graduate hours in mathematics to teach at the community college level. She taught math at El Centro for 27 years. She

and Jimmie have a second home in Estes Park, CO, where she has joined the Community Band, playing the clarinet. They perform several concerts each summer, including a Fourth of July concert. She also plays in a clarinet choir; they play at Pine Haven Resort, a resort in Estes Park owned by one of the members of the clarinet choir. Donna enjoys making music in such a beautiful setting for other people to enjoy.



Robert Young, a Retiree of the District Office



As some of you may know, I lost my sweet wife, Janie Thomas, to cancer about seven years ago. I thought perhaps the remainder of my life was to live alone, but God had another plan. An angel by the name of Margot Hirsch, a former College District employee, arranged a blind date with Jeanette McDonald (yes, she was named for the famous actress of the 1930s). She is one of nine siblings, three of whom live close to her in Flower Mound and a brother in Ft. Worth. By the way, Jeanette is a wonderful person, will be my age in November of this year, and is a professional pickleball instructor.

I am so grateful to God who provided me with a woman that I can love and who loves me. As you can see, we had a great time at our wedding on June 10, 2023.

My new address is 1036 Laurel Oak Drive, Flower Mound, TX 75028



Cynthia Bowlin, a Retiree of El Centro College



Cynthia Bowlin and Grady Hinton spent time in Canada to escape the Texas heat. Their favorite stops were in Banff and Lake Louise. The photo below was taken at the 888 feet Takakkaw Falls in Yoho National Park. Although they both love Texas, they dreaded having to return to the heat, but the trip was wonderful and a true escape from the cares of Dallas.

Joel Klump Continues a Family Legacy at Dallas College

Published by [Dallas College](#) on [June 23, 2023](#)

A member of Joel Klump’s family — himself included — has either taken classes at or worked at Dallas College from the time it was founded until today.

“This college has been a part of my life as long as I can remember,” he said. “Its history is my history.”

Klump’s mother, Claire Gauntlett, graduated in the first class of Dallas College’s El Centro Campus. She later earned her Ph.D. in administrative education and returned to Dallas College, where she worked for 36 years.

Klump remembers his mom dropping him and his younger brother off at the gym at Richland Campus during the summer while she taught a government class in the mid ’70s.

As a teenager, Klump took scuba lessons at Richland, earning his scuba license before he had even graduated high school. Both he and his brother took classes at Dallas College after high school, and both would eventually graduate from Dallas College’s Eastfield Campus.

Following in his mother’s footsteps, Klump has enjoyed a 25-year career in higher education — most of which has also been spent with Dallas College.

Supporting Each Other

Klump worked for Collin College for a while before applying for a position with TRIO at the Eastfield Campus, where his mom worked at the time.

“We worked together here for about four years. And for the first two of those years, I was known as Dr. Gauntlett’s son. The last two years she was known as Joel Klump’s mother.” Klump said, smiling. “That made me feel good.”

While Dr. Gauntlett retired 12 years ago, Klump is still at Eastfield. He’s held several different positions over the years, including in continuing education and in admissions. Today, he’s the senior administrative assistant for the Office of Student Success, providing support to the dean of Admissions and other administrators.

Klump is perhaps most known for providing exceptional customer service, not only to students, but also to his fellow staff members. In fact, in his spare time he’s currently reading “The Service Culture Handbook.”

“I’ve worked in a lot of different departments within the college, and so if anybody comes to me with anything I won’t turn it down, whether it’s helping a student, or a staff or an administrator.”

For many Eastfield employees, Klump is the first person they see in the morning when they get to work. He shows up early so he can stand in the lobby and greet staff as they arrive on campus.

“We are all here to support a greater cause, sometimes that’s supporting students, sometimes that’s supporting each other,” said Klump. “I try to support the staff by just being a friendly face that they see every morning when they walk in that door.”

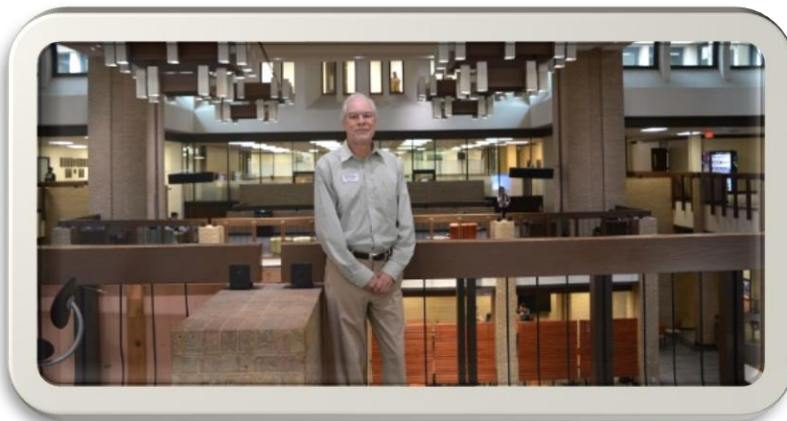
Measuring Success

Part of Klump’s role includes taking the official minutes for the Board of Trustees meetings, which provides him with unique insight into how his work is directly connected to our students’ experience. And this ability to impact students’ lives is the reason why he loves coming to work every day.

“I really love my job. You’ll never meet another person with the college who loves coming here more than I do,” he said. “I get to make people’s lives better — both students and staff.”

As for the legacy he hopes to leave at Dallas College, he shared, “My success will be measured by those I have helped to fulfill their dreams of a better life, and the people they help because someone helped them.”

“I was reminded of that just this morning when I stopped at the grocery store to get some food for a birthday party at work. A female employee at the store saw my nametag and stopped me to tell me that she just graduated from Cedar Valley. I shared her excitement and gave her a hug. That never gets old.”



Tom Motley, a Retiree of Richland College



I was back in Abilene in February to lecture and judge for the weekend celebration events of ACAC's 90th Annual Juried Competition. My works are shown at the new Ft. Worth venue, J. Peeler Howell Fine Art Gallery. The April opening was titled Unveiled: The Debut Exhibition.

I'm currently working on a new series of paintings, aiming toward a solo show in 2024.

Below, links to some of my art essays and reviews for ArtSpiel and Eutopia:

<https://artspiel.org/author/thomas-motley/>

<http://eutopia.us/author/tom-motley/>

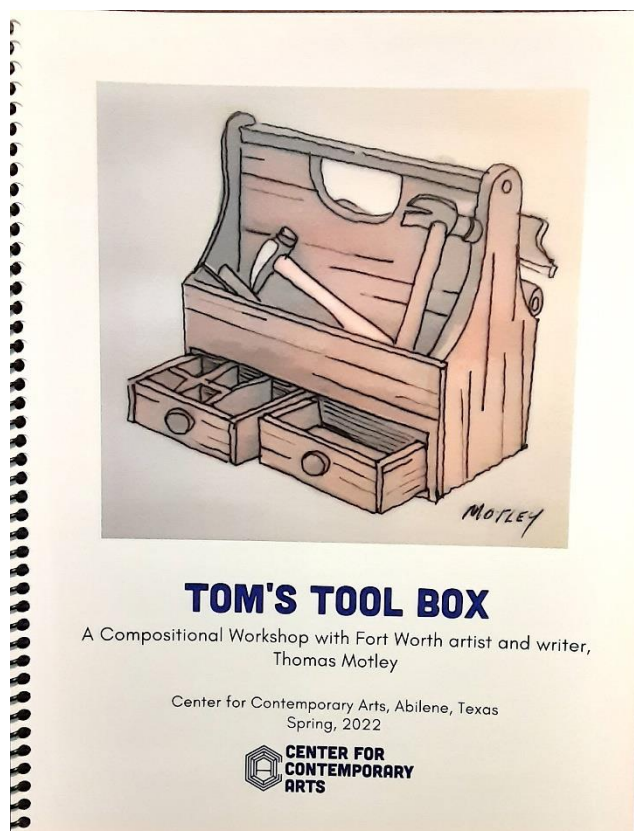
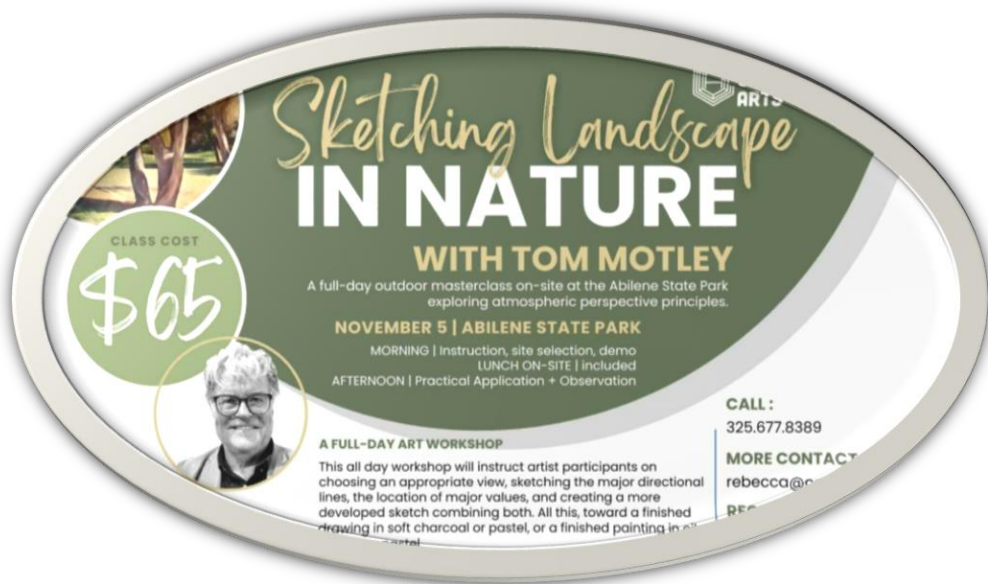
Cheers, Everybody! Tom

It's been a busy, fun year, art wise. I presented a two-week compositional workshop, and a weekend landscape sketching seminar at the CCA (Center for Contemporary Art) in Abilene.

In September, along with old friend Lyle Novinski, I gave two gallery talks, to large crowds, about his fifty-year print collection at the Haggerty Gallery, UD, Irving.

In December, I lectured at the Amon Carter Museum about Ft. Worth's own sculptor Charlie T. Williams, and his mentoring influence on a generation of Texas artists such as David McManaway, Jim Love, Roy Fridge, et al.





ERS Fall Subscription



You don't want to miss anything that is going in with ERS, so we have provided a link so you can stay up to date regarding your benefits.

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Fall Enrollment begins October. 30, 2023



The Fall Enrollment period for Medicare-eligible retirees in the Texas Employees Group Benefits Program (GBP) is Oct. 30 through Nov. 17. It is the only time of the year you can enroll in coverage for yourself and/or your eligible dependents without a qualifying life event (QLE). All changes made during this period are effective January 1.

What's new for Plan Year 2024?

- Express Scripts, Inc. will be the new administrator of the HealthSelectSM Prescription Drug Program and HealthSelectSM Medicare Rx starting January. 1, 2024.
- EyeMed Vision Care, LLC (EyeMed) became the new administrator for the State of Texas VisionSM program September 1, 2023.
- Premiums for the HealthSelectSM Medicare Advantage Plan will increase by about 5–7%.
- Premiums for DeltaCare[®] USA dental health maintenance organization (DHMO) will increase slightly. They'll be back to PY22 rates, after a one-year decrease due to a COVID-19-related refund from Delta Dental. You'll find more information in your Fall Enrollment packet.
- HealthSelectSM Secondary plan's total annual in-network out-of-pocket maximums will increase to align with IRS maximums.

Why are Medicare Advantage rates increasing?

Premiums are increasing by about 5–7% due to higher medical and prescription costs. However, the Plan Year 2024 premiums are still lower than they were in 2020, before UnitedHealthcare became the insurer of HealthSelectSM Medicare Advantage.

(Fall Enrollment continues on page 10)

Watch for your enrollment guide in the mail.

Your Fall Enrollment packet will have helpful details about these changes, and more. ERS will send your packet in October with information about your benefits. You also can visit the Fall Enrollment page on the ERS website to view the Fall Enrollment guide, premium rates and information from plan administrators.

Enrolling in/dropping coverage outside of Fall Enrollment

To enroll in coverage outside the Fall Enrollment period, you must have a QLE, such as marriage, divorce or loss of other coverage. Medicare-eligible retirees may drop any coverage, reduce optional life insurance coverage or change from one health plan to the other any time of year without a QLE. If you are a retiree who is not eligible for Medicare, your enrollment

House Calls



HouseCalls from UnitedHealthcare – A health and wellness program that comes to you. To schedule your HouseCall, call toll-free at (866)-447-7868, (TTY: 711), 7 a.m.–6 p.m. CT [Learn more about HouseCalls.](#)

HouseCalls may not be available in all areas.

Dallas College Retiree Association



Officer Nominations for 2024-2026

Section 2. A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President. It shall present a slate of candidates in time for publication in the fall RET newsletter. The candidates should be in good standing and have agreed to serve if elected. The officers shall be elected and installed at the December business meeting and assume office at that time. The first meeting after the election should be attended by both new and former officers to facilitate an orderly transition.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Don Baynham and Delryn Fleming, submits the following candidates for the Association's officer positions for 2024-2026.

For a second term:

President	Lisa Theriot
Treasurer	Diane Graifemberg

For a first term:

*Vice President	J.D. Haight
Secretary	Linda Savage

Elections will be held during the Holiday Luncheon at Maggiano's at North Park on December 5, 2023.

The Nominating Committee is recommending a bylaw change regarding the Vice President position. Should the change be accepted by the membership at the December meeting, the position's new title will President Elect.

SUMMER EVENTS

Visit to Arboretum

Bob Chambers coordinated an event to the Dallas Arboretum on April 14, 2023, for the Dallas College Retiree group. The grounds were beautiful and so many changes have occurred since the Retiree Group visited the Arboretum last year. Those in attendance enjoyed the tour and the luncheon after.



Visit to the Arboretum (*continued*)



Nasher Sculpture Garden



Bob Chambers coordinated a great summer tour on Friday, June 9, 2023, at the Nasher Sculpture Garden to see “Mark di Suvero: Steel Like Paper.”

I don’t know if the name Mark di Suvero rings a bell, but I feel sure you have seen his work. There are several monumental works around Dallas, giant constructions of red-orange steel I-beams welded together. One of them, called *Ad Astra*, dominates the central space in the back hallway of North Park Mall; another one, called *Ave*, stands on the front lawn of the DMA. There was one called *Proverb* near the Meyerson in the Arts District for a time. Because there were a number of pieces here, I always assumed he was a Texas artist, but I have learned that he is a pivotal figure in the history of contemporary sculpture. He is part of a Jewish family who moved to America at the beginning of WWII. While getting a BA in philosophy at UC-Santa Barbara, he worked in construction and began using cast off materials in sculpture. He became a pioneer in the use of the crane in sculpture, building his works “from beginning to end, with I-beams and using a crane, solely by himself.” After his first show in New York, the editor of *Arts Magazine* wrote, “From now on nothing will be the same.” He called the body of di Suvero’s work “at once so ambitious and intelligent, so raw and clear, so noble and

accessible, that it must permanently alter our standards of artistic effort.” His works are now known all over the world; he was awarded the National Medal of Arts in 2011 by President Barack Obama.

The Nasher exhibition is “the first museum investigation of the artist’s studio practice and the most extensive survey of his work in over 30 years.”



Hairspray



A group of retirees attended the musical ***Hairspray*** at the Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts on Saturday afternoon, September 16, 2023. ***Hairspray*** is an American musical with music by [Marc Shaiman](#) and lyrics by [Marc Shaiman](#) and [Scott Wittman](#). The songs include 1960s-style dance music and "downtown" [rhythm and blues](#). Set in 1962 [Baltimore, Maryland](#), the production follows teenage Tracy Turnblad's dream to dance on *The Corny Collins Show*, a local TV dance program based on the real-life [Buddy Deane Show](#).^[1] When Tracy wins a role on the show, she becomes a celebrity overnight, leading to social change as Tracy campaigns for the show's integration.

After the event, the group enjoyed an early dinner at the Downtown El Fenix Restaurant.





Theater Events

Georgia Francis always organizes the Booker T Washington theater event for September. In addition, I have selected a theater event for the spring of 2024. I hope to schedule at least one other theater event in the spring, but single tickets are not yet on sale and without knowing pricing I hesitate to schedule at this time. All theater events are chosen based on time of day, free parking, reasonable ticket prices and geographical accessibility.

Theater: Theater Three
2688 Laclede St #120, Dallas 75201
Play: *I love you, You're Perfect, Now Change*
Tickets: TBA

Date: ***Run Dates: January 18-February 25, 2024***
Lunch: TBA

Presented as a series of vignettes, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* is a touching musical comedy about all of love's greatest challenges: dating, sex, marriage and family.

Tickets will be available to purchase at <https://www.theatre3dallas.com> or 214-8712-3300. Single tickets have not been released at this time. As soon as I have more information concerning the date, I will send an email to the theater group.

I have checked numerous theater groups and have not found anything else yet. If you have any suggestions, mail them to the email address below and I will be glad to arrange an event.

If you are not a part of the theater email group, please send your information to dstrain50@gmail.com and I will add you to the group.

Donna



Trinity River Audubon Center



Trinity River Audubon Center - October 13- 10:00 a.m. 6500 S. Great Trinity Forest Way, Dallas, Texas.

Come with us to tour the Trinity River Audubon Center and its surrounding grounds. <https://trinityriver.audubon.org/> This LEED-certified building is located at the beginning of the 6,000-acre Great Trinity Forest, the largest urban hardwood forest in the United States. The cost will be between \$6 and \$10 depending on the size of our group. Please bring your own water and wear comfortable shoes as we will be walking along the paths to the river.

Please contact Lisa Theriot to confirm your intention to attend or if you have questions. Lmtheriot@msn.com 214-537-4294

Fall Tour: Hall of State

The Hall of State at Fair Park has recently completed a 14-million-dollar renovation and looks spectacular. In addition, it is now the home of Thomas Feely's 14' X 24' Alamo diorama, containing more than 2,000 hand-painted figures.

When: Friday, November 10

3939 Grand Avenue

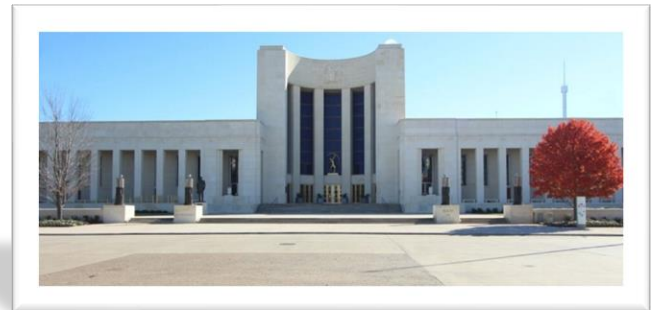
Time: 11:00 am

Admission: FREE

Followed by lunch (on your own) at:

*El Fenix Mexican Restaurant

1601 McKinney Avenue



If you would like to participate, please notify Don Baynham (donbaynham@outlook.com; 214-287-7948). Limited to 30 people.

*Note that El Fenix no longer accepts reservations, so we'll be seated as we arrive. However, we'll arrive around 1:00 pm, so there should be sufficient open tables.

North Lake Art Gallery

Installed historic panels were added at North Lake College that were donated to us by The Dallas Way and UNT Libraries. These archives share the history of the LGBT+ community in DFW over the last 50+ years. Below is the schedule for Live Events and Gallery and Schedule for 2023-2024.

Fall 2023 Dallas College Live Events Schedule

Date	Event	Campus	Time	Location
August				
2-Aug	Big Band Lobby Concert	BHC	7:30pm	C200
23-Aug	Recital	RLC	1:00pm	F176
30-Aug	Recital	EFC	1:00pm	F114
30-Aug	Recital - Mike Bogle Solo Piano	CVC	2:00pm	E126
September				
6-Sep	Recital	EFC	1:00pm	F114
6-Sep	Recital - Commercial Faculty Piano	CVC	2:00pm	E126
13-Sep	Recital - NYC Artist Deborah Davis Jazz Quartet	EFC	1:00pm	F114
13-Sep	Recital - Bob Pike Trio	CVC	2:00pm	E126
20-Sep	Recital - North Texas Trombone Choir	EFC	1:00pm	F114
20-Sep	Recital - Buddy Mohamed	CVC	2:00pm	E126
27-Sep	Recital - Mosaic Latin Band	EFC	1:00pm	F114
27-Sep	Recital - Bree and the Fellas	CVC	2:00pm	E126
October				
4-Oct	Recital - Mariachi Lone Star	EFC	1:00pm	F114
4-Oct	Recital - Classical Faculty Piano	CVC	2:00pm	E126
5-Oct	Fall Symphonic Concert	RLC	7:30pm	F102
7-Oct	Fundraiser, Faculty Concert	BHC	3:00pm	C210
11-Oct	Recital - Nereida Garcia	EFC	1:00pm	F114
10/11-10/14	Performances of <i>Women and Wallace</i>	BHC	7:30pm	C205
10/11-10/14	Performances of <i>Would Be Gentleman</i>	MVC	7:30pm	E127
18-Oct	Recital - Jazz Faculty Combo Concert	EFC	1:00pm	F114
18-Oct	Recital - Commercial Students	CVC	2:00pm	E126
10/25-10/28	Performances of <i>Plano</i>	RLC	7:00pm	F102
25-Oct	Recital - Early Brass Ensemble	EFC	1:00pm	F114
25-Oct	Recital - Commercial Students	CVC	2:00pm	E126
November				
1-Nov	Recital - Claude Bolling Music Concert	EFC	1:00pm	F114
1-Nov	Recital - Commercial Students	CVC	2:00pm	E126
8-Nov	Recital – Keyboard Department Concert	EFC	1:00pm	F114

Date	Event	Campus	Time	Location
8-Nov	Recital - Vocal Students Showcase	CVC	2:00pm	E126
8-Nov	Jazz and Guitar Concert	RLC	7:30pm	F102
11/8-11/11	Performances of <i>Blood At The Root</i>	NLC	7:30pm	P302
15-Nov	Fall Choral Concert	RLC	7:30pm	F102
15-Nov	Recital - Guitar Department w/Guest Artist	EFC	1:00pm	F114
15-Nov	Recital - Electric Guitar	CVC	2:00pm	E126
16-Nov	Fall Symphonic Concert	RLC	7:30pm	F102
11/16-11/17	Fall Showcase Performances	MVC	7:30pm	E127
17-Nov	Recital - Choral/Vocal Concert	EFC	1:00pm	F114
18-Nov	Student Showcase Concert	BHC	3:00pm	C210
12-Nov	Recital - Sea of Keys	CVC	2:00pm	E126
20-Nov	Dance Pop-Up, Lobby	EFC	12:30pm	PHF
28-Nov	Fall Honors Recital	RLC	1:00pm	F102
29-Nov	Recital - Jazz Ensemble w/Guest Artist	EFC	1:00pm	F114
29-Nov	Recital - Jazz Ensemble	CVC	2:00pm	E126
29-Nov	Big Band Concert	BHC	7:00pm	C210
11/29-11/30	A Christmas Carol Puppet Show	BHC	7:30pm	F210
11/30-12/1	Fall Dance Performance	EFC	7:30pm	C205
December				
12/1-12/2	A Christmas Carol Puppet Show	BHC	7:30pm	C205
2-Dec	A Christmas Carol Puppet Show - Matinee	BHC	2:30pm	C205
2-Dec	Choral Society Concert	BHC	6:00pm	C210
5-Dec	Actor's Showcase	MVC	7:00pm	E127

Fall 2023 – Dallas College Gallery Schedule

Unfortunately, many of the exhibits are no longer available due to the publication date of the newsletter.

Dates	Events	Reception	Location	Time
August 21-September 21, 2023	Kiva Gallery Exhibit ○ Heartfelt Tiara Francois	September 25, 2023	MVC	12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
August 14 – October 6, 2023	“(untitled) Fanon” ○ Madison Cooper	September 5, 2023	MVC	12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
August 14 – October 6, 2023	“Like Mother Like Daughter” ○ Lisa Ehrich	September 13, 2023	BHC	12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
August 14 – October 6, 2023	50 Years of Pride Parades – LGBTQIA ○ + History Exhibition	October 5, 2023	NLC	12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
August 14 – October 6, 2023	Cedar Valley Educational Art Gallery “Patchwork” ○ Jennifer Cowley	September 20, 2023	CVC	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Dates	Events	Reception	Location	Time
August 14 – October 6, 2023	<i>"Conversations"</i> ○ Vikki Martni	September 6, 2023	EFC	12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
April 24 – October 6, 2024	H. Paxton Moore Gallery ○ Dr. Terry Lawrence Lunsford Collection		ECC	
October 18 – November 30, 2023	Student Campus Exhibit runs – TBA	TBA	—	—
November 9, 2023	Founders' Foyer	TBA	—	—

Dallas College Retiree Website



Our Retiree website is the “go to” place to obtain up-to-date information about people and events for those who have retired. Bookmark the Retiree website at <https://www.dallascollege.edu/retirees>.



New Retirees Welcome

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.

Name	Location	Name	Location	Name	Location
Althausen, David	NLC	Henson, Catherine	EFC	Moss, Georgeann	DO
Bernal, Mary	BJP	Hines, Gregory	EFC	Nixon, Kay	NLC
Beck, Kathryn	BHC	Hobbs, Marshall	EFC	Owens, Minnie	DSC
Bryant, Cathy	BHC	Huntsberger, Barbara	ECC	Pope, Lancer	NLC
Burwell, Brenda	NLC	Johns, Carol	ECC	Pope, Nahid	NLC
Clement, Cynthia	RLC	Johnson, Anthony	NLC	Robin, Fernandez	RLC
Cornelius, Ray-Mel	BHC	Lewis, Richard	BHC	Shores, Isabella	DO
Crawford, William	CVC	Lindsay, Cassandra	MVC	Singleton, Emam	MVP
Davidson, Laura	RLC	Lockhart, Debra	RLC	Stall, Sara (Beth)	LCC
Davis, Deborah	RLC	McClain, Adrienne	ECC	Tiller, Jana	DO
Douglas, Resi	MVC	McNabb, David	BHC	Vaden, Susan	RLC
Gonzalez, Sylvia	CVC	Means, Richard	MVC	Wyatt, Hattie	DSC
Gray, Linda	ECC	Melton, Guy	NLC	Ziegler, Marla	BHC
Gutierrez, Anthony	NLC	Mills, Cynthia	BHC		
Hagele, George	EFC	Moore, Charlotte	CVC		

Retiree Association Membership Roster

2023 LIFETIME MEMBERS

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Dee Brock	Marcia Funnell	Claralyn Jefferson
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Susan Calhoun	Herlinda Glasscock	Carole Johnson
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Ray Canham	Mariaelena Godinez	Becky Jones
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Dallas College Retiree Association 2023 Lifetime Members (Continued)

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Marilyn Mays	David Riehl	Kathryn Tucker
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Margaret Etheredge	Margarette Jones-Davis	Jane Peterson
Vallye Ezell	Shirley Kaczka	Jack Pierce
Nancy Faris	Doug Keenan	Guy Pollock
Pamela Farley	Ida Keller	Rose Pope
Barbara Field	Dorothy Keylon	Joyce Powell

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Sulema Ramos	Rosemary Smith	Clifton Weaver
Diana Reding	Lupe Solis	Joel Weiner
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Nancy Roberts	Rise Talbot	Kay Wilson
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Cynthia Ann Rogers	Martha Timberlake	Becky Witherspoon
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Are You Interested in Joining or Renewing Membership in the DC Retiree Association?



If so, go to the Retiree Website at <https://www.dallascollege.edu/employees/retirees/> 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 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 2023 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: _____

* Phone: ☐ _____

* Email: ☐ _____

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.

Mail to: Diane D. Graifemberg,
Treasurer
13856 Janwood Ln.
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

2023 Membership

(January – December)

Annual Membership Dues \$ 10

OR

Lifetime Membership Dues \$100

Scholarship Donation _____

TOTAL Enclosed \$ _____

Questions about membership dues? Contact Diane Graifemberg at 972-818-0546 or email dgraifemberg@gmail.com

Retiree Association Executive Board and Event Coordinators

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2023 Scholarship Recipients



The scholarship selection committee was comprised of Ed Garcia, Lisa Theriot, John Wells, and Georgia Francis, chair. We had 31 applicants, the most we've ever had. The committee was very impressed with the quality of the majority of the applicants. Lisa decided we could give two scholarships this time. The scholarships are \$1,000 for the spring semester. The two recipients are Skeikh Abdullah and Maris Rodriguez. The answers to the questions they must complete as part of the application process are included here.

ESSAY

Maris Rodriguez

Why are you applying for the Dallas College Retirees Association Scholarship? Why do you believe you are a good candidate to receive this scholarship? Describe academic goals and future career plans. Include community service activities you have participated in and/or leadership roles have you held. Provide any further information in support of your application.

My previous experiences have prepared me to push myself to try new opportunities and pursue higher education, even when I must face feelings of discomfort and self-doubt. At fourteen, I dropped out of high school due to personal reasons such as mental health. At age twenty, I decided that I needed to push myself to continue my education. I applied to Dallas College and took the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) to test into college. Who I am today is the result of my determination to succeed and the push I gave myself to try new opportunities to better my life. I went from being a high school dropout to a Mathematics major with a 4.0 GPA, an active honors student with my college, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and the Dallas College STEM League.

In the Fall semester of 2022, I participated in the Dallas College Miniterm program with Jacobs Engineering for 10 weeks. In this externship, I work with five other students to conduct research on a project given to us by the host company and we would take turns being the team lead. At the end of the 10 weeks, we presented our research in front of the Jacobs company. This experience gave me leadership, teamwork, and public speaking skills.

Outside of school, I have been a volunteer cage cleaner for the non-profit organization New Beginnings Cat Rescue since March 2021 where I assist and care for cats who are awaiting adoption. In 2020, I volunteered to handmade twenty masks for Frontline Workers to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 with OptumRx Health Systems. Whether it's helping animals or humans, I want to make an impact that can improve my community because any amount of aid adds up to making great changes.

After my time at Dallas College, I want to transfer to my dream university, the University of Texas at Austin, where I will double major in Mathematics and Astronomy. After I earn my master's degree, I want to become a mathematician and do research with NASA. Since I did not earn a high school diploma or equivalent, I am unable to apply for federal aid and I must pay for college out of pocket. Receiving the Dallas College Retirees Association Scholarship would financially aid my success as a college student and help me on my academic journey. I am a good candidate for this scholarship because I have shown I am determined to complete my education and have a clear vision for my future. This scholarship will help me to continue to obtain my academic goals and pursue my career goals.



RA Scholarship Fund: The money for our scholarship fund comes from our donations. Twenty-five percent of the dues you pay go into the fund. You are also given a chance to send additional money with your due's payment. Or you can go into Foundation.DallasCollege.edu/donate to donate using a credit card. Be sure to indicate that it is for the Dallas College Retiree Association Scholarship. You can also mail a check to Dallas College Foundation, 1601 Botham Jean Blvd., Dallas, TX 75215-1816.

Essay

Sheikh Abdullah

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My name is Sheikh Abdullah, and I have successfully completed 18 credit hours of coursework as a computer science student at Dallas College. My goal is to become a cybersecurity specialist. Science has always piqued my curiosity. I enjoy working with electronic gadgets and seeing how things work with software. However, I discovered that while I understood hardware, I still needed a thorough understanding of software to fully comprehend the entire operating process and achieve my goal. Thus, I intend to get my cloud computing certification as soon as possible and continue to do a bachelor's in computer science.

I see the path to my goals as a process of incremental acquisition of knowledge and experiences. In the long term, I'd like to concentrate on cybersecurity because it's something I'm passionate about and one of the most marketable careers today. As there are different levels of cybersecurity, I want to start at the beginning by getting training and getting a job in the field, and then continue to get more training and certification throughout my bachelor's degree, so that when I graduate, I will have a computer science degree and experience in the

same field. This is a path I have been able to follow successfully through my education in the past.

I live alone because my parents and all my family members are in Nepal. I am responsible for all my expenditures, including rent, groceries, insurance, college tuition, and study supplies. My father is a farmer in my home country, and they have extremely few resources. They are unable to contribute much to my education fees due to a lack of funds. On the other hand, I am required as the oldest son to help my parents financially so they can take care of themselves and provide for the health and education of my brothers and sisters. This means that a significant part of the money I earn is not available for me to cover the expenses of my education. Nevertheless, if I receive this scholarship, the funds from it will be used to cover the cost of certifications and study tools like a laptop, software applications, and gadgets to stay current in today's environment.

At Dallas College, I am an active member of TRIO and Phi Theta Kappa. I participate in leadership work for many projects as a member of this. We are currently working on a project called "Female Participation in Games" where we will gather information on the percentage of female participation in contrast to male participation. We'll be doing research to find out why there are fewer women playing games and what we can do to change that.



Holiday Luncheon

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Check in and Chat, 11:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Luncheon and Meeting, 11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Maggiano's Little Italy, North Park Center

Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, November 22, 2023

The reservation form is on page 35 of this newsletter.

Enjoy seeing friends and former colleagues, chatting over lunch, and maybe winning a door prize!

Guests welcome.

Cost: \$45/person

Parking: Ample free parking or complimentary valet parking. If you choose valet, you may either leave your cell phone number or request a ticket.

Menu

The service is family style.

- Appetizers: Stuffed Mushrooms, Crispy Zucchini Fritte
- Salad: Maggiano's Salad
- Pastas: Four Cheese Ravioli with Pesto Alfredo Sauce
- Entrées: Pork Tenderloin and Fried Cod
- Bread: Freshly Baked Ciabatta Rolls
- Desserts: Apple Crostata and Tiramisu
- Drinks: Iced Tea, Hot Tea, freshly brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee, Sodas

A credit card bar will be available in the dining for those who would like to purchase an alcoholic beverage.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Rosie Steffen, Coordinator

972-699-9649



A committee met and adopted the following changes in the bylaws which will be voted on at the Holiday Luncheon Business Meeting.

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a President, **President Elect**, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Past President and the RET Newsletter Editor shall both serve as ex-officio and voting members of the Executive Board.

Section 2. The President:

- acts as the spokesperson, representative, and leader for the Association,
- calls and conducts all association meetings,
- coordinates officer responsibilities,
- provides guidance and direction for the Association and works with the Dallas College designated Association liaison, Dallas College staff and Association membership in the achievement of Association goals and objectives.

The President shall also appoint the editor of the newsletter. The President shall have the power to appoint an official representative for meetings if unable to be the official representative. The President shall coordinate the printing and mailing of the summer RET Newsletter. All powers not otherwise delegated to other officers shall be reserved to the President.

Section 3. ~~The Vice-President~~ The President Elect:

- serves as an understudy, preparatory to assuming the position of President upon the expiration of the current President's term,
- serves as assistant to the President,
- assumes duties of the President in case he/she is unable to serve,
- supports the President in the identification of membership needs and serves as Membership Chair
- coordinates the recruiting of new members,
- sending welcome letters to new retirees, a membership form, the policy and form for requesting business cards, and a current RET newsletter, and provides name badges for members and guests attending luncheons/business meetings.

Section 4. The Secretary:

- keeps an accurate record of meetings and reports regularly to the membership through the RET newsletters,
- conveys such records to the Dallas College webmaster for publishing,
- submits Colleagues We Will Miss information for each RET newsletter,
- mails sympathy cards to families of deceased retirees who are members of the Association,
- sends thank you cards to businesses who provide door prizes at annual luncheons and business meetings,
- assists with Dallas College Retiree Directory updates,
- ~~maintains a notebook with~~ preserves copies of meeting minutes, RET newsletters, the Retirees Directory, handouts, and other Association items.
- ~~copies of RET newsletters, Dallas College Retirees Directory, handouts provided with events information and other Association items.~~

Texas Community College Teachers Association Is for Retirees



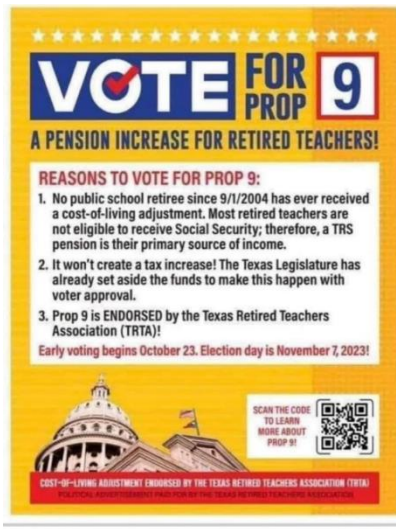
The Texas Community College Teachers Association (“TCCTA”) is a broad-based professional association for community college faculty and administrators. It also offers many benefits to retirees. TCCTA is vigilant in the area of retirement and health benefits.

The Teacher Retirement System of Texas (“TRS”) is one of the largest and most financially stable defined benefit retirement systems in the United States. With more than \$150 billion in assets under management, TRS is not only a state agency, but a major financial institution in its own right, with attendant internal management complexities, external economic stresses, regulatory obligations, and political exposure. As a defined benefit system, with its obligation to pay earned benefits to retirees for life, TRS has to be administered with a long-term view to serve both present and future retirees. Its mission is vital to the financial lives of members depending on their monthly payments, faculty working toward retirement, and recruitment of the next generation of college teachers.

When negotiations were occurring on whether to give TRS recipients a cost-of-living adjustment Richard Moore, Director of TCCTA, and Beamon Floyd, TCCTA Lobbyist, sat at the table as negotiations were presented to the Texas legislature to propose a constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. TCCTA knew that funding a cost-of-living increase for TRS recipients would be the first in 20 years.

TCCTA must be maintained by members interested in maintaining this diligence and a seat at the table with TRS through its annual membership of \$35.00 a year. Many retirees think that joining TCCTA after retirement is not in their best interest, but retirees benefit immensely from negotiations between TCCTA and TRS.

To join in the fight to maintain your current benefits, join TCCTA today by clicking <https://www.TCCTA.org> and clicking on Log in or Sign Up.



Proposition 9

Texas **Proposition 9**, Cost-of-Living
Adjustments for Teacher Retirement
System Amendment (2023)
ballotpedia.org



Go to the URL: https://ballotpedia.org/Main_Page for information on Proposition 9.

IMPORTANT

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The following information was published by the Texas Legislature regarding Proposition 9 that will appear on the ballot during the November 7th election. Early voting starts on October 23rd. If approved, this proposition would allow the Texas Legislature to provide a cost-of-living increase for annuitants for the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Proposition 9 (H.J.R. 2, 88th Leg., R.S.)

The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Summary Analysis

H.J.R. 2, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, proposes a temporary amendment to the Texas Constitution that authorizes the current 88th Legislature to (1) provide by general law a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and (2) appropriate state money to pay for the adjustment. The legislature has appropriated \$3.355 billion to fund the cost-of-living adjustment contingent on voter approval of the proposed amendment.

Summary of Comments

The following comments supporting or opposing the proposed amendment reflect positions that were presented in committee proceedings, during house or senate floor debate, or in the analysis of the resolution prepared by the House Research Organization (HRO) when the resolution was considered by the House of Representatives.

Comments by Supporters

- Because the vast majority of school districts in Texas do not participate in the federal social security system, the annuity from the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) is the only retirement benefit most retired teachers receive. Without having received a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in nearly 20 years, retired teachers have lost considerable purchasing power with their TRS annuity due to cost increases and high inflation. • Funding a COLA for TRS retirees will provide the state's retired teachers with much-needed relief and is a wise use of the state's surplus revenue.

Comments by Opponents

- No opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment was expressed during legislative consideration of the proposal.

How Can You Help to Get the Word Out?

Lisa Theriot and Glenda Easter are working with Keith Baker from Dallas College to have a get-together with local ISD teachers and retirees to have an information meeting on **Tuesday, October 10th**. We plan to distribute literature and yard signs to encourage everyone to vote. We invite any of our retirees who would like to attend this meeting to please make plans to come. It will be held at the **Big Thicket Building at White Rock Lake**. The address is **430 East Lawther, Dallas 75218**. We hope to have some retirees come and learn how to get the vote for Proposition 9. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Dottie Jean Clark



Our Association lost a valued and respected member when Dottie Clark passed away on March 15, 2023. Dottie was a lifetime member and served as the Retiree Association's Vice President from January 2016 through December 2016 and President from January 2017 through December 2019. Retiree Ed DesPlas recalls the early years working with Dottie in the article that follows.

I'll Never Forget Her - Remembering Dottie Clark

Dottie Clark interviewed me in 1977 for the Information Clerk position at the Instructional Television Center. ITV Center was in the W portable building at Richland College; it was a much better location than the previous one in Richland's basement near the Audio/Visual department, she explained to me. The ITV Center was growing and producing new telecourses: an emerging wave of course modalities. An Information Clerk was the link between remote students and their instructors. The position also had a robust list of "other duties as assigned". Her pride in the ITV Center caused me to want that job. I'll never know why she hired me.

I'll never know why Dottie asked me to try to reconcile the study guide receivables and the lease receivables accounts for the ITV Center. I'd never taken accounting; besides that, I didn't know a debit from a credit. But she did ask me to work those accounts. So, I reconciled them.

I'll never know why she was interested in my future. Dottie asked me what I wanted to study at Richland College. Literature was my reply. She suggested that I study accounting.

"Why should I do that?" I asked.

"Because with an accounting degree and the right experience, you can become a vice president of business services at one of the colleges" she replied.

"Me? I could become a VPBS?"

"Sure" said Dottie with a big smirk on her face "They don't know crap!"

She trusted me to get it right, promoting me to Accounting Clerk for the ITV Center and challenging me to take-on increasingly difficult accounting tasks. I'll never know what it was she saw in me.

Dottie encouraged me to reach career peaks: Budget Officer, Director of Business Operations, Dean of Financial Affairs, Vice President of Administrative Services, Executive Vice President, Interim President, Executive Vice Chancellor - Business Affairs. With each step on my path, I would send Dottie a note of thanks. It would be worded something to the effect of "Did you know five years ago that you were hiring the Budget Officer of the DCCCD?" "Did you know you were hiring the Vice President of Administrative Services of Western Nebraska Community College?" "So many years ago, did you know you were hiring the Executive Vice Chancellor, Business Affairs for the DCCCD?"

Each time, "Yes. I knew. How could I not?" was Dottie's reply.

She will always be my first mentor.

I'll never be able to thank her enough for the confidence she had in me.

...Edward "Ed" DesPlas

September 2023



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.
- Annette Flowers, a retiree of BHC, passed away on 10/25/2021.
- Carla Peacock, a retiree of BHC, passed away on 03/05/2022.
- Paul Bosner, a retiree of LCET, passed away on 03/24/2022.
- James (Jim) R. Hill, a retiree of DSC, passed away on 10/29/2022.
- Ted Hughes, a retiree of DSC, passed away on 10/29/2022.
- Mary Cox, a retiree of LCET/DO, passed away on 11/30/2022.
- Kenneth Hart, RL retiree, died on 01/06/2023.
- Henry Francis Hartman, a retiree of LCET passed away 01/24/2023.
- Rosella J. Sweely, retiree of NLC, passed away on 03/02/2023.
- Dottie Clark, a retiree of LCET passed away on 03/14/2023.
- Bill Slonecker, a retiree of RLC passed away on 04/07/2023.
- Gay Michelle, a retiree of ECC, passed away on 04/13/2023.
- Janice L. Franklin, a retiree of MVC, passed away on 05/13/2023.
- Kathy Cook, a retiree of DO, passed away on 05/17/2023.
- Robert L. Burchfield, a retiree of ECC, passed away on 06/03/2023.
- Beverly H. Watson, a retiree of RLC, passed away on 06/07/2023.
- Marianne Roffino, a retiree of BHC, passed away 06/13/2023.
- Betty Kovac, a retiree of BHC, passed away on 06/28/2023.
- Glen I. Bounds, a retiree of BJPIED, passed away on 07/02/2023.
- Dorothy Gorman, a retiree of ECC, passed away on 07/04/2023.
- Paul Luke, a retiree of RLC, passed away on 07/13.2023.
- James Willingham, a retiree of CVC passed away on 07/24/2023.
- Francis Osentowski, a retiree of NLC passed away on 07/27/2023.
- Joe Sullivan, a retiree of ECC, passed away on 08/25/2023.
- Bill Neal, a retiree of RLC, passed away on 09/18/2023.

Retiree Family Members who have passed

- Grace Dalton, mother of Brenda Dalton from Brookhaven, passed away 01/02/04/2022.
- Donna Droby, partner of Travis Ueoka, passed away on 01/14/2023.
- Dorothy Ivey, the wife of Nathan Ivey, a retiree from the DSC, passed away 02/25/2023.
- John Noel Chandler, father of Karen Laljiani, a retiree of CVC, passed away on 04/10/2023.
- Kay Trotter, wife of Bob Trotter, a retiree from El Centro, passed away on 04/30/2023.
- Francis Osentowski, husband of Mary Osentowski, a retiree of RLC, passed away on 07/17/2023.
- Joe Sullivan, husband of Elaine Sullivan, a retiree of RLC, passed away on 08/25/2023.



Kenneth Murrel Pace

Born December 21, 1928 - Died July 16, 2023

Kenneth believed strongly in the benefits of continuing education and completed The Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at SMU in 1973 after he entered the banking industry with the First National Bank of Mesquite. He ascended to president and chairman of the board of the bank then “retired” in 1982 at age 55 after selling the bank. Ken had soon played enough golf to know he could not go pro and was persuaded to spearhead a group of founders to establish a new hometown bank, Mesquite National, serving as president and chairman of the board from 1983 to 1994. He also was proud to have served on the Board of Trustees for Dallas County Community College District for 13 years believing community college provided the opportunity for many more young and not so young people to pursue learning and prepare themselves for satisfying careers that would provide a better future for themselves and help their communities advance. To Margaret’s delight he joined her in permanent retirement in 1994 and they enjoyed traveling across the US in their 5th wheel RV and in Europe on a number of river cruises.

In an interview upon his retirement, he gave this sound advice: “The most important thing a person can have is faith in God and perseverance. Work hard in an honest way. Keep your family in a church - this is increasingly important in today’s society. To get much accomplished in life you must stay focused...”

Kenneth believed that serving his community, neighbors, Church and family was the best use of the life God had given him and we all were the blessed beneficiaries of his living out what he believed.

Special thanks to all who worked with Ken at Mesquite National and the DCCCD. He fondly remembered great times of working with all of you.

Thank you to the Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church Adult Couples Sunday School class for all the Sunday lunches and 1st Friday 42 club.

Also, to all of his golfing buddies, you kept him playing a game he loved far longer than he expected.

RESERVATION FORM



Holiday Luncheon and Meeting



Event Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, November 22, 2023

NAME: _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

GUEST NAME(S): _____

Enclosed Amount: _____ (no. of persons) x \$40 (per person) = _____

Make check payable to:

DCCCD Retiree Association

Mail to:

Diane D. Graifemberg, Treasurer

Retiree Association

13656 Janwood Lane

Farmers Branch, TX 75234

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

Retiree Association Events

The Dallas Arboretum



The Nasher Sculpture Garden



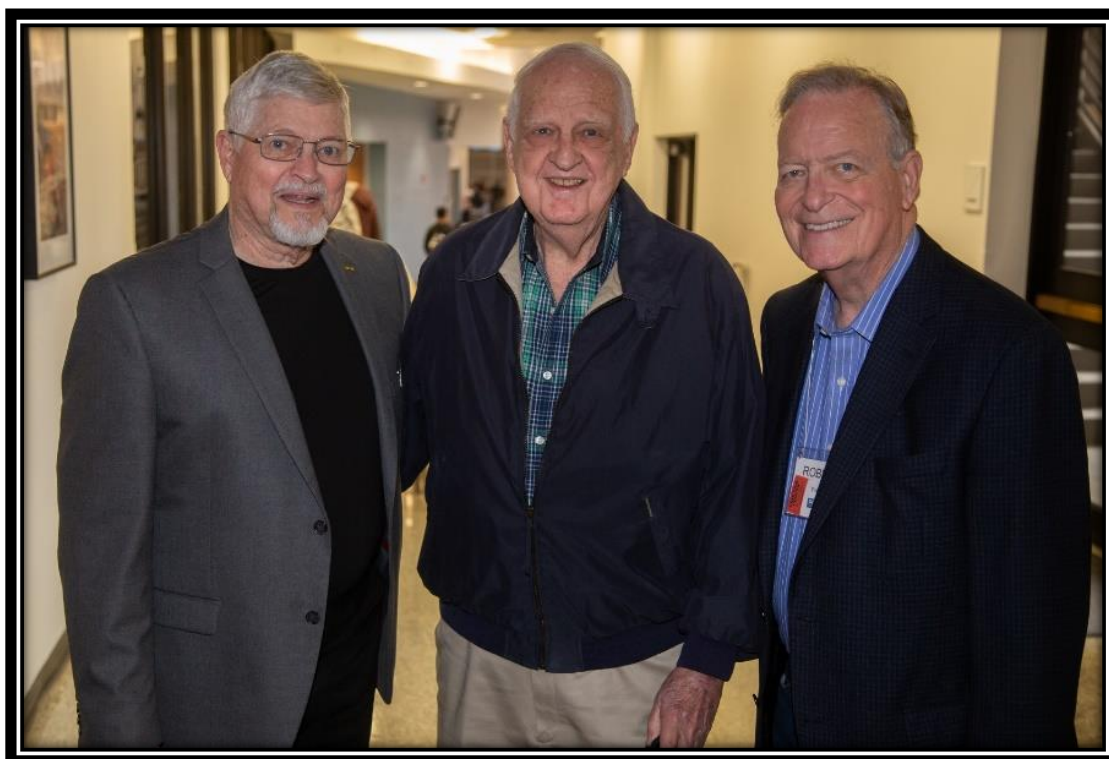
**The Nasher Sculpture Garden
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The Spring 2023 Luncheon



The Spring 2023 Luncheon
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Texas Electric Railway System Museum

