

The Rejuvenator

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The 2019 ARFS Annual Reunion

The Annual Association of Retired Faculty and Staff (ARFS) Reunion was held on September 7, 2019 at Sunset Hills Country Club in Carrollton. Retired UWG faculty and staff, family, and friends came together to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of socializing and honoring our new retirees. Interim President, Dr. Micheal Crafton shared a message of gratitude for the retirees' service to UWG, and he presented commemorative medallions to each retiree present. A delicious lunch was sponsored by ARFS and the University of West Georgia Foundation and catered by Sunset Hills. A special thanks is extended to Martha Ann Saunders and Anne Richards for their diligent work to create the Tribute to Retirees booklet for the event.

The reunion celebrated the following 2018-2019 retirees:

Adel M. Abunawass	James A. Hembree	Dawn Putney
Bonnie B. Bar	Loretta "Jo" Hite	Sally O. Roberts
Christine B. Berding	Christopher Winn Huff	E. Jane Simpson
"Tommy" Brown	Barbara Kawulich	Lyn J. Steed
Stan (Skip) Fite	Mary Hutcheson Ledbetter	Rita Wardein Tekippe
Vincent Gibson	Ronnie J. Mayfield	Bryan Thompson
Michael Ginther	Jo Etta Miller	Bernard Upshaw
Deborah B. Hardegree	Mark S. Parrish	Alice Debose Wesley
		Diane Wise



(L-R third row) Bernard Upshaw, Christine Berding, Jane Simpson

(L-R second row) Diane Wise, Mary Ledbetter, Ronnie Mayfield, Christopher Huff, Sally Roberts, Tommy Brown, Bryan Thompson

(L-R first row) Alice Wesley, Barbara Kawulich, Dawn Putney, Bonnie Bar



THANK YOU for supporting the A Day to Give West campaign. Between July 1 - October 31, 2019 UWG retired faculty & staff donated **\$34,000** in gifts. Your generosity, combined with thousands of donors through several campaigns, helped raise a growing total of over **\$586,000**. Thank you for being an example of how we can change lives when we come together!



THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF
2020
ANNUAL REUNION
Saturday, August 22, 2020 at 11:30 am

FREE UWG Campus Center Membership

UWG retirees have FREE access to the Campus Center! The center offers a 1/8 mile indoor walking/jogging track, cardiovascular machines and weights in the fitness center, aerobics rooms, basketball courts, and a 50 ft. climbing wall. To gain your free access follow the guidelines below.

Access to the facilities will begin upon completion of the registration process.

- Retirees must visit the Card Office located on the third floor of University Community Center (UCC) to turn in their prior UWG employee ID card to obtain a new UWG ID card that identifies them as "retiree." This allows Campus Center staff to ensure retirees receive appropriate access. UWG Card Office is open Mon-Fri, 8 am – 5 pm.
- Retirees must then visit the UREC administration desk at the front of the Campus Center Mon-Fri, 8 am - 7:30 pm to complete UREC account setup and gain facility access.
- If you no longer have your UWG ID card, a replacement card must be purchased for a \$20 fee at UCC Card Office.

Please be advised that the Campus Center is funded by student fees.

- Programs and offerings are student-centered (types of classes offered, music played in facility, building hours, etc.). Only UWG retirees are eligible for this access; spouses and dependents are not eligible.

Retirees will not have access to the MyRec portal to make online reservations for fitness classes.

- Any registrations for group fitness classes can be accommodated in person at the UREC administration desk or by phone at [678-839-5500](tel:678-839-5500).
- Although you may show up at class time and register at the door, there is limited space available for each class. So we encourage registering in advance when possible.
- The group fitness class schedule can also be accessed on the Campus Center website:

<https://www.westga.edu/campus-life/urec/fitness-and-wellness.php>

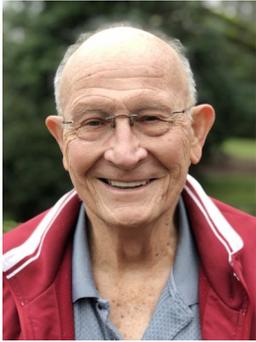
Those seeking more information may stop by UREC administration desk at the front of the Campus Center for a facility tour and program brochures. For more general information about the Campus Center, go to their website: <https://www.westga.edu/urec>

If you have further questions, please contact Denice King (dking@westga.edu) or Mitch Clifton (mclifton@westga.edu).

Thank you & enjoy!



To sign up for our listserv, please email Bonnie Bar at bonnie.bar3@gmail.com. Also, remember that if you've changed your email address, you must notify us so we can update you on the ARFS listserv. Our listserv address is uwg-arfs-list@westga.edu.



In Memoriam: ARFS Coordinating Council Member, Dr. Robert M. Reeves.

Dr. Bob "Woody" Reeves, aged 82 died on January 1, 2020 after living a full life of continual service to the UWG community. Dr. Reeves was born in Demopolis Alabama in 1937, played football and was the recipient of both athletic and academic scholarships to numerous schools. He became an avid 'Bama" fan after eventually transferring to Alabama where he obtained his undergraduate, master's and doctorate. He taught physical education at UWG for 27 years and served as the men's and women's tennis coach for 7 years. Bob mastered ballroom dancing after taking lessons as early as the fifth grade and was known throughout the West Georgia Community where he shared his love of dance with hundreds of local citizens. After retirement from UWG Bob became a personal trainer at Club Fitness and continued to participate in road races as late as 2018. He was an active member of the Kiwanis Club & First United Methodist Church and served as interim Bluefin Swim Team Coach several years. Contributions may be made to the Dr. Robert M. Reeves Scholarship Endowment Fund, which was started at his retirement by faculty and staff in the Physical Education Department.

Successful GA-HERO meeting in Newnan!

The GEORGIA Association of Higher Education Retiree Organization (GA-HERO) held their November meeting at the UWG Newnan Center on November 8, 2019. Dr. David Jenks, Interim Provost, welcomed the attendees and provided some historical background on the Newnan campus. Investigator Jackson Lawrence with the Sheriff's Department in Carroll County was the keynote speaker presenting "Scams/Fraud: The Dimensions of Risk." During the meeting, multiple retiree organizations from institutions such as, GA Tech and UGA, shared their Best Practices with fellow attendees. And a thorough report was provided on the University System of GA Retiree Council. Overall, the event provided a wonderful opportunity for information sharing and networking. This was the first time the UWG Association of Retired Faculty & Staff has hosted GA-HERO at West Georgia, and it was a great success!



The UWG Office of Alumni Relations & Annual Giving has reached out to the Association of Retired Faculty & Staff with a volunteer opportunity. Monday, February 17, 2020, is President's Day, and at UWG, it is also **New Admissions Scholarship Interview Day!** An invitation has been extended to us to assist with interviewing students and providing support. You can help out for a half or whole day to assist the UWG admissions team. By volunteering, you will have the chance to interact with some of the best and brightest UWG students that will step foot on campus in 2020.

Please contact Allyson Bretch, Interim Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, if you are interested and need additional information at abretch@westga.edu or 678-839-5261.

Make A Difference





UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship — Accepting Applications

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity! ARFS would like to remind all retirees that the UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship is currently accepting applications. We encourage you to share this information:

The deadline for incoming students is February 1st. Priority will be given to students who meet the deadline, but applicants will be considered until a candidate is selected. Retirees, if you know of family members who meet the criteria for this scholarship, invite them to apply!

Students need to go to the University of West Georgia scholarship portal and follow the instructions. Find the portal at <http://www.westga.edu/scholarships>. The portal allows students to apply for all UWG scholarships in the database. The computer matches and selects students who have applied with the criteria for all the various scholarships loaded into the database.

Eligibility Criteria for the UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship

- Recipients will be full-time graduate or undergraduate students who are retirees of the institution or who are direct descendants or an immediate family relation of a retired faculty or staff member (with a minimum of 10 years of service to the institution).
- Recipients will have minimum cumulative GPA 2.5, with preference given to applicants with higher GPA.
- Preference will be given to applicants with a demonstrated financial need as determined by the UWG Financial Aid Office.

PLEASE NOTE—DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE SCHOLARSHIP! If you would like to make a gift, you may donate online (www.westga.edu/arfs). You may also mail a check to the Alumni House (1601 Maple Street, Carrollton GA 30118). Be sure to indicate on your check that your donation is designated for the UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship. For additional information/questions, please contact Ketty Cusick, Director of Development, at kcusick@westga.edu or 678-839-6501.

Strengthening Library Access for Retirees

The University System of Georgia (USG) Retiree Council and the Regents Academic Committee on Libraries are working together to strengthen library access for retirees. A resolution was approved in November, 2019 to provide standard library services to all USG retirees who come to a USG library in person. They will be able to check out library materials, access electronic resources, and obtain reference help while in the library. Emeritus faculty will be provided full library access (the same as active faculty). Further information about how the UWG Ingram Library will implement specific aspects of the resolution will be forthcoming.

The Coordinating Council

The next meeting of the ARFS Coordinating Council is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room of the Alumni House. Please feel free to join us for this meeting.



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