

The Rejuvenator

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The ARFS Annual Reunion

The Annual Association of Retired Faculty and Staff (ARFS) Reunion was held on August 11, 2018 at Sunset Hills Country Club in Carrollton. Retired UWG faculty and staff, family, and friends came together to reconnect and honor our 25 new retirees. Dr. Marrero shared a message of gratitude for the retirees' service to UWG, and he wished them all the best in their future endeavors. Commemorative medallions were presented by Dr. Marrero 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 to Anne Richards and Martha Ann Saunders for their diligent work to create the Tribute to Retirees booklet.

The reunion celebrated the following 2017-2018 retirees:

Christopher M. Aanstoos	Danny Johnson	Beverly Phillips
Margie Almon	Jeff Johnson	Bob Powell
June Barry	Tina Johnson	Hema Ramanathan
Laura Bennett	Kathryn McWhorter	Pricella Ann Reese
Susan R. Boes	Billy W. Morgan	Erma Shooks
Michelle Byrne	Sheila B. Norton	Connie S. Smith
Meg Cooper	Kathryn Owens	Francesca B. Taylor
Eddie Duffey	Shelly Parker	Sherry M. Borders Walls
Daniel A. Helminiak		

*(L-R back row) Francesca B. Taylor, Connie Smith, Pricella Ann Reese, Bob Powell, Shelly Parker, Billy W. Morgan,
(L-R front row) Tina Johnson, Danny Johnson, Meg Cooper, Susan R. Boes, Laura Bennett, June Barry, and Christopher M. Aanstoos*



UWG 2018 A Day a Great Success!



Thank you to everyone that gave a gift toward the 2018 A Day Campaign. Our UWG Faculty and Staff community proudly met their stretch goal of \$150,000 with a total given of **\$154,925.66**. This amazing contribution was part of the **\$624,810.04** total campaign number. Your support is greatly appreciated!

2019 USG Healthcare Plan

Subsidy Remains the Same for Individuals 65 and Older

At the University System of Georgia meeting of the Board of Regents held August 14, 2018, the Personnel and Benefits Committee heard a report by Interim Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, Karin Elliott, regarding recommendations for the annual employer contribution to the Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRAs) for individuals 65 and older. Based on reviews of HRA accounts and the average premiums charged persons 65 and older, the Total Rewards Steering Committee recommended that the **stipend of \$2,736** remain the same in 2019. The full Board subsequently approved this recommendation in its afternoon session.

Karin explained that, for the majority of retirees, the amount of the subsidy provided by the USG covers the premiums they have to pay and thus reflects a continued "strong purchasing power" in accessing coverage options for retirees using the Aon exchange. The USG will continue to provide Catastrophic HRA coverage, however, to help retirees with very expensive prescription drug costs.

Elliott also noted that, although the contribution provided to retirees remains the same, healthcare costs continue to rise for individuals and the system itself. In the USG, the number of retirees has increased since 2016, when the transition to Aon occurred.

Recertification Request Regarding Tobacco Usage

Medicare-eligible retirees (aged 65 and older) do NOT have to recertify their tobacco use this Fall, regardless of mailings received to the contrary. Retirees who are not yet 65 years old MUST recertify, and failure to do so (even if they are non-users) results in an automatic deduction from their retiree checks of \$75/month. [Anne C. Richards]



Dr. Carole E. Scott Honored

On August 20, 2018, Dr. Carole E. Scott, Professor Emerita of Economics, was honored by the Richards College of Business (RCOB) for her 50 years of Service to UWG. Carole, who earned a BBA in Marketing, MBA in Economics and Finance, and a Ph.D. in economics from Georgia State University, where she also studied journalism, joined the faculty in the Division of Business in 1968. Before transferring to the Department of Economics, she taught finance in the Department of Accounting & Finance. She has the distinction of creating the School of Business' first site on the web and being the first to put a course on the web. She organized an honor society for the School of Business and was the first coordinator of its MBA program.

In 1996, she created a web journal, B-Quest (Business Quest), for the RCOB. And she has continued to edit it since retiring as a Professor of Economics in 2000. B-Quest is a journal of applied topics in business and economics whose objective is to make available, at no charge, throughout the world, highly readable articles. It is currently in hiatus.

In 1979, she published a personal finance textbook. For 30 years she published a weekly column in the *Times-Georgian* and a couple for the *Atlanta Journal*. For several years after retiring from UWG, she wrote news, columns, and features, for *The Star News*, and she drew editorial cartoons and took photographs. Before and after retirement she published a number of academic and non-academic articles. Since retirement, she has published two books. Most of her publications have been in economic and civil war history.

The Coordinating Council

The next meeting of the ARFS Coordinating Council is scheduled for Friday, January 11, 2019 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room of the Alumni House. Please feel free to join us for this meeting.



Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming!

Join us December 4th for photos with Santa

UWG Alumni House 4:00—7:00 pm

Bring your own camera to capture pictures with Santa and enjoy light refreshments and crafts for the children!

New UWG Email List Policy

Kathy Kral, UWG Deputy-Chief Information Officer, has provided clarification of the new UWG email list policy for retirees:

She states the following:

"We do not opt-in retirees to any group. However, if they were already a member of all-staff, all-faculty, or all-employees as an employee, we would not remove them at retirement if they ask to keep their UWG email address."

To be added to all-faculty, all-staff, uwg-items-of-interest or all-employees lists the retiree should seek permission from their VP, and then have the VP/designee email the service desk for the individual to be added."

Photos from 2018 Annual Reunion



You're Invited!

HIP HOP AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Dr. Larry Rivers, Associate Prof. of History



Where: Hawthorne Room // Inn at Serenbe

When: Tuesday, December 4 // 6:00pm reception, 6:30pm talk

What does Hip Hop have to do with Martin Luther King, Jr.? With the first-ever federal holiday observation of King scheduled for January 20, 1986, the martyred civil rights activist's child, Dexter King, began organizing a musical tribute. Could Hip Hop -- a potentially powerful, yet largely misunderstood music form represent the principles for which his father had stood? Join us as we investigate this curious convergence.



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

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