

# The Rejuvenator



Newsletter of the UWG Association of Retired Faculty & Staff

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## UPCOMING REUNION/RECEPTION/MEETING OF ARFS

As previously announced, our annual reunion/recognition of retirees and ARFS membership meeting will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2022, from 10 am to noon at the Campus Center Ballroom (Room 108). Previous retirees - remember to wear your medallions!

The following retirees will be honored:

### 2021-2022

Linda Bittner	Jeannette Diaz	Julili Fowler	N. Jane McCandless
John Bleuel	Dale K. Driver	Carol Joy Gingerich	Patty Moran
Brendan Bowen	Patricia S. Durrough	Vicki J. Griffin	Timothy North
Anita Bryant	Wanda Kay Lovejoy Eidson	Teri K. Lewis	Larry Schor

### 2020-2021 Retirees will be honored as a group:

Patricia Brooks	Rodney Gibbs	Lisa Jackson	Janice Ridgway
Steven Broome	Vedat Gunay	Deborah Lovvorn	Randall Rollins
Denny Chasteen	Vicki Hardin	Sheryl Marlar	Liz Runyan
Becky Cole	Melba Haynes	Caroline Martin	Dale Walls
Lisa Crafton	Jill Hendricks	Terri Murphy	Trish Wells
Joe Douglas	Kevin Hibbard	Alan Pope	Ricky Lee West
Kay Farr	Alice Holland	Josefina Rangel	

### 2019-2020 Retirees will be honored as a group:

Jerry Allen	Tammy Crews	Dan Lewis	Jane Smith
Billy Bearden	Dale Duffey	Laura Mayfield	Phyllis Snipes
Carolyn Berry	Doyle Folds	Patresa Murphy	Teresa Steadman
Peggy Boston	Chris Geiger	Karen O'Connor	Nancy Watkins
Judy Butler	Karen Gibbs	Faramarz Parsa	Lynn Wilkinson
Wanda Calhoun	Linda Ann Henson	Mary Reid	Howard Williams
John Congleton	Kim Ingram	Johnnie Samples	Howard Winters
Micheal Crafton	Doris Kieh	Robert Sanders	Mary-Kathryn Zachary

## PROPOSED SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE ARFS COORDINATING COUNCIL

### Officers of the Coordinating Council

President - Anne Richards (term 2022-2024)  
Vice President - Frank Pritchett (term 2022-2024)  
Secretary - Francie Taylor (term 2022-2024)  
Treasurer - Sally Roberts (term 2022-2024)  
Past President - Meg Cooper (term 2022-2024)

### At-Large Members of the Coordinating Council

Micheal Crafton (term 2021-2023)  
Ross Miller (term 2021-2023)  
Nancy Watkins (term 2021-2023)  
Tricia Durrough (term 2022-2024)  
Kevin Hibbard (term 2022-2024)  
Cecilia Lee (term 2022-2024)  
Anita Thomas (term 2022-2024)  
John von Eschenbach (term 2022-2024)  
Alice Wesley (term 2022-2024)



The University of West Georgia is celebrating its 40th Annual **A Day to Give West** this year on October 20th! We encourage all members of the Association of Retired Faculty and Staff to give to any area that speaks to their heart as we celebrate this milestone. Don't forget the **Retiree Legacy Scholarship**, given to students who are direct descendants or an immediate family relation of retired faculty or staff members or are retirees of UWG!

Your previous service as Faculty and Staff members has been integral to the past 40 years of success that A Day has seen. The continued giving of our retired faculty and staff each and every year speaks to the indelible legacy that A Day has had. **Please make your gift on or before October 20th to carry on this rich tradition of giving back to UWG.**

Make your gift online by visiting: [giving.westga.edu/aday](http://giving.westga.edu/aday) Or you can mail your gift to:

UWG Foundation  
1601 Maple Street  
Carrollton, GA 30118

Make your A Day Gift!				
\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25	<input type="text"/>
Designation:				
Other				
UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship				

If donating online and you are interested in giving to the Retiree Legacy Scholarship, you will need to select "Other" under "Designation" and type "UWG Retiree Legacy Scholarship" into the box that will appear.

If you have any questions about A Day or giving back, please reach out to Jess Lassetter, Director of Annual Giving, at [jlassett@westga.edu](mailto:jlassett@westga.edu) or 678-839-2536.

## POSSIBILITY OF COMPILING A DIRECTORY OF UWG RETIREES

ARFS continues to explore the possibility of compiling a directory of UWG retirees.

We have heard from several of you regarding your interest in such a project. If you haven't yet conveyed your opinion about the creation of such a directory, please contact Anne Richards ([arichard@westga.edu](mailto:arichard@westga.edu)/770-834-8143) to let her know whether you might want to be listed in such a directory. More information about the process of setting it up and the information retirees might be asked to provide for it will be shared with those interested in being included.

### Have friends contacted you about retirement? Pre-retirement planning is important.

If you know of UWG personnel who are getting close to retirement -- even several years ahead -- please encourage them to contact Lauren Niedringhaus ("need-ring-house") in the Office of Human Resources. She can provide them with helpful information and suggestions. And she will keep her interaction with them confidential, letting the employee decide when others will know about an upcoming retirement.

**Lauren Niedringhaus**  
Benefits Specialist  
678-839-1034

Aycock Hall 121

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Office Hours  
Mon - Fri 8AM to 5PM



## BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVES 2023 HEALTHCARE PLANS/FUNDING

At their meeting on August 9, 2022, the Board of Regents (BOR) of the University System of Georgia (USG) approved the 2023 USG healthcare plans and premiums for active employees and pre-65 retirees as well as funding for the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) for retirees 65 and older.

Pre-65 retirees and pre-65 dependents will remain on the same plans as active employees. As in the past, there will be separate pre-65 retiree premium rate charts for the 2023 plan year.

Medicare-eligible retirees 65 and over and Medicare-eligible dependents age 65 and over will continue to enroll in their supplemental healthcare coverage through the Retiree Health Exchange (now known as ALIGHT). Medicare Parts A & B provide primary coverage. The USG will also continue to provide an annual contribution into a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) for retirees and/or dependents to use towards premiums and other eligible out-of-pocket healthcare expenses. The BOR approved the USG HRA funding to remain at \$2,736 per year per 65 and older Medicare eligible retiree and any 65 and older Medicare-eligible covered dependent(s) - which was the same level as in 2022. To receive the 2023 USG HRA funding, a retiree and/or dependent must purchase coverage through ALIGHT RETIREE HEALTH SOLUTIONS (formerly the AON Retiree Health Exchange). For persons wishing to start coverage or change existing coverage, the Medicare enrollment period is October 15 through December 7, 2022, for a coverage beginning date of January 1, 2023.

## WHAT RETIREES ARE DOING IN RETIREMENT:

**Dr. Timothy Chowns** (Professor Emeritus of Geology, 2014 retiree) was one of the featured lecturers at UWG's recent Earth Observation Day held on the university campus for students and teachers from Carrollton High School. Earth Observation Day is a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education and outreach event sponsored by AmericaView to celebrate the Landsat mission - a joint effort of the US Geological Survey (USGS) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to collect invaluable information about the earth through remote sensory satellite observation. In existence since 1972, the Landsat Program provides essential land change data and trending information that is helpful to scientists, researchers, farmers, forest managers, policy makers and others in making better decisions about planetary resources and environment.

In addition to all she does as President of the UWG Association of Retired Faculty and Staff, for many years **Dr. Meg Cooper** (Associate Professor Emerita of Special Education, 2018 retiree) has been an active member of the Council of Exceptional Children, the largest international professional organization focused on children and youth with disabilities and/or gifts and talents. In retirement, she has downgraded to membership in only six of the major divisions of the organization. She is currently working primarily with one of the divisions - Complex and Chronic Conditions: The Division for Physical, Health and Multiple Disabilities (CCC:DPHMD). She serves as the outgoing Treasurer of this group (after holding the position 12 years), chairperson of the Finance Committee, a member of the Severe & Multiple Disabilities Committee, and a member of the Executive Board.

On June 30, 2022, **Dr. Kevin Hibbard** (Professor Emeritus of Music, 2020 retiree) conducted a chorus at Carnegie Hall for the first time, although he has performed there several times. Interestingly, among the members of the choir were 16 UWG alumni. "Carnegie Hall is a legendary place," he said. "The list of people who have performed there since it opened in 1891 is staggering, including Tchaikovsky, Billie Holiday, and The Beatles. I get star-struck thinking about it. I was fortunate to sing twice at Carnegie Hall with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chamber Chorus with the orchestra of St. Luke's under the baton of Robert Shaw. I always say it's less nerve-racking to conduct than to sing because I have my back to the audience."

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**To read the full story, click here:**

Power Chord: [UWG Music Alumni Perform at NYC's Carnegie Hall/UWG](#) (westga.edu)

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**Dr. N. Jane McCandless** (former [founding] Dean, College of Social Sciences, 2022 retiree) was featured in the September/October 2022 issue of *West Georgia Living* magazine for her prowess in gardening. From vegetables to apples, pecans and herbs, her Rome Street garden in Carrollton is one to behold. She's happy to share her knowledge of gardening from planting and harvesting to canning and composting. ([jmccandl@westga.edu](mailto:jmccandl@westga.edu)).

## **DO YOU HAVE FACULTY FRIENDS WHO ARE RETIRING AND PLANNING TO STAY ACTIVE IN THEIR FIELD?**

Retired faculty members who want to continue to contribute via publications and presentations are likely to want to continue to have access to Interlibrary Loan and the electronic databases available through the Ingram Library. While all retirees do have some library privileges, only emeriti faculty can use the ILL and electronic databases. Further, ARFS has been informed that access to these services at UWG's library is possible only for those who followed required procedures to maintain use of their westga.edu email account. This has to be done prior to retirement. Additionally, we have been told that the westga.edu email account has to be used within six months of the retirement date in order to retain it. Please share this information with faculty members getting ready to retire who may want to continue remaining academically active in their fields.

Information about how to get access to the status of policies and procedures at UWG:  
<https://uwg.policystat.com>

**Please keep in touch with ARFS  
and let us know of any changes in your contact information.**

**Contact**

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