

**Association of Retired Faculty and Staff
Annual Reunion
Sunset Hills Country Club
September 7, 2019
11:30 a.m.**

Welcome: President Kathryn Grams opened the luncheon meeting at 12:00 noon sharp with a review of ARFS highlights of the year, as follows:

- Past President Mitch Clifton prepared our first Annual Report, and submitted it to the University. He did an amazing job with it and it is posted on the ARFS website.
- We published a brochure about ARFS that describes who we are, what we do and the benefits of being a member.
- Three issues of the *Rejuvenator* were published.
- Information was provided to faculty and staff preparing for retirement at the annual Benefits Fair in our “Steps to Retirement” pamphlet.
- Coordinating Council members attended several meetings to represent ARFS, including the following: 1) A meeting of the Association of Retiree Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) at Emory University, 2) two meetings of the University System of Georgia Retiree Council where they met with administrators and retirees from across the system at Middle Georgia State University and 3) two meetings of the Georgia Higher Education Retiree Organization (GA-HERO), a group which includes retirees from both public and private institutions. GA-HERO met at Georgia College and State University and Georgia Tech. UWG will host the next meeting at the Newnan Center in November, and interested retirees are invited to attend.

Kathryn then introduced Jami Bower, Interim Vice President for University Advancement.

Interim Vice President for University Advancement: Jami welcomed the group, expressed her appreciation for their work, and then introduced the ARFS scholarship recipient, William Daniel Brody Wortham. She concluded with a reminder about A-Day and introduced Interim President Micheal Crafton.

Interim President’s Remarks: Responding to his own question, “Why Am I Here?”, Micheal told the retirees that he was there to express admiration for them and to affirm their connection to the University.

General Membership Meeting: After lunch, President Kathryn introduced the current and proposed officers and Coordinating Council members. The Following slate was approved by the group:

Officers (also Coordinating Council members):

President: Kathryn Grams (term 2018-2020)

Vice President: Linda Picklesimer (term 2018-2020)

Past President: Mitch Clifton (term 2018-2020)

Secretary: Bruce Lyon (term 2018-2020)

Treasurer: Jimmy Drew (term 2018-2020)

At-Large Members of the Coordinating Council:

Tom Mackel (term 2018-2020)

Karen Smith (term 2018-2020)

Bonnie Bar (term 2019-2021)

Meg Cooper (term 2019-2021)

Bob Powell (term 2019-2021)

Frank Pritchett (term 2019-2021)

Sally Roberts (term 2019-2021)

Francie Taylor (term 2019-2021)

Medallions then were presented to the new retirees, who were congratulated by Kathryn Grams and Micheal Crafton, and were offered the opportunity to make a few comments.

Closing Remarks: Members rotating off the Coordinating Council were recognized and thanked. Those members included Dan Flinn, Debbie Novak, Anne Richards, Gail Reid and Martha Ann Saunders. Kathryn expressed appreciation to the UWG Foundation for its financial support of the luncheon and to Denice Perdue, Ali Rosborough, Jami Bower, Kevin Hemphill and student assistants Haley Parker and Savannah Gantt for their efforts in planning and organizing the luncheon and in supporting the Association.

Adjournment: Kathryn adjourned the meeting with thanks to all who attended.

Bruce Lyon
Secretary