

Retiree Club Minutes for 1/7/20

The Retiree Club members held their first meeting of 2020 which included a box luncheon on January 7, 2020 in Room 106 of the Maverick Stadium at The University of Texas at Arlington. Approximately 40 people were in attendance. The Retiree Club president announced that future meetings will be held at the Maverick Stadium location and whenever possible on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Coffee and box lunches composed of a variety of sandwiches, chips, and dessert were provided by UTA President Kahbhari. Time was set aside for visiting with other retirees at the beginning of the meeting. Members were asked to remind other Retirees of upcoming meetings.

The program for the January meeting included three outstanding individuals who provided a very entertaining program. The speakers were O K Carter, Yoko Matsumoto and Marvin Sutton. Each speaker spoke for approximately 10 minutes describing themselves and their activities to either UTA and/or the city of Arlington. Following these very enjoyable introductions, each speaker talked about his/her role and contributions within the community. Several handouts were provided for attendees.

Mr. Carter joined the Arlington Citizen Journal in 1972 and has received approximately 100 journalism awards. He is well known and respected within the city and state. Ms. Matsumoto began her municipal career in 2008 as the literacy coordinator for the Arlington Public Library. She was named Director of Libraries in 2015 and in 2018, she began her new role as the city of Arlington Director of Human Resources and Civil Service. She is a delightful individual and contributor to the city.

Our final speaker for the morning, Mr. Sutton is now a city council member for Arlington. He has received many awards and commendations for his service in the military and while a student at UTA. He is a wonderful example of the educational abilities of our students.

These three speakers were delightful in their presentations and provided much laughter and insight into yesterday, today and tomorrow for Arlington residents. The program was most enjoyed by those in attendance.

Following the program, members visited with other members and discussed future plans for the Retirees Club. Several very positive comments were made regarding the programs and the pleasure in being a UTA Retiree.

Prepared and Submitted by,

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