

Retiree Club Minutes for 2/12/19

The Retiree Club members held their second meeting of the spring semester on February 12, 2019 at the Maverick Stadium in Room 106. Refreshments were provided by UTA President and time was set aside for visiting with other retirees from 10 AM to 10:30. Over thirty retirees were in attendance and, as always, enjoyed visiting with others. Retirees were asked to sign up on the attendance sheet and other sheets indicating interest in other areas. We also discussed the importance of inviting other retirees to our meetings each month.

As a wonderful incentive, President Theriot had each member select a number from one to fifty to award a gift card. During the morning, we repeated the drawing three times and three members received gift cards. This delightful idea is a continuation of a program that began in September and will continue throughout the year. Everybody got very excited and enjoyed participating in the activity.

President Theriot then introduced our program without any delay. Our guest speaker was Ms. Lori Varnell, Chief of Elder Financial Fraud Unit from the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office. The topic was Elder Financial Fraud and is defined as the illegal or improper use of an older person's funds or resources, whether by a known or unknown person. An estimated \$3 billion dollars is stolen from seniors each year. In addition to her talk, Ms. Varnell brought several informative handouts and discussed each with those in attendance. She also provided the names of numerous services and telephone numbers within the Tarrant County Criminal District attorney's Office for members of the audience to contact if they have questions. Her message included several situations/cases in which the elderly lost their savings and were left with little money for surviving without financial assistance from others. Her talk was most informative, led to many questions and created hope that fraud would not continue to occur and especially to those who were in attendance at the meeting and wiser to the ways of the criminal.

Because of the interest in the subject, there was no time for a formal business meeting. Dr. Theriot did ask for any questions or concerns from the membership regarding other issues following the talk. Several questions were addressed concerning activities and possible interest /topics for the future.

Members were then reminded to sign up for any Special Interest Group in which they might wish to participate. Times, dates and places for each group to meet will be decided among each group and the group leaders will contact the members. These groups include:

Travel – Dr. Shirley Theriot

Gardening - Dr. Hancy Hadaway

Tai Chi- Rita Thompson

Knitting – Midge Holiday

Geneology – Dr. Shirley Theriot

Healthy Lifestyle Behaviors/Walking Fitness - Drs. Josie O'Quinn and Frank Gault

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