

Retiree Club Minutes for 2/11/20

The Retiree Club members held the February meeting of 2020 on February 11, 2020 in Room 106 of the Maverick Stadium at The University of Texas at Arlington. Because of the weather, a smaller group of attendees, approximately 22 people, were in attendance. The Retiree Club president, Dr. Shirley Theriot, announced that future meetings will continue to be held at the Maverick Stadium location and whenever possible on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. While coffee and refreshments were provided to those present and, as always, provided by UTA President Kahbhari, several other announcements were made. A handout of the Treasurer's Report with a current balance of \$940.03 was shared with members by Cindy Allen, the treasurer. Time was also set aside for visiting with other retirees prior to the start of the meeting. Members were asked to remind other Retirees of upcoming topics to be presented in the future.

The title for the first presentation at the February meeting was "Employee Benefits! Fire Prevention!" and was extremely informative and interesting. The first presenter was Lt. Riley McClure, Fire Inspector, for the City of Arlington. Several handouts were distributed to those present including a booklet entitled Fire Safety Checklist and a Smoke Detector Monthly Test card for attaching to an appliance. Mr. McClure brought several fire extinguishers and discussed when to use and how. He also spoke about the need to have an escape route from the house planned in case of a fire. He also shared his office telephone number for those who may later have additional questions (817-459-5539).

Our second speaker was Ms. Lee Alviar from Dallas Region Public Affairs Social Security Administration. Ms. Yvette Rodriguez, a UTA employee from Human Resources and a benefits specialist also provided information to retirees throughout Ms. Alviar's presentation. Several handouts were given to the audience including a booklet titled Understanding the Benefits, 2019, from Social Security. The focus of the talk included social security eligibility, benefits, disability, retirement, survivors and Medicare filing methods. Much information was included in the presentation and very helpful. Ms. Alviar agreed to send an outline of her talk to the president of the Retirees Club.

Following the program, members visited with other members and discussed future plans. Several very positive comments were made regarding the speakers and the challenges of being a UTA Retiree.

Prepared and Submitted by,

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