

Notes from the Retiree Dinner:

22nd Annual Retiree Dinner and Recognition Ceremony was held on Saturday, June 3, 2017, in the Bluebonnet Ballroom of the E.H. Hereford University Center. The dinner was held to recognize the 68 employees that retired during the 2016-2017 school year.

Retiree Club President Rita Thompson welcomed everyone and introduced the executive guests. She also introduced the Retiree Club officers for next year: Harley Courtney, VP for Programs, Earl Patrick, VP for Membership and Frank Gault, Treasurer. The secretary position is still open. Rita encouraged everyone to enjoy the meal.

University President Vistasp Karbhari spoke about the recent accomplishments and presented a video. He commented that UTA's enrollment exceeds 57 thousand and that our graduating classes exceed the number of students at some of the local universities.

Rita Thompson introduced Coach Doug Garner of the UTA Moving Mavs Wheelchair Basketball team. The coach present video and proceeded to introduce the audience to all those players connected to the team. Players are from all over the globe. UTA was first to offer scholarships to disabled athletes. The team has earned many honors and was recently invited to the White House.

Jean Hood, Vice-President for Human Resources, recognized the attending retirees for this year and each was presented with a gift.

Rita Thompson gave the closing remarks and invited everyone to attend the Retirees Club meetings.

Submitted by Rosanne Minyard, secretary