



RSC Retirees' Association

July 2021 Newsletter # 4

Ice Cream Social is August 12th

in the Rose State College Student Union, FNB Community Bank Ballroom C,
from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

****Special tour of the Village Dorms at 3:30 p.m.****

Ready for some Chat'n'Cheer??? Dr. Bill Brown received approval from the RSC Retirees' Association Board to have a monthly Chat'n'Cheer for any retirees wishing to visit more often and share/hear some good-old discussions on memories and sharing bragging rights on their children or grandchildren. There is no charge – just sharing past memories and present activities. Join us monthly for fun and rewarding times from

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the 230-Multipurpose West-Zoom of the Learning Resources

Center on the following dates:

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Friday, October 1, 2021

Monday, November 1, 2021

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

REPORT ON APRIL 29TH MEETING – a good time was held by all!!

The new officers were introduced:

Chair, Dr. Dale Fredericksen; Vice-Chair, Dr. Lynn Laws; Secretary, Ms. Kathy Holland; Treasurer, Ms. Nancy Graham; and Members-at-Large: Dr. Sid Carter, Ms. Jean Dunlap, Mr. Bob Leveridge, Mr. Curt Robertson, and Ms. Linda Tucker. Dr. Webb greeted the retirees and welcomed them back to the campus. Individuals receiving door prizes were Phil Simpson, for traveling the farthest and Sid Carter for being retired the longest (20 yrs) among the retirees at the gathering. Other door prize winners were: Baillie Dunlap, Judy Shaw, Art Zenner, Toney Dake, Ed Wolf, Dianne Goodloe Mears, Carol Cies, and Barbara Carter. Congratulations!

Latest at Rose State College

UPDATE! Effective July 1st, the Social Sciences Division and Humanities Division will be renamed as departments within a newly created division: **The Liberal Arts Division**. Ms. Toni Castillo, previous Dean of Humanities, will be the Dean of Liberal Arts Division. There will be two Associate Deans, Mr. Jeff Conkin for Humanities and Dr. James Davenport for Social Sciences.

Rose State College was a finalist in the 2021 Journal Record's Reader Rankings for Best Paralegal Program!

Welcome to the new Dean of the Engineering and Sciences Division, Dr. Ryan Stoddard! He came to us as a Navy Retiree at Tinker Air force Base. Also, Dr. Rita Mild is the new Dean of the Health Sciences Division! Welcome to both of you!

Rose State Alumna, Shanna Woyak, was promoted to Air National Guard Major General. She will administer the Defense Health Agency's Small Market and the Stand-Alone MTF Organization. We are so proud of our forever Raider!

Mahlon Smith, president of the Charles B. Hall Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Incorporated organization presented a check for \$1,500 to the Rose State College Foundation to help subsidize meals for children attending 4 Aerospace Rocket Discovery Camps at Rose State College this summer. A generous grant from The Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission allowed Rose State to offer the camps free of charge. A total of 80 students will be attending the camps this summer. During the camps in July, students will learn science, technology, engineering, and math which is the foundation for the design and building of aircraft and rocketry. Students will build, design, and launch their own rockets in this fun interactive learning environment.

Rose State is providing an opportunity for engineers to enter the second-largest industry in Oklahoma – aerospace. Through a partnership with Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology (OSUIT), Rose State's Aerospace and Cybersecurity Center of Workforce Excellence – along with its sister program at Tulsa Community College – is offering an Oklahoma Aerospace Expansion Program (Oklahoma A-XP) for engineers seeking to bridge their skills in the aerospace field.

ROSE STATE COLLEGE – RETIREE SPOTLIGHT

It was suggested that the Board Members do a small bio of their being hired at Rose State College so you will be more familiar with all of your officers. So – here goes!

Dr. Dale Fredericksen, Chair

I started my career in higher education in August of 1980, when I was hired as Department Head of Civil Engineering and Surveying at Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City. During the time I was working for OSU, I was also completing my master's degree and Doctorate in Adult Education from OSU. I received my Doctorate in Adult Education in December of 2003. A good friend of mine, Larry Payne, who was the Director of Continuing Education and Community Services at Rose State College, was looking for an assistant, and I was lucky enough to be selected to fill the position of Assistant Director in August of 1984. After a couple of years working with Larry, he was appointed Director of Maintenance and I was selected as Director in 1987. For the next sixteen years I coordinated the Continuing Education and Community Service programs, the Senior Adult programs, as well as the Kid's College during the Summer. I also coordinated all the activities conducted at the Tom Steed Center. The thing I liked most about working at RSC were the people. Everyone from the President to the Deans to the Faculty to the Classified Staff to the people who worked in maintenance, everyone worked to achieve the same goal, and that was to make RSC the best it could be. I have been retired for seventeen years and am honored to be the Chairman of the Rose State College Retiree's Association. If you are not currently a member you need to become one. It is great to re-connect with our colleagues and besides that, we have a lot of fun.

After graduating from Texas Tech in 1965 with a Master in Biology, I began my teaching career at Texas Southmost College in Brownsville, Texas and then at University of Texas at Arlington. I then moved to Norman, Oklahoma in 1970 to pursue a PhD in Zoology, which I completed in 1977. In 1973 I accepted an Adjunct Life Science teaching position in the Biology Department at (Oscar Rose Jr. College) Rose State College and then in 1974 I accepted a Fulltime Life Science teaching position. In 1980 I became the *Assistant Chair* for the Engineering Science Division. After Dr. Greider stepped down from the *Chairman* position I became the *Chair*; the title was soon converted to *Dean*.

During my tenure at Rose State, I taught: Zoology, General Biology, Ecology, Botany and Human Physiology until retirement in 2001. My experience as a college administrator was rewarding and challenging as it involved the impact I had on the direction of education contributed by the College; however, the most rewarding was my student – faculty interaction. Some of my most memorable time was spent on field trips with my Ecology and Zoology classes. Confucius said “find something you love to do and you will never work a day in your life.” Using that philosophy, I can truly say I have “worked” very few days in my life.

Ms. Kathy Holland, Secretary

I worked four years at OU School of Journalism before our family moved back to my hometown of Del City. When my second son turned 3, I was ready to return to the working environment. I visited with Mr. Don Reynolds, a close friend of my Father's and I went to school with his daughters, to see if there were any openings at Del State Bank. He didn't have any openings but he mentioned my name to Mr. Dunlap, VP for Business Affairs, when he attended the Dinner/Reception for all returning Faculty for that Fall 1973 Semester. Mr. Reynolds was a Regent at Oscar Rose Junior College. It happened that Mr. Dunlap's wife, Elsie Dunlap, had taught me at Kerr Junior High and also accompanied me and several vocalists along with various choirs on the piano in high school at competitions. She put in a good word for me and the next day I received a telephone call from Mr. Dunlap. I was thrilled to be hired immediately and back to being a part of the academic atmosphere after working at OU. My first challenge was taking tuition and having to balance my drawer each day during the heaviest enrollment period. But, it wasn't long before I was given an additional assignment of processing purchase orders. I was thrilled and at the end of the first day with the new assignment, I felt I had really accomplished a lot in processing a number of purchase orders. Ken Roper was training me in the process and praised me for getting them in the mail so quickly – especially since it was always difficult to catch the Controller and get his signature on all PO's. OH NO! None of the PO's had his signature – so rushed to the mailroom – pulled all the envelopes – pulled all the multiple copies – put them all back together and THEN caught the Controller to get his signature – and split them all up again and in the mail. I was in tears at the end of the day. Ken Roper was a doll – he just laughed and said it was a learning experience and I would probably never forget that step again. And I never did! I worked in Business Affairs for about 7 years processing purchase orders, invoices, travel claims, and still assisting during high peaks of enrollment. Then my dear friend, Betty Munson, who worked in Academic Affairs told me of a secretarial opening for the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. John Davis. I transferred and eventually became Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and retired in 2005, but I continued to work part-time for several more years in various offices on campus. I loved every minute of being at Oscar Rose – and Rose State College.

I graduated from Midwest City High School, attended Oklahoma State University, and started my teaching career at JFK High School in Fremont CA. I earned a masters in math at San Jose State as well. I became a part of the DOD schools teaching at Wurzburg H.S. in Germany. While there, I had the opportunity to travel all over Europe, part of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa. Then, I received a transfer to Okinawa Japan. While teaching there I met William Graham who was in the Army. He was transferred to Germany where we were married, and I taught at Stuttgart HS. I took a break of 7 years to raise 4 children. While we were at Ft. Campbell KY, I began my career at Austin Peay State University in developmental math. Back to Germany to teach for the University of Maryland and return to APSU in TN. Our last duty station was at Ft. Sill OK where Bill retired, and we moved to Midwest City. I was most pleased to join Rose State College mathematic department and be back in MWC where I started.

Jean Dunlap, Member-at-Large

I graduated from Wichita State University in 1969 and moved to California to teach junior high girls' physical education in Pomona, California. I moved back to Oklahoma in 1972 and worked for the Tinker Area YMCA as a program director. While there, I taught beginning swim and lifesaving as an adjunct for Oscar Rose Junior College. Dr. Joe Leone was on the board at the "Y" and I casually mentioned to him that if a position would open up, I would like to work at the college. I came over to the college in 1976 as the Assistant Director of Student Activities working for Sid Carter. The many responsibilities included continuing teaching swim classes, cheerleading sponsor, intramurals and multiple activities for the large international student populations. From 1979-1983, I continued as an adjunct teacher for swim classes conducted at the local "Y" and completed my master's in Community College Relations from U.C.O. The pool opened in 1983 and I became the Aquatic Coordinator from 1983-1985 and 1988-1998, then transitioned to the Social Science Division as a full-time professor. My last position was part-time Service-Learning Coordinator. I retired in 2005.

Bob Leveridge, Member-at-Large

I came to Rose State because Jim Lazalier called me in August of 1974 and offered me two classes of history. Luckily, I continued as an adjunct until January, 1978, when I was employed full time as professor of history. During these part time years, I taught American History, Oklahoma History, and classes for international students. Jim and I became friends when we were in graduate school at OU, and we worked together in the Social Science Division for many years. ----- **More board members' info to come in next newsletter** -----

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*****ALSO -You can process you Retiree ID in the Student Center*****