



RSC Retirees' Association

April 2021 Newsletter # 3

REMINDER! On Thursday, April 29, 2021, we will host for members (and prospective members) our First **Annual Retirees' Association Reunion** in the Rose State College Student Union, FNB Community Bank Ballroom C, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

It has been more than a year since we have seen each other, so the main purpose is to "meet and greet." Dr. Dale Fredericksen has agreed to be the master of ceremonies, and he will introduce Dr. Webb and preside over a short program. There will be light refreshments and door prizes. You are encouraged to bring someone who might want to join, and any pictures that you might want to share.

Unfortunately Covid is not over, so we should be respectful of College rules in this regard: Please wear masks at all times except when eating and drinking, of course.

This is the last newsletter that goes to all retirees. In the future, they go only to members. So please join as soon as possible!!! WE WANT YOU!!! It doesn't matter where you worked or what you did for the College. If you are a retiree, The RSC Retirees' Association welcomes you! We need members from all areas of the College. Please join, it only costs \$5 for a year.

Please be reminded that all retirees can have a Retiree ID made by visiting the Student Services Building on campus! (Allows access to the Wellness Center, the Aquatic Center free swim, and to the Learning Resources Center.)

VOTING PROCEDURES:

Members Only have an opportunity to vote, so LAST PAGE with this newsletter members should have received a ballot. You are to vote on the proposed constitution/bylaws, and elect members of the Board. A copy of the constitution can be seen online. Google *Rose State College – RSC Retirees' Association*, then click on *constitution*. Those members without email should have received a copy with this newsletter in the mail.

For this year only, members of the Board will serve from May to December 2021. In the future, terms will be from January to December. All nominees have been contacted and have agreed to serve, if elected. **Please Mail or take your completed ballot form (just one) in a self-addressed envelope (for confirmation of membership) to the mail room:**

RSC Retirees' Association, Rose State College
6420 S.E. 15th Street
Midwest City, OK 73110

Deadline for receiving ballots is April 23, 2021.

The Rose State College Retirees' Association thanks the following retirees and RSC personnel who contributed to its beginnings: Bill Brown, Claudia Buckmaster, Bob Leveridge, Kathy Holland, Nancy Graham, Ken Roper, Dale Fredericksen, Dan Points, Curt Robertson, Sid Carter, Jeannie Webb, Michelle Nutter, Emily Fisher, Kathy Dunn, Jeff Hicks, Stephanie Copple, Cindy Mikeman, Carolyn Sims, Kenny Beachler, Coty Cooper, Chris Meyer, and others.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

We would like for this organization to encourage as many activities as possible. If you have any ideas about activities, present them to the Board, and upon approval, the Board will offer help and suggestions. It should be understood that anyone with an idea should take the lead in developing the activity. Some ideas have already been suggested: Ice Cream Social, Great Issues Lectures, History Web Page to include photos, etc.

Latest News from Rose State College!!

Larry Lunardi, a Director for the Oklahoma Geological Society, will be speaking on the 2nd floor of the LRC at 1:00 pm on April 15. His topic is "Fossils and a Geological Perspective." But I have been told he is very dynamic and feels comfortable responding to questions and interests of his audience. Also, check out the RSC Website for future events/activities – including information on the upcoming Foundation Auction on the evening of April 29.

ROSE STATE COLLEGE – RETIREE SPOTLIGHT

By Robert Leveridge, Retired Professor, Social Sciences Division

Growing up on a farm in West Texas, I had no idea that I would be spending two summers (64-65) working on a tugboat on the Intracoastal Canal. The company was a rather small one, and it contracted with Gulf Oil Corporation to move petroleum products from one place to another along the canal. The usual route was from Houston to New Orleans, but once we went as far west as Corpus Christi, TX and then later, up the Mississippi River to Baton Rouge, LA. The name of the tug boat was the Cecilia R, and it pushed three barges.

I was just a lowly deck hand, and had no clue as to what my duties might be. I quickly learned about tugboat culture, managing large ropes, and dealing with the hot, humid weather on the steel deck of a barge. The greatest danger was the huge, aggressive mosquitoes that defied all repellent. Although the captain was in overall charge, the cook reigned supreme in the galley. No one messed with the cook!

The work day was divided into 4 shifts of 6 hours each. On the longer trips, deck hands were kept busy with a variety of tasks. Our captain wanted everything to look nice, clean, and orderly, ship-shape as he said, so we were constantly chipping away rusty spots, priming, painting, and coiling ropes and cables. Sometimes we cleaned out the empty barges, using mops and buckets. We wore an oxygen mask and stayed in the barge for only 10 minutes at a time. Someone always stood at the open hatch ready to offer help if needed. Then it would be his turn to go down.

The pay was \$15.00 per day, and the food was great. The cook would make you anything you wanted to eat, especially if he liked you. There were very few expenses, and my check was sent home to my savings account.

Going to New Orleans was always interesting. When the barges were loading or unloading, there was down time for about half of the crew who were very eager for shore leave. Sadly, as the lowest ranking deck hand, I seldom got shore leave. I am very glad to have had this experience, but I was also very happy to leave especially since Pat and I were soon to be married.

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BALLOT

April 2021

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1. **Vote for approval of Constitution and By Laws (circle one)** YES NO

Google *Rose State College – RSC Retirees' Association*, then click on *constitution*.

2. **INDIVIDUALS ACCEPTING NOMINATION FOR AN OFFICE:** Circle one for each position if you approve of nominee.

CHAIR	VICE CHAIR	SECRETARY	TREASURER
Fredericksen, Dale	Laws, Lynn	Holland, Kathy	Graham, Nancy

3. **INDIVIDUAL NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF “MEMBER-AT-LARGE”**

Please select and CIRCLE 5 names for this position:

NOMINATIONS	DIVISION / AREA
Brooks, Cecil	Health Sciences Division
Carter, Sid	Student Affairs
Crabaugh, Duane	Social Sciences Division
Craddock, Carlene	Student Affairs, Testing Center
Dake, Toney	Health Sciences Division
Dunlap, Jean	Social Sciences Division
Leveridge, Bob	Social Sciences Division
Miller, Necia	Humanities Division
Pierce, Robert	Academic Affairs/Tinker Office
Points, Dan	Health Sciences Division
Robertson, Curt	Student Affairs
Sennhenn, Carl	Humanities Division
Sidders, Peggy	Health Sciences Division
Tucker, Linda	Engineering and Science Division
Wilson, Bill	Engineering and Science Division

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