

TCU RETIREES' JULY LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Summer Coffee at the Chancellor's House



The Minor House at 3100 Avondale Ave. is the location of the summer coffee July 31. (Used with permission of TCU)

Coffee with Dr. Victor and Megan Boschini from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, July 31, at the Minor House is the summer meeting for TCU retirees.

Valet parking at 3100 Avondale Ave. will be provided for guests, which is a change from original transportation plans. Guests need to go directly to the Minor House to attend the event.

Chancellor Boschini will welcome retirees as they arrive and make brief remarks about 10:30 a.m.

Reservations are requested by Tuesday, July 25, online at tcura.tcu.edu/make-reservations/ or email to rroach40@yahoo.com or by calling 817-926-8824.

The Minor House, originally an 11-room Tudor Revival style house, was built for \$20,000 in 1937 for the family of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Hill (Marge), according to a TCU Web page describing the Minor House. (<http://bit.ly/2tGCfT>) Hill was a prominent Fort Worth businessman who served as president of three oil companies.

He commissioned one of the premier architects in Fort Worth, Joseph Roman Pelich (1894-1968), to design the home.

The home was the residence of the Minor Family for 22 years, according to the Web page. When the home was envisioned as a possible extension of the campus for entertaining



members of the TCU community, visitors, and dignitaries, Minor facilitated the sale of his family home to the university.

In 2014, a small group of generous individuals purchased the home from David Minor (Class of 1980) as a gift to TCU for use by the families of all future chancellors, the Web page stated. Minor was a success-

ful Fort Worth entrepreneur and the Founding Director of the Neeley Entrepreneurship Center at TCU where he served for 10 years.

After renovation and retrofitting all mechanical and electrical systems, the home reopened in October of 2016 and will be known as Minor House (TCU Chancellors' Residence).

Michael J. Bennett, a member of the American Institute of Architects and Class of 1978, was commissioned as architect for the renovation and addition of the dining pavilion.

Rick Yuill of JSZY Construction, Inc., served as the general contractor; Julie Stryker of Corley Design, Inc., was the interior designer for both public and private areas of the home.

EMMET G. SMITH BIRTHDAY

How About a Concert With That Cake?

To celebrate his 90th birthday, Dr. Emmet G. Smith will get an organ concert plus a party with birthday cake.

All TCU retirees are invited, so reserve 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, on your calendar for the celebration at Broadway Baptist Church at 305 W. Broadway Ave. south of downtown.

Judy Oelfke Smith, his wife, is bringing their friend, Olivier Latry, Titular Organist of the Cathedral of Notre-Dame in Paris, and professor at the Paris Conservatory to play a recital in Smith's honor. The concert including a piece of music for two organists played with Latry's wife, Shin-Young Lee, will be performed on the 191-rank Rildia Bee O'Bryan Cliburn organ.

The Cliburn organ was built by the Casavant firm of Quebec, Canada. It is the largest French-style organ in the world with more than 10,000 pipes.

"We are fortunate to have this opportunity to hear the Notre-Dame organist create music on such an

incredible instrument right here in Fort Worth, honoring our own organ legend, Emmet Smith," said Kyla K. Rosenberger, senior organist at University Christian Church and one of Smith's former students.

Rosenberger said Smith is known to many as the retired TCU Professor of Organ and Church Music. He taught at TCU for 45 years and was also the Carr Chapel organist for more than 2,600 weddings. His teaching career is highlighted by students winning many prestigious international scholarships - including 13 Fulbrights - and going into concert and church music careers around the world, she said.

The concert is free and open to the public. Birthday cake will be served at a reception downstairs in Broadway's Fellowship Hall after the organ concert.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THESE DATES

TCU Retirees' Association Monthly Luncheons for 2017-2018

Plan to join us for each of our monthly luncheons during the 2017-18 year. The luncheons are a time to greet friends, enjoy a nice buffet meal, and hear an informative speaker.

As you know, the Tuesday meetings are scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Kelly Center on campus. Most meetings are scheduled on the second Tuesday of a month, except the four noted to accommodate scheduling. Information about programs will be announced soon. Check the website (tcu.tcu.edu) or watch for the August newsletter for details.

--- Larry Adams, President of TCURA, 2017-2018

Monthly Luncheons

September 12, 2017
October 10, 2017
November 14, 2017
December 5, 2017 (first Tuesday)
January 16, 2018 (third Tuesday)
February 13, 2018
March 13, 2018
April 17, 2018 (third Tuesday)
May 15, 2018 (third Tuesday)

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESKTOP



Power of the written word ... or font

It was a short note. About six lines long. Not even 70 words.

But, I saved it for 25 years.

The power of the written word, or in this case a typed note, had endured.

"Words have meaning," a faculty colleague reminded me repeatedly during the years I taught journalism and strategic communication at TCU.

And so they did.

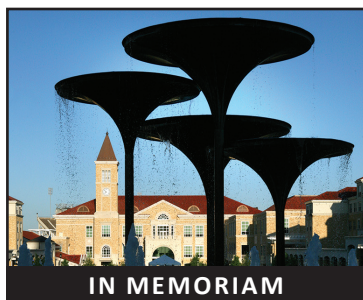
Tucked away in the desk of the office I occupied for 25 years at TCU was a typed letter on TCU stationery from Doug Newsom. She was welcoming me to the faculty.

THE Doug Newsom. Talented. Accomplished. Driven. Professional. Internationally recognized as a scholar and leader in public relations.

As I take the position of editor of this monthly newsletter, while Doug takes a well-deserved break after nine years as editor, I am reminded how important words are. Encouraging words have no expiration date.

Write someone a note today. Not an email, even though it is easier. A real, handwritten note. You might be surprised to know how much your words mean to the person reading them... again and again...for years to come.

---Maggie B. Thomas
the new editor on the block



Deidre Jean Williams

May 4, 2017

Deidre Jean Faudry Williams, who worked in the Professional Development Center at the Neeley School of Business for 19 years, died May 4.

A Fort Worth native, Deidre graduated from Paschal High School in 1964 and from TCU in 1968 with a business degree. After a career in real estate, Deidre returned to her Horned Frog family to work at the Neeley School from 1997 until her retirement in 2016.

Deidre is survived by her daughter, son, sister-in-law, niece, nephew, and two grandchildren. Donations in Deidre's memory may be made to the Gladney Center for Adoption (6300 John Ryan Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76132) or TCU (TCU Box 297440, Fort Worth, Texas 76129.)

Betty Sue Whiteside

May 30, 2017

Betty Whiteside, who worked in church relations for many years, died May 30 after a long fight with cancer.

She and her husband of 61 years, Gene, lived in Burleson. Betty also is survived by her daughter, son, and daughter-in-law; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; a sister, niece, and nephew.

Her funeral service was conducted at Mayfield Kiser Funeral Home in Burleson.

Jimmy Thomas Jr.

June 6, 2017

Jimmy Thomas Jr., the first black assistant football coach at TCU for three years, died June 6.

Thomas, who was born in 1947, graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington. He then played professional football with the San Francisco 49ers for five years.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce, two children, three grandchildren, two sisters, two brothers, and many family members and friends.

His funeral service was conducted at Christ Cathedral Church in Fort Worth.

DirectPath to Continue Helping TCU Retirees

Making smart health care decisions is a topic that usually grabs the attention of retirees.

TCU continues to offer a free service for all Medicare-eligible retirees to help them understand the complicated health care system better and make informed decisions about health care costs. This benefit, introduced to TCU retirees in 2014, was provided by a national health care advocacy and transparency company called Patient Care.

Patient Care was acquired in January by DirectPath. Michael Byers, executive chairman of DirectPath, described the benefits of the merger on the DirectPath website by saying Patient Care's leading advocacy services are a natural complement to DirectPath's active engagement services that allow it to help employers and their employees control costs every step of the way, from the plan they enroll in to treatment choices.

Tracy R. Thompson, Retirement Program Manager at TCU Human Resources, said:

"While OneExchange (oneexchange.com/tcu) remains the contact for any changes in enrollment for Medigap or Medicare Advantage plans, DirectPath (directpathhealth.com) is an additional resource for information and assistance with medical claims and billing questions, understanding the components of Medicare, researching prescription drug options, and helping find a doctor or hospital."

Thompson said retirees may contact DirectPath at 877-548-7714. An advocate is available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Central Time) and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (CT). Additional information is available on DirectPath's website.

For questions not covered by DirectPath or OneExchange, send Thompson an email at t.thompson@tcu.edu or call 817-257-5017.



Fort Worth ISD Superintendent Kent P. Scribner told retirees attending the May luncheon the district is working toward fulfilling its mission:

"Preparing all students for success in college, career, and community leadership."

For information about Ready to Read, Ready to Lead - the district's goal of teaching 100 percent of all Fort Worth third graders to read on grade level by 2025 - go to fwisd.org or call 817-814-2000. Opportunities to support the FWISD also include volunteer positions, partnerships, and scholarships.

MAY LUNCHEON SNAPSHOTS



Nancy Madsen wasted no time getting involved as a retiree. She attended her first luncheon in May a week before she retired. (DeVonna Tinney)



Becky Hartman and DeVonna Tinney smile for the camera. (Paul Hartman)



Ron Flowers, phone in hand, looks up some information during his conversation with Emmet Smith. (DeVonna Tinney)



Augie Schilling and Suzanne Huffman are a couple of enthusiastic TCU supporters. (DeVonna Tinney)

Congratulations to recent retirees

Ervey Garcia
Dorenda Kesler
Teresa Little
Nancy Madsen
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Dana Summers

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* Terms of officers end May 31, 2018.

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