

TCU RETIREES' MARCH LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Learn about TCU's Construction and Facilities Master Plan

Longtime retirees will remember when the Sid W. Richardson building was new, when the now-demolished Brachman and Wiggins Residence Halls were constructed, and when the Rickel, Moudy, and Mary Coats Burnett Library expansion were state-of-the-art additions to the TCU campus.

TCU has been dubbed "Texas Construction University" during the past dozen years with the opening of the Campus Commons and nearby buildings. These include the Admission Center, new residence halls, the Greek Village at Worth Hills, many new buildings on the east side of campus plus athletic facility construction and upgrades.

But the planning and construction never stops as TCU fulfills its vision of becoming a world-class institution. Currently there are five major projects on the horizon.

Come to our March 13 luncheon to hear Todd S. Waldvogel, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities and Campus Planning, discuss TCU's construction program and how it fits into the university's strategic vision and the Facilities Master Plan. Waldvogel directs TCU's Physical Plant for the operation, maintenance, repair, and development of all facilities,



Todd S. Waldvogel

Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities and Campus Planning

ties, building systems, utilities, energy management, landscaping, grounds, and pavement.

Before coming to TCU in August 2012, Waldvogel served as an officer in the United States Air Force, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel after 20 years. His service spanned the spectrum of Air Force Civil Engineering responsibilities at every level and at locations around the globe. He was a faculty member in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at his alma mater, the

U.S. Air Force Academy. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the academy and a Master of Engineering Degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University. He is a registered Professional Engineer.

Luncheon reservations are requested by Wednesday, March 7, online at tcura.tcu.edu or to Joan Yates by email at j.yates@tcu.edu or phone at 817- 292-7087. Retirees who attend the luncheon for the first time are guests of TCURA and are welcome to eat free.

Making a reservation is important because you want a place to sit and food to eat.

Park in the Kelly Center parking lot or in the parking garage on the west side of the Ranch Management Building.

Monthly Luncheons

March 13, 2018

April 17, 2018 (third Tuesday)

May 15, 2018 (third Tuesday)

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Talents and Skills of TCU Retirees

In a recent conversation, a retired colleague questioned his abilities and possible contributions to others now that he is retired. I readily responded that he was undervaluing the skills, experience, and wisdom he possessed.

That brief conversation prompted me to think about the accumulated knowledge and talents which we - as post-career, "older adults" - often fail to realize we still possess. Or, we may downplay our skills and abilities. Also, we may be too modest to talk about or reflect on our abilities and potential to contribute to others in a variety of ways.

Our modesty also may hinder a realization that, as older adults, our accumulated knowledge and life experiences have helped make us the "elders" and "wisdom-keepers" for younger generations. These individual qualities should be valued in a positive manner in intergenerational endeavors with families, friends, and acquaintances in new settings.

Let me make an assertive, im-



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Larry Adams

modest statement: Retired faculty and staff members are among the most educated and talented groups of people in our society. TCU and other university retirees have skills, experiences, perspectives, and talents that should continue to serve as rich, vital resources for others.

What are some of the abilities and qualities that post-career TCU faculty and staff members have to offer? I'll mention only a few:

- Skills gained from study and experience in a host of academic disciplines and professional areas —

marketing, development/fundraising, information technology, education, student services, social work, nursing, communications, library, organizational administration, fine arts and event planning, physical plant, counseling — all skills transferable to other areas of practice.

- The ability to inspire and foster creativity in others. Skills in mentoring others.

- Knowledge and connections to a variety of resources: networking with other individuals and groups; access to technology and electronic resources (e.g., library, professional literature, databases) about many topics.

- A good understanding of other people and the ability to relate well to others.

I encourage and challenge retirees to consider the competencies, abilities, and qualities we possess and continue to serve proudly as resources for others - organizations, our community, and society.

— *Larry Adams*

Pre-luncheon Presentation about Senior Living Options

When is the time right to move from your home to a smaller space in a senior living home? This process is now called "rightsizing."

TCURA will offer a pre-luncheon program at 10 a.m. March 13 in the Justin Board Room of the Kelly Center to explore this topic.

Many of our members are interested in the process of evaluating senior living options before the time comes to "rightsizing" and make a move.

Joan Reynolds, owner of Reynolds Geriatric Solutions who also has



Joan Reynolds worked as a nursing home ombudswoman for Tarrant County, advocating for residents in nursing homes, assisted living homes, and personal care homes.

For the past nine years, Reynolds has worked as a geriatric case manager,

earned a Master of Social Work degree, has been working in the field of aging in some capacity for about 30 years. She has

consulting with families, coordinating their care and advocating for them. She will share information with TCURA members about various senior living options and what you need to consider with each.

In addition, a speaker will follow Reynolds' presentation to discuss "rightsizing" and the challenges of moving from one's home to a smaller space.

Please make a reservation on our website at tcura.tcu.edu to confirm seating for this program.

TCU Presents World Premiere Opera 'The Falling and the Rising' on April 8

TCU Retirees' Association members have a unique opportunity to see the performance of a world premiere opera, "The Falling and the Rising," at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 8, in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

A pre-performance discussion at 1 p.m. about the production of the opera will be led by David Gately, director of the TCU Opera Studio, and Darren Woods, former director of the Fort Worth Opera and current artistic and fundraising director at Seagle Music Colony in Schroom Lake, New York.

Gately said during a telephone interview that two casts - the Army Soldiers' Chorus and a TCU chorus of his students - will present the opera. Gately also invites veterans to attend the premiere.



www.zachredler.com

Composer Zach Redler has experience with musical theatre and has created an opera with "musical language featuring popular sounds and classical sounds," Gately said.

The opera is the result of a series of one-on-one interviews conducted in July 2016 - with soldiers at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda Medical Center, and Fort Meade - by the composer, librettist, and Staff Sgt. Ben Hilgert.

These powerful interviews allowed them to create each character as a kind of composite sketch, representing the sum of all the inspirational service members who volunteered their time during the process.

"The Falling and the Rising" is a 60-minute performance representing the collaboration of six co-producers representing six companies including the TCU Opera Studio. After the world premiere at TCU, Gately said the co-producers will schedule performances throughout the nation.

Tickets are free and limited in number. Please make your reservation no later than Friday, March 30, on our website at tcura.tcu.edu or by emailing Janet Herald at jgherald@gmail.com or calling 817-924-1331.

First Person Selected as A TCU Treasure Will be Announced at April Luncheon

Mark April 17 on your calendar to attend the TCURA luncheon when the first person selected as A TCU Treasure will be honored.

A TCU Treasure is a new award created by the TCU Retirees' Association to honor a retired faculty or staff member for exemplary service.

The award winner will be a living person recognized for both personal achievements and for enhancing the

reputation of the university.

The award, which includes a \$500 stipend, will be presented each spring to a retiree to recognize teaching, research, creativity, innovation, leadership or contributions to specific programs and activities.

Join us for the announcement of the first person recognized as A TCU Treasure.

COFFEE, BOOKS & CONVERSATION

Coffee, Books & Conversation will meet at

10 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, in the library at University Christian Church.

The group will discuss the book, "The Hacking of the American Mind" by Robert Lustig. Alpha Shirey

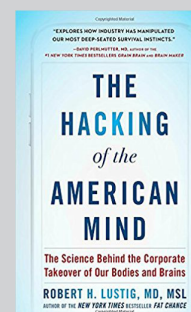
will lead the discussion.

All are welcome.

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FEBRUARY LUNCHEON



Janet George Herald greets Matt Oliver, Communication Manager for the Trinity River Vision Authority, who presented the vision for the downtown Fort Worth project at the February meeting.



Wendy Crowley, from left to right, Donna Johnson, and Linda Moore distribute name tags to TCURA members who attended the February luncheon.



Leslie Flores, Arturo Flores, and Laura Adcock take a break from talking as they wait to go through the serving line at the February luncheon.



Suzanne Stone attended her first retirees' luncheon in February and won the door prize. She retired as assistant to the dean after 16 years at Brite Divinity School.

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