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Summertime! Remember the days of summer while working at TCU? For many, the memory of Summer Orientation comes to mind. Pat Miller, David Grebel and I recently met for lunch in Market Square in the BLUU during an Orientation day. It was exciting to see the incoming TCU Freshman class! It was also wonderful to be

able to have an enjoyable lunch and head back home!

I began my employment in the TCU Registrar's Office August 1994. Back in the days of registering for classes in the Rickel! When I retired February 2017, the registration process had greatly improved. Being a retiree, one tends to reminisce about the "old days at TCU". I can still hear Becky leaving messages for every academic department: Hello, this is Becky in the Registrar's Office your grade roster, midterm grades (P/PNC), degree candidates, non-degree candidate forms are ready to be picked up. Now, all of phone call reminders are delegated to an online process. Each of us, as TCU Retirees, have many fond memories of how our workplace changed during our employment.

Last week, I mentioned to my hairdresser that I needed an idea for an article to submit for our association newsletter. She suggested submitting a recipe! Brilliant! TCURA has published a cookbook and I can share the link to a book of recipes in my article. Julie Baker began this project several years ago. Due to "an unforeseen world event" the cookbook took longer to complete than expected. What better way to reminisce about our days at TCU than a cookbook? Even if you do not enjoy cooking, recognizing the friend's name who submitted a recipe or being a part of a memory associated with a recipe is awesome! I plan on ordering our association's cookbook and you can too by clicking on the link at right. Thank you, Julie, for your vision of creating this cookbook!

TCURA's next meeting is "Coffee With the Chancellor" on Tuesday, July 26 at 10 a.m., in the Legends Club. May I suggest that you invite a retired coworker who you think of often but have not taken time to connect with? It is wonderful to reunite with longtime friends! Maybe they will become TCURA members who will regularly attend our meetings! Our programs this coming year promise to be very interesting!



MEM'RIES SWEET, COMRADES TRUE

FAVORITE RECIPES FROM MEMBERS OF

THE TCU RETIRES' ASSOCIATION

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NEXT TCURA MEETING: COFFEE WITH THE CHANCELLOR

TUESDAY, JULY 26
10:00 - 11:30 AM

LEGENDS CLUB
AMON G. CARTER STADIUM

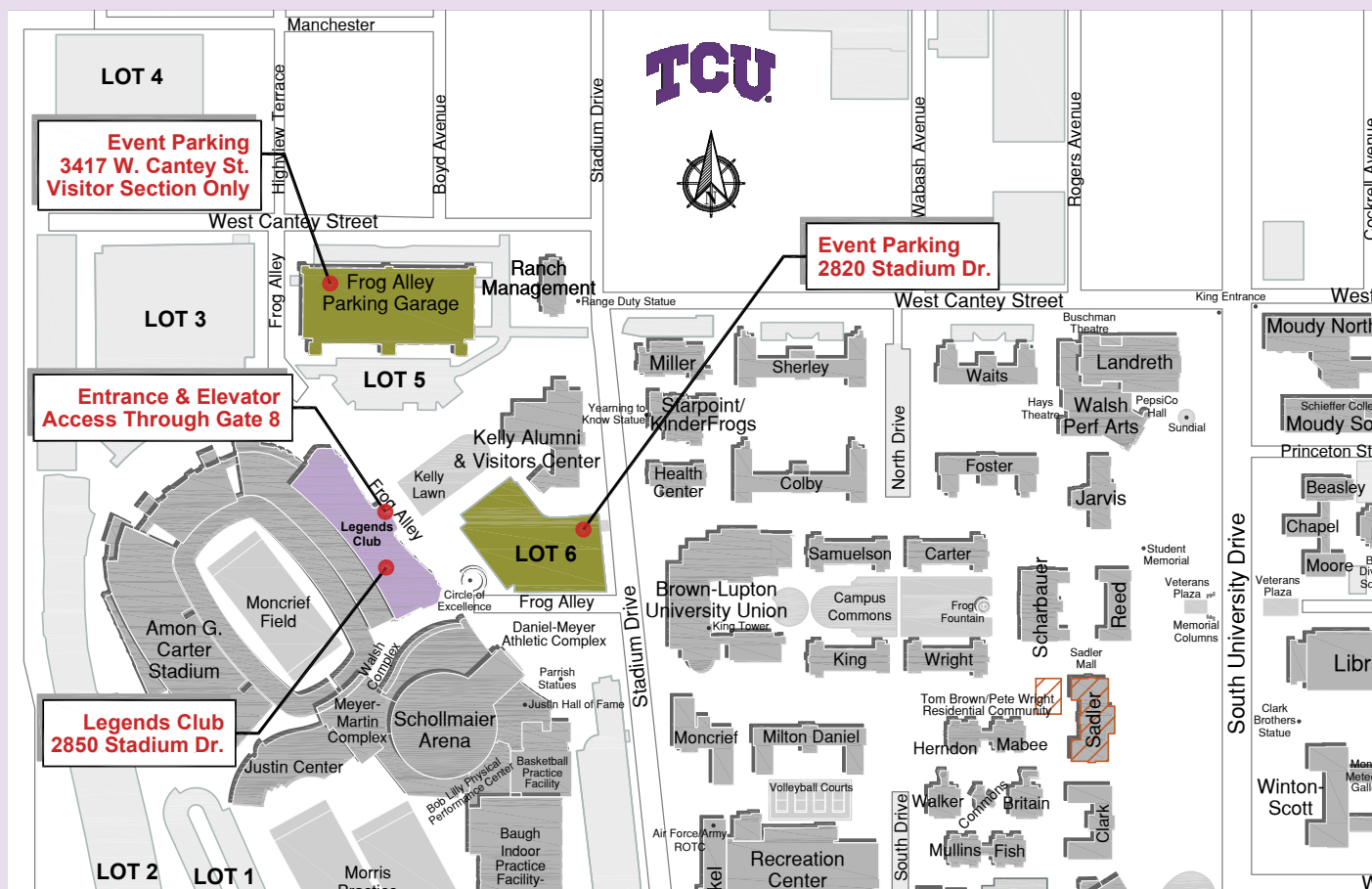
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DR. VICTOR J. BOSCHINI, JR.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

LINDA MOORE

UCAC COMMITTEE

The TCURA Board has had emails and calls and several comments about the difficulty of members to cover basic premiums for health care with the present allocation from TCU. There has been no cost-of-living increase or any other allocation to retirees. Our concerns about the lack of any increase in the retirement benefits was conveyed to the committee and they voted to make that an agenda item for the fall in reporting to the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees.

The UCAC recommendation of a 4% increase in compensation for 2022 was accepted and according to the Chancellor's report from the BOT meeting will be applied for the next fiscal year ([CLICK HERE to read](#)). A report from the American Association of University Professors chapter at TCU raises some issues about this increase in actual practice. I encourage you to read it carefully and let me know what you think. How best do we address this with the UCAC committee in order to have our concerns addressed by UCAC and the administration and Board of Trustees?

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

First of all, let me say that we are finally back to full Executive Committee membership for the 2022-2023 year! Thanks to the 2021-2022 board for its successful efforts for board membership. The below people have agreed to serve on the Executive Committee for next year. Thanks to those who are willing to remain on for another year! This is a wonderful group and we all look forward to a great year, one hopefully free of Covid and full of hope and laughter.

In Memoriam

Mary Adair Johnson

April 22

James McCurley

Mover Technician

May 28

Michael Duane Brooks

Carpenter, Physical Plant

June 8



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MEET YOUR NEW TCURA BOARD MEMBERS



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Secretary

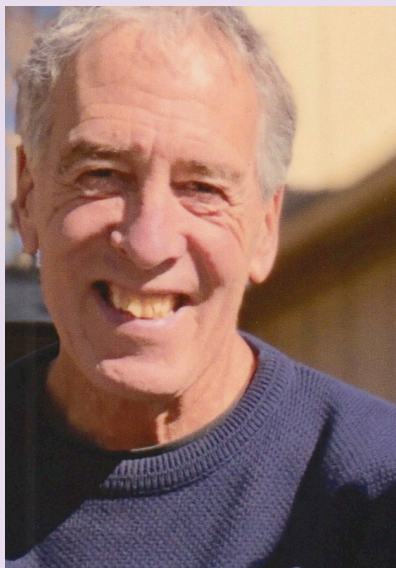
Born in Stockholm, Sweden, Bo arrived in Fort Worth in 1969 to attend TCU. After some considerable cultural adjustment, he received his BA in 1975 and his MA in 1978. Returning to Sweden, he pursued a career as a fine arts appraiser and auctioneer before returning to Texas.

Bo was Executive Director of Tarrant Area Food Bank from 1997 until his retirement in 2020. During this time, he stayed involved with

the TCU community, both personally and professionally. He served on the Alumni Board and continues to be involved in committee work. Bo is also a Past President of the Fort Worth Rotary Club.

Bo is married to Dr. Joyce Mauk. They have 4 grown children and, as of yet, no grandchildren and no pets.

Bo was invited to join the TCURA as an associate member in 2020.



FRED OBERKIRCHER

Educational Programming Chair

Fred Oberkircher will serve as educational programming chair on the TCURA board for 2022-23. Fred was born and raised in Erie, Pennsylvania and received bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture from Penn State. He taught at State University of New York in Plattsburg before joining TCU in 1974. He taught interior design and lighting until retiring in 2009 to Dunlap, Tennessee before moving

back to Fort Worth in 2020 to assist family through the pandemic. Fred is an avid bicycle rider. He has two grandsons, Jaxon, 10 and Axel, 8 (his eldest daughter's nickname is Alex; hence the two x's in her boys' names).

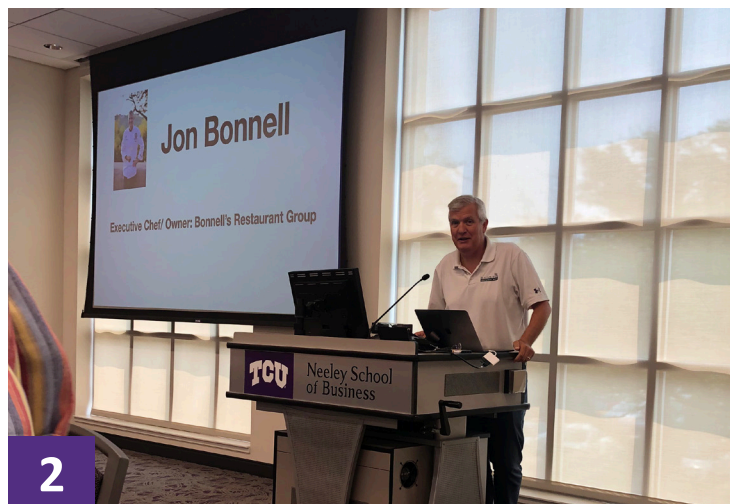
TCURA MISSION STATEMENT

The TCU Retirees Association exists to provide opportunities for fellowship, to promote lifelong learning, to advocate for fair benefits, to recognize the accomplishments of its members, and to strengthen the relationship between the retirees and the University.

PHOTOS FROM MAY LUNCHEON



1. James Lyle of TCU Press sells TCURA cookbooks at the May luncheon.



2. Chef Jon Bonnell was the speaker at the May luncheon.



3. Fred Oberkircher, Dennis Gibbons and Leo Munson at the May TCURA meeting.

HEADLINES OF INTEREST

KEY TCU NEWS TO KEEP YOU INFORMED



TCU ATHLETES ARE TWO OF 20 IN BIG 12 TO EARN SCHOLARSHIP

Jacey Albaugh of equestrian and Augie Muhlbauer of baseball received the 2021-2022 Dr. Prentice Gautt Postgraduate Scholarship. Albaugh registered a career-high 11 victories in the flat event this past season, going 11-5-3 overall. The Mclean, Va., native matched a career-high with a pair of Most Outstanding Performer (MOP) selections on the year. Albaugh won a total of 27 events, with a combined six MOP's in her career and was a three-time Big 12 and NCEA All-Academic honoree in her career.

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HARRY PARKER PRESENTED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Theatre Professor Harry Parker '80 was awarded this spring with the Elston Brooks Lifetime Achievement Award from the Live Theatre League of Tarrant County. The award is given to an individual who has dedicated their work to the advancement of live theatre and has made a significant contribution to the area's live theatre. Parker said he is incredibly flattered. "The League is filled with all of the professional theatre producers from our community, and I so appreciate them and respect all that they do," he said.

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TCU NURSING FACULTY PROMOTES FOOD, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH LITERACY

Acting on years of screening data, Gina Alexander saw a need for obesity prevention and used service learning to take action. Service learning engages students not only in their respective disciplines, but also in the examination of their roles as future leaders. Faculty partner with local leaders to design service projects that enhance learning and meet the needs of our community. In other words, it is truly a win-win.

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FORT WORTH MEDICAL STUDENT AWARDED NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

TCU School of Medicine student Edmundo Esparza was selected into the 2022-2023 ElevateMeD Scholars Program, which will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. The ElevateMeD Scholars Program is a multifaceted program designed to develop the next generation of physician leaders from African-American/Black, Latinx, and Native American backgrounds. Each Scholar will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship for each year remaining in their medical degree in addition to physician mentorship, access to peer network support, leadership development opportunities, and financial management education.

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