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Silver Jackets
Georgia Tech Retiree Association
Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 10:30 a.m.

Volunteers provided coffee and pastries before the meeting giving everyone time for conversation and fellowship.

President Sandra Thornton called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. She welcomed everyone and asked that old members and new members sign the roll call sheet.

Vice-President Steve Dickerson introduced Yves Berthelot, Vice Provost, Professor and President of Georgia Tech Lorraine, who gave a very informative presentation entitled: "Georgia Tech in France: the Lorraine Campus." Dr. Berthelot is the holder of many national and international awards and has been President of GT Lorraine since 1997. GT Lorraine campus is strategically located in Metz, France, a highly populated area near Paris and accessible by train. Some facts: (a) Began in 1990 as a satellite campus with a masters summer program for GIT students; (b) since 2006 research lab (UMI) collaboration GT-CNRS; (c) in 2009 Lafayette Project introduced, an ecosystem for innovation and technology transfer; (d) year-round campus with Masters and Ph.D programs as well as undergrads, 150-200 students; (e) GT Lorraine governing board is controlled by GIT; (f) internship programs with many global corporate sponsors; (g) over 1200 alumni in Europe; (h) receives two-thirds financial support from France; (i) vibrant research program with a project-based approach. Dr. Berthelot summed up his excellent presentation by stating that GT Lorraine is a successful implementation of a U.S. university abroad. A question and answer session followed.

Sandra made the following announcements:

1. John Carter of the GT Foundation has donated \$1,000 to initiate a Silver Jackets Endowment Fund. This is a separate fund from the operating monies donated by Jim Stevenson.

Annette Satterfield asked if contributions to the annual fund could be designated for the Silver Jackets Endowment Fund. Sandra will ask John Carter how this to be handled.

2. We have made some progress on setting up the web site but need volunteers with expertise in this area to help.

3. Bob Green has agreed to join the Finance Committee; Roger Rupnow is the chairman.

4. Maureen Glass will chair the Volunteer Committee. She and some Silver Jacket members helped the students with a blood drive this month.

5. New GIT President, Dr. G. P. Peterson has accepted an invitation to speak to the Silver Jackets. The date is tentatively set for September 8, but may have to be rescheduled to another day/date/place to fit in with Dr. Peterson's schedule. Rose Peterson & Maureen Glass facilitated the arrangements.

Thanks to David & Lucy Flowers, Maureen and Sandra for refreshments. Until our operating fund is accessible, donations of refreshments are appreciated.

Next meeting will be held on May 12th in Room 343 of the Student Center; the speaker will be David N. Ku, MD, Ph.D, Regents Professor of Mechanical Engineering. His topic will be: Heart Attacks: The Fluid Mechanics Behind How and Why. As Sandra will be out of the country, Steve Dickerson will preside in her absence.

No meetings in June, July & August.

Their being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.