

## MINUTES

Silver Jackets  
Georgia Tech Retirees Association  
Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 10:30 a.m.

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

Sandra thanked Jim and Adelyn Stevenson for their gift of \$1,000.00 to start an operating fund for the Silver Jackets. Sandra and Finance Chairman Roger Rupnow will check with the GT Foundation regarding setting up this fund.

Program Chairman Steve Dickerson introduced Dr. Sam Shelton, GT Strategic Energy Institute, to present a program entitled "The State of Energy in the United States." Sam is the owner of several patents, among them the design of the Olympic Torch. Some of the facts presented in the very informative power point presentation: (a) Energy demand and GDP are linked to economic growth; (b) Cost of crude oil is tied to excess OPEC production capacity; (c) Environment and Energy - energy drives air quality; (d) World oil prices will peak in the next 3-7 years and will be a major economic disruption; (e) U.S. uses more oil than the next 5 highest consuming nations combined (25%); (f) 70% of our oil is imported; (g) at the present time it would take U.S. 14 years to replace 50% of vehicles with hybrid or fuel efficient vehicles; (h) plug-in hybrid is best long-term option; (i) another option would be to develop ethanol as a transportation fuel; (j) wood is cheaper than corn to produce ethanol; (k) there are no oil savings from New Electric Power Plant technology, nuclear, wind, solar; (l) Off-shore wind farm from the coast of Savannah would provide 20% of Georgia's electricity without any disruption of the view from the shoreline. A question and answer session followed.

Candy Carson volunteered to be official Silver Jackets photographer and took many photos during the meeting.

Sandra read a note from the Psychology graduate students who gave a presentation of aging at our January meeting. They thanked us for our attention and interest in their programs. Evelyn Webb reported being a test subject for one of the projects and found it to be interesting.

Sandra announced the Helen Crawford Memorial Service will be on Saturday, February 21, 2:00 p.m.

Sandra requested volunteers for the following committees:

Finance (Chair Roger Rupnow)  
Program (Chair Steve Dickerson)  
Membership  
Benefits  
Web Site  
Interest groups  
Volunteer Committee

Sandra said we needed to support Campus if we want the Campus to support us. Mary Anne Salter suggested that members could volunteer for Earth Day activities and Student Appreciation Day activities.

Sandra and Annette Satterfield presented Founder and outgoing President Maureen Glass with a certificate, flowers and a Waterford vase and candy dish.

Steve Dickerson made the announcement that Dr. G. P. (Bud) Peterson from the University of Colorado at Boulder, has been selected as the new President of GT.

The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2009 in Room 343 of the Student Center.

There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. Many Silver Jackets remained for lunch.

Evelyn Webb  
Secretary