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Silver Jackets

Georgia Tech Retirees Association

Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 11:00 a.m.

President Sandra Thornton called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. She welcomed everyone and asked that all sign the roll call sheet. She turned the meeting over to Roger Rupnow to introduce the speaker in place of Steven Dickerson, who was out of town.

Roger introduced Tom Ventulett, a noted Atlanta architect from the award-winning powerhouse architectural and interior design firm of Thompson, Ventulett, Stainback & Associates. He is an American Institute of Architect Fellow and an abstract water color artist. Tom shared a slide show of the major buildings he has designed and gave short descriptions of some of his projects. The buildings included: Omni International; Georgia Dome; Georgia Aquarium; hotels in Buckhead and California; the Biltmore; some high rise buildings around Atlanta and in North Carolina (including the "King & Queen" Towers in Sandy Springs (Concourse Complex); the UPS World Headquarters in Atlanta; CDC Headquarters in Atlanta; Promenade Tower, UGA Performance Hall in Athens; Georgia Tech's Technology Square; Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia; Orange County Convention Center in Orlando; Puerto Rico Convention Center in San Juan; Washington Convention Center in D.C.; McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago; high rise in Dalian, China; Dubai Towers, UAE; International Expo Center in Beijing; Conference and Expo Center in Beijing; and a Convention Center in India.

Another interest of Tom's is painting flowers in watercolors. He explained how he likes to paint abstracts (large flowers at close focus). He displayed a poster and some of his outstanding work. His website is www.ventulettwatercolors.com

Roger Rupnow gave a finance report and advised that he, Maureen Glass and Sandra met with John Carter at the Georgia Tech Foundation. They discussed how to get the Silver Jackets recognized on campus and how to gain financial support. The Faculty/Staff Campaign was one suggestion John mentioned. Having dues is still under discussion. It was noted that retirees remain interested in the campus and have made substantial contributions to the Roll Call.

Annette Satterfield gave out TRS State Tax adjustment information.

Sandra asked the group to volunteer for committees, e. g. Web Site, Benefits, Finance, Membership, Program, Events, Interest Groups.

She also read a Thank You note from Maureen Glass thanking all for the gifts she received. as Founder and First President.

Maureen invited the Silver Jackets to volunteer for a blood drive to be held on April 9th. The volunteers would be 2 hour shifts and would give out cookies and help sign in donors. There is a need for 12 people. She sent a sign-up sheet around.

Sandra reported that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14th, 2009 in Room 343 of the Student Center. The speaker will be: Yves Berthelot, Vice Provost, Professor and President

of Georgia Tech Lorraine speaking on “Georgia Tech in France: the Lorraine Campus.”

The speaker for the May 12th meeting will be David N. Ku, MD, Ph.D , Regents Professor of Mechanical Engineering, speaking on “Heart Attacks: The Fluid Mechanics Behind How and Why.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Submitted by: Mary Anne Salter for Evelyn Webb