

Silver Jackets Meeting

October 12, 2010

Georgia Tech Hotel

Minutes

Members Attending ?

Program

Jim Herod, retired Professor of Mathematics spoke briefly of his entering his new career as a writer and what led to his writing his two published works of fiction. Jim spoke of reminiscences of his family history on the Cumberland River in Tennessee, which is the evocation of his "stories". He mentioned that such recollections are, in fact, "tattooed on the fabric of our brains." He gave the background for the writing of *Gathering Moss* (2008) and *A Journey beyond Innocence* (2009) and held us spellbound reading excerpts from the volumes. Currently, Jim writes an occasional column for the local paper in Grove Hill, Alabama where he and his wife reside. He read a Christmas column published in the paper.

Jim's website is <https://sites.google.com/site/jimherodtales/>. His email is jherod@tds.net.

Business Meeting

The Business Meeting followed the program and a break for getting lunch.

1. Report from the **Nominating Committee (Bill Black, Maureen Glass, and Roger Rupnow)**. Officers nominated are President — **Jo McIver**; Vice-President — **Ian Gatlin**; Secretary — **George Cain**; and Treasurer — **Roger Rupnow**.

Jo McIver reported that additional nominations can be made to the committee after first checking with the person to be nominated. Voting on officers for next year will take place at the November meeting.

2. **Sara Dryden** gave an update on her volunteer work with the Office of Community Relations, including some thoughts on how we may be able to obtain information on volunteer opportunities of interest using the opt-in/opt-out method. Sara is continuing to work on the organization's website design to be most useful to our particular group.

3. **Annette Satterfield** reported that all slots are filled with volunteers for the Blood Drive on October 26. She greatly appreciates the membership's willingness to work with the students in this endeavor.

4. **Candy Carson** reminded that the Silver Jackets' Christmas Party is Friday, December 3rd at the Olive Garden on Cobb Parkway. There will be several choices for entrée and meal cost will be \$15 including tax and tip. Printed information will be forthcoming.

5. **Jo McIver** expressed appreciation to members who have communicated information about other Silver Jackets which could be disseminated to the group. She reaffirmed that this information chain is essential for us to stay informed.

Meetings of the organization are the 2nd Tuesday of the month, September through May, except December. Next meeting is Tuesday, November 9th, at 11 am, in the Student Center Theatre. Program will be updates on benefits presented by the Office of Human Resources. All are urged to attend this important meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Satterfield

Acting Secretary