

Silver Jackets Meeting

Tuesday October 16, 2018

Georgia Tech Student Center, Crescent Room 2206

Minutes

Members and 1 Visitor Attending (15 total): Kathy Tomajko (Library), Ron Bohlander (GTRI), Janis Goddard (OSP), Steve Dickerson (ME), Jo McIver (Registrar), Ward O. Winer (ME/COE), Ian Gatland (Phys), Sandra Thornton (Public Policy), Earl Cagle (Purchasing), Jo Freeman (Chem Biochemistry), Robert Viduya (OIT), Charles Parsons (Business), Sheila Parsons (Visitor), Walter Allen (Purchasing), Nannette Dooley (Library).

Business Meeting

Kathy Tomajko, Silver Jackets President, welcomed the attendees. She asked everyone to introduce themselves and provide their campus dept./unit.

She announced one item related to the SJ executive committee: Nannette Dooley will replace Sally Hammock as SJ rep on the GT Staff Council.

The SJ Holiday Lunch will be on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at Petite Violette. Sally wasn't able to be here, but we sent the details & registration form in an email to you. Copies of the details and registration form were distributed. Members can pay Kathy Tomajko today with their completed registration form & check or cash. Also members can do so at the Nov. meeting or send it in the mail to Sally Hammock. The deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, Nov. 27.

Program

In the absence of John Balsam (who was sorry to miss this meeting), Kathy introduced Robert C. (Rob) Connelly, Chief of Police, Georgia Tech Police Department; he was named Chief effective Jan. 1, 2015 and has over 20 years of law enforcement experience.

GTPD employs 94 officers and 38 civilians and meets national accreditation standards. It is in the top 15 university Police Departments in the country to meet national standards.

Some interesting facts about police operations on campus:

- Bicycle theft is the top problem. PD is using bait bikes to catch the thieves (usually repeat offenders).
- Safety alerts (the Clery Act) going out to the campus and the surrounding area, are down from 30 alerts in 2014 to 9 alerts in 2017.
- 83% of crime takes place at night; 69% is off campus. The crime numbers are shrinking.
- Camera project: 2000 cameras on one operating system, 83 are on poles, have decreased the crime rate, able to validate false reports.
- Campus outreach: offer self-defense classes; social media is used to educate; Citizens Police Academy open to faculty, staff, students, parents.
- Gun law requires the licensed carrier to know the law-- where they are allowed to or not permitted to carry a gun.
- Gun shot detection system in campus buildings.
- GT students selected the LiveSafe App for use on campus. It provides safety features provide access to emergency phone numbers, location sharing, ability to send reports of suspicious activity, etc.

GTPD will move into a new building at the corner of 10th and Hemphill in the spring of 2019.

Announcements

Upcoming meetings:

Nov. 13, 2018: Dr. Steve Nowicki, retired from Emory University's School of Psychology. He is an authority on the psychology of retirement.

Dec. 4: Holiday Lunch at Petite Violette on Clairmont Rd.; details in MailChimp email sent in early October. Will be resent in early November.

John Balsam and Kathy Tomajko met with some staff members at the Campus Recreation Center (CRC) who may speak at one of our 2019 meetings. They gave us brochures that members can feel free to take.

The SJ Member Survey is still being developed and will send out when it's ready.

You should have received or be receiving soon a mailing from AON. The KEY POINTS are that the enrollment period is Oct. 15-Dec. 7, 2018. Also it's recommended that AON participants look at the various options as plans may have changed. If you decide to keep the same plan, you don't need to make any adjustments online.

Kathy thanked SJ members for their participation.

Respectively submitted,
Janis Goddard
Secretary