

**Minutes
Silver Jackets
Georgia Tech Retirees Association**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2008
11:00 am
Room 343, Georgia Tech Student Center**

Attendees: Candy Carson, Pat Davis, Stephen Dickerson, Sara Dryden, Dick Fuller, Carol Gaines, Maureen Glass, Bob Green, Gene Patronis, Frank Roper, Mary Anne Salter, Annette Satterfield, Jim Stevenson, Sandra Thornton, Evelyn Webb

Maureen Glass welcomed everyone and introduced the first speaker, Sarah Warner, Marketing Director for the Ferst Center for the Arts. Sarah distributed handouts which included the 2008-09 schedules of performances. Retirees will get an automatic 10% discount on all tickets with buzzcard. She welcomed ideas from the group as to future entertainers and invited everyone to take a walk through the art gallery which changes monthly.

Next on the agenda, Melissa Foulger, Artistic Director of Drama Tech distributed the 2008-09 theater schedule and gave everyone a magnet schedule. She discussed upcoming performance with the group and said that at this time all the events are performed by GTstudents but in the future they may look to the community for performers. Prices for tickets run from \$5 - \$10.

Steve Dickerson, Professor Emeritus spoke to the group about the GT Campaign and GT University Club prospects. He and Narl Davidson are heading up the campaign. They are working on getting a high participation from the faculty and staff - more so than in the past. Regarding the University Club, Dickerson said that the Globe Restaurant at Technology Square is considering offering space for the University Club to meet. Steve said he would represent the Silver Jackets in these discussions.

Sandra Thornton, Vice President, Silver Jackets opened up a discussion on actions by the By-Laws Committee (Sandra Thornton, Chair, Jo McIver and Roger Rupnow). The Committee is putting together a basic governance structure and hopes to have a draft by October to be sent to everyone by email. The by-laws will be voted on at a later meeting. Sandra asked that by-law ideas/suggestions be e-mailed to her or Maureen Glass. Suggestions from the group were: governing by a smaller group for day to day activities; forming executive, membership committee and finance committees; establishing accounts with the GT Foundation (e. g. endowment accounts for the University Club, student scholarships, short term emergency assistance to students); having dues to pay for club expenses and social events.

Also, everyone needs to be thinking about future programs. November has been booked with Gus Geibelhouse who will bring us the history of GT – an update from the

Crecine/Clough years. October we were hoping to have an update from the benefits department due to some of the insurance rates going up. Later on it would be nice to have speakers from faculty, outside speakers, retirees speaking on different areas and topics of the world. Candy Carson stated that Marilyn Summers who is working on the Living History of GT would be an interesting speaker.

In closing, Maureen suggested having a December Holiday Party, Candy Carson and Mary Anne Salter volunteered for the Holiday Party Committee.

In closing Maureen announced the names of fellow GT retirees who have recently passed away:

LeRoy Woodward, Phys 43 and later taught physics at Tech

Appiah Amirtharajah, professor in Civil and Environmental Engineering

Barry Rosenberg, was the director of the Office of Technology Licensing and the Industry Contracting Officer until his retirement in 2001.

Marie Louise Elliott Stiner retired from the Georgia Tech Student Health Services as director of nursing.

Robert G. Hawkins, first dean of the former Ivan Allen College of Management, Policy and International Affairs

Samuel Ketchin, English

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 14, 2008.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Anne Salter