

RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

# POSTSCRIPTS

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Reflecting on this year, I'm grateful to Earl Terrell, President for 2016, for being our leader during his last months. One of the outstanding things Earl did during the year was to bring Dr. William Young to speak at our March Luncheon. There was more attendee participation with the speaker at that luncheon than any I've ever seen. We were very sad to say goodbye to our good friend and fellow retiree, Earl.

Thanks to Bobby Thomas, the Chairman of the Board for 2016, for stepping into Earl's shoes, finishing the year, and serving as Chairman for 2017. Bobby has a vision of growth for our Association that includes a number of on-going improvement projects. In the coming year, I'm honored to serve as your President and to help bring these projects to fruition.

I'm grateful to Andrea Crisler for her many and varied talents in the role of Secretary, and also as editor of this newsletter. I'd also like to mention Marsha Ewart, who works hard to keep our finances straight as Treasurer. We owe a debt of gratitude to our At Large Board Members who give their time and attention to help the officers lead this organization. And we welcome new retiree, Gerri Bussell, to our Board.

We had a wonderful luncheon surprise in September when Michael Rallings, Memphis Police Director, and several of his associates came with the UT Police Officers who were scheduled to speak on Holiday Safety. Chief Rallings gave an inspiring talk!

We have an excellent program lined up for our Christmas Luncheon, some very nice gifts and door prizes, plus the traditional holiday meal. While we all enjoy the food and speakers at our quarterly luncheon meetings, it's the opportunity to renew friendships and enjoy the fellowship of like-minded folks who have in common our service to the University that makes the difference.

As we look forward to 2017, I welcome the chance to continue working for this organization, all of its members, and our wonderful Board of Directors to bring you the very best possible events. We welcome your input and hope that you will attend our luncheons and also encourage your retired UT friends to join us.

*Pam Vaughn*  
President

## General Membership Meeting

**WHEN:** Friday, December 2, 2016

**TIME:** 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**WHERE:** Room 305, Student Alumni Center

**LUNCH:** Reservations Only: Call **Andrea Crisler** (870) 732-4811, email [acrisler@uthsc.edu](mailto:acrisler@uthsc.edu) to **make reservations on or before Tuesday, November 29.** Family members and guests are welcome.

**COST:** \$9 (First time attendees receive free meal.)

**PARKING:** Free parking in the garage next to SAC. UTHSC ID required to enter garage.

### GUEST SPEAKER:

Kennard D. Brown, JD, MPA, PhD

### DO YOU HAVE NEWS?

Please send any items of interest for Postscripts to

**Andrea Crisler**, Editor. Email to [acrisler@uthsc.edu](mailto:acrisler@uthsc.edu) or mail to **P O Box 254, West Memphis, AR 72303**

## ID BADGES REQUIRED !!

Retirees must have UT ID Badges to enter the SAC and the Parking Garage. Badges are free and may be procured at the UT Campus Police Office.

## **CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!!**

**Louis Patterson** Conference Specialist,  
University Center

**Susan Ledbeetter** IT Team Leader, IT

**Aiilyan Houng** Research Leader, Medicine

**Mark Anthony** Sr. Custodian, Facilities

**Pearline Brown** Custodian, Facilities

**James Winter** Research Specialist, Preventive  
Medicine

**Robert Baker** Business Manager, Physiology

## ***In Memoriam***

**Lorraine M. Kraus, Ph.D., M.A., B.S.** July 1, 2016. Professor Emeritus Department of Microbiology, Immunology & Biochemistry. She was an internationally known researcher in the field of sickle cell disease along with her husband, the late Dr. Alfred Kraus, Sr. Together they discovered a new hemoglobin which they named Hemoglobin-S. She served on several boards of the National Institute of Health, was a respected teacher and mentor for both medical students and graduate students in the field of biochemistry. Together with her late husband, she helped establish medical training in Indonesia and forged an affiliation between the University of Tennessee and Hirosaki University in Japan. She was a talented artist and later in life earned a Master's degree in Fine Arts from the Memphis College of Art.

**Earl Lee Terrell, Sr** August 18, 2016. He was the President of the UTHSC Retirement Association at the time of his death. Earl retired from the AV/Educational Development Department in the GEB in 2006. In addition to his work at UT in the Audio Visual Department, Reverend Dr. Earl Lee Terrell, Sr. also worked at the Church Health Center.

**Nathan R. Walley, DDS**, September 9, 2016. Dr. Walley was a practicing dentist in Memphis for almost 40 years. He was a past president of the Memphis Dental Society, also a published writer and a talented artist.

**Walter Cooper Sandusky** November 3, 2016. He entered the University of Mississippi in 1940 and went on to dental school at the University of Tennessee. He was a Captain in the Air Force during World War II, on the Panama Canal Zone. Soon after, he made the decision to specialize in orthodontics, graduating in 1951. Walter came into his own as an orthodontist, where his talents as a

creative artist and engineer came into play. He invented tools and appliances and put the ones already invented to better use. His work was exemplary and highly prized. He became a Fellow in the American Board of Orthodontists because of his leadership, contributions to the profession, and contributions to the society. Further, his talents as a person who loves people manifested as well. He once said, "I wanted to spend my days with kids. This has made me happy." He practiced actively until he was 88 years old.

**Reola Vernice McGhee** November 3, 2016. She was a technician in the Genetics Laboratory at the BCDD for many years.

**Dr. John Paul Nash** November 9, 2016. He was Asst. Professor in Dept. of Surgery and director of the surgical teaching program at Baptist Memorial Hospital. He held leadership positions in the Tennessee Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, Memphis and Shelby County Medical Society, American Cancer Society, West Tennessee Chapter of Ave Maria Home, Catholic Physician's Guild and a member of the Admissions Committee for the UT College of Medicine. He was awarded the 2012 Pillar Award of Distinction for Emeritus Physicians by Baptist Memorial Health care Foundation.

### **REMINDERS:**

\* UT Retirees may use the UT Recreation and Fitness Center free of charge. For hours of operation and other information, call 448-5612.

\* ID Badges are required to enter the SAC and the UT Parking Garage. Retirees may obtain badges at no charge at the UT Campus Police Office. See Sgt. Avis before any Thursday luncheon meeting to have your free ID Badge made.

\* Visit the UT Retirees webpage for current notices and for past issues of PostScripts. Go to: <http://www.uthsc.edu/retirees>

\* An office has been established on-campus for the Association in the SAC building for assistance to those considering retirement or more information about the Retirees Association.

## *Featured Speaker for December Luncheon*

**KENNARD D. BROWN, J.D., M.P.A., PhD**  
**Executive Vice Chancellor, Chief of Staff,**  
**Assistant Professor**  
**Clinical Pharmacy**

Dr. Kennard Brown serves as the Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operations Officer (EVC/COO) at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) with the responsibility of coordinating the day-to-day administrative operations and the effective management of the campus central administration. Dr. Brown has been with the Health Science Center for 15 years and began his university service in the Office of the General Counsel. He previously served as the Director of the Office of Equity and Diversity, Office of Employee Relations and Center on Health Disparities. He serves as the Assistant Professor in the College of Pharmacy, Department of Surgery in the College of Medicine. He currently manages the Plough Center for Sterile Drug Delivery, The West Tennessee Regional Forensic Center (WTRFC), and The University of Tennessee Health Science Center BSL3 Regional Biocontainment Laboratory.



Dr. Brown earned his Juris Doctorate from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law and his Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Memphis and is a member in Phi Kappa Phi, a collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. He completed his Ph.D. in Health Science Administration from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Dr. Brown is also recognized as a Fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives (FACHE). The FACHE title is considered to be the premier credential in the field of health care management. Dr. Brown has been the recipient of numerous faculty, student, community and civic awards from an exhaustive list of organizations

## **September Retirees' Luncheon Highlights**

### **Surprise Speaker for Luncheon**

**MIKE RALLINGS, DIRECTOR**  
**Memphis Police Department**

After greeting the retirees present, Director Rallings acknowledged the members of MPD Community outreach Program (C.O.P.) present and the UTHSC officer attending.



Memphis faces so many challenges from so many levels including education and poverty. Rebuilding communities in Memphis is essential.

One of the tools being used is Blue CRUSH (Crime Reduction Utilizing Statistical History) a sustained, integrated law enforcement approach in all parts of the city where street crime has adversely affected the quality of life for our citizens.

Whenever law enforcement intensifies its efforts in a community, public support is critical. The Blue CRUSH™ OUTREACH strategy seeks to engage and maintain public support for this effort by:

- (1) Establishing sustained contact with community leaders and neighborhood groups.
- (2) Developing diversified and sustained media exposure.
- (3) Engaging the assistance of various referral agencies and service organizations when needed.

Officers now carry smart phones which are useful notification of a crime, location and assistance.

During summer break Memphis did not lose any children, then on the first day of school a 15 year-old was shot.

As of this date there have been 70 deaths from overdose, if narcan was not available in the ambulances that number would be 1,300.

The Memphis Police Department is working hard to be successful, and it needs the support of the community. Talk with people, motivate them to assist their police officers.

MPD needs more officers and is looking for people who want an opportunity, ask everyone you see if they want that choice, then have them contact MPD.

**Guest Speaker:**

***Sergeant D. Seitz***

**MPD C.O.P. Officers**

K. Hall, W. Gillard, C. Pruitt

**UTHSC Campus Police Officer**

J. Morrow

**PERSONAL/HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS**

1. Be careful when and where you use your cell phone. Be aware of your surroundings, remain vigilant.
2. Look people in the eye, let them be aware you can identify them. Greet them and do not appear afraid.
3. Travel in “pairs” when possible; safety in numbers.
4. Always be alert and aware of your surroundings.
5. Check out the windows and yards in your neighborhood. What cars are usually there, when do you see lights on, etc.
6. Dogs are an EARLY-WARNING system; even if they are not large, they can make noise and alert you to possible problems.
7. Keep bushes and plantings trimmed and think about exterior lighting, either lights you turn on at dusk, lights that come on at dusk automatically or a motion sensor light.

8. When you go on vacation make arrangements for someone to pick up mail or have post office hold for you, have your paper picked up or stop delivery temporarily. Call your local precinct and notify them and they will check every day.
9. Curbside trash pick-up can be a catalogue for thieves. Break down large boxes such as T.V.’s, computers, microwaves etc. come in. Either recycle the boxes or put in closed trash bag or container. DO NOT just put at curb for pick-up.
10. Always trust your instincts. If people or locations are making you nervous, leave, or stay away. These are a few of the tips Sgt. Seitz shared with us.

We were honored to have these dedicated officers of the C.O.P. initiative join us. The unit consists of approximately 60 officers and six (6) supervisors who are provided target areas from data gathered with the assistance of the University of Memphis. These officers address the problems in the target areas through a three prong approach: identification, enforcement and education. It became active March 10, 2012 and has a station near the UTHSC campus.



MPD C.O.P. Officers and UTHSC Police Officer



UTHSC Retirees Association Board Chaiman. Bobby Thomas, and MPD Director Mike Rallings



MPD Director Rallings, MPD Officers and UTHSC Campus Police Officer

**2017 Board Meeting  
And  
Luncheon Schedule**  
Mark your calendars

February 16, 2017 Board Meeting  
**March 16, 2017** Luncheon Meeting  
 May 18, 2017 Board Meeting  
**June 22, 2017** Luncheon Meeting  
 August 17, 2017 Board Meeting  
**September 21, 2017** Luncheon Meeting  
 November 9, 2017 Board Meeting  
**December TBA** (to coincide with  
 Chancellor's Holiday Party)

**Retirees Association  
Membership dues**

**Annually - \$5.00**  
**Lifetime membership - \$50.00**

**UTHSC RETIREES ASSOCIATION  
OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS  
2015 - 2016**

*Past President and  
 Chairman of the Board Bobby Thomas  
 President Pamala Vaughn  
 Vice President  
 Secretary Andrea Crisler (2018)  
 Treasurer Marsha Ewart (2018)  
 HR Support Debbie Jackson (ex officio)  
 Administrative Support (ex officio)*

**AT LARGE BOARD MEMBERS**

*Terms expire in 2018  
 Lue Ida Walls-Upchurch  
 Larry Qualls  
 Vic Crutchfield  
 Barbara Culbreath  
 Terms expire in 2019  
 Gerri Bussell  
 John Crisler  
 Newsletter Editor  
 Andrea Crisler (appointed)*

***Again, thanks to everyone who has responded to this appeal.***

We are updating the UTHSC Retirees Association member information. Many of you have responded to this request and it is much appreciated. If you have not filled out the form, please do so and bring it with you to the next Luncheon or mail it to

Andrea Crisler  
 PO Box 254  
 West Memphis, AR 72303

Thank you for assisting us with this effort.

**UTHSC RETIREES ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Add'l Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you are a paid Lifetime member