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Celebrating the Retirement of Two Legends --
Jane H. Clay and Robert C. Fore, EdD

On December 12, 2022, the Dean’s Office and administrative staff for the University of Tennessee College of Medicine-Chattanooga celebrated the retirement two legends on our campus with a small dinner at the Public House for the honorees, their families, and all the staff’s families: Jane H. Clay, Director of Finance and Administration; and Robert C. Fore, EdD, Professor, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Designated Institutional Official.

Mrs. Clay was part of our campus at the very inception of a UT Clinical Campus in Chattanooga. She is a native of Chattanooga. Mrs. Clay has given 46 years of service to ensure quality medical education. The only individual who has served a similar number of years is R. Phillip Burns, MD, Immediate Past Chair of our Department of Surgery, now Vice Chair of the Department, and board member for Erlanger Health System. (Pictured with Jane is her husband, Mike Clay. Her children were also part of the celebration.)

Dr. Fore joined the UT College of Medicine-Chattanooga in 2007 just after Dr. David Seaberg had been named the first permanent Dean. Previously he had been the Associate Dean/DIO for Mercer University and its GME Programs in Macon, Georgia. The Chattanooga Campus has earned Continued Accreditation every year from the ACGME for our Sponsoring Institution for our GME Programs. Dr. Fore has also served as a volunteer CLER Site Visitor for the ACGME during his time in Chattanooga.

Dr. Fore has been part of the development and additions of several new programs during his 15 years of service to the University. He has seen the addition of the Emergency Medicine Residency and EMS Fellowship, Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship, Gastroenterology Fellowship, Colon and Rectal Surgery Fellowship, Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, and Vascular Surgery Fellowship. Dr. Fore also served as the Statewide Associate Dean for Continuing Medical Education, and has continued to volunteer as a CME Site Visitor for the ACCME. (Dr. Fore’s wife, Rorie, and their family also enjoyed the celebration.)