

DCCCD Retirees Association

Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting

March 23, 2017

Seventy-three members and guests attended the annual Spring Luncheon on March 23, 2017 at El Centro College (ECC).

The DCCCD Retirees Association business meeting was called to order by Dottie Clark at 12:30 p.m.

Faculty and students from the Food and Hospitality Program Service involved in the meal preparation were introduced. Bits and Bites honoring ECC Food and Hospitality faculty retiree Beth Sonnier on April 9, 2017 was announced and a postcard with details was provided.

Dr. Jose Adames, President of El Centro College, welcomed the group and gave a brief update on new initiatives and the desire to expand the Food Service Institute to another location. Also under discussion is the option of building a new El Centro College with parking at another location large enough to bring all current locations together or the option of tearing down some facilities and building up to expand offerings. The Board will make that decision some time in the future. Space is also being leased from One Main for the Design programs and the A&M Chevron Engineering Academy and the Texas Club is now houses a Fitness Center and Continuing Education corporate training. Retirees were invited to see the rebuilt areas in the B building which had recently reopened that were destroyed by the July 7, 2016 tragedy.

Dr. Adames also spoke about the 50th anniversary gala celebration for ECC on April 23, 2017 and invited the retirees to participate. A number of retirees were able to give a short congratulations statement for a video which will be presented at the event.

Recent retirees were asked to stand and give their campus of service. Also all retirees present who started their careers in the DCCCD at El Centro College were recognized.

Future events were discussed. Bob Chambers, Museum Coordinator, talked about the upcoming tour of Dallas Blooms at the Dallas Arboretum and the museum event in Fort Worth to visit the Kimbell and view the Phillips collection of early 19th to mid-20th century master works. Rosie Steffen, Special Events Coordinator, announced the tour of the Star in Frisco, the Kentucky Derby Day and the Rough Riders baseball game. She gave details about costs and deadlines. Donna Strain, Theater Coordinator, discussed the last spring theater event at Kalita Humphries Theater. We are looking for a new Theater Coordinator to replace Donna since she lives out of state for a number of months each year.

Jimmie Henslee provided an update on membership reporting 128 Life members of the association to date and an additional 112 annual members.

Dottie Clark reminded retirees that a new DCCCD Retirees Directory would be produced soon and gave April 1, 2017 as a deadline to provide any changes needed.

Dottie also reminded retirees that the deadline for nominations for the Retiree Hall of Honor for Administration, PSS and Faculty was April 7, 2017 and encouraged retirees to submit nominations.

Rosie Steffen facilitated the drawing of door prizes which included a \$50.00 Rock Fish gift card, two tickets to the Dallas Arboretum, a \$25.00 gift card to Calloway's Nursery, an emergency hammer for the car, bath cream and hand/body lotion set and a lock wallet for traveling.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Bette Plog, Secretary