

# The Senior Connection

TCC Retirees ~ May-June 2006

## "Snore? Not Me!" Dr. Tom Nunn, ENT, Will Speak to Retirees on May 10

At our May meeting, Dr. Tom Nunn of South Tulsa Ear, Nose, and Throat will talk to the Retirees on snoring and other ENT issues.

Feel free to bring questions, because after a 15-20 minute presentation, Dr. Nunn will open the floor to discussion. For snorers who attend the meeting with their spouses, he promises to exercise especial tact!

## June 14 Meeting at Philbrook

Join us at noon on June 14 for a docent-led tour of the Pre-Raphaelite Exhibit on loan from the Delaware Art Museum. Philbrook is at 2727 S. Rockford, just east of 27th and Peoria. The charge for non-Philbrook members is \$5.50 per person.

Stay after the tour—or join us at 1:00 just to eat—for lunch in the Villa Restaurant. Reservations aren't re-



quired, but the staff wants a tentative head-count, so contact Richard by 9:00 pm Monday the 12th—call 827-6406 or email him at rkrause1@peoplepc.com.

## The Prez Sez by Richard Krause

Hi, Everybody,

Looking forward to seeing everyone in May. We've missed the last two meetings, the one in March due to doctors' appointments and the one in April because we were on a cruise to the Western Caribbean.

Beautiful ship (the Grand Princess). We made port calls in Playa del Carmen, Belize City, Costa Maya and Cozumel. In Belize City we visited with the immigration and visa officer for the US Consulate there who was a Bishop Kelly HS classmate of our daughter. We had to be tendered in at every port except Costa Maya. The piers at Cozumel were totally destroyed by the Hurricane. Pat thoroughly enjoyed the gold and diamond shopping—ha! ha!

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## Retirees Invited to Join SRP Suit

Recent legal action is attempting to change what some TCC faculty interpret as inequities in the college's Supplemental Retirement Plan. Dave Wemhaner contacted the Retirees to see if any of our members are interested in participating.

Although all pertinent details were not yet available, Retirees at the March meeting briefly discussed the issue and passed two motions: (1) that the TCC Retiree membership rolls would not be distributed to anyone, but (2) that members would be given information on how to contact Dave in case they have questions.

Because there may be a 5-year statute of limitations, anyone who wants to participate in the suit should immediately contact Dave (dwemhaner@sbcglobal.net), Jim Hardwick (jimhardwick@yahoo.com), or the group's lawyers (Joe Clark and Richard Warzynski, 1622 S. Denver, Tulsa OK 74119; 918-585-5600).

## Assessor Ken Yazel Discussed Tax Issues

At the March 8 meeting, Ken Yazel, Tulsa County Assessor, spoke to the Retirees. He explained many issues pertinent to state, city, and county taxes.

Mr. Yazel and Kylie Rahlfs, his assistant (and a TCC grad), arrived early to set up the equipment needed to print tax summary sheets so that members could check the accuracy of data on their Tulsa County property.

Mr. Yazel explained how cap laws work both for and against seniors, since any change in a property's title will alter its tax base. He also discussed the appeals process, encouraging members to question any assessment changes they don't understand.

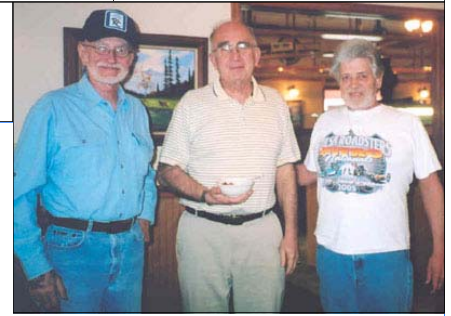
Thanks, Ken and Kylie, for such an enjoyable lesson on taxes.



Ken explains Bob's assessment

## News from TCC Retirees

Joe and Dean are persuading Larry to join our group after he retires



**George Dusanic:** The sports car club I belong to had a get together Wednesday, April 26th, at the Fish Shack in Coweta. If you haven't eaten there give it a try. Go on a Wednesday because that is when sports car and classic car buffs meet there and show off their cars. There are some real beauties to be seen. Some are cars. The food is good, so if you're not into cars, it's still worth the trip.

**Bobbie Woodward:** Thanks to everyone for the cards and notes that I received while I was in the hospital. I saw the doctor today and my pneumonia is gone. I am doing well.

**Monte Prater:** We're just back from a big trip spending time with my living relatives and Bob's dead ones—doing genealogy research in SC (Laurens and Charleston) and seeing cousins of mine in south GA and Fort Myers, FL. Wound up the trip with some childhood friends who still live in the same neighborhood where I grew up in Dillon, SC.

**Steve Murtha:** I am proud to announce that after all these years my son has finally given me a grandson: Owen Campbell Murtha!

**Jeanette Redman Girkin:** I was honored March 25th to go to Haviland, Kansas to Barclay College. I have wanted to provide scholarships to ministerial students for a long time. It was a thrill to present two one thousand dollar scholarships in Gene's and my name for the semester beginning August 2006. My plans are to also give \$50,000 for an endowment fund which will provide two scholarships for a few years; the interest will help extend the time of this fund. The two young men were extremely excited about receiving the money, and as you know, students usually need money.

I am going to Northern CA the 15th of May to visit four of Gene's cousins who live above Sacramento—looking forward to that. One of my granddaughters is expecting another baby in October—if they keep this up, I really will have a full house. Since I have an extra bedroom, one is decorated strictly for the children. They love to play there, but hate to pick up the toys.

I took Kay Adams to see Mary Munding at Muskogee and we drove through the azalea gardens. Not all of them were in bloom. Mary is having shoulder surgery on the 29th, so remember her in your prayers. We also went to Bakers, a wonderful place to eat, and had a wonderful steak—late birthday gift for Katie. Her birthday was in November but better later than never.

Wish all of you a super month of May—

**Paula Sullivan:** Serendipity is my operative word lately. While having lunch recently, my good friend in computer operations, Suzanne Long, asked what I was up to. My answer surprised me. "I'm going to start writing professionally again, but don't know what." We both laughed. Within a few hours came emails from two people on the same newspaper staff asking me to contribute articles, one a book review and the other an interview. It was a relief to know the specifics. Quite rusty, it took some 2000 words to get 700 publishable ones. No wonder graduate departments of English are dwindling and freelance writers struggle to pay for food and shelter.

Richard is off to NYC to do museums and hang out with our youngest daughter Maggie. I'll be home pet-sitting his cat Zoe. This summer we'll be spending a lot more time in Wisconsin with the grandgirls as we're buying a second home in Viroqua. The highlight of spring for us was having them here for their school break. That was too much fun.

**Judy Burnham:** Tulsa Oratorio Chorus will be performing Brahms' *German Requiem* Saturday, May 6,

Shirley and Bobbie talk to Judy while Clarence reads his Tulsa County tax booklet from Ken



## News from Retirees—Continued

8:00 p.m. at Tulsa's PAC. Tickets are \$17 general admission, \$12 seniors and students. You may purchase tickets at the door..... This will be the chorus's 5th performance of this great work (2 times in Mexico City in 2002); on Sunday, May 7, the chorus will be performing the same work in Miami, OK, at the performing arts auditorium. Tickets, I believe, will be \$10 general admission. Hope you can attend one of these concerts!

**Dora and Gary Blocker:** We really enjoyed our cruise "Mexican Riviera"

10 days out of San Diego to Acapulco, Mexico. We are looking forward to another cruise. This month (April) we took a bus tour (3 day/2 night) trip to Branson, Missouri, and had a great time. Stayed busy with seeing 5 shows, some tours, a little shopping, etc.

**Bob and Mildred Tally:** We just returned home from a 10 day trip to Arizona. We spent most of our time with Mildred's daughter Kristi, son-in-law Bob, the two grandson's, Tyler & Connor, ages 13 & 12, granddaughter Becky and 14 month old great-grandson Eli, but we did get to spend some time on Easter with 14 other members of Mildred's extended family.

Tyler has really grown, several inches taller than Mildred now but Connor has not had a teenage growing spurt yet. Becky is directing two plays at the local elementary school. Kristi keeps Eli.....what a little mess.....he is very cute but he has a bad temper. He is so independent and so busy that he does not have time to cuddle or even sit in our laps.

We installed a 5 ft pool fence on a patio so Eli could have an outside play area and be safe from their swimming pool. Our son-in-law's car was totaled when a vehicle hit him broadside. He was not hurt, but Kristi, Tyler & Connor were in their other vehicle and saw the accident happen, giving them all a real scare. We had a good time, but we are soooooo glad to be home!

We will be in Norman, OK, on May 12 & 13, celebrating with our oldest granddaughter as she receives her master's degree at the University of Oklahoma.

**Omer Cowan:** This has been a busy time of the year for us. We have had my son and wife with our two fabulous grand children visit from Tulsa. My nephew came to spend some time with us...as he enjoys the desert dry air...he is legally blind, retired and spends much time at home in Cypress, CA, so he took a vacation with the blessings of his wife and spend a week with us...we had a good time, also. Wesley has two new grandsons, one in Tulsa and one in Marietta, CA, and visiting both of them has added to the "busy time." I have been playing a lot of golf. Learning to play golf has been an accomplishment of which I am very proud. In fact, I do very well. Here, where we live, we have two nine hole regulation courses and one par three course. The fee to play golf is included in the Home Owners Assoc. dues, which is not all that much, and allows us to play all the golf we can, simply by obtaining a pass from the golf shack.

Spring has brought on many new flowers, roses making another appearance, jasmine vines cover our entrance, gardenias, poppies, and of course the blooms of the citrus trees fill the evening air with their fragrance. We will be around the house this summer as Wesley is busy with real estate, but we do plan for a trip to Ensenada, and Rosarita Beach, Mexico for a few days early fall.

**Shirley Cox:** Just returned from a Machine Knitting Seminar in Kansas City. Although it was a business meeting for me, I took several of my customers and we all had a great time learning more about using the machines and using specialty yarns to make lots of beautiful garments. I will be hosting a Machine Knitting Seminar in Tulsa Saturday May 6th. Anyone interested? Call me @ 449-4912. After that date I will be resting up to get ready for the summer plans of trips and grandchildren visits. We have a trip to Edmond Apr 27th to sing with our choir and another Apr 28 to Ok City to a museum and a drive by the capitol and that new shopping district by the ball park. Guess we'll rest up on the bus trips over and back.



Joe, Larry, Mildred, and the Coxes listen to Ken Yazel explain senior exemptions

## Retiree Spotlight: Shirley Cox by Mildred Tally



*Last fall we began "spotlighting" one Retiree in each issue. We launched the series with Bobbie Woodward and continued with George Dusanic, Bob Tally, and Dora Blocker. In July we'll focus on Richard Krause.*

Knowing where to start telling about Shirley Ann Harris Sparks Cox has been a challenge. She's a very busy person. Besides having two home businesses, Shirley is active in her church, the OK Home and Community Education Program-Tulsa County, the Cancer Treatment Center, the Machine Knitters Club, the International Linen Registry at Promenade, ushers at the Performing Arts Center-Williams Theatre and last but not least, the TCC Retirees.

Shirley was born in Chattanooga but grew up in and around Tyler, Kilgore and Henderson, TX. She was raised by an aunt and uncle who had two sons a few years older than Shirley. Her uncle worked in the oil fields. Shirley describes her childhood as one of cows, chickens, snakes, possums, wild blackberries, plums, muscadines, poke salad, fruit orchards, vegetable gardens and bee hives. She completed high school in Odessa, TX.

From early childhood, Shirley's greatest desire was to become a nurse. That dream began moving into reality at Baylor University, where she earned a BS in Nursing in 1955 and became an RN. In 1977 she completed a MS in Education at OSU, then a MS in Nursing at OU in 1985, both while a full time faculty member at TJC.

Shirley met her first husband in high school. They married in 1955, 17 days after her graduation at Baylor. They spent the next 15 years in El Paso, where they loved the sun, wind, sand storms, and their four young daughters. In 1970 they moved to Amarillo, where they learned that wind also blows from the North Pole and how to drive on ice and snow. Three years later they moved to Broken Arrow. After Bob's death, Shirley moved into Tulsa, but when she and Calvin looked for "their" home, they found themselves back in BA.

Shirley has experienced the death of a daughter and of her first husband. In 1977, her 20-year-old daughter, who had epilepsy, died after having a seizure. Shirley's first husband died following heart transplant surgery in October 1992. Shirley was in a Grief Recovery class at church when she met her present husband, Calvin. After a few months of shyness, they began a friendship that led to marriage four years later. Calvin's first wife had died about 6 months after Shirley's husband. Shirley says, "The second time around continues to be a great experience!"

Shirley's oldest daughter and family live in Metairie, LA, where her husband is a neonatalist at the New Orleans hospital that lost all power during Katrina, due to the generator's being flooded in the basement. This family, including three children, are living in the upstairs of their home while the

**Spotlight on Shirley Cont. on p. 6**

## Let's Talk More About Plan D By Paula Sullivan

*In March, Sally Bright wrote about her Plan D experience, and we asked if anyone wanted to add their input. Paula was the only one to reply—does anyone want to add another segment for the July issue?*

Here's a nickel's worth of information about Medigap and Plan D. As he turned 65, Richard did extensive homework on Medigap insurance and came up with AARP's United Health-care plan; he elected not to take the prescription program because at the time he was on no meds. His coverage is excellent, and for the last 2 1/2 years, with Medicare and AARP coverage he hasn't spent 15 cents on medical bills. AARP has paid everything Medicare doesn't.

So when Plan D opened up, he looked at numerous options. Never has he found Health Choice a very good option in terms of what it pays; we've had plenty of experience with my recent major surgeries. After studying lots of plans, he came back to AARP. He was getting his meds (given them right after he signed up for AARP) from Canada for about \$240 a month--half of the retail cost. But, with AARP Plan D that he recently signed up for, those meds were a total of \$43.00. He's very content with AARP. As soon as my Health Choice runs out, two months before I'm eligible for Medicare, I plan to switch to AARP insurance, too. The only reason I keep Health Choice now is that it's part of the "package" for my early retirement.



**July Newsletter:  
Please send in  
news by June 25**

## Reflections: Saga of the 1970s Metro Remodeling by Judy Burnham

*Richard Krause's and Bobbie Reed's horror stories in the March issue inspired Judy to send in her own nightmare—*

Hey, I am one of the original Originals and was there through all the 1st phase of construction. . . .what a mess!!! We worked right there in the construction zones along with the construction workers, something that likely would not happen today thanks to the EPA. Often I would trudge through the dimly lighted hallways on my way to class, dodging hanging wires, stacks of sheet rock, all sorts of equipment, and workmen in their hard hats. One day, while I was teaching Comp I in old Room 101 on the first floor, we heard an awful racket in the room next door; we realized that it was a bobcat (the machine, not the animal. . . .) because the driver then accidentally backed into the wall, crashing through into my classroom! I was writing on the board and to my students' glee, hurriedly dismissed class. Next class meeting, Room 101 had been demolished, so we had to find another room for class. I always wondered why faculty and staff had not been issued hard hats. It's a wonder that there were no casualties, except for the time Jerry Duis tripped over some extension cords and went tumbling down the stairs. I think he suffered only a broken leg. We were tough in those days!

## Reflections: Dorothy's Original Letter Founding the Retirees

*Bobbie Reed, our Official Historian, recently found the following letter from Dorothy Watson to TJC retirees—the group's very first correspondence. It was too late to include it in the March birthday issue, so we wanted to share it now. Scanning captured the late 80s computer fonts and dot matrix printing, but the end product was so hard to read that we opted to sacrifice authenticity in favor of easy readability. Notice the 1988 date—a full year before folks actually gathered at the 41st & Peoria Mazzio's for the group's first meeting!*

March 18, 1988

Dear TJC Retiree:

Please forgive the form letter. I want to reach everyone at the same time and am not that great a letter writer, so-o-o.

As people have asked me if I miss my job, the answer has become clear in my mind; I don't miss the job, but I do miss the people. Then the idea bounced into my head that it would be intriguing to see if other TJC retirees shared my point of view to the point of interest in forming a TJC Retiree Group. There are some disadvantages:

1. There would be meetings to attend,
2. Coordination would call for persons to help,
3. We might start and then wonder why we did so, and
4. Many of us are fortunate enough to travel a good bit and would be, at best, erratic in attending meetings.

There are also some advantages:

1. There would be meetings to attend,
2. We would see friends and acquaintances with whom we had worked,
3. We might make new friends,
4. As a group we could invite persons to speak with us about matters of specific interest to TJC retirees,
5. As a group we could invite persons to speak with us about matters of interest to all retirees, and
6. We could re-kindle the collegiality which we now miss.

Surely all of you have by now thought of additional advantages and disadvantages; after all, most of us have had some experience in creating through reciprocal communication!

I favor the idea enough to send this initial letter and solicit your opinions. To make it easier for us all, I am enclosing a label with my address on it and a form on which you can indicate your favorable and/or unfavorable inclinations toward my idea. If sufficient interest is expressed we will get together to see what is "cookin'." I look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially, Dorothy

## Reflections: Help Bobbie Fill Our Scrapbook

Bobbie Reed may be our Official Historian, but the Retirees' "Other Bobbie"—Bobbie Woodward—is our Official Scrapbooker. She uses old photos from Bobbie Reed plus pictures from old and recent newsletters. Bobbie's doing a great job—as you can see from this picture of Richard poring over it, but she needs more material. If you have photos, memorabilia, or war stories from the "old days," call or email her (369-5275; Pbwoodward@aol.com). She'll scan what you send her and return it immediately.



## Reflections: Memories of the "Old Days" at TJC

by Judy Burnham

Honey, I should write a book. . . only I'd probably be SUED. I have lots of tales to tell about those old days. . . wonderful parties for faculty given by Jeannie Wells, a Board of Regents member. . . very gracious lady. Having to walk literally BLOCKS from where we had to PAY to park to Metro Campus, which at that time was only TJC--- stepping over passed-out winos in alleyways on our daily treks from the parking lot to school. . . the huge explosion in a little restaurant across the street from Metro, killing two people, destroying many cars and buildings; the explosion itself shook our building and cracked some windows; Earnie Montgomery was in my office visiting at the time. . . we thought OUR building had exploded. It was a mess for days. . . looked like a war zone. That was the beginning of the clean-up campaign around the campus. . . whereas before, the area was cluttered with ramshackle buildings, old apartments, and, supposedly, a house of ill-repute (and I had always thought that TEACHING was the oldest profession!)

***If you have any memories or "war stories" like this, send them to Bobbie W for the scrapbook and to me to share in future newsletters.***

## Spotlight on Shirley— Cont. from page 4

lower floor is being rebuilt. At the July meeting Shirley will tell Retirees more about this family's experiences during and after Katrina. Shirley's middle daughter is a pediatrician here in Tulsa. She and her husband have two children. Shirley's youngest daughter is a math educator who's presently a stay at home mom to two children. Calvin's oldest son is retired Army and lives in Virginia. He has one son. Calvin's other son, who has one daughter, lives in Broken Arrow. Calvin's daughter and her family live in Tulsa with their son and daughter. This brings a total of four daughters, two sons and eleven grandchildren ages five to seventeen. Holidays must be a lot of fun for the Coxes!

Shirley had been teaching Nursing at Amarillo College prior to moving to OK. After a few years of adjustment to new surroundings, faculty and administrative policies, she settled into her teaching responsibilities at TJC. She was doing the things she loved most, caring for patients and teaching others to do the same. Shirley said that it took several months to get to participate in conversations because of friends like Kathy Smith, Brenda Martin, Marty Doyle and others, who talked very fast and furious!

Shirley has many stories to tell about her experiences at TJC. It seems that remodeling was always going on— one day she left her office for a few minutes and couldn't get back! Another moment that remains with her was when she finally got to speak with Dr. Philips and Dr. VanTrease concerning the school's new policy requiring the Nursing Faculty to have an MS in Nursing. She also remembers fondly getting to help design the Nursing Laboratories and getting in on the ground floor of computer testing. Shirley says there is a lot more to these stories, but space does not allow for all she could tell.

Shirley has two businesses under the name of Shirley's Specialties. She sells knitting machines and yarn, teaches hand and machine knitting, crocheting and tatting. She has just acquired Sewing/Embroidery machines, a Serger and Embellisher. Shirley's second business is selling Longaberger Baskets and accessories. She says her real hobbies are fishing, playing in the yard with flowers, and enjoying doing things with the grandchildren.

**July Meeting:  
Shirley will talk  
about  
New Orleans  
During and  
After Katrina**

## Some Notes that Retirees Sent to Bob Tally with their Checks for Dues

**Al Philips:** Hi to all! I have a new address (The Parke, 7821 East 76th St., Tulsa, OK 74133). When I'm out of my wheelchair, I look forward to coming to lunch again. I really enjoy your cards! Best regards to all.

**Marina Metevelis:** Sure enjoy receiving the newsletter every other month. Love keeping up with the retirees. Guess you know they're trying to get rid of a few more of the "older ones," but this time it went over like a lead balloon. They're moving me again—trying to get rid of me, but I don't budge—want a permanent place for the Heritage Center. Regards to all.

**Ruth Weaver:** Thanks to all of you for your support during this difficult time. Your concern and prayers are most welcomed.

**Joe Reidy** said he's had shingles and been hospitalized so doesn't get out much, but he enjoys hearing about what the other TCC retirees are doing through the newsletter. Joe said to ask Bobbie Woodward about their first student on the West Campus....Joe's phone number is 836-3290

**Elizabeth Mercer:** Please drop my name from the mailing list since I am not active in the group. All the best to the TCC Retirees.

## Prez Sez—Cont. from page 1

Life on board ship was wonderful. Food was exceptional, service was exceptional, and we both decided that given more money and time we would take more cruises. Luckily we have the time; all we need is the money!!!

Our next away trip is the last of June to Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, where our son is pinning on Lieutenant Colonel.

Our basketball team and one cheerleader are doing well. They are a joy. We now understand what it means to spoil them and send them home. Isn't revenge sweet!!

## Welcome, New Retirees!

*Work area and start date given when known*

- Craig Baker, Biology, 1981
- James D. Blackburn, Mathematics, 1980
- Harvey "Kelley" Blake, Systems Programmer
- Louis Bordwine, Campus Police Supervisor, 1989
- Ernest M. Bourget, Paraprofessional, 1985
- Larry Cantrell, Painter Supervisor, 1977
- Austin J. Craig, Maintenance Engineer
- Darlene Cushenberry, NEC FACET Center, 1982
- Richard Davis, Information Systems, 1973
- Rita Duncan, Sociology, 1991
- Ushadevi Gowda, Accountant, 1979
- Dayton Green, Systems Programmer, 1987
- Connie Hacker, Computers, 1985
- Gail Hill, Information Systems, 1984
- Linda C. Hodges, Office Support Assistant
- Harvey Lamberson, Speech, 1970
- Suzan King, English
- Pat McCall, LRC
- Marvita McGuire, Biology, 1991
- Joe McKenna
- Ralph Macon, Custodial Supervisor, 1980
- Maxine P Minson, Speech/English
- Earnie Montgomery, Geography, 1970
- Janene W. Nelson, Biology
- Larry L. Nelson, Maintenance Engineer
- G. Dale Parkey, Interior Design, 1985
- Barney Ryan, Mathematics, 1980
- Vernon Tim Sander, Chief Engineer, 1991
- Margaret Stewart, Computers, 1988
- Paula Thomas, Librarian
- Carla Thompson, Teacher Prep./Mathematics, 1980
- Carol E. Thompson, Office Support Assistant, 1989
- Carole A. Thompson, Nursing
- Laura Walker, Global Educ./Internat. Languages
- Karen Ward, Mathematics, 1987
- Allan L. Weintraub, Business/Marketing
- Maria Whitney, Purchasing Representative, 1978
- Johnny A. Wilhelm, Maintenance Engineer
- Doug Willis, Veterans Services, 1989

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### Spring 06 Meetings at Ollie's

**March:** Joe Cantrell, Larry Cantrell, Shirley and Calvin Cox, George Dusanic, Judy Mann, Bob Melott, Monte and Bob Prater, Alex Prayson, Bobbie and Clarence Reed, Bob and Mildred Tally, Dean VanTrease

**April:** Fred Ames, Joe Cantrell, Pam Chaney, Shirley and Calvin Cox, George Dusanic, Tony Krehbiel, Judy Mann, Steve Murtha, Monte and Bob Prater, Alex Prayson, Bob and Mildred Tally

### Jean Arrington, Metro

Nov. 24, 1922 to March 8, 2006

### Meeting Info

#### 2nd Wednesday of each Month

**May 10 1:00 at Ollie's**

**Dr. Tom Nunn, ENT,**

**On "Snore? Not Me!"**

**June 14 Philbrook Museum**

**12:00 tour (optional)**

**1:00 lunch**

**Headcount to Richard by**

**9:00 pm Monday the 12th**

**July 13 1:00 at Ollie's**

**Shirley Cox on**

**"New Orleans During and  
After Katrina"**

**Any Ideas for Programs?**

**Call or email Richard.**

### Current Retiree Membership List Narrowed to Those Paying 2006 Dues

This newsletter marks the first Retiree publication limited to those who have either paid their 2006 dues or retired during the current calendar year and therefore exempt from dues until January 2007.

Members voted to adopt this policy because of the increase in postage and the decrease in the number of Retirees who contributed financially. We hope that this action will build commitment and help our organization to grow. Retirees who wish to be reinstated may send a \$10 check to **Bob Tally, Treasurer, 1624 East 56 Court, Tulsa OK 74105.**

Following is a list of the current membership in our group. Some receive newsletters and correspondence via email and some via US mail. The names of new Retirees are added as they express an interest in joining. Retirees do not have to pay dues for the first calendar year of their retirement.

Members: Kay Adams, Fred Ames, Greta Atchley,

Margie Barre, Dora and Gary Blocker, Jim Bohlmann, Raymond Brady, Joanne Braxton, Floyd Briggs, Sally Bright, Judy Burnham, Hugh Callery, Joe Cantrell, Pam Chaney, Mary Cooper, Omer Cowan, Shirley Cox, Joan Derby, Barbara Dow, George Dusanic, Adelia Farris, Kent Fockler, Helen Glucksman, Brenda Haley, Eva Hall, Robbie Harris, Norma Holley, Helen Holzchuh, Russ Hutchison, Theodore Kachel, Richard Krause, Tony Krehbiel, Jerrold and Kathryn Lawless, Sue Lohmann, Joyce Lyons, Marcene Mackey, Judy Mann, Brenda Martin, Jeanne McCharen, Gerry McDonald, Bob Melott, Marina Metevelis, June Moore, Steve Murtha, Paula Netherton, Doris Orr, Iris Painter, Ron Paquette, Al Philips (Life-Time Member), Jim Pogue, Monte Prater, Alex Prayson, Jim Price, Kathy Purser, Bill Putnam, Jeannette Girkin Redman, Bobbie Reed, Joe Reidy, Audrey Rose, Oneta Ryan, Larry Scroggins, Richard Serkes, Pat Smith, Richard Stanish, Marilyn Strange, Paula Sullivan, Bill Sutterfield, Bob Tally, Dean VanTrease, Dorothy Watson, Ruth Weaver, Bill Wells, Bill Wilbanks, Bobbie Woodward.