Luncheon features Board of Directors election and guidance on having open family discussions

By unanimous vote in each case, members approved both business items up for consideration during the Fall Luncheon. First, they accepted the slate of nominees suggested to replace members of the UCFRA Board of Directors whose terms were ending. And second, members sanctioned the request by the Board to allow an exception to the Association’s By-Laws to extend the treasurer’s term of office for another two years.

Joining the board as new members are Helen Hill and Kathie Holland. Board member Marilyn Salter agreed to serve a second two-year term and was re-elected. And, due to the By-Laws exception, Linda Bonta remains on the Board as treasurer for another two-year term.

The luncheon program was a presentation by Donna Gray, a registered nurse, who is the project coordinator for “The Conversation Project” in Central Florida. With the goal of encouraging everyone to have “an open dialog” with family and friends regarding health considerations and “rest-of-life” decisions, Donna provided guidelines and tips on how to accomplish that sometimes daunting task. For further information on the organization or to download a starter kit, please go to the website: theconversationproject.org

This year’s fall scholarship was awarded to Glenda Phillip, a senior majoring in accounting. Unfortunately, a very full class schedule prevented Glenda from attending the luncheon.

In gratitude for their years of service to the UCF Retirement Association, Barbara Ratti and Barth Engert received rounds of rousing applause as they completed their terms as board members. Framed certificates of appreciation were presented to them as a small token of the Association’s sincere thanks.
Welcome goes out to new members and congratulations to recent retirees

On Santa’s “naughty-or-nice” list this year, the UCF Retirement Association must have been very, very good because the jolly old elf has gifted us with seven new members as we close out the year! Thanks, Santa, as we jingle some bells to welcome these new members: Stephen F. Borde (Finance), Christian Clausen, III (Chemistry), Marly Glidewell (College of Medicine), Larry C. Holt (College of Education), Husain Kassim (Philosophy), Gerald Mattson (Chemistry), and Walter Zuluaga (Computer Services).

We also extend best wishes for smooth sailing into retirement for these newly retired UCF employees: Veronica Adams (Housekeeping), Robert M. Bohm (Criminal Justice), Dennis Erney (Physical Plant), Leonor Espinal (Housekeeping), Julie Faris (Electrical Engineering & Computer Science), Albert John Francis II (Alumni Affairs), Sonja Gonzalez Smith (College of Health and Public Affairs), James L. Gregory (Maintenance), George Jacinto (Social Work), Diane Jacobs (College of Medicine), John Peter Kincaid (Institute for Simulation and Training), Pappachan Kolattukudy (College of Medicine), Larry M. Langford (College of Medicine), Maria Leiba (Housekeeping), Migdalia Martin (Housekeeping), Ben A. McMahan (Alumni Affairs), Luis E. Rodriguez (Maintenance), John C. Romanski (Computer Services), Marshall N. Scribner (Maintenance), Barbara Sherwood (Counseling Center), Raymond Smith (Student Union), and William James Thompson (Industrial Engineering & Management Systems).

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and peace, health, and happiness in the coming new year.

Your UCFRA Board of Directors