WHo We Are

Prior to 2003 the University of Alabama retirees spoke with a weak voice and had little influence on decisions made in Montgomery affecting our retirement benefits and PEEHIP.

On October 23, 2003, Wayne Teague, former State Superintendent of Education, and Janice Charlesworth, Executive Secretary of AERA, met with about forty UA retirees who recognized the importance of organizing a higher education unit to demonstrate grassroots interest and involvement to our legislators.

A steering committee was selected to begin work on the formation of a local organization. The steering committee, led by CoChairmen, M.L. Roberts and Martha Rogers, included Doris Burton, Pat Green, Bobby Ray Hicks, Claude Hutcherson, William Stewart, and Frankie Thomas.

Over the course of the next year, the group developed a name, The University of Alabama Retirees Association (TUARA), drew up a constitution and by-laws, and nominated and elected a slate of officers.

TUARA received its charter from the Alabama Education Retirees Association (AERA) in Montgomery, AL, on January 12, 2004. Since that date, the board has expanded from the original 13 to 18 members. Today, TUARA continues to advocate on the behalf of UA Retirees.

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Members are updated with news relating to meetings and pertinent issues of concern to higher education retirees via a group email TUARA ListServ. RoboCalling is in place for members without access to email.

RESOURCES

AERA (800.537.6867) www.aerainc.org
“Fighting for your rights in the legislature”

TRS/PEEHIP (877.517.0020) www.rsa-al.gov

AARP (888.687.2277) www.aarp.org

Social Security (800.772.1213) www.ssa.gov

WHY SHOULD I BECOME A MEMBER?
PURPOSE

1) To present the problems and needs of retired University of Alabama personnel by communicating with representatives of the University, government, and other groups

2) To educate the public about the problems and needs of retired persons

3) To promote continuing support by members alumni, and friends of the University to help enhance the scholarly and other professional objectives of the institution in order to more effectively serve the students and citizens of the state and nation in the years ahead.

SERVICE

Established in 2011, the Robert E. Witt First-Generation Book Scholarship annual fund was created by TUARA to provide one-time scholarships for first-generation students. Accounting major Yu Zheng (pictured right) is one of the 2016 scholarship recipients.

MEMBERSHIP

Who should join?

- Retired University of Alabama employees and their spouses, widows, and widowers
- Persons presently employed by The University of Alabama retiring in five years or less, and their spouses
- Associate membership available to non-education state retirees

BENEFITS

TUARA advocates to maintain, protect, and enrich retiree benefits and programs for its members.

Advocates on behalf of retirees by maintaining a presence on campus committees to monitor proposed policy changes and provide advice on how such changes impact retirees

Fosters a strong working relationship with The University of Alabama & The UA Office of the President as an officially recognized campus affiliate

Partners with the Alabama Education Retirees Association (AERA) to represent and protect retiree fiscal and well-being benefits controlled by the AL legislature

Communicates retiree benefit updates such as health and prescription plan changes, income adjustments and more

Publishes an informative newsletter semi-annually at www.hr.ua.edu/tuara.

Promotes and monitors member services contributed within the community.

Honors an outstanding retiree annually with the Dr. Judy L. Bonner Award

Offers enlightenment and fun with a variety of informational, educational, and social programs

Provides networking with colleagues and friends to maintain, refresh, and develop professional relationships and personal friendships.

As of Fall 2016, more than $12,500 has been awarded in scholarships.

JOIN TODAY!* 

ONLINE: For a membership application, visit www.hr.ua.edu/tuara

BY MAIL: Send your name, address, email, and phone number to The University of Alabama Retirees Association PO Box 861493 Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35486

$25 All categories of membership

*Dues are for January to December