REA NEWSLETTER

Spring 2024



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear REA members,

Happy 2024! It was nice to see everyone at the annual Holiday Social and Luncheon. Here's to a wonderful new year.

Thanks to Tori Bennett for coordinating the event and for being an excellent liaison with the Division of Advancement, Dan Lucas for the Foundation update, Ellen Till and Anna Lochas for the table decorations and the door prize baskets, and all of the Board members for their valuable contributions of time and service.

We have some upcoming events at the CFPA and at the Sports Complex listed in our events section, and we hope to see you there.

If you have an interest in serving on the Board please give me a shout out. We meet once a month, and we would love your input.

As you can probably tell we have a solid relationship with the Pensacola Camellia Club. The Camilla Garden on campus was created by past members Gordon Eade and Ben Williamson. We try to honor their memories by keeping it clean while creating a beautiful serene spot on campus for meditation and study.

We are: Staying Involved, Keeping Informed. Bill Healey



UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS

Cocoa and Camellias Wed. February 14 10:00 a.m. @ UWF Camellia Garden

Sat. February 24 9:00 a.m. @ UWF Camellia Garden

Camellia Garden Work Day

Gardening Demonstrations and Plant Sale by PCC Sun. February 25 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. @ UWF Camellia Garden Dutch Treat Lunch

Mon. March 4

11:30 a.m.

@ Taylor's Lunch

& Breakfast

Camellia Garden Tour with PCC & Leisure Learning
Sat. March 13
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

@ UWF Camellia Garden

REA Day at the Ball Park
UWF Baseball & Softball
Sat. April 6
1:00 p.m.

@ UWF Jim Spooner Field

The Drowsy Chaperone Sun. April 14 2:30 p.m. @ UWF CFPA REA Annual Meeting
Thur. May 9
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
@ Argonaut Athletic Club

REA EVENT RECAP - OKTOBERFEST 2023

We held an Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at the UWF Aquatic Center Courtyard.



Barbara & Tom Henderson & Ellen Till

Pat & Reeder Smith

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Linda & Sam Gibbs

Anna Shiplee & Louise Tolbert



Kay & Doug Friedrich

Tulsa & Grady Morein



Pete Young

Judy & Jim Weaver

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Ingrid & Carl Backman

Anna Lochas & Ellen Till



Jacqui & Bob Berger

Rick Koch & Kris Behan



Pat Dyehouse

Ellen Till, Bill Healey, & Carl Backman

REA EVENT RECAP - HOLIDAY PARTY 2023

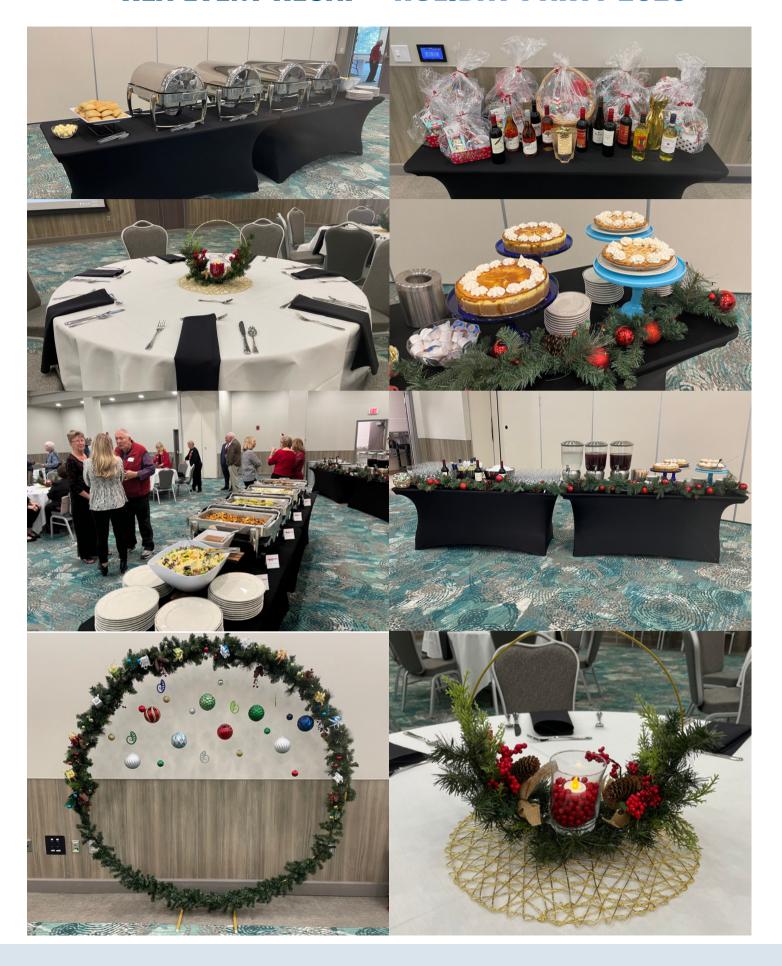
We hosted our annual Holiday Party on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at the UWF Conference Center.



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CONNOR'S OR NE Paws for a woof from our Mascot...

Happy New Year everyone!

Connor here. I hope you are looking forward to 2024 just as I am. Mom has arranged for me to get some physical therapy for my arthritis (and hopefully to lose some of the extra weight I picked up during the COVID time.) So now, once or twice a week I get to take a stroll in what is called an underwater treadmill. The water bears some of the weight letting me walk longer and easier, strengthening the muscles and using up extra calories. Boy, as my mom says, getting old ain't for sissys. It takes hard work and dedication. This summer I will turn 12 (that's 84 in dog years!) I'll be working hard to make sure that I can continue to spread some canine love both at the Airport and at Mom's favorite University, UWF.

MEMBER SUBMISSION

Poem by Louise Tolbert

Over the bridge to Pensacola I came To Azalea Trace on floor six The apartment is small but fine after all And the services the best so they claim.

The residents are friendly that certainly is so And the food gets prizes it's true 120 acres are kept by those very adept My decision was a good one I know.

Former neighbors and friends I can always see I am just twenty four miles from my home UWF is next door so I have friends very near And people pay visits to me.

The schedule is full with classes and fun Exercise is very easy to do I am in the gym, the library and the halls And daily see the rise of the sun.

Wishes are coming from the old email address
The landline did not move with me
The cell is the same so please give me a call
To hear me praise life without stress.

10100 Hillview Dr. apt 601 is the place 32514 is the zip Pensacola is the town where I now reside In lovely Azalea Trace.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Joy Ward invites REA members to parkrun at UWF

I am more of a walker than runner, and I enjoy the outdoors. That's how I got involved with parkrun. It gets me out of the house Saturday mornings to arrive at Rec Plex North on UWF's campus for the start at 7:30am sharp. Sometimes I do a walk/run and sometimes I just come out to volunteer and share a smile and an encouraging cheer at the finish line. There is usually about 70 participants in the timed 5K. We see fit young people to energetic 80-year-olds. Dog walkers are welcome too (if your pooch is leashed and well-behaved). It's nice to see so many people experience the satisfaction of getting more active. Each week we have a post run coffee social at the Argonaut Village Starbucks. Parkrun is an international organization that is free to join. Pensacola's parkrun has a unique partnership with UWF in that parkrun at Rec Plex North is the first American parkrun on a university campus. Why not come check it out? For more information, visit the website.

Pensacola's Rec Plex North parkrun/walk https://www.parkrun.us/recplexnorth/



IN REMEMBRANCE

David Seiler July 2023 Ina Freeman August 2023

Elaine Smith October 2023

Jack Broach December 2023 Bobbie Curtis
December 2023

Paul Hamilton December 2023 Annie Ruth Howard January 2024

REMEMBER WHEN

Article from the July 31, 1986 issue of the UWF Fountain.

Student activities director sets priorities for new post

James R. Hurd has been named director of student activities at UWF.

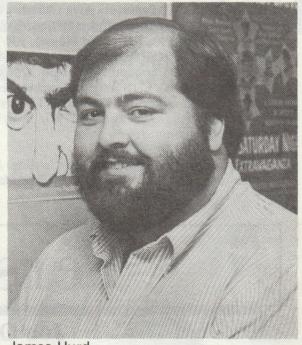
Hurd, who has a master's degree in student personnel services from Northwestern State University of Louisiana, has been program director of the Texas A&M University Memorial Student Center since June 1984. He also served Texas A&M as a program adviser and as a senior program adviser.

"After nearly two years of searching for a student activities director, we are delighted to have selected someone with the experience of Jim Hurd," said Ken Curtis, UWF vice president for student affairs.

Hurd already has identified priorities to be accomplished after his Aug. 8 arrival at UWF. "First, I want to find out what the student organizations feel their needs are, to give us a basis from which to work," said Hurd, who plans to solicit the input of Greeks and other student groups by making personal visits to their meetings.

Another priority is an evaluation of the facility which houses the student activities office and the existing programs of student activities.

"Possibilities include a student art



James Hurd

gallery, additional lounge space to make the facility more inviting to students and more meeting room space to get student organizations back in the building," Hurd said. "The goal is to strengthen the affiliation students feel toward the university."

Hurd and his wife, Patti, both Georgia natives, and their 6-month-old daughter, Jenny, will reside in Milton.

Jim worked at the University until his retirement in 2019. He and his wife Patti now live in Apex, North Carolina, a suburb of Raleigh. They have three daughters and seven grandchildren.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please let us know if you would like to include anything in the next newsletter. We would like to include some narrative and pictures about travel, hobbies, or other experiences that would be of interest to other members. Please send this information to rea@uwf.edu