



RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

UW-Madison Retirement Association 2018-19 Electronic Technology Committee Report Kathy Christoph and Louise Robbins, Co-Chairs

The Electronic Technology Committee (ETC) meets monthly from 1:00-2:30 p.m. on the 4th Thursday. Membership for 2018-2019 included Kathy Christoph, Louise Robbins, Millard Susman, Ann Wallace, Rachel Baker, Tom Stevens, Paul Reichel, Diane Kravetz, Judy Craig, Carol Graham. Executive Director Sandi Haase attends regularly. We began the year by noting the death of our member Halliman Winsborough. Three new members have joined the committee for 2019-2020.

ETC focused generally on two kinds of activities in 2018-2019: Lecture-style presentations for large groups and smaller programs called Getting IT Done (GITD), which follow the committee meetings. Major presentations for the year included:

- “Hope Is Not a Strategy” by Scott Snyder on backing up and securing your computer
- “How to Capture and Keep Your Family History Using Digital Recording” by Troy Reeves, UW Oral historian
- “Molecular Me: The Genomics Revolution” by Jason Fletcher, Professor of Public Affairs, Sociology, Agricultural and Applied Economics, and Population Health Sciences
- “Intro to Living Ledger” co-sponsored with Committee on Financial Matters in Retirement
- “Google Tools for Everyday Tasks” by John Martin, DoIT Academic Technology
- “What’s Happening at DoIT? A Perspective from User Services” about changes to DoIT User Services, Help Desk and Repair Services by Tamara Walker, DoIT Interim Director of User Services

Getting IT Done (GITD) programs included:

- “An update on viruses, malware, and other internet threats” facilitated by Rachel
- “Technology smartness and security” facilitated by Judy
- “Can We Learn to Bank the Way Today’s Students Do?” online banking presented by UW Credit Union and organized by Judy
- “Password Management” facilitated by Orv and Rachel
- “What Are They and How Do They Work?” how-to session on topics such as saving files as pdfs or jpegs, etc. facilitated by Orv and Rachel

ETC also submitted several Sifter articles on items covered in GITD sessions or on topics that are hard to cover in one session.

Both programs and GITD sessions are proving to be popular. Attendance is good.

Most meetings and programs are held at Oakwood (thank you, Oakwood) with others held at Fitchburg Public Library (thank you, Fitchburg). Special thanks to Frank Boll, who provides videotaping for many of the programs.