



Attending the Sequatchie County Retired Teachers Association's February meeting included (left to right) Secretary Diane Martin, Vice President Glenn Eidson, Guest Speaker Dr. Monty Long and President Marlene Basham.

Dr. Long speaks to retired teachers at February meeting

The Sequatchie County Retired Teachers Association (SCRTA) met on February 20 at the Ewton Annex in Dunlap. Twenty-six members enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Misty Smith and sponsored by Susan Greer and the Elizabeth Greer Adams Law Group. President Marlene Basham welcomed the group, and David Layne gave a devotional and grace before the meal.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Dunlap chiropractor Dr. Monty Long. Dr. Long began by reading several Bible verses regarding the importance of knowing and using one's gifts to bring wisdom to others and glory to God. He stated that teachers use so many varieties of special gifts to accomplish great things in the lives of their students.

Dr. Long, a 1992 graduate of Sequatchie County High School, attended the University of the South/Sewanee, then UT Knoxville, and then chi-

ropractic school. He has practiced in Dunlap for 23 years and has seen more than 10,000 patients.

"I thank all of my former teachers and administrators who molded me into the man I have become today," said Dr. Long. "My public school education prepared me well for every educational challenge I faced."

Dr. Long reminisced with the group about his memories from each grade, telling a story about each year, some humorous, some inspirational, and some confessional.

In business, Carolyn Sims presented information about the upcoming Sequatchie County elections in March, August, and November, including registration deadlines and early voting dates.

Marlene Basham informed the group that the next SCRTA meeting will be held March 26, while the Spring Regional RTA meeting will be March 25 in Knoxville. Basham also stated that the local membership roll lists 56 retired teachers.

Linda Barker presented the necrology report, eulogizing five of the association's recently-deceased colleagues - Judith Kerley, Patsy Pope, Deanie Smith Barker, Tweetie Ball, and Leann Austin Moore. It was also mentioned that member Minnie Lee Deakins will be 100 years old in April.

Carolyn Sims led a discussion about the voucher bill, which is scheduled to go before a subcommittee in the Tennessee House of Representatives soon.