

# Retirement Times

## President's Message

Happy birthday America! This is the month when we focus on our freedom as we celebrate America's birthday. We pay tribute to those who have fought and continue to fight to preserve this freedom today.

One of these freedoms is to vote for our Legislators. This month a panel of our state Legislators will participate in an open forum. After brief comments from Legislators, you will be able to ask your questions and get answers directly from them. Please mark your calendar for July 27th and plan to attend this very important meeting. We are honored to have them take time from their busy schedules to be with us.

Legislation is a very important part of our daily lives. Each year bills are signed in to law which directly impact each of us. The Legislators need to hear your concerns. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact them. After all, we all are (or should be) voters.

We do appreciate all you do for retired teachers and for education.

Jeanette Casteel, President

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## KCRTA At Work

KCRTA was represented at the annual TRTA RA in Murfreesboro, TN on June 13. Jeanette Casteel, David Huntsinger, Valerie Biberdorf, Sally Young, Margaret Willis, Dot Aldmon, Lexa Hooten, and Elnora William attended the meeting.

## News Flash

**KCRTA Directories are no longer sent by US Mail. They are available for pick up at meetings only.**

## KCRTA GOES HI-TECH

The KCRTA Newsletter will soon only be available by email. To receive an electronic copy, please email newsletter editor, Leslie Casteel at [lcasteel@casteelandcompany.com](mailto:lcasteel@casteelandcompany.com). If you would like a hard copy, please contact Jeanette.

We also have a new FACEBOOK page. The Page name is Knox County (TN) Retired Teachers Association. Just search FB and like the page. It will keep you informed of current events and more up to date information.

The web address is [www.kcrta.net](http://www.kcrta.net). We are currently trying to get the website up and running. Look for it soon.

## Knox County Education Museum

The hours of operation are from 11:00 am—4:00 pm, Monday—Friday. The Museum is located in the Sarah Simpson Building, 801 Tipton Avenue, Room 100, Knoxville, Tennessee 37920. Donations can be made at each meeting.

Last month, KCRTA toured the Knox County Museum of Education. If you were unable to attend, you missed a real treat. A lot of history was brought back to life as we strolled down memory lane.

## Membership

If you have not already done so, would you please take a moment to send in your check and membership form. We need you and you need our voice in Nashville as well as Washington. Thanks you.

# KCRTA

Knox County Retired Teachers  
Association



## KCRTA Officers and Chairs

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David Huntsinger

## Calendar

Be sure to mark your calendar for the following dates of the Knox County Retired Teachers Association meetings:

- July 27, 2017  
Legislative Forum
- September 28, 2017  
Bob Thomas, Knox  
County Schools  
Superintendent
- November 16, 2017  
Scholarship Luncheon

Meetings are held at the Foundry, 747 World's Fair Drive, at 11:15 am. Meetings are usually held on the fourth Thursday of alternate months. The Executive Board meets at 9:30 am. All members are welcome to attend.

Quote of the Month:

"May the sun in his own course  
visit no land more free, more  
happy, more lovely, than this  
our own country"

*Daniel Webster*

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## Information & Protective Services

Many providers will offer transportation for medical appointments, to and from nursing homes and hospitals, for holiday or special occasion visits, and other trips. Some hospitals, medical, rehabilitation, or other providers offer free transportation or clients to/from their facilities.

**Counseling for transportation (CAC)...(865) 673-5001 helps callers determine which local transportation services suit needs and helps access those services. Many times these are free. Errand services are provided for a fee.**

There is an excellent resource book [Senior Service Directory](#) published by Knox CAC Office on Aging available at all of the Knox County Public Libraries or by calling their office at (865) 524-2786. It is valuable resource!

Pam Chipley, Chairman

## Scholarship Foundation

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At each meeting we have the opportunity to make a donation to the Scholarship Foundation, an important aspect of our association. If you want to mail a contribution to the Scholarship Fund, send your check (made to KCRTA Scholarships) to: Lexa Hooten, KCRTA Scholarship Fund, 716 Plainfield Road, Knoxville, TN 37923.

## Necrology

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