

Retirement Times

President's Message

Welcome to 2017! With the beginning of the new year, we begin to think about things we would like to change in our personal life. Some things we can control; however, others we can not. We make New Year resolutions to address those changes. On this note, I began to think about a KCRTA resolution that could benefit us as members and impact our association in a positive way. Please join me in adopting this resolution for your New Year KCRTA commitment.

WHEREAS KCRTA membership is decreasing while retiree numbers are increasing, and we become stronger when membership grows, and,

WHEREAS KCRTA provides an opportunity for fellowship, community service, and timely information involving retirement, therefore be it

RESOLVED that I will invite and / or bring fellow retirees to KCRTA meetings / events, and be it further

RESOLVED that I will share information with retirees and invite them to join KCRTA, and be it further

RESOLVED that I will become an active member by volunteering my time and sharing my talents to serve KCRTA in whatever capacity.

It is with great anticipation that I look forward to what 2017 has in store for KCRTA!

Jeanette Casteel, President

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KCRTA GOES HI-TECH

The KCRTA Newsletter is now available by email. To receive an electronic copy, please email newsletter editor, Leslie Casteel at lcasteel@casteelandcompany.com.

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. We are currently trying to get the website up and running. Look for it soon.

Membership

We need your support, TRTA needs your support, and NEA/R needs your support. TRTA is the only voice in Nashville for retired teachers. Our part time TRTA staff works tirelessly to protect our retirement plan and benefits and to enhance your retirement. Would you please take a moment to write a check and send it in so we can include you in our numbers?

Membership begins with ME. Each member is important to KCRTA. Please consider a regular pension deduction of \$5.00 per month to be deducted from your TCRS check. It eliminates having to remember to send in your check each year.

KCRTA

Knox County Retired Teachers
Association



KCRTA Officers and Chairs

President: Jeanette Casteel

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Past President: Elnora Williams

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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:

- January 26, 2017
Susan Williams, Highlander Library / Resource Center
- March 23, 2017
Jerry Stout, Homeland Security
- May 25, 2017
Brunch
- June 22, 2017
Special Meeting - Field Trip to KC Museum of Education
- July 27, 2017
Legislative Forum
- September 28, 2017
TBA
- 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:
"Great changes might not happen right away, but with effort even the difficult may become easy."

Bill Blackmon

POLICY NOTICE:
If Knox County schools are out because of inclement weather, KCRTA meeting is canceled.

January Program

Susan Williams of the Highlander Library / Resource Center, will be our speaker. She will have a lot of interesting information about what is happening at the Center. Mark your calendars now.

Legislative Committee

Representative Jason Zachary and Senator Becky Duncan Massey met with Betty Berry, Pam Chipley, and Jeanette Casteel on January 3, 2017 to discuss upcoming legislation pertaining to retiree benefits. Please stay in touch with your Legislator regarding pending legislation.

Scholarship Foundation

IN MEMORY OF

Bonnie Goff
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Eunice Easley
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Frank Hall

GIVEN BY

Charlsie Farrior Teal
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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Tara Hamlin, ETSU
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Sarah Neessen, UT
John Tourtellotte, LMU

Alexis Huddleston, UT
Santiago Munoz, UT
Kelly Tate, UT
Brittany Wright, UT

These outstanding future educators were awarded \$1,000.00 each at our Scholarship Luncheon in November.

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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