

# Retirement Times

## President's Message

Since 1957, your Retired Teachers Association has been working to improve the lives of retired educators. Knox County RTA along with TRTA is the only Association working to improve retiree benefits at the local and state level.

KCRTA needs YOU! Please consider volunteering to serve on a committee. Opportunity awaits you to become involved. Please sign up for a committee of your choice at the registration table today. It will not take a lot of your time, but will allow you to share your area of expertise to help make KCRTA a stronger voice. **PLEASE SIGN UP** or contact Jeanette. (See contact information below).

KCRTA only meets six times a year; January, March, May, July, September, and November. Your attendance is important. This is a time to see old friends and make new friends, be kept to date on issues involving your retirement, provide opportunities to get involved in various opportunities / community activities, while enjoying a fantastic lunch.

Do your retirees from your school get together regularly for lunch? If so, why not come to the Foundry and enjoy lunch at one of our meetings. As KCRTA first time attendees, your lunch is complimentary. We will reserve a table just for you.

As always we look forward to seeing you on September 22 at 11:15 am at the Foundry.

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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](mailto:lcasteel@casteelandcompany.com).

We also have a new FACEBOOK page. The Page name is Knox County (TN) Retired Teachers Association. Thank you to Chris Vandegriff for setting this up for us. Just search FB and like the page. It will keep you informed of more current events and you can see what your fellow retired teachers are doing.

We are also in search of a Webmaster. If you know of anyone please let us know.

## Membership

We need to complete our membership drive. A number of you have not yet renewed your membership this year. 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 work 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.

## Correction

The July newsletter mistakenly reported donations for Alice Bratton, Mayford Gaylon, And Kathleen Valentine as IN MEMORY OF instead of IN HONOR OF. Sorry!

# KCRTA

Knox County Retired Teachers  
Association



David Huntsinger - State Senior  
Olympics Medalist

Bill Crosland receiving ETRTA Award

## KCRTA Officers and Chairs

President: Jeanette  
Casteel

President—Elect: Bill  
Crosland

Past President: Elnora  
Williams

Secretary: Glenda Chil-  
dress

Community Participation:

Charlotte Linge

Hosting Chair: Lu Jones

Information & Protective  
Services:

Bill Crosland

Legislative Chair: Betty  
Berry

Membership: Jim Oakes

Newsletter Editor: Leslie  
Casteel

Parliamentarian: Dan  
Williams

Publicity: Margaret Willis

Scholarship Foundation  
Rep.: Lexa Hooten

Web Page: S.L. Valentine

Executive Secretary /  
Treasurer:

David Huntsinger

## Calendar

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

- September 22, 2015  
Lauren Hopson,  
KCEA President
- November 17, 2016  
Scholarship Luncheon
- January 26, 2017  
Susan Williams, High  
lander Library / Re  
source Center
- March 23, 2017  
TBA
- May 25, 2017  
TBA

Meetings are held at the Foundry, 747 World's Fair Drive, at 11:15 am (Lunch is \$15.00) 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:

*"If you pull a hot coal from the pile and lay it on the side of the hearth, it grows cold quickly"*  
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## September Program

Lauren Hopson, KCEA President will present the program on Volunteering as a Retiree. She will also enlighten us on some drastic changes in education over the past few years. Lauren is a strong voice and advocate for all Knox County Educators.

## Legislative Committee

Thanks you, Betty Berry, Legislative Chairman for the outstanding Legislative forum at our July meeting. Senators Becky Duncan Massey and Dr. Richard Briggs and Representatives Eddie Smith, Jason Zachary, and Roger Kane updated us on some important Legislative Issues to watch out for.

## KCRTA At Work for You

David Huntsinger, Bill Crosland, Betty Berry, and Jeanette Casteel will represent you at the TRTA District Legislative Workshop on October 24. The upcoming election at the state and national level are critical! Please let us know of your concerns before we go. There will be an update in the November newsletter.

## Museum of Education Memorabilia Box

A Knox County Museum of Education Memorabilia Box will be available at the meeting for members to contribute their school's Yearbook, special photos, newsletters, or articles for maintaining the history of a school in the museum. Please note the flyer insert in this newsletter.

## Celebrity Among Us

Executive Secretary, David Huntsinger is a "decorated" Olympian. (See photo on front page). He won four silver and two bronze medals at the State Senior Olympics! Congratulations David!!!

## Necrology

Lorena Carmon

Mary Will Rodgers

Troy Watson