

# Retirement Times

## President's Notes

**Welcome to a new year in KCRTA.** With our new year comes new leadership. A huge "thank you" to those who are willing to step up into a leadership role.

My goals for the next two years are:

- To increase **MEMBERSHIP**; Membership begins with ME! Our challenge is to bring at least one retired colleague to a meeting and invite them to join.
- To improve **MEMBERSHIP** involvement. Please consider signing up for at least one of our committees.
- To be more transparent in our community; talk to retired teachers in your circles of friends in other organizations about KCRTA.

KCRTA will only be as strong as we make it. Please ask yourself what would KCRTA be if every member were just like me.

Jeanette Casteel, President

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## Stay Informed

For current information about our Organization, check out our website at **www.kcрта.net**. Thanks to S.L. Valentine for keeping this up to date.

## Electronic Newsletter

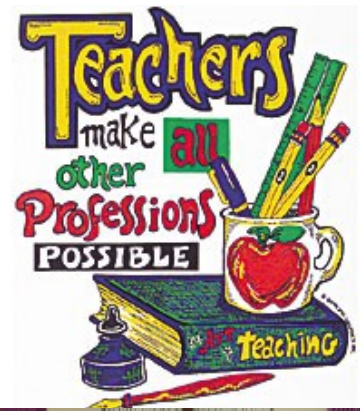
The KCRTA Newsletter is now available by email. To receive an electronic copy, please email newsletter editor, Leslie Casteel at **lcasteel@casteelandcompany.com**. This will ensure your correct email address and will also save the Association on postage and printing costs. If you did not receive an electronic copy of this newsletter, please email Leslie at the above email address to verify that she has your correct email. Please note that if you are an AOL subscriber, you need to put my email (lcasteel@casteelandcomapny.com) into your contact list. AOL bounces emails that come from a "company address" thinking they are spam.

## 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.

## Membership

If you have not sent in your membership form and check, please do so today. Send to Jim Oakes, KCRTA, 711 Hall of Fame Drive, Knoxville, TN 37917. Membership is always open to any retired educator.



Bill Crosland receiving ETRTA Award

## KCRTA Officers and Chairs

President: Jeanette Casteel

President—Elect: TBA

Past President: Elnora Williams

Secretary: Glenda Childress

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:

- July 28, 2016  
Legislative Day
- September 22, 2015  
Lauren Hopson,  
KCEA President
- November 17, 2016  
Scholarship Luncheon
- January 26, 2017  
TBA
- 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:

*"Who we are is connected to those we love and to those who have influenced us toward goodness."*

*Christopher de Vinck*

## July Program

KCRTA will have Legislators presenting the program this month. Senators Becky Duncan Massy, Dr. Richard Briggs and Representatives Martin Daniels, Jason Zachary, and Roger Cain will discuss upcoming legislation followed by a Q & A session. Please have your questions ready.

## Scholarship Foundation

### IN MEMORY OF

Margaret Brabson  
Brenda Burchfield  
Dr. Jane Davis  
Bonnie Goff  
Bill Huffaker  
Virginia Monroe  
Frank C. Smith  
Sue Taylor  
Chris Williams

### GIVEN BY

Nelldean Bragg  
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Ira Gladson  
Nelldean Bragg  
Charlotte Linge  
Wanda Moody  
Ira Gladson  
Nelldean Bragg  
S.L. & Mary Valentine  
Earl Wells

### IN MEMORY OF

Alice Bratton  
Mayford Gaylon  
Kathleen Vallentine

### GIVEN BY

Madeline Elder  
William Myers  
Sylvia Upton

### DONATION

Earl Wells

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.

## KCRTA At Work for You

Eight delegates from KCRTA traveled to Murfreesboro for the Annual TRTA RA. Those attending were David Huntsinger, Margaret Willis, Ron Campbell, Lexa Hooten, Dot Allmon, Bill Crosland, Elnora Williams, and Jeanette Casteel. Thank you to these delegates for attending in order to represent Knox County and you. We were truly inspired by Gary Harmon a Knox County Educator, who spoke about accepting individuals who are different.

## Necrology

Mabel Acuff  
Lorraine McPherson

Carolyn Groves  
Ruth Webb

Ann Maxwell