

Retirement Times

President's Notes

Happy New Year to all members, friends, and families! KCRTA is excited about the upcoming programs and fellowship with colleagues this year. All members and friends are appreciated for supporting KCRTA programs, increased membership, and involvement. Please mark your calendar to attend our upcoming Luncheon Meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at the Foundry on the World's Fair Site. Our Meet and Greet Time begins @ 11: A.M. with the program time starting @ 11:15 A.M. Our guest Luncheon speaker will be Theresa Venable, Librarian and Program Coordinator of the Haley Farm of the Children's Defense Fund.

The Langston Hughes Library on the Haley Farm is a private, non-circulating, 5000 volume reference collection and reading room. It is used by children's advocates, spiritual leaders, educators, civil rights leaders, authors, illustrators, publishers, scholars, teachers, librarians and students who come to Haley Farm for training, leadership development, reflection, and inspiration. The reading room is named after acclaimed poet and novelist Dr. Maya Angelou and renowned historian Dr. John Hope Franklin.

Many thanks to Janet Oakes, Vice President for work done on the programs presented at our luncheons. Have a happy new year with the best of health, happiness, and joy.

Elnora Williams, President
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URGENT!!! KCRTA needs a President-Elect

KCRTA is recruiting for a President-Elect for 2 years, July 2016 - May 2018 and is looking for a member to volunteer for the association. The President-Elect shall: a. assist the President, b. preside in the absence of the President, c. assume the duties of the President if the President is unable to perform such duties or vacates the office, d. serve as the program chairperson, and e. enlist a member to do a short devotion or prayer at each meeting.

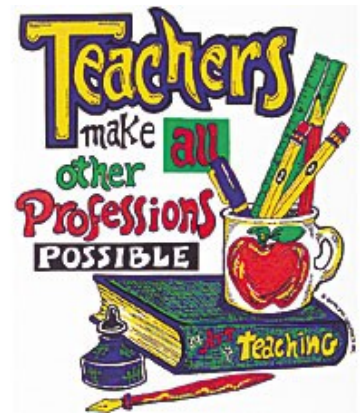
Please notify **Pam Chipley, 865-966-9628, chipleypl@tds.net**, Nominating Committee Chair or Elnora Williams, 865-414-8299, elnorawms@att.net if interested.

The Annual KCRTA Scholarship Foundation

The KCRTA Scholarship Foundation awards 7 students a \$1,000.00 Scholarship. Congratulations recipients, Joonkil Ahn, Carson Newman, Lauren Evans, UT, Krissy Gadwaw, ETSU, Alyssa Marie Ison, ETSU, Marie Lane-Suttles, ETSU, Holly Reed, UT, and Myra Rife, South College. Many thanks to Lexa Hooten, David Huntsinger, Selection, Communications, and Decorations Committees for making this event so special.

Now Available

The KCRTA Newsletter is now available by email. To receive an electronic copy, please email newsletter editor, Leslie Casteel at lcasteel@casteelcompany.com. This will ensure your correct email address and will also save the Association on postage and printing costs.



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:

- January 28, 2016
Speaker: Theresa Venable, Librarian and Program Coordinator of Haley Children's Defense Fund.
- March 24, 2016
TBA
- May 26, 2016
Get to know our members month
- July 28, 2016
Legislative Day
- September 22, 2015
TBA
- November 17, 2016
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.

KCRTA Supports Second Harvest Food Bank

Let's make a commitment to do our part to end hunger in our Knoxville community. Please mail contributions to David Huntsinger, KCRTA Food Drive, Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, 711 Hall of Fame Drive, Knoxville, TN 37917. Please make checks to KCRTA Food Drive.

KCRTA Survey of Community Participation

Please complete a survey at the next meeting. TRTA is always interested in how active KCRTA members are in the community.

Charlotte Linge

Scholarship Foundation

IN MEMORY OF

Henrietta Grant
Bill Huffaker

Reuben Hunter

James Lawell
Ozella Littlejohn
Elaine Luttrell

James Rayburn Martin
Dr. Don Rhodes

IN HONOR OF

Bobby Gratz

DONATION

Nancy Gerhardt

GIVEN BY

Jaque Bradford
Kathleen Bailey
Charlene Linge
Peggy Tillery
Ron Campbell
Pat Hunter and Family
Ira Gladson
Dessa Blair
Jaque Bradford
Nelldean Bragg
Nancy Gerhardt
LaNoka Rhodes

Dr. Kim Hawkins

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

Tommy Everette
Henrietta Grant
Billy Huffaker
Lavetta Myers
Juanita Smith

Catherine Flenniken
James Hartsell
Ozella Littlejohn
Carolyn Sharp
Irene Stewart

Bob Frye
Lula Henderson
Olivia Mitchell
Vivian Slagle
Dorothy Taylor