

Retirement Times

President's Message

Welcome to the new year! This is the time of year when we make resolutions about changes in our life style—lose weight, make more money, exercise more, show more kindness toward others, and the list goes on and on. Please join me in resolving to become more actively involved in KCRTA. Our association will only be as strong as each of us, the members, make it. Are you willing to do your part?

The Nominating Committee with Pam Chipley, Chairman, Elnora Williams, and Amy Cate will soon be making calls. KCRTA needs new officers and committee chairs. When your call comes, please consider stepping up and accepting one of these leadership roles. I'm sure Pam Chipley would appreciate your phone call, email, or text stating your willingness to serve.

Officers needed include: President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Committee Chairs include: Community Participation, Hosting, Information and Protective Services, Legislative, Membership, and Publicity.

Jeanette Casteel, President

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Opportunities for Service

A nominating committee has been put in place to secure nominees for new KCRTA officers. Many of you have talents which can help make our association stronger. The answer is **YES** when your call comes. You can find the list of officers and committees in the block on the right of this page. Please contact Pam Chipley, Chairman at chipleyp1@tds.net to let her know where you are willing to serve.

Check It Out!!!

The KCRTA website, www.knoxretiredteachers.com, is coming soon. The Board of Directors previewed a template provided by Jason White, TEA Uniserve Rep for Knox County. Everyone was so excited to see what he was working on before Leslie killed it. He is in the process of redoing it. Look for it soon.

Inclement Weather

KCRTA will not meet if Knox County Schools are closed for weather. Please check for school closings before you venture out in bad weather.

News Flash

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. If you would like a hard copy, please contact Jeanette.

Membership

KCRTA needs your voice in Nashville as well as Washington. KCRTA / TRTA continues to be an advocate to improve the lives of retired educators. If you have not already paid your membership dues, please send your check. Please invite a retired educator to join you at our January meeting.

KCRTA

Knox County Retired Teachers
Association



KCRTA Officers and Committee Chairs

President:

Jeanette Casteel

President—Elect:

Don Loy

Past President:

Elnora Williams

Secretary:

Glenda Childress

Community Participation:

Charlotte Linge

Hosting Chair:

Lu Jones

Information & Protective
Services:

Pam Chipley

Legislative Chair:

Betty Berry

Membership:

Jim Oakes

Newsletter Editor:

Leslie Casteel

Parliamentarian:

Dan Williams

Publicity:

Margaret Willis

Scholarship Foundation
Rep.:

Lexa Hooten

Web Page Chairman:

Chris Vandergriff

Executive Secretary /
Treasurer:

David Huntsinger

Calendar

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

- January 25, 2018
Marleitta Cooper,
Docent, Sam Houston
Schoolhouse
- March 22, 2018
Gary Harmon, Author
- May 24, 2018
Brunch, Celebration
and Recognition with
O'Connor Singers
- June 12, 2018
TRTA Annual Meeting,
Embassy Suites,
Murfreesboro

Meetings are held at the Foundry, 747 World's Fair Drive, at 11:00 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:

"Life is about using the whole box of crayons"

Anonymous

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time you buy groceries.**

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to register your card with
KCME number 55462. When
you use the Kroger Plus Card a
portion of your purchase is
credited to the museum. Reg-
ister today to help the KCME.**

Information & Protective Services

Retirement Age Slips and Falls

As we approach the upper limits of middle age, we should make a few adjustments to our household furnishings and wardrobe to avoid dangerous slips and falls. One of the most common suggestions from the medical community is "get rid of all of those rugs"! The loose rugs may have lost the sticky backing causing us to trip. Another common mistake is worn out shoes and slippers. A long bathrobe with a worn hem can catch a toe and cause a trip. If you have a near miss slip, use this as an educational opportunity and eliminate the cause. Do not just assume it will never happen again.

Scholarship Foundation

IN MEMORY OF

Wanda Cameron
Robert Dagley
Bonnie Goff
Carrie Moudy-Huber

Reuben Hunter
Joe Stewart
Charlsie Fariior Teal
Charlotte Welch
Lendon Welch

IN HONOR OF

Lexa Hooten
David Huntsinger
Elnora Williams

DONATIONS

GIVEN BY

Ron & Lexa Hooten
Janet Dagley
Jane Matthews
Melissa Flanagan, Sally Walter
(Reported incorrectly in Newsletter)
Vicky Hart, Betty Walter (reported in
September)
Pat Hunter (Endowment Fund)
David Huntsinger
Glenda Childress
Terry & Marsha Uselton
Ron Campbell

GIVEN BY

Bill Crosland
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Terry & Marsha Uselton

GIVEN BY

Tom Underwood
Kathleen West

Legislation

If you are interested in visiting your legislator in March, please let Jeanette know. We will be scheduling appointments with Knox County Legislators the second or third Tuesday in March.

Program

Marleitta Cooper, docent for Sam Huston Schoolhouse, will present our January 25th program. Please mark your calendars now to hear about the history of this historic school.

Necrology

Bobby Gratz
Shirley Kellogg

Nancy Irvine
Estelle Ward

Ruth Hannah