

# Retirement Times

## President's Message

By the time you read this newsletter, you will have celebrated the 242nd Anniversary of the signing of our Declaration of Independence. The 56 men who signed that document promised "for the support of this declaration...we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor". They staked all to create a free and independent nation. They and their successors went on to create a constitution with the First Amendment guaranteeing a right to free assembly and three amendments guaranteeing all citizens over eighteen the right to vote.

KCRTA exists because of those two guaranteed freedoms. As retired teachers, we are aware that a strong, free public system is just as essential to maintaining freedom as the National Defense. We assemble as an association to keep informed and organized to ensure that today's active teachers can teach effectively and expect a dignified retirement at the end of their service.

This election year is well underway. Our July meeting is an opportunity to talk with our Knox County legislators. That meeting can help prepare us to use our most effective democratic tool: **The vote!** Let us get ready to use that tool by ensuring that our voter registration is up to date and learning which votes will best support public education and our own well being.

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## Special Opportunity / Save the Date

The Oak Ridge Retired Teachers are inviting all east Tennessee retired teachers to their meeting with Jerry Winters, Lobbyist with TRTA, on Monday September 10, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the Oak Ridge Civic Center, 1403 Oak Ridge Turnpike. "Jerry will not endorse any candidate, nor will he be partisan; however, he can and will give us insight into the kind of climate prevailing and the issues we should monitor." They need an estimate of how many will attend in order to reserve an appropriate room and plan refreshments. If you will go, please send "will attend September 10" to Don Loy at dlloy@comcast.net or text at (865) 850-2065 by August 10.

## Membership

Membership Chairman Needed! KCRTA is looking for someone to coordinate our membership efforts, especially promoting KCRTA and recruiting new members. Are you that someone? Please contact Don Loy or David Huntsinger.

KCRTA membership dues are due now! If you have not sent in your membership form and check, please do so today to KCRTA, 711 Hall of Fame Drive, Knoxville, TN 37917. Remember you retire from the classroom not from the profession! Your support enables us to fight to protect COLA, health insurance, and other retiree benefits.

## Check It Out!!!

The KCRTA website, [www.knoxretiredteachers.com](http://www.knoxretiredteachers.com), is now live. We also have a new email address: [Knoxretiredteachers@gmail.com](mailto:Knoxretiredteachers@gmail.com).

The KCRTA Newsletter will soon only be available by email. To receive an electronic copy, please email newsletter editor, Leslie at [lcasteel@casteelandcompany.com](mailto:lcasteel@casteelandcompany.com). If you would like a hard copy, please contact Jeanette at [jacasteel1@gmail.com](mailto:jacasteel1@gmail.com).



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## Calendar

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

- July 26, 2018  
KCRTA Legislative Forum
- August 9, 2018  
Special Tour of the remodel of Old Knoxville High School to a Senior Living Facility, 2:00 pm
- September 10, 2018  
Jerry Winters, Lobbyist, Oak Ridge RTA meeting, 2:00
- September 27, 2018  
Knox County Schools Update, Shannon Jackson, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- November 15, 2018  
Scholarship Luncheon

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:  
*"One of the indispensable foods of the human soul is Liberty. Liberty, taking the word in its concrete sense, consists in the ability to choose"*

*Simone Weil*

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## Legislation

The July program will be a Legislative forum featuring members of the Knox County delegation to the Tennessee House of Representatives and the State Senate. The Legislators attending will be: Bill Dunn, Jason Zachary, Randy McNally, Martin Daniel, Harry Brooks, Eddie Smith, and Rick Staples.

## Necrology

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