

Retirement Times

President's Message

Schools are back in session. Teachers and staff are getting up early; making lesson plans and classrooms ready to get the student's day off to a good start. After doing that for many years, we have earned the option of getting up *after* the sun if we so choose. But, as Jeanette Casteel reminded us several times, we retired from teaching, not the profession. At the September meeting, Shannon Jackson, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, will bring us up to date on the present state and future plans of Knox County Schools. Keeping informed and maintaining our membership are two vital ways we can continue to support students and our community. Our membership numbers add to those of KCEA, TEA, and NEA to keep legislators supporting active teachers and maintaining the financially sound retirement system.

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Proposed Local Membership Dues Increase

Since KCRTA was founded about 60 years ago, our annual local dues have been \$5.00. In the early years generous contributions of members established a savings account. For the past five (5) years, we've had to make withdrawals from savings at years end to meet expenses. The Executive Board is therefore recommending that the membership increase the dues to \$10.00, effective in the 2019-2020 membership year. This recommendation will be announced at the September meeting and voted up or down at our January meeting. The decision will be made by the majority of those present and voting at that meeting.

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.

Help Needed

Do you know the following members? If you have any contact information for any of these members, please let David Huntsinger know. They are: Margaret Houston, June Warriner, Dessa Blair, Beverly Ferguson, Eva Graves, Constance Hewitt, Evelyn Cunningham, and Molly Phibbs. Thank you for your assistance.

Check It Out!!!

The KCRTA website, www.knoxretiredteachers.com, is now live. We also have a new email address: Knoxretiredteachers@gmail.com.

The KCRTA Newsletter will only be available by email after this newsletter. To receive a hard copy, please contact Leslie Casteel at lcasteel@casteelandcompany.com.



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Calendar

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

- September 27, 2018
Knox County Schools Update, Shannon Jackson, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- October 22, 2018
TRTA Fall Conference, Fountain City United Methodist Church
- November 15, 2018
Scholarship Luncheon
- January 24, 2019
TBA

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:
"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow."
Anthony J. D'Angelo

Scholarship Foundation

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Financial Security

Beware of scammers. Is your banking information secure? To protect your banking information, it is suggested that you go to your bank and suspend any phone transfer activity to eliminate scamming of your information. If you think you might need phone transfer capability, then create a "passcode" that the bank will add to your account so that when you call, you will be asked to recite it. Do not store it on anything electronic. Write it on a small card and stick it in your wallet.

Legislation

Get out and vote!!! This election is very important to determine our state and nation's future. It is our responsibility and duty as American Citizens to vote.

Necrology

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Betty Talley Neal

Richard Lee
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