

# Retirement Times

## President's Message

Our July meeting is our annual legislative forum. During this last legislative session, funding was approved to keep the TCRS actuarially sound and to continue the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA). The legislators have scheduled their time to meet with us. We need to make a special effort to be present to make it a two-way conversation. They need to know that we continue to monitor their actions and will continue to support retirement benefits and funding **public** rather than private education period. Our legislative representatives took them those messages during the session: now it's your turn.

Don Loy, President  
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## Membership

If you have had a change in your contact information, please let us know. You should have received your membership renewal letters in late May; if you would please fill out the new information and send it to us, we can update our records and make sure you continue to receive all of our information.

Thank you to those who have already sent in your membership renewal! However, several of you have not renewed your membership yet, so please don't delay. Fill it out and send your check today. Don't forget to let us know of any change in contact information throughout the year so that we can keep our roster up-to-date. KCRTA needs you! **NUMBERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE** and give us a stronger voice with our legislators.

## Legislative

It is a critical time for public education in Tennessee. Legislation was passed to allow Vouchers / Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) in Memphis Shelby County and Metro Nashville. This is just a foot in the door to use public funds for private school funding. Beware of the fact that it could expand to other areas. Your legislators need to hear from you.

## July Program

This month, area legislators will present a legislative forum with a question and answer session to follow. This is a good time to get your questions answered as well as meet your legislator face-to-face.

The following legislators have confirmed their attendance for the forum. They are Representatives Gloria Johnson, Randy McNally, Martin Daniel, David Wright, and Senator Becky Duncan Massey.

Libby Burney, President-elect, Program Chair

## Check It Out!!!

The KCRTA website, [www.knoxretiredteachers.com](http://www.knoxretiredteachers.com) has lots of information about current meetings, etc. We also have a new email address: [Knoxretiredteachers@gmail.com](mailto:Knoxretiredteachers@gmail.com). Our Facebook page that can be found at **Knox County (TN) Retired Teachers**. It has updated information regarding upcoming meetings, recent deaths, and other news. Just ask to join and you'll be able to post comments, etc.



## KCRTA Officers and Committee Chairs

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Don Loy

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Treasurer:

David Huntsinger

## Calendar

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

- July 25, 2019  
Legislative Forum  
Q & A will follow
- September 26, 2019  
TBA
- November 21, 2019  
Scholarship Luncheon

⇒ *Notice Change of date in November due to Thanksgiving Holiday.*

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:

*"If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, do more and become more, then, you are an excellent leader"*

*Dolly Parton*

### Membership Directories

Directories are available for pick up at meetings. If you would like a copy mailed, contact David Huntsinger.

## Information and Protective Services

Don't let the FALL get you! One day, we were walking through our neighborhood thinking the sidewalks were safe. However, I discovered that sidewalks are not always safe and smooth. One of the panels had "heaved" about an inch and I managed to trip and "face plant" on the concrete. Let's just say, my face became a "wreck". After several medical and dental visits, I am well on the road to recovery.

The advice is you might want to walk on smoother asphalt street surfaces and avoid any sidewalk that shows any signs of uneven surfaces. Always be aware and cautious when walking on sidewalks. Be sure your shoes are tied.

Pam Chipley, Information and Protective Service Chair

## Scholarship Report

### IN MEMORY OF

Bill Crosland  
Margaret Houston

John R. McCloud  
Cindi Fuller Schowalter

Wanda Neal Weikel

### IN HONOR OF

Becky Ashe  
Kathy Coley  
Jill Robbins  
Shirley Underwood

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East Tennessee Foundation

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Beverly LeCoultre Wilson

### GIVEN BY

Jacque Bradford  
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### GIVEN BY

Kathleen West  
Nancy Gerhardt

## Do You Know These People?

We are looking for addresses for the following people. If you know how to get in touch with them, please contact David Huntsinger at [huntsingerd@bellsouth.net](mailto:huntsingerd@bellsouth.net):

Frankie Walker

Ruth Flemming

Barbara D. Davis

## Necrology

Mary Beck

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Harold Mayes

Wanda Neil Frye Weikel