

Retirement Times

President's Message

Membership is the key. Individual membership is the key to insurance and discount benefits through TRTA and NEA/R. The number of our members is the key to our influence with legislators to maintain a healthy pension system and cost of living allowance. Current members are the key to getting new members. Over 200 are retiring from Knox County this year. Our membership committee is doing everything they can to get membership information to those new retirees through school mail before school is out. The school system cannot give us personal contact information so that is our only means of reaching them - except for you! If you have contact with somebody that is retiring this year, or other recent years, please reach out to them and make sure they have received the information they need to join us. If they haven't, please give us the means to get it to them at knoxretiredteachers@gmail.com. Also encourage them to attend our end of year brunch, May 30 and to fill out a membership form.

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Local Membership Dues Increase

KCRTA members voted at the January meeting to increase the local portion to \$10.00. The total membership for the unified membership is \$70.00. Payroll deduction is an option for your membership dues. The total payroll deduction per month is **\$5.83**. Through payroll deduction, you never have to worry about forgetting to mail your membership check again!

Legislative

KCRTA members have met with several of the legislators to discuss the legislative concerns affecting retired teachers. It is critical that we let our legislators know what our needs are. They need to hear from all of us regarding our COLA, insurance benefits, and other areas of interest to retirees. Some of us will be going to Nashville in March to meet with them.

Check It Out!!!

The KCRTA website, www.knoxretiredteachers.com, is now live. We also have a new email address: Knoxretiredteachers@gmail.com. We also have a Facebook page that can be found at **Knox County (TN) Retired Teachers**.

If you have been receiving the newsletter by email, you will no longer receive a hard copy unless you request it. To receive a hard copy, please contact Leslie Casteel - lcasteel@casteelandcompany.com.

March Program

A representative from the Center for English and Assimilation Services will present the program. The center became a nonprofit in 2017 with the primary goal of teaching English to refugees and other internationals, as well as their children. The center targets students with barriers to attending English classes by providing childcare and transportation. All teachers are volunteers and teach seven levels of English. Classes operate year-round and include a summer program for school aged children up to 12 years. Classes are offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 and Saturdays 10:00 - 12:00. Students from 30+ countries and multiple language backgrounds have attended the center.

Join us to learn more about this program.



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Calendar

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

- March 28, 2019
Center for English and Assimilation Services
- May 16, 2019
ETRTA Annual Meeting, Ebenezer United Methodist Church
- May 30, 2019
Brunch
- June 11, 2019
TRTA Annual Meeting 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:
"There are no limits to what you can accomplish, except the limits you place on your own thinking"

Brian Tracy

Membership Directories

Directories are on the way. They should be available for pick up at the March meeting. If you would like a copy mailed, contact David Huntsinger.

Information and Protective Services

Considering all of the security issues with a personal computer, retired teachers can use the computers at the Knox County Libraries. This may be an attractive alternative for retired teachers.

The library provides computers with internet access and Microsoft Office® at all of its locations for public use (read the policy). Three sessions per day of up to 1 hour each are available to library members in good standing. Nonresidents with identification can apply for a temporary computer card once every 12 months; the card is good for thirty days. 15 minute sessions are available at all locations on designated Express computers.

You may print from the libraries computers for \$0.15 per page in black and white or \$0.25 per page in color. Duplex (front and back) printing is not supported.

If you need to save a document, we suggest you use online storage or bring a USB drive. Any devices that need to write to the computer's hard drive will not function.

You may call ahead at (865) 215-8700 to reserve a computer at Lawson McGhee Library by supplying your library card number and pin; branch library computers are not reserved by telephone.

Some of the Library's computing services are supported through Library Services and Technology Grants.

Pam Chipley,
Information and Protective Service Chair

Scholarship Report

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