

# 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](mailto:knoxretiredteachers@gmail.com). Also encourage them to attend our end of year brunch, May 30 and to fill out a membership form.

Don Loy, President  
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## Has Your Information Changed?

If you have had a change in your contact information, please let us know. When the membership renewal letters go out, 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. If you are on Payroll Deduction, please let Leslie know at [lcasteel@casteelandcompany.com](mailto:lcasteel@casteelandcompany.com).

## Legislative

Don Loy, Jane Skinner, and Jeanette Casteel all traveled to Nashville twice during this Legislative session to discuss the Voucher Bill (ESA). However, the Legislature did pass the bill for Shelby County and Metro Nashville school systems. It has not passed for the whole state; but more than likely will expand to other areas of the state. CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS! The Knox County Delegation was split on their vote.

## 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.

## May Program

A representative from the Marble Springs State Historic Site, Cherry Johnson, Executive Director will present our program. The Marble Springs Site in south Knoxville was the farm of Governor John Sevier. They are in the midst of a volunteer roundup and are looking to add some new docents to the team who might enjoy helping out with school groups. They also have other projects around the site that might appeal to retired teachers as well.

Libby Burney, President-elect, Program Chair

*\*Please Note: New retirees have been invited to attend our May meeting. Please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. Remember, they are prospective new members!\**



## KCRTA Officers and Committee Chairs

### President:

Don Loy

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Libby Burney

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Jeanette Casteel

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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:

- May 30, 2019  
Newly Retired Lunch  
(Lunch is free for newly retired teachers and first time attendees)
- June 11, 2019  
TRTA Annual Meeting  
Murfreesboro
- July 25, 2019  
Legislative Forum  
Q & A will follow
- September 26, 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:  
*"Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you"*

### Membership Directories

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

## Information and Protective Services

We are constantly being warned about scams involving computers and telephones. There is another type of scam involving dietary supplements that promises amazing cures for all types of maladies and conditions. The article in AARP Bulletin, April 2019, highlights a scam we see in all the big box stores and in health supplement stores. There is no supplement or special diet that has any preventive or stopping capabilities regarding Alzheimer or dementia conditions. Supplements that claim these capabilities may be dangerous because some people may avoid getting proper medical attention while wasting their money on these false promises. Please avoid spending your hard earned money for these false cures.

Pam Chipley,  
Information and Protective Service Chair

## Scholarship Report

### IN MEMORY OF

Mary Kennedy  
  
Ernestine Moore  
Cindi Fuller Showalter

### GIVEN BY

LaVerne Carter  
Jennifer Newman  
Patricia A. Thomas  
Melissa Flanagan  
Vicky Hart  
Linda Luce  
Patricia Mohney  
Yvonne Poppen  
Rita Walker  
Alice Watts  
Linda Thiele Williams

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## 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@bellouth.net](mailto:huntsingerd@bellouth.net):

Frankie Walker Ruth Flemming Robert Rovere Barbara D. Davis

## Necrology

Martha Collette Bailey Sandra Dean Long  
Juanita Simpson Redwine Fred Russell