



Retirement Times

President's Message

It's hard to believe that the Holiday Season is just around the corner. 2017 is almost history. The fall season brings blazing glory with the changing of colors. This is also a time for Thanksgiving and spending time with family. We are truly blessed!

Let us be thankful for the educators who recognized the need to come together as a group to advocate for retirees and the profession, thus forming the Tennessee Retired Teachers Association. So, in addition to the fun we have at our meetings, it is important that we advocate for our profession. We can best plead our case for public education and retiree benefits through our membership and support of our professional organizations.

Another thing to be thankful for is the KCRTA Scholarship Program and how it has grown since its inception. Six \$1,000 scholarships will be presented at the November meeting. Information about the Scholarship Foundation:

- Is a §501(c)(3) organization, tax exempt
- Provides financial support to senior and graduate students attending colleges and universities in East Tennessee and pursuing teacher certification
- Accepts funds from donations made by retired teachers, family members, friends, and others
- 100% of donations goes for scholarships
- Donations can be made in honor, in memory, or a donation
- Since 2006, \$78,000 has been awarded in Scholarships
- There are 4 standing scholarships given each year: Tom Underwood, Pat and Reuben Hunter, Colleen Bennett, and The Association Scholarship, given in Memory of those who passed away during the year.

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Opportunities for Service

A nominating committee has been put in place to secure nominees for new KCRTA officers. Many of you have talents which can help make our association stronger. The answer is **YES** when your call comes. You can find the list of officers and committees in the block on the right of this page. Please contact Pam Chipley, Chairman at chipleypl@tds.net to let her know where you are willing to serve.

News Flash

The KCRTA Newsletter will soon only be available by email. To receive an electronic copy, please email newsletter editor, Leslie Casteel at **lcasteel@casteelandcompany.com**. If you would like a hard copy, please contact Jeanette.

Membership

KCRTA needs you and you need our voice in Nashville as well as Washington. KCRTA / TRTA continues to be an advocate to improve the lives of retired educators. If you have not already paid your membership dues, please send your check. Please invite a retired educator to join you at our November meeting.



KCRTA Officers and Committee Chairs

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Calendar

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

- November 16, 2017
Scholarship Luncheon
- January 25, 2018
Marleitta Cooper,
Docent, Sam Houston
School
- March 22, 2018
Gary Harmon, Author
- May 24, 2018
Brunch, Celebration
and Recognition with
O’Connor Singers

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:
“As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget that the
highest appreciation is not to
utter words, but to live by
them.”
John Fitzgerald Kennedy

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time you buy groceries.
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tyrewards.com with your
Kroger Plus Shopping Card
handy and follow the prompts
to register your card with
KCME number 55462. When
you use the Kroger Plus Card a
portion of your purchase is
credited to the museum. Reg-
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Information & Protective Services

A recent AARP Bulletin highlighted several interesting cases of fraud and suggested actions to reduce the possibility of being defrauded. Following are a few of the tips:

- Always trust your family lawyer / doctor and never a lawyer / doctor from TV or a junk mail solicitation
- Seniors need to have a trusted family member to oversee your in home services and perhaps should remove important documents from your house
- Do not send money to tv or internet mortgage consultants regarding housing refinance
- Always use a local funeral home regulated by Tennessee Funeral Prearrangements
- Warn other family members and perhaps law enforcement about suspicious situations

AARP Bulletin, October 2017 “The faces of Fraud”

Scholarship Foundation

IN MEMORY OF

Carol Bray
Claude “Buddy” Fisher
Carrie Moudy-Huber

Helen Moffett
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Pat Richmond
Lendon Welch
Christine Williams

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Scholarship Luncheon

Everyone is encouraged to attend KCRTA Scholarship Luncheon, November 16 at 11:00 am (Notice the time change). Lunch is complimentary thanks to the sponsor, Alex Barnwell with Horace Mann Insurance and KCRTA. It will be a plated meal.

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Beverly Dance
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