

Retirement Times

President's Message

At our November 14 meeting we get to celebrate some of the fine young people who are about to embark on a teaching career. Thanks to your generosity the Scholarship Foundation will award six \$1,500 scholarships. Please come and hear the stories of the scholarship winners. You will be pleased and proud to be a part of our "Link to the Future". We need to continue our donations to keep this good work going.

Don Loy, President
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Proposed Bylaws Change

On September 26, 2019 the Executive Board approved the following changes to the KCRTA Bylaws to combine the functions of the COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE and COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE into a single COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE. The membership will vote on the changes at the January 2020 meeting.

Article V. Standing Committees

Change Section 4 to read:

Section 4. THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE shall:

Promote and record the participation of the membership in school and community activities consistent with the purposes of the KCRTA.

Promote Association and Scholarship Foundation activities through various media.

Delete Section 8.

Since chairs of standing committees are voting members of the Executive Board, this change also means one less member on the Executive Board.

Email Newsletter

As the membership roster has updated, we have received emails that are not current so some of the electronic version of the newsletters "bounced" back. Several of you need to update your email address at knoxretiredteachers@gmail.com. Because of a snafu with Yahoo mail, we have switched to Gmail. If you are on AOL or Juno, please add knoxretiredteachers.com to your contact list and resend us your email to receive the electronic version.

Check It Out!!!

The KCRTA website, www.knoxretiredteachers.com has lots of information about current meetings, etc. We also have a new email address: knoxretiredteachers@gmail.com. Our Facebook page 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.

Directory

If you would like a copy of the membership directory, please contact David Huntsinger at huntsingerd@bellsouth.net.



KCRTA Officers and Committee Chairs

President:

Don Loy

President-Elect:

Libby Burney

Past President:

Jeanette Casteel

Secretary:

Glenda Childress

Community Participation:

Charlotte Linge

Hosting Chair:

Lu Jones

Information & Protective Services:

Pam Chipley

Legislative Co-Chairs:

Betty Berry,
Jane Skinner

Membership:

Chris Vandergriff

Newsletter Editor:

Leslie Casteel

Parliamentarian:

Dan Williams

Publicity:

Margaret Willis

Scholarship Foundation Rep.:

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:

- November 14, 2019
Scholarship Luncheon
- January 23, 2020
TBA

Meetings are held at the Foundry, 747 World's Fair Drive, at 11:15 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:

"We need leaders not in love with money, but in love with justice, not in love with publicity but in love with humanity".

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Membership Directories

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

Information and Protective Services

Support for Caregivers

Tennessee recently joined 40 other states passing the Caregiver Advice, Record, Enable Act. This requires hospitals to 1) ask patients if they want to identify a caregiver; 2) Record the name on the medical record; 3) notify caregiver when patient is discharged and; 4) provide caregiver with education and instruction regarding at home care. This is an important step toward recognizing that caregivers are an integral part of the patient's health team.

Pam Chipley, Information and Protective Service Chair

Membership

There are five essential characteristics of an effective organization. Here's how you can help: KCRTA be a GREAT organization:

1. Elect good leaders at all levels.
2. Share information and wisdom across the entire organization
3. Effective communication
4. Concern for others
5. Be involved.

Paraphrased from President, Ron Pendergrass, TRTA President

Chris Vandergriff, Membership Chair

Scholarship Report

IN MEMORY OF

Anne Balitsaris
Lila Cate
Bill Crosland
Ernestine Moore
Jane Sharp

IN HONOR OF

Betty Berry

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Elnora Williams
Patricia A. Thomas
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