

Retirement Times

President's Message

I want to express my sincere thanks to the KCRTA Scholarship Foundation Selection Committee for giving of their time to select the winners of the six \$1500 scholarships. Among other criteria, the winners were chosen based on their desire to teach, financial need, and participation in community activities. Our selection committee, under the leadership of Mary Lou Kanipe and Christine Oehler consisted of Nancy Gerhardt, Barbara Jenkins, Connie Silvey, David Sincerbox, Kitty Spry and Ron Thomas. We are grateful for your service to this wonderful program. On the attached page, you will find a brief bio of each recipient and on the back, you will find information regarding contributing to the foundation. Please consider making a contribution in honor or in memory of someone who touched your life.

Plans are being finalized for the KCRTA Scholarship Foundation luncheon at the Foundry on November 19 at 11:00 a.m. We will be awarding the scholarships and celebrating their accomplishments. We kindly ask that you wear your mask except when you are eating or drinking. We are asking that all members and guests make reservations due to the uncertain times in which we find ourselves.

Please RSVP by November 13 to David Huntsinger. Email David at huntsingerd@bellsouth.net or call 423-231-0682
Libby Burney, President
knoxretiredteachers@gmail.com, burneylib@comcast.net, (865) 584-4875

Legislative

Please contact your Legislators to try to set up a meeting before they reconvene in January 2021 in Nashville, especially if you have a new Legislator. They need to be reminded that the COLA as well as insurance and other benefits are important to retirees. It is always good to get to know them so that they can put a "face to the name" when you contact them. Updates will come in the next newsletter.

Membership

Directories this year will be mailed to each member November 3, 2020 via US Mail. If you do not receive one, by the middle of November, please contact Jeanette Casteel at (865) 705-9632 or jcasteel1@gmail.com and she will get one to you.

Thank you to those who sent their dues in promptly. Your membership gives us a stronger voice when we talk to Legislators regarding retirement issues, especially concerning our COLA and insurance. Special thanks to those who are on payroll Deduction, this way you never have to remember to send a check. Your dues simply come out of your TCRS check each month.

Attention

KCRTA needs your help! We need a President-Elect. The President-Elect serves as our program chairman and will move into the President position in 2022. He / She will work with the President in whatever way needed.

Please step up and get involved with KCRTA Leadership. We need your talents.

KCRTA Scholarship Foundation News

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we were able to award six, 1500.00 dollar scholarships at our November meeting. All recipients were outstanding applicants and will be an asset to the teaching profession.

All donations made to the Foundation go toward awarding scholarship to persons pursuing a degree in teacher education.

If you would like to make a donation, in honor or memory of a retired teacher or make a 1500.00 dollar donation to honor a teacher call Lexa Hooten at 865-300-5570. Thank again for your continued support of the KCRTA Scholarship Foundation.



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Calendar

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

- November 19, 2020
Scholarship
Foundation Luncheon
and Awards
Ceremony
- January 28, 2021
TBA
- March 25, 2021
TBA
- May 27, 2021
TBA

Meetings are usually held on the fourth Thursday of alternate months at 11:15. The Executive Board meets at 9:30 am. All members are welcome to attend. November is the third Thursday.

Quote of the Month:

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending".

C.S. Lewis

*Any change of address, email address, or phone number should be sent to KCRTA, 711 Hall of Fame Drive, Knoxville, TN 37917 or to
Chris.vandergriff@gmail.com*

Community and Protective Services

Three Ways to Manage Passwords

1. **Web Browsers:** Google Chrome and others often have built in password managers. When accessing a password-protected website, you usually see a box popup, asking if you want to store that password. Click on yes, these are typically secure.
 2. **Password Managers:** These generate strong passwords for all of your online accounts and store them in an encrypted "vault" that you access by logging in with one strong password. Then, every time you return to a password-protected site, the service will enter the password it created for you automatically.
 3. **Handwritten List:** If you don't want to use a high tech solution for your password management then try making a list of your passwords. Keep your list in a safe place. Never store your passwords in a computer document, you could get hacked.
- Hope these suggestions are helpful. Stay safe!

Pam Chipley,
Information and Protective Services Chair

Scholarship Donations

IN MEMORY OF

Mercedes Bean
Grady Benn
Charles "Bud" Branam
Lillian Rhea Bailey Cates
Beecher Clapp
Norman Collins
Bill Crosland
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