

Retirement Times

President's Message

School is back in session. I was pleased that the only thing that affected me on the first day of classes was a sizable increase in morning traffic in Fountain City. Then I attended the year's first KCEA representative assembly and heard some of the problems that teachers are already having. I was reminded that I need to pay attention to more than my own minor inconvenience. The reps were glad that they were finally getting the 4% pay increase that was in the Memorandum of Understanding in prior years but never materialized. That reminded me of how dependent both active and retired teachers are on strong and active membership organizations. We are all dependent upon the actions of the Legislature. In the 2019 Legislative Session, both TCRS and the COLA were funded. We need to remember that all funding requires approval every year and the last session clearly showed that there were many who would like to divert public funds to private profit. We need to grow our membership and stay active for our own benefit and for the children of Knox County who sorely need effective public education.

Don Loy, President
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Membership

Belonging to KCRTA provides opportunities to be "up to date" informed with regard to the activities of local, state, and national retired teachers. Through our unified membership, KCRTA, TRTA, and NEA-R members have the advantage of networking, which allows us to have input at all three levels. As a member, we can make a difference.

Thank you to those who have already sent in your membership renewal! However, several of you have not renewed your membership yet, so please don't delay. Fill it out and send your check today.

Chris Vandergriff, Membership Chair
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September Program

Save the Date...Our next luncheon is September 26 at the Foundry on the World's Fair Site. Gerald Lillard Past President of the Tennessee Retired Teachers Association will be our guest. He will give us the latest updates from the state level and help us understand why membership is so important to us and to future retired teachers in our state. Come join the fellowship at 11:15 am.

Libby Burney, President-elect, Program Chair

Directory

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

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.



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Calendar

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

- September 26, 2019
Gerald Lillard, TRTA
Past President - "The Importance of Membership"
- November 14, 2019
Scholarship Luncheon
- January 23, 2019
- TBA

⇒ *Notice Change of date in November due to Thanksgiving Holiday.*

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:
"Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best!"

Bob Talbert

Membership Directories

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

Information and Protective Services

One of the most disturbing scams for late middle aged persons are those involving romance. An unscrupulous insurance agent used his trusted position to steal from former clients. Today, the internet and the dating websites make this type scam even more widespread. The recent AARP Newsletter had several suggestion to help avoid this disappointment. If you use a matchmaker website, you should check out the information on another website. Also use the photo and search it on the internet. If you need help, go to the local senior center. They have senior citizen helpers with great computer skills who are willing to help. Never allow any money to change hands.

Pam Chiple, Information and Protective Service Chair

Scholarship Report

IN MEMORY OF

Mary Lynn Ball
Ruth Benn
Dessa Blair
Mike Burke
Bob Goff
Deanna Heflin
Margaret Houston

Vincent Kanipe, Jr.
John R. McCloud
Ernestine Moore

Cindy Nesbitt

James Pritchard
Kathryn Psihogios
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Cindy Underwood
Charlie Wildman
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IN HONOR OF

Betty Berry

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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@bellsouth.net:

Frankie Walker

Ruth Flemming

Barbara D. Davis

Necrology

Mary Lynn Ball
Beverly Ann Rogers

Sandra Crawford Nesbitt
Jane Sharp

Kathryn Paxenos Psihogios
Anita Holmes Wadley