

# RETIREE CLUB NEWS

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## September Pot Luck Luncheon

**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2011

**Time:** Arrival 11:30am. Pot Luck-Noon

**Location:** Second Presbyterian Church, 55<sup>th</sup> & Oak, Kansas City, MO.

Westminster Fellowship Hall (Enter from West or North Parking Lots)

Mark your calendar to attend our third annual Pot Luck luncheon. Last year, we were honored to have Don Hall, Sr. attend. The food is delicious and seeing old Hallmark friends always enjoyable. We will provide the meat and you bring a covered dish. There will be a \$7 reservation charge to cover the cost of meat, tableware, drinks and rental fees at the church. **Please bring a dish according to the first letter of your last name: A-H (Vegetable) I-O (Dessert) P-Z (Salad). Remember a serving utensil for your dish.** Three off-street parking lots are accessible from 55<sup>th</sup> St. (West/North Church Lots and the Trolley Trail Lot next to Brookside Blvd.) Please **DO NOT** park in the diagonal spaces in front of the Crestwood Shops on the south side of 55<sup>th</sup> St. Additional parking is available on the west side of Oak St. next to the church. (Maximum capacity in Westminster Hall is 175 people.

**Mike Hurley**  
Arrangements Director

## September Program – Pets for Life

Our September program will be presented by Pets For Life. The purpose of Pets for Life, Inc. is to enhance the care and treatment of people in local hospitals, nursing homes, shelters for domestic violence, mental health programs, treatment centers for youth and corrections facilities through the use of certified therapy teams of pets and volunteers.

Volunteers take their carefully screened pets on scheduled visits to facilities throughout greater Kansas City, including hospitals, nursing homes, shelters for domestic violence, mental health programs, treatment centers for youth, corrections facilities; as well as hospice and Reading Education Assistance Dogs. Our main focus is on those whose situation is most restrictive and who are least likely to receive, but are most in need of the social, mental, and physical stimulation provided by our volunteer teams. Compassionate friendship is initiated by the animals and augmented by their human partners.

Many studies have proven the profound effect animals can have on the physical and mental well-being of elderly and handicapped individuals. Whether it be bringing voice to an elderly person who has sunk into silence or calming a frustrated child, pet assisted therapy is recognized as a valuable tool in caring for the physically and mentally challenged. Please join us for an interesting and informative program

**Les Palmer**  
Programs Director

## The President's Corner

Your board of directors is working on an exciting 2012 schedule of events. The Hallmark sponsored 25 Year Club event will be continued in April, and your retiree club will sponsor 4 additional events throughout the year, including the June picnic at Loose Park and the more formal luncheon at the Westin in December. The spring and fall events aren't finalized yet, but we are working on what we hope will be some interesting alternatives to past events. Updates will be on the web-site as we obtain them.

If you have time, check out our web site, [hallmarkretireeclub.com](http://hallmarkretireeclub.com). There's always some new and hopefully interesting information available for you there. Hope to see you at the September event – the potluck at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Bill Hartel**  
President

## Board Member Positions Need Filling for 2012

The position of Publications Director needs filling for 2012. Anyone interested in serving on the Hallmark Retiree Board should contact Vonda Crain (816)765-0613.

Some of the duties of the Publications Director are:

1. Contacting other Board Members when it is time to start gathering information for the Newsletter.
2. Assemble this information as it comes in making sure that everything will fit in the space allowed for the Newsletter.
3. Keep a list of the deceased Retirees and Spouses and then assemble them in order by date for publication in the Newsletter.
4. Co-ordinate getting the information to the Director that actually puts the Newsletter together and sends it to print.
5. Attend quarterly Board Meetings.

The job just requires a few hours of your time on a quarterly basis and it's fun. Why not give it a try?

## Reservations for Lunch

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse or Guest Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# Of Reservations @ \$7 Each:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to Hallmark Retiree Club and mail with this coupon by September 15, 2010 to:**

**Nancy Dannhauser, 6500 Jefferson Street, Kansas City, MO 64113**

Cancellation must be made by Friday, September 16 to receive a refund.

### In Memoriam

Terry Giaccetti	03-22-10
Hmk. Spouse – Joyce Giaccetti	
Jay Tutorino	10-23-10
Hmk. Spouse – Ann Tutorino	
Betty Bean	11-05-10
Hmk. Spouse – Harold Bean (Deceased)	
Jean DiNapoli	12-25-10
Leroy Davis	02-25-11
Hmk. Spouse – Polly Davis (Deceased)	
Ralph Stansberry	03-11-11
Hmk. Spouse – Joyce Stansberry (Deceased)	
Shari Bibler	03-15-11
John Brown	04-01-11
Hmk. Spouse – Linda Brown	
Sharon Gershman	04-02-11
Thomas Losty	04-04-11
Hmk. Spouse – Mary Losty	
Carolyn Faye Dick	04-06-11
Rita Coenen Wallerstedt	04-06-11
Eugene Teeter	04-08-11
Hmk. Spouse – Margie Ellen Teeter	
Mary Melquist	04-11-11
Mary Brancato	04-13-11
Hmk. Spouse – Peter J. Brancato (Deceased)	
Paul Lee Shepherd	04-16-11
James P. Aylward, Jr	04-17-11
Hmk. Spouse – Betty Aylward (Deceased)	
Colleen Thom	04-20-11
Hmk. Spouse – Roger Thom	
Ward “Bill” Eisenhower	04-21-11
Patsy Eisenhower	04-23-11
Hmk. Spouse – Bill Eisenhower (Deceased)	
Colleen Keeffe	04-23-11
Hmk. Spouse – James Keeffe (Deceased)	
Marguerite Magathan	04-25-11
Judy Green	04-29-11
Melba Criner	05-05-11
Michael Melfa	05-11-11
Hmk. Spouse – Helen Melfa (Deceased)	
John F. Colstrom	05-12-11
Dorothy “Nadine” Barnett	05-18-11
William O. Brown	05-20-11
Ommie Nelms	05-24-11
Hmk. Spouse – Donna Nelms	
Robert “Larry” Fishel	05-25-11
Grover Lawson	05-26-11
Mildred Enfield	05-29-11
Betty Cagna	06-01-11
Connie Jones	06-11-11
Hmk. Spouse – Dennis G. Jones	
Larry Hurley	06-13-11
Hmk. Spouse – Glenda Hurley	
George Worsley	06-14-11
Dorothy C. Cosey	06-18-11
Gloria Redmond	06-26-11
Edith Callen	06-27-11
Jim Underwood	06-27-11
Carl Ogan	06-28-11
Hmk. Spouse – Doris Ogan	

### Thank You!!

Thanks to everyone who donated to our Harvester's Food Drive at the June Picnic. 210 pounds of food were donated, enough to provide 162 meals to those less fortunate. Often the highest quality and most nutritious food is donated by members of the community like you. Thank you!



Remember to check in on the Hallmark Retiree Club Web Site at [www.hallmarkretireeclub.com](http://www.hallmarkretireeclub.com) to keep up with all the retiree news. Also advise us of any changes in your email addresses. Please send them to Carol Gibson at [teapots515@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:teapots515@sbcbglobal.net).

### LOCAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

#### Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

Laura O'Brien  
(816) 751-1307 or [lobrien@nelson-atkins.org](mailto:lobrien@nelson-atkins.org)

The Nelson has launched a new initiative to help make their art collection more easily accessible for all museum-goers - the introduction of electric Shuttle carts that offer visitors an easy way to move through the museum space. Outgoing volunteers with excellent driving skills are needed to drive the carts. Volunteers must be at least 21 years old and be willing to volunteer twice per month. This is a great opportunity for anyone who loves art and wants to help as many people as possible connect with the museum's art treasures.

#### Pets for Life, Inc. - volunteers needed

Location: 7240 Wornall Rd., KCMO 64114,  
(816)-363-3665, Fax (816)-363-9996. The purpose of Pets for Life, Inc. is to enhance the care and treatment of people in local hospitals, nursing homes, shelters for domestic violence, mental health programs, treatment centers for youth and corrections facilities through the use of certified teams of pets and volunteers. There is more information available on their website - [kcpetsforlife.com](http://kcpetsforlife.com). For additional information please contact: Donna Amato, President, Pets for Life, Inc.

#### REMINDERS:

Salvation Army, Red Cross, Harvesters etc...With the horrible heat wave the US has endured this summer and all the storms that have caused so much damage, remember that many folks need all kinds of help, i.e. food, water, clothing, etc. Please contact your local organizations to see what you can do to help...you'll be glad you did!!

**Carol Gibson**

**Volunteer and Communications Director**

### Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for Retirees is Monday, October 31, 2011 until Friday, November 18.

### Travel News

New trips are posted on [hallmarkretireeclub.com](http://hallmarkretireeclub.com)! Check them out! Let us know of your up-coming or recent trips by using the Contact Us tab on the website!

**Barb Long**  
**Travel Director**

### Web Site

[Hallmarkretireeclub.com](http://Hallmarkretireeclub.com) is your web site. It has all the information for retirees, including an up-to-date list of Crown Center shops offering Hallmark discounts! And if you can't find what you want, use the Contact Us tab and ask us! We'll try our best to get you the information you need.

**Mary Bulman-Griggs**  
**Web Site Director**

### Corporate Email Update

If you would like to add or update your personal email address in Hallmark's HR system please send an email to [HRservicecenter@Hallmark.com](mailto:HRservicecenter@Hallmark.com) and in the subject line put 'Retiree Email'.