

Hallmark

RETIREE CLUB NEWS

August 2013

New and Noteworthy

Halls announces exciting plans for a new 60,000 square foot department store, slated to open in September 2014 in Crown Center. Representing a \$10 million investment into the center, the new store will be the sole retail tenant on the third level of the Crown Center Shops and will feature the current Halls departments as well as an in-store café. The existing Halls stores in Crown Center will close in early 2014 to allow for construction of the new store. The proposed plans call for the enclosed walkway bridging Grand Boulevard to be opened up with windows. The Halls Plaza store will remain open through late summer 2014, at which time all operations will move to the new Halls store in Crown Center.

Hallmark Cards Inc. said it is weighing various options for its ownership of Crown Media Holdings Inc. Crown is the parent company of the Hallmark Channel and Hallmark Movie Channel. Its shares trade publicly, though Hallmark Cards and related entities own 90.3 percent of the stock. Hallmark may simply maintain its holdings. It also is considering buying more shares, either privately or on the open market, or engaging in a merger that would eliminate the minority shareholders' ownership position in Crown Media or proposing another form of going private. Crown's finances have improved since recapitalization. Revenues have increased in each of the last three years, reaching nearly \$350 million in 2012. The once money-losing company posted a profit in each of those years as well.

RESERVATION FOR SEPTEMBER POT LUCK

Name: _____

Spouse or Guest

Name: _____

No of reservations at \$8 each: _____

Make check payable to Hallmark Retiree Club and mail with this coupon by September 4 to:

Vonda Crain
13213 Corrington Avenue
Grandview, MO 64030

Cancellations must be made by September 6th to receive a refund and there is a limit of 175 attendees.

The Presidents Corner

Hello Everyone,

This time last year we were in the midst of a heat wave and drought. At this year's June picnic at Loose Park, it was cool with light showers. What a difference a year makes! It appears that warm, dry summer weather is making a comeback but that's what we expect here in the Midwest so get out and enjoy the sunshine and warm temperatures. Our next event will be a pot luck luncheon in September at the Second Presbyterian Church at 55th & Oak St. in Kansas City, MO. We've had this event several times and its popularity seems to grow. We will provide the meat, drinks and silverware for a small fee. You bring your favorite covered dish. If you haven't been to an old fashioned pot luck for a while, consider joining us this September. Hope to see you there.

Mike Hurley
Club President

Join the Hallmark Retiree Club Board

A few volunteers are needed to fill openings on the Hallmark Retiree Club Board in 2014. The jobs just require a few hours of time on a quarterly basis. Please contact Donna Nolan at 913-268-4651 if you are interested.

September Pot Luck

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2013

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

Location: Second Presbyterian Church, 55th & Oak, Kansas City, MO. Westminster Fellowship Hall (Enter from West or North Parking Lots)

Mark your calendar to attend our annual Pot Luck luncheon. 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 an \$8 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 55th 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 55th St. Additional parking is available on the west side of Oak St. next to the church.

Nancy George
Arrangements Director

In Memoriam

Lewis Baslee – 5/27/2013
Margie Bloom – 3/30/2013
Hmk. Spouse: Harold Bloom
Betty Buek – 4/25/2013
Fern Buhlig - 4/22/2013
Gerald Cavanaugh – 5/13/2013
Hmk. Spouse: Betty Cavanaugh
Irmgard Cramer – 4/18/2013
Charlie Curtiss – 5/6/2013
Barry Daneman – 7/4/2013
Hmk. Spouse: Pat Daneman
B.W. Dodson – 6/25/2013
Ed Gammill – 4/30/2013
Gilbert Graham – 2/19/2013
Vivian Hahn – 4/16/2013
Hmk. Spouse: Paul Hahn
Barbara Hall – 2/20/2013
Hmk. Spouse: Charles Hall
Kenneth Hatcher – 6/19/2013
Hmk. Spouse: Rosemary Hatcher
Patty Hulse – 5/9/2013
Hmk. Spouse: Norman Hulse
Charles Kirkendall – 5/12/2013
Hmk. Spouse: Francis Kirkendall
John Kolbaba – 6/19/2013
Hmk. Spouse: Juanita Kolbaba
Dorothy Kraweic – 12/12/2012
Hmk. Spouse: John Kraweic
Robert Livingston – 5/11/2013
Hmk. Spouse: Carol Livingston
Linda Lynn – 5/2/2013
Hmk. Spouse: Jimmie Lynn
John Mullin – 7/1/2013
Gail Nicholson – 6/20/2013
Hmk. Spouse – Juanita Nicholson
Marin Pinnick – 5/25/2013
Pennie Roberson – 7/13/2013
Hmk. Spouse: Sam Roberson
Flo Rosenblatt – 7/9/2013
Joe Swaney – 4/21/2013
Terry Trackwell – 6/11/2013
Norma VanDyke – 6/14/2013
Hmk. Spouse: Doyle VanDyke
Dick Warner – 6/8/2013
Marion Whaley – 4/2/2013
Hmk. Spouse: Gerald Whaley
Amy Wilburn – 3/30/2013

Additional Information is contained on the Retiree Club website.

Retiree Calling

The Retiree Club facilitates a program that calls out of town retirees each year to help them stay connected with recent events and activities. If you would like to assist in contacting other Hallmarkers, please contact George Lilly at (816) 373-0673. Hallmark provides calling cards so there is no cost to help out.



The following local non-profit organizations need your help:

CALL FOR ACTION - Qualifications required are to possess oral and written communications skills; must have computer knowledge and able to input information into CFA's computer program; maintain helpful attitude while working with every type of consumer and keep all information confidential. 5 to 6 hours per day, (9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.), one day a week (Tuesday or Thursday) is required, with a commitment of one year. You need to have your transportation to station located at 4720 Oak.

Please contact:

Marilyn Ricci, Director
816-932-4378
kay@nbcactionnews.com

PETS FOR LIFE, INC.

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.

Please contact:

Donna Amato, President
(816)-363-3665, Fax **(816)-363-9996**

WORNALL/MAJORS HOUSE MUSEUMS

The houses are Antebellum homes which are located in KCMO (Majors: 82 and State Line; Wornall: 61 Terr and Wornall). They are a non-profit and are always in need of volunteers! At this time, what they are most needing are docents. Docents give guided tours of the homes to visitors. Wornall is open Tuesday-Saturday 10-4 and Sundays 1-4. Majors is open Saturday and Sunday 1-4 PM. There is a bit of up front work, such as learning facts/history of the home and one or two days of shadowing a seasoned docent.

For more information or to sign up, please contact:

Dorene Disbrow: **816-506-0058**
coordinator@wornallhouse.org

Christmas In October

Amy Winterscheidt, National Volunteer Manager for Hallmark, will give a brief presentation on Christmas in October at the September potluck luncheon.

For additional information concerning volunteer opportunities visit the Retiree Club website at www.hallmarkretireeclub.com

COMMUNICATIONS

If your name is not listed on the web site's "retirement" page and you would like to have it listed, please send me your retirement date, name, dept. where worked, and number of years worked and I'll see it gets posted...email me at csg51578@yahoo.com.

Carol Gibson
Volunteer/Communications Director