

RETIREE CLUB NEWS

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2011 Hallmark Retiree Club

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The President's Corner

Here it is the first newsletter of 2011, and it seems like just yesterday we were all worried about Y2K. Can you believe we are in the second decade of the new millennium?

This year will be a little different for our quarterly social gatherings. Since the 25 Year Club is holding an event in April, your board decided to cancel our spring event rather than have two so close together. We will still hold 3 events in 2011, and information will be in the next Newsletter.

If you have any comments you would like to share, leave us a note on the web site, hallmarkretireeclub.com If you don't have access to email, call me – Bill Hartel – 913-782-7817. We want to hear your thoughts on future social events for the club.

Web Site

Have you seen the website lately? Take a few minutes and check it out. We've reorganized in an attempt to make it easier to use. Let us know if you have comments, suggestions, or complaints! Use the Contact Us tab.

25 Year Club Dinners Return

A new approach to Hallmark's 25-year club dinners debuts in April, with exclusive events for retirees with 25 or more years of service.

In 2010 Hallmark announced changes to its 25-year club receptions in order to respond to exponential growth in the number of employees reaching the 25-year milestone. There now will be separate events for active employees who are new 25-year club members, and for those who retired as members of the club.

Two identical retiree events will be held at Hallmark headquarters April 26 and April 27 for Hallmarkers who retired with 25 or more years of service from Kansas City, Liberty, Lawrence, Topeka and Leavenworth. Eligible retirees will be invited to one of the two dates based on the location or division in which they worked at the time of retirement. Local events also are planned for those who retired from other facilities and will be communicated directly to those eligible later in the year.

Invitations for the Kansas City events will be mailed in late March. To be held in the early evening, the events will feature time for socializing and shopping, followed by a meal in the Crown Room. Cocktails will be available for a charge.

Limited space is available and RSVPs will be taken online on a first-come, first-served basis. Complete instructions will be included in the invitation.

Retiree Club members are needed to serve as hosts and way finders, and to assist with pre-event tasks. If you would like to assist, contact your club administrator at hallmarkretireeclub.com. Click on the Contact Us tab, or phone Bill Hartel at 913-782-7817. Please contact us by April 15.

Travel News

Check out the Travel section of Hallmarkretireeclub.com. We'd like to know where you want to go and where you've been. What do you recommend? We'll be posting some last minute bargain cruise deals for your consideration! Use the Contact Us tab.



In Memoriam

Dale Rolin	10-03-10
Hmk. Spouse -- Betty Rolin (Deceased)	
Nadine Criqui	10-05-10
Irene Crowley	10-08-10
Betty Markuson	10-10-10
Hmk. Spouse -- Jerry Markuson	
Marilyn Berry	10-11-10
William Somers	10-15-10
Albert Capuzzi	10-20-10
Belle King	10-22-10
Robert Zink	10-23-10
Fayrol Unverferth	10-26-10
Beverly Hawkins	10-28-10
John Fensom	10-29-10
Hmk. Spouse -- Leah Fensom	
Betty Beckwith	10-30-10
Rosemary Hatcher	11-02-10
Ellis Lee Hestand	11-03-10
Ronald Gene Broadhurst	11-04-10
Leo Leiker	11-04-10
Hmk. Spouse -- Mary J. Leiker	
Sylvia Collins	11-08-10
Hmk. Spouse -- Dale Collins (Deceased)	
Erma Lodwig	11-09-10
Eva M. Schmidt	11-10-10
Wanda Isley	11-11-10
Harold Kerrigan	11-20-10
Edward Vitner	11-20-10
Hmk. Spouse -- Mary Lou Vitner	
Edgar Goucher	11-21-10
Sandra Highfill	11-21-10
Hmk. Spouse -- Charles Highfill	
Dot Whitmore	11-21-10
James D. Taylor	11-27-10
Abraham Lincoln	11-30-10
Hmk. Spouse -- Emily Lincoln	
Monty Springer	11-30-10
Hmk. Spouse -- Verna Springer	
Emalea "Bobbie" Ward	12-01-10
Joan Howard	12-02-10
Loyce Curts	12-06-10
Vernon Lindsay	12-06-10
Larry Fevurly	12-07-10
Everett West	12-08-10
Hmk. Spouse -- Pauline West	
Dennis Mitsunaga	12-09-10
Joseph V. Sears, Jr.	12-11-10
Bernice Waller	12-12-10
Hmk. Spouse -- Milton Waller (Deceased)	
Teresa Wiese	12-14-10
Hmk. Spouse -- Bob Wiese	
Evelyn Smith	12-15-10
Andrew Jackson	12-20-10
Elfriede H. Stahlhut	12-22-10
Rosemary Oades	12-23-10
Donna Henderson	12-24-10
Wayne Meisenheimer	12-24-10
Hmk. Spouse -- Shirley Meisenheimer	
Terry Shepard	12-26-10



Volunteer:

Local opportunity: Tax season is here and more than 300 volunteers are needed a few hours a week at 16 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites throughout the area. The VITA program offers free tax help to low- and moderate-income families. Tax preparation experience is not necessary; however, computer and tax knowledge is a plus. Training begins this month, and flexible day, evening and weekend hours will be available. Retirees, I'm sure opportunities of this type are also available in your areas. Contact your local United Way to volunteer for this service.

There are several other organizations needing volunteers who could use the varied experience of Hallmark retirees...Hospice Centers, People With Disabilities groups, drivers for Meals on Wheels, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Big Brothers Big Sisters, as well as Salvation Army, Harvesters, Red Cross, even your local churches, etc. -- the opportunities are many and varied...please try to give them some of your time.

With the current economy, food for low income or out-of-work people is also desperately needed. Any food or monetary donations to your local agencies is greatly appreciated by all.

Communications:

New retirees, please forward your email address to "Contact Us" on the retiree web page or you can email me direct, teapots515@sbcglobal.net. We would also like to know the city and state in which you reside. This also applies to those of you who have recently changed your email address.

Watch for some changes and, hopefully, improvements on the retiree web page. If you have any suggestions, please email me via "Contact Us" on the web page or send to me directly.

Carol Gibson

Volunteer/Communications Director

Program

Please contact Les Palmer, Entertainment Chair, if you or someone you know could provide entertainment at a future Retiree Luncheon. We will have entertainment at our June Picnic and the luncheons in September and December. You can email Les at lepalmer@aol.com or call him at 913-649-7420.

KC Corporate Challenge

Yes, it's that time again. Age group participants are needed for the 5K run, swimming, track, and bicycle race. Walk participants, volunteers and many other event participants are also needed. Go to www.kccorporatechallenge.com and click on the Challenger manager icon. Our company password is: HLMK338. Create your profile, sign the waiver and sign-up. If you need help, contact Mary Bulman-Griggs, mbg627@yahoo.com or 816-452-5376.