

# Hallmark

## RETIREE CLUB NEWS

February 2013

### Adele Hall

It is with deepest sympathy for the Hall family that we report the passing of Adele Hall, wife of Donald Hall, Sr. Mrs. Hall passed away on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the family home in Hawaii. If you would like to share a memory, leave a message of condolence, or just sign the guestbook, go to <http://memorial.hallmark.com/adele-hall>.

### Retiree Club Website

100+ years of sharing and caring were built by the thousands of years of collective dedication and expertise of Hallmark's retirees. The Hallmark Retiree Club helps to maintain the special community we share. The Retiree Club website provides information on upcoming events, group activities, photos, and shared memories, and resources for discounts, goings on at Hallmark and much more. Some of the sections that may be of interest are: **Remembrances** – remember retirees and non-retirees.

**Retiree Club** - check out new activities as they are posted.

**Retirements** - see the newest members of our club!

**Volunteer Opportunities** - stay connected to our community and use your many skills and talents.

**HR Contacts** - have a question? Look for a contact here.

**Branch Plants** – Find current and past newsletters from various Hallmark locations.

The website is maintained by Mary Bulman-Griggs and Carol Gibson. If you have questions or concerns please let us know at [hallmarkretireeclub@live.com](mailto:hallmarkretireeclub@live.com).

### 25 Year Retiree Dinner

Invitations for the 25-year Retiree Dinners will be mailed out in mid-March for dinners on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. Invitations will be for specific nights based on work location. RSVPs are required and attendees may choose early or late seating.

Hallmark HR is asking for volunteers for each dinner to greet attendees at the 4D guard station and answer any questions they may have. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Christine Rankin at [Christine.Rankin@Hallmark.com](mailto:Christine.Rankin@Hallmark.com) or 816-274-7464

### The Presidents Corner

Hello Everyone,  
Welcome to a New Year. I hope this will be a good year of retirement for you. Most of us have learned it's true what they say: You're busier than when you worked. That's better than being bored and having nothing to do.

If you haven't been to any of our quarterly luncheons, I would urge you to give us a try this year. Our first event will be on March 7 in the Rice Center and will again be catered by the Crown Room. These luncheons at Hallmark have proved to be very popular and give you the chance to meet with old friends. If you haven't attended one before, why not contact other retiree friends and come as a group. I think you will enjoy the experience.

Besides the retirees, another major source of our strength is our Board of Directors. These people give a great deal of their time to make sure everything runs smoothly and represent the best of the Hallmark spirit. This year, we have three new members joining the Board: Nancy George-Arrangements, Marsha Watkins-Travel and Donna Nolan-Nominations. If you enjoy club leadership, I would encourage you to consider joining the board in the future.

Finally, I would join past Presidents in extending our gratitude to the Hall family for the support they have given the Retiree Club now entering its 26<sup>th</sup> year. Hope to see you soon.

Mike Hurley

### Reservations for Luncheon

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

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

# of Reservations @ \$13 Each: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Hallmark Retiree Club and mail with this coupon by March 2nd to:

Vonda Crain

13213 Corrington Ave.

Grandview, MO 64030

Cancellations must be made by March 4th to receive a refund and there is a limit of 200 attendees.

### March Luncheon

More information on the March luncheon is on the back page of the newsletter.

## In Memoriam

Veronica Barbarick – 11/22/2012  
Eileen Barnes – 11/8/2012  
Irma Blackburn – 12/1/2012  
Dan Blackwell – 10/27/2012  
Jean Budenosky – 1/11/2013  
Alta Duncan – 12/2/2012  
Barb Hardwick – 12/5/2012  
Jack Hawkins – 10/16/2012  
Russ Hill – 12/8/2012  
Theresa Karalis – 1/13/2013  
Pola Lawrence – 12/29/2013  
Hmk. Spouse: Frank Barnum  
Helen Mintz – 12/31/2012  
Hmk. Spouse: Bob Mintz  
Deceased in 2001  
Mary Nunez – 12/10/2012  
Madelyn Olson – 11/25/2012  
Lynn Paxson – 10/8/2012  
Sheila Ridenhour – 1/7/2013  
Dove Ann Rittman – 12/24/2012  
Dale Seward – 11/13/2012  
Bob Turner – 8/2/2012  
Pauline West – 11/7/2012  
Betty Wilson – 12/8/2012  
Alma Wimberly – 10/17/2012  
Doug Winter – 7/19/2012

The Retiree Club website contains information on non-retiree Hallmarkers as well as additional information on these individuals. Go to :  
[www.hallmarkretireeclub.com](http://www.hallmarkretireeclub.com)

### Travel News

If you are considering a trip in the coming months, keep Kincaid Travel and Tours in mind as they do an excellent job and offer many locations. Contact Linda Timberlake at 913-441-6200 for more information.



Listed below are some local organizations that need volunteer support -- please review them to see if you might be interested in assisting or for further volunteer information please go to the Retiree Club Web Site at [www.hallmarkretireeclub.com](http://www.hallmarkretireeclub.com) for more details.

### Bye, Bye Baby

Operation Breakthrough is looking for volunteers to "hold, rock, read to, sing to, dance with, and play with" babies for one hour, once a week. (Volunteers get to have fun, but do none of the dirty work -- they change diapers for us.) Ideally, Operation Breakthrough would like one to two volunteers in each of the baby rooms for an hour, M-F 9am-11am (or 8:30am-11am). It's important that babies develop long term trusting relationships, so we're asking for a six month or one year commitment to the program.

Sound like one of the best hours of your week? Contact Destiny Hritz, Volunteer Services Coordinator, Operation Breakthrough, Inc., at [destinyh@operationbreakthrough.org](mailto:destinyh@operationbreakthrough.org) or (816) 329-5233. Program volunteers must submit an application, background check, and TB test. Destiny will schedule 1 ½ hour orientations with groups of volunteers, which includes paperwork required for a background check. (Standard procedure for volunteering with children.) To complete the paperwork before the orientation, here's the link: <http://www.operationbreakthrough.org/page-12-help-us-volunteering> Hallmark will cover the \$15 charge for the background check, and Destiny has agreed to bill Hallmark directly for the charges.

### High Aspirations

High Aspirations is a program dedicated to working with African American young men to raise their aspirations by initiating innovative ways to improve the quality of their lives. Assistance is needed in the day-to-day program operations. You must be at least 18 years old and have clerical/administrative work experience. Contact Henry Wash at 816-914-0983 or [highaspirationskc@gmail.com](mailto:highaspirationskc@gmail.com).

Thanks to all of you for your continued volunteer support and special thanks to those who volunteered to decorate Children's Mercy Hospital, South this past Christmas. See the Retiree Club website for additional volunteer opportunities.

### COMMUNICATIONS

If you have retired and are not listed on the website's "retirement" page and would like to be, please send me your retirement date, name of dept. where worked, and number of years worked and I'll see it gets posted...email me at [csg51578@yahoo.com](mailto:csg51578@yahoo.com).

Carol Gibson, Volunteer/Communications Director

### Retiree Luncheon at Hallmark Cards

Location: Rice Center Atrium  
Date: Thursday, March 7th  
11:15 am Arrival, 12 Noon Lunch  
Cost: \$13 per person      Catered by the Crown Room  
Menu: Tossed Salad, Fried Chicken Pieces, Grilled Chicken Breasts, Southern Green Beans, Whipped Potatoes, Dinner Rolls w/butter, Homemade Brownies, Coffee, Iced Tea and Water.

This March, we are returning to the Rice Center Atrium for our annual Hallmark update and luncheon. The guest speaker will be Brad Moore. Brad is President - Hallmark Hall of Fame Productions. He has led the Hallmark Hall of Fame for 29 years, nearly half of its 61-year existence. While leading the Hallmark Hall of Fame, Moore has also served in a variety of other responsibilities at Hallmark. He is currently a director of Crown Media Holdings, which operates the Hallmark Channel; he was president of Hallmark Publishing for 2 years; he directed all Hallmark advertising and promotion activities in the U.S. for 15 years; and for 7 years he directed advertising activities for Hallmark subsidiaries in Europe, Asia, and Australia/New Zealand.

Please enter by the 8<sup>th</sup> floor guard station. Don't forget to bring your Hallmark badge and guests will be required to sign in. Parking is available directly south of the Rice Center in the surface lot on the southwest corner of 27<sup>th</sup> and Gillham.