Hallmark RETIREE CLUB NEWS

Spring Event

Retiree Luncheon at Hallmark Cards Location: Rice Center, Multi-Purpose Room Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2012, 12 Noon Lunch Cost: \$15 per person

Crown Room catered menu: Fried and Grilled Chicken, Whipped Potatoes, Southern Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, assorted deserts and drink.

We received numerous compliments on the food for our April 2010 luncheon catered by the Crown Room at the Rice Center, so we've decided to return there this spring.

We are in for a real treat at the March 28th Spring Event.

Our entertainment will be a presentation by Jeanette Carter, Vice President of Integrated Consumer Marketing. She is in charge of all the television, magazine, and other consumer advertising that Hallmark does, and will share with us information about upcoming Hall of Fame shows and new commercials for the coming season. She will also introduce new products and promotional items that will be featured for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Easter. And there are always some new surprises on the Hallmark horizon. Jeanette's a walking, talking ball of energy, and we are sure you will enjoy her sharing with us some of the exciting product coming, and the marketing efforts behind them. Don't forget to bring a hankie - - - there WILL be commercials.

Please enter by the 8th floor Guard Station. Don't forget to bring your Hallmark badge. Guests will have to sign in. Parking will be available directly south of the Rice Center at the surface lot located on the southwest corner of 27th and Gillham.

Reservations for Lunch

Name: _____

Spouse or Guest Name: _____

of Reservations @ \$15 Each: _____

Make check payable to Hallmark Retiree Club and mail with this coupon by March 21, 2012 to: Milli Richter, 11441 Marty St., Overland Park, KS 66210

Cancellations must be made two business days prior to the event to receive a refund.

The Presidents Corner

Hello to all Hallmark retirees.

Heard that the groundhog just predicted we will have 6 more weeks of winter....if the next 6 weeks are like the rest of the winter we have had in the Kansas City area, it won't be any problem at all to handle 6 more weeks! Hope the winter wherever you are has been as nice. And remember that every day that passes is one day closer to spring, and one day less with a threat of ice and snow.

It is getting closer to the time of our first gathering of 2012. Please be sure to read more about our March 28th event in this newsletter. We will get an update on things happening around Hallmark from our guest speaker and if you were with us for the 100th anniversary celebration two years ago, you will remember what a good catering job the Crown Room does and what a great space the Rice Center is for a luncheon like ours. Please make plans to join us.

Finally, welcome to the 2 new directors on our board: Milli Richter, Secretary/Treasurer and Tom Shoemake, Publications director in charge of this newsletter. They join a dedicated group of people who work very hard to make this retiree club a group you can be proud to be a part of. If you ever want to know more about what we do, please contact me directly or use the website to ask any questions.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon.

Regards, Nancy Dannhauser nddannhauser@yahoo.com

What's New on the Web Site?

Have you been to the web site recently? Hallmarkretireeclub.com is the site. We have newsletters from Liberty, Lawrence, and Leavenworth with all the current news. Stay up-to-date with the calendar of events and discounts. Check out the new trips in our Travel section and pictures from our December lunch!

Sometime before May 1 we will be transferring the web site to new software. We hope to accomplish this with no down-time..... If you cannot get to the website or our email, please give me a call, 816-651-4868, or send me an email at mbg627@yahoo.com.

Mary Bulman-Griggs, Web Site Director

In Memorium

12/31/11 - ** Mary Haug Hmk. Spouse: Gene Haug 12/31/11 - ** Donald Boysen Hmk. Spouse: Barbara Boysen 12/28/11 - ** Barbara Boysen Hmk. Spouse: Donald Boysen 12/27/11 - Herbert Elliott 12/27/11 - Beverly Smith 12/24/11 - Harry L. (Bud) Anderson 12/23/11 - Stan Shaffer 12/23/11 - Tony Szychowski 12/21/11 -- ** Eunice Bledsoe Hmk. Spouse: Bob Bledsoe 12/17/11 - Dorothy Lee Coffman 12/17/11 - ** Joan Dody Hmk. Spouse: Don E. Dody 12/14/11 - Larry Butts Hmk. Spouse: Carol Butts <u>12/11/11 – Alice Isham</u> 12/11/11 - Virginia Witte 12/10/11-Betty Young 12/9/11 - George Foust 12/2/11 - Richard Boyette 12/1/11 - Lorraine Bowie 12/1/11 - Carol Marie O'Reilly 12/1/11 - Anna Mae Thompson 11/29/11 - Jewell Martin 11/28/11 - Patricia A. "Pat" Oakland 11/25/11 - Zada Anne Grider Hmk. Spouse: Clete Grider 11/23/11 - Irlene Bover 11/19/11 - Margaret Ascanio 11/19/11 - Dot Cardella 11/18/11 - Marvin Smith 11/17/11 - Arden Droge 11/17/11 - ** Jesse E. Simms Hmk. Spouse: Bev Simms 11/15/11 - Laura Elliott 11/14/11 - Audrey Dailey 11/13/11 - Wayne Sparks Hmk. Spouse: Sharon Sparks <u>11/11/11 - Allan Essman</u> 11/8/11 - ** Betty Krane Hmk. Spouse: Scott Krane 11/8/11 - Arthur "Art" Lee Reece 11/5/11 - Floyd Neely 11/2/11 - Michael Shephard 10/29/11 - Charlie Klein 10/23/11 - Tage Mortensen 10/22/11 - Janet Noriega 10/16/11 - Alan K. Tripp 10/14/11 - Edna Burt 10/9/11 - Joseph Buchanan Hmk. Spouse: Alice Buchanan 10/9/11 - Thelma Martin 10/9/11 - Marcia Rogers 10/9/11 - ** Walter Tague Hmk. Spouse: Susan Tague 10/3/11 – *Mildred Locasio* 10/3/11 - Virgina Long 10/3/11 - ** Sherry Renner Hmk. Spouse: John Renner 10/3/11 - Cathy Safford ** Spouse of Hallmarker For additional information see www.hallmarkreti<u>reeclub.com</u>



Local and regional volunteer opportunities:

Harvesters

Downtown/East Side, Ongoing Volunteer Department, (816) 929-3090, volunteer@harvesters.org

KC CASH

Kansas City Metro Area, January - April

Maggie Doedtman, (816) 559-4676, <u>www.kccash.org</u>. More than 300 volunteers are needed a few hours a week at 18 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. Multiple training opportunities are still available.

Wayside Waifs

South Kansas City, Ongoing

Ann Marie Thomas, (816) 761-8151 x331, athomas@waysidewaifs.org Volunteers needed to serve as dog and cat socializers, help with office duties and assist with the foster care and humane education programs.

Call For Action

A support department based at NBC Action News is recruiting volunteers to work in their call center, open three days a week. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age and have good oral and written communication skills. Through mediation, volunteers seek to resolve consumer problems, working with clients who have been ripped off for merchandise, services or money, and to expose scams in the area. Basic computer skills are needed. Training is provided. Plaza/Brookside area...commitment required for one year. Contact Marilyn Ricci, (816) 932-4378 kay@nbcactionnews.com

COMMUNICATIONS

The look of the web site has changed, to try and make it more readable for you. We have alphabetized the subject matter and included dates where applicable. We will try to keep you updated on Hallmark Hall of Fame presentations. Financial information is not available to us so we are unable to place it on the web site.

Reminder to check the Volunteer tab on our Hallmark Retiree Club web site at www.hallmarkretireeclub.com to investigate more volunteer opportunities, and to keep up with all retiree club news. If you have a change in your email address, please let me know at teapots515@sbcglobal.net or hallmarkretireeclub@live.com.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at teapots515@sbcglobal or Mary Bulman-Griggs at mbg627@yahoo.com.

"Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something." -- Author Unknown.

Carol Gibson Volunteer and Communications Director

Breaking News

Hallmark will once again host 25Year Club Dinners for Retirees in the Kansas City area. Dinners are scheduled May 1 and May 2. Invitations will be mailed in mid-March. As we learn more, we will post it on our web site, hallmarkretireeclub.com.