Hallmark RETIREE CLUB NEWS

June 2012

Picnic in the Park - Loose Park Pavilion

Date: Wednesday, June 6, 2012 Time: 12:00 p.m. Noon

Lunch: At the Pavilion in Loose Park

Menu: Fried Chicken, Roast Beef, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Garden Salad, Cookies, Soft Drinks and

Bottled Water. Catered by Hy Vee.

Cost: \$15 per person

Mark your calendar for this consistently popular event at Loose Park located at 52^{nd} and Wornall Road. The Pavilion is a large stone shelter house with parking along the circular driveway in front. Join us for an excellent meal catered by Hy Vee and a chance to visit with old friends. Maximum capacity under the Pavilion is 150 people so send in your reservation soon.

"When you care enough to send the very best" is one of the most well known corporate slogans. "Snap, Crackle, Pop" is another one that we all remember as the slogan for Kellogg's Rice Krispies. But, do you know the company that uses "Between love and madness lies obsession"? We will test your memory at the June picnic to see how many other slogans and companies you recognize. Teams will have 20 minutes to identify other slogans and their companies. Each member of the winning team will receive a prize.

Website Update!

Check out the Retiree Club website at www.hallmarkretireeclub.com to find out more information on travel, discounts to the new aquarium and Legoland and other timely information!

Reservations for Picnic
Name:
Spouse or Guest Name:
of Reservations @ \$15 Each:
Make check payable to Hallmark Retiree Club and mail with this coupon by May 31, 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 and Hello to spring!

Spring has officially arrived. With the exception of a few early summer-like days, it has been a glorious one here in Kansas City and I hope wherever you are as well.

The March event at the Hallmark Rice Center was so much fun! On behalf of the entire Retiree Club board, I'd like to thank all of you who were able to attend the first event of 2012. It was the best non-holiday, non-100th anniversary attendance we have had at least since 2005. The Crown Room catering was great and Jeanette Carter gave us a wonderful review and a little glimpse of upcoming Hallmark advertising efforts. We can always be proud of our Hallmark association.

We certainly encourage you to attend the next event, our annual picnic in Loose Park. There is more about it in this newsletter, along with the coupon. Our picnic is always a great time and we'd love to see another large crowd, so mark your calendars for June 6^{th} and come join us.

Check elsewhere in this newsletter for information about the new aquarium and Legoland. Exciting new things in store for Crown Center!

Hope to see you in June,

Nancy Dannhauser

Phone Program

The retiree club has a telephone program to contact all retirees who are distant from the Kansas City, Leavenworth, Lawrence or Topeka areas. The list of retirees is growing and we need additional retired volunteers to make calls. If you have some spare time to make contacts from your home using a calling card provided by Hallmark, please contact George Lilly at 816-373-0673 or Judy Clifford at 888-545-6200 (a toll free call) and either can give you more details.

Web Site Alert!

Have you seen our website lately? Hallmarkretireeclub.com is the site. We've converted to new software - hopefully it is up and running. Please be patient with us as we "clean it up". Look for new features in the future!

Mary Bulman-Griggs Web Site Director

In Memoriam

Lilly Thompson - 2/6/12 Glen Owens - 3/3/12 Christine Morgano - 3/1/12 William Stan - 2/25/12 Ruth Ward - 3/25/12

Hmk. Spouse: Jack Ward - 9/12/09

James Plants III - 3/16/12 David Robertson – 2/4/12

Hmk. Spouse: Beverly Robertson

Deceased 9/4/11 Louise Haines - 3/22/12 Joan Taylor - 2/24/12

Hmk. Spouse: Ronald Taylor

Deceased 12/29/03 Charles Craig - 3/4/12

Ronald C. Reed – 3/8/12

Jack D. Potts - 3/6/12

James Bozeman – 3/26/12

Edward Shefts - 3/24/12

Alberta Cargile - 3/29/12

Beatrice Lang – 3/14/12 Bobby Rowand - 3/31/12

Charles Swan - 4/3/12

Donald Richerson - 3/24/12 Hmk. Spouse: Donna Richerson

Ernest Miranda – 2/17/12 Robert MacIntyre - 12/9/11 Him. Spouse: Mary MacIntyre

Deceased 9/29/07 Rex McCord - 2/27/12

Hmk. Spouse: Elizabeth McCord

Hazel Bradshaw – 2/13/12 Hmk. Spouse: Lewis Bradshaw

Deceased 2/1/01 Mary Huog - 12/31/11

Hmk. Spouse: Eugene Huog Richard Buchholz Jr. - 2/7/12

Beverly Sherman – 2/3/12

Robert Gomer - 2/2/12

Clayton Wilkins - 2/2/12

Hmk. Spouse: Alice Wilkins

Robert Henslee – 2/4/12

Horace Dowell Jr. - 1/31/12

Herman Holloway - 2/29/12

Jennie Barton – 1/23/12

Beatrice Cotten - 1/21/12

Hmk. Spouse - Elbert Cotten

Deceased 4/27/94

Cecil Roberson - 1/8/12

Shirley Zimmerman - 1/30/12

John W. Peterson – 2/27/12

Daniel Drake - 1/19/12

Essie Dresser - 1/22/12

Hmk. Spouse: Harold Dresser

Deceased 4/28/76

Clara Jaramillo - 1/28/12

Benny McNew - 1/4/12

Thomas Faulkner – 1/7/12

Hmk. Spouse: Mary Faulkner

Horace Dowell Jr. - 2/31/12

For additional information see www.hallmarkretireeclub.com



Nationally - Many cities across our great Nation have suffered from recent devastating weather tragedies. Please help if you can by volunteering with clean up and reconstruction; contact is usually made through your local church, Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc. Some of your friends or families may have been hit and need

Local Volunteer Opportunities

Bridging the Gap

"Plant the Prairie" on May 12

Urban Tree Planting on May 9 in the Belton area

To volunteer, contact Amy Smith at 816-561-1090 or amy.smith@bridgingthegap.org

Kansas City Metro Area, Four weeks during the school year 'Kids in the Kitchen' is Harvesters' interactive nutrition and cooking program for children and youth between the ages of 5 and 16. Volunteers assist a staff nutrition educator in leading a curriculum-based program at designated sites throughout the school year. After school classes are held one afternoon per week, for four weeks. The staff asks that you commit to the full course. To volunteer contact the Volunteer Department, (816) 929-3090 volunteer@harvesters.org

Northland Meals on Wheels

Northland, Episodic and ongoing

Drivers are currently being recruited to deliver meals to the homebound in Clay County. You must be available 1.5 hours per week from 10:45 am - 12:15 pm, and have a valid driver's license and car insurance.

To volunteer contact Ellen Hoyt at 816-691-5322 or Ellen.Hoyt@nkch.org.

Shepherd's Center Central

Several volunteer opportunities are available through this senior-targeted organization, including lunch set-up and clean up, assisting the planning team or the newsletter, and serving as a guest speaker/teacher or registration host. Please contact Deb Dickinson at (816) 444-1121 x105 or ddickinson@sccentral.org.

Communications

If you have a "very" special anniversary or birthday coming up that you would like published on the Retiree Club web site, please let me know at teapots515@sbcglobal.net.

Questions about address/phone changes, bank issues, benefits changes, death notifications, ID cards, etc. should be referred to the HR Service Center at 1-888-565-6200 or HRservicecenter@hallmark.com.

Carol Gibson, Volunteer/Communications Director

Harvesters Annual Food Drive

Hallmark will hold their annual Food Drive June 14-26 and they have asked for our support in this effort. As part of this years drive, Hallmark and Harvesters are making it as easy as possible to donate. There will be a Virtual Food Drive at www.hallmark.harvesters.org. The Virtual Food Drive site will not be live until around 6/11/12, but after that time, you can go to the site. Once there, you will be asked to choose a "location", just select Hallmark Retirees, and click through for your donation. Check Hallmarkretireeeclub.com after 6/11 for more information about this food drive. Remember, \$1.00 = 5 meals....so any and all donations are important.

There will be boxes available at the June picnic if you would like to make donations of food items rather than or in addition to making a monetary commitment during the virtual food drive.