

Hallmark

RETIREE CLUB NEWS

May 2014

REMARKS FROM YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT....

If you are recently retired, welcome to our website and welcome to our Hallmark Retiree Club! To you and our members who already enjoy the benefits of the Club, we embrace your friendship, energy, and enthusiasm as we enjoy our 2014 together! There are many opportunities awaiting you in retirement, or as some of us call it, transition to choosing how we invest our time....where we can dive into new projects with deadlines that we determine.

The Hallmark Retiree Club is an excellent way to meet with old friends and make new ones. We have quarterly newsletters with event details, new and noteworthy information, and Hallmark volunteer opportunities. We have luncheons in the Rice Center, our June Loose Park picnic, September event, and our annual December Holiday event.

If you would enjoy being involved with our Hallmark Retiree Club leadership, consider joining our board of directors. Each year we have two or three open positions, and you'll never work with a more enthusiastic and energized team. We welcome you to become involved and to find opportunities to make a difference. We look forward to seeing each of you at our annual Picnic in the Park, June 11, at Loose Park Pavilion. Here's to a great Spring!

Milli Richter

Retiree Calling

The Hallmark Retiree Calling Committee calls out-of-town retirees once a year just to check in and say hello. If you do not want to be called, contact Patty Couch (913-515-6353) to be taken off of the call list. Reminder: If your phone number has changed, be sure to contact Hallmark and inform them of your new number (816-545-6200).

Reservations for Picnic

Name: _____

Spouse or Guest Name: _____

of Reservations @ \$16 Each: _____

Make check payable to Hallmark Retiree Club and mail with this coupon to be received by June 4th to:

Donna Nolan
13309 W 56th Terr.
Shawnee, KS 66216

Cancellations must be made by June 5th to receive a refund, and there is a limit of 150 attendees.

Retiree Picnic at Loose Park

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Time: 11:15 am Arrival, 12 Noon Lunch

Cost: \$16 per person Catered by Hy-Vee

Location: Pavilion at Loose Park, 5200 Pennsylvania.

Send in your reservation now for our annual picnic. We'll enjoy a delicious lunch consisting of Fried Chicken, Herb Roasted Pork Loin, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Garden Salad, Rolls, Cookies, Soft Drinks and Water.

Fill out and return the coupon on the left, or find a printable one on the retiree club website for this fun event.

Entertainment for the picnic will be accordionist Betty Jo Simon, who brings endless enthusiasm to the stage for any occasion. A vivacious performer who enjoys intimate concert settings where she can talk with her audience, Betty Jo has a wide repertoire of music. Her favorite is "*Around the World with the MIDI Accordion*". She earned a Bachelor of Music in Accordion Performance from the University of Missouri--Kansas City (UMKC), where she played the world premiere of Paul Creston's *Fantasy for Accordion and Orchestra* with the UMKC Civic Orchestra. She participated in USO tours to Greenland, Newfoundland, Labrador and Germany, and now performs as a soloist throughout the United States and internationally.

In Memoriam

Shirley Abernathy – 2/4/2014
Jan Andrews – 3/9/2014
Sylvia Bales – 3/9/2014
Mary Bianco – 3/24/2014
Rosemary Blouin – 1/22/2014
Nedra Brines – 2/17/2014
Hmk. Spouse: Lee Brines
Richard Caraway – 2/4/2014
James Drake – 11/12/2013
Frederick Drouin – 3/15/2014
Hmk. Spouse: Beverly Drouin
Larry Graham – 2/21/2014
Hmk. Spouse: Vickie Graham
Lois Hammig – 2/9/2014
Hmk. Spouse: Junior Hammig
Ann Hamric – 2/28/2014
Hmk. Spouse: James Hamric
Ruth Hancock – 1/24/2014
Hmk. Spouse: Charles Hancock
Verlondon Harris – 2/16/2014
Kenneth Haynes – 2/16/2014
Rose Hurst – 3/1/2014
Linda Ingles – 2/10/2014
A.C. Lindsey – 1/14/2014
Hmk. Spouse: Lillie Lindsey
Ruth Malone – 2/14/2014
Hmk. Spouse: Patrick Malone
Marcelline Ritz – 3/9/2014
Hmk. Spouse: Louie Ritz
John Simpson – 3/9/2014
Darryl Swaim – 3/20/2014
Shirley Titus – 7/4/2013
Hmk. Spouse: Randy Titus
Gary Tweddale – 3/2/2014
Darrell Walters – 3/31/2014
Lena Rose Wehmeyer – 3/29/2014
Clen Weichold – 1/25/2014
Hmk. Spouse: Pat Weichold

Additional information on these individuals and more remembrances can be found on the retiree club website.

Retiree Club Website

Have you been to our website recently? Book mark it and check it often. We have

- links to interesting articles concerning Hallmark and Crown Center,
 - info on the latest happenings (Did you know JP Morgan sold its large-market 401K recordkeeping business?),
 - pictures of retirees enjoying our events,
 - recreation opportunities,
 - Contact Us page,
- AND MUCH MORE!

HALLMARK VOLUNTEERS-- *Continuing the Caring Tradition*

Bridging the Gap - EarthWalk

Event volunteers needed Saturday, May 3 for various shifts. Celebrate the 18th annual EarthWalk at Kansas City, Missouri's Riverfront, near the City Market! Event volunteer opportunities include setup, course chalking, walker registration, and more! All volunteers must register in advance. Most jobs require a limited number of volunteers and may fill up quickly! Contact Amy Smith, [816-561-1061](tel:816-561-1061), ext. 122 or email volunteer@bridgingthegap.org.

SAFEHOME

May 10th, the Kiwanis will hold their annual Mother's Day Drive at two HyVee locations. Everything collected benefits SAFEHOME. The Kiwanis members appreciate volunteers to answer questions about SAFEHOME, and to stand with their display board. Please indicate the shifts and location when replying to Cynthia Meyer at cynthia.meyer@safehome-ks.org,

Shifts: 9:00-11:00, 11:00-1:00, 1:00-3:00

HyVee, 12200 State Line Rd., Leawood, KS

HyVee, 13400 W. 87TH St., Lenexa, KS

If you're starting the morning shift, let Cynthia know if you can pick up the display board on Friday, and if you're ending the day, let her know if you can return the board to the office.

SLEEPYHEAD BEDS

This is a non-profit group that provides needy families in the metro area with clean beds to sleep on. They have three staffers. They need help obtaining any size beds in good shape, which they clean. There is a wait list of 200 families. They have one truck and need more help making deliveries if you own a truck and are able to help. To donate or request a bed, email the Operations Coordinator, Melissa Evans, at www.Melissa@sleepyheadbeds.org. For ways you can provide other help, email the Executive Director, Sam Cook, at sam@sleepyheadbeds.org.

Hallmark Volunteer Opportunities

Christmas in October

This is a one-day team event to help those who are physically and financially unable repair and restore their homes. Each team selects a home based on the skill level of their team. This year Christmas in October will be October 11th. Contact Kurt Stackelbeck at [816-985-3775](tel:816-985-3775) or kurt.stackelbeck@hallmark.com to volunteer for a team.

Teams generally consist of 8 - 15 people and can be comprised of Hallmarkers, their family and friends. Only restriction is that children be helpful and mature, (12 and up is a general rule). Work varies from yard cleaning to replacing roofs. Team Captains along with their teams decide what projects they will take on. Materials will be provided. Teams must furnish their own tools. The home owner and their families are encouraged to participate whenever possible

Christmas in October Operational support includes answering phones, providing coordination of warehouse activities, checking in and out tools and material, organizing materials, etc. starting the last week of September and going through Mid-October. Contact Steve Alley, Christmas in October Operations Director, at steveall@christmasinOctober.org to volunteer for support work.

Community Blood Center Blood Drive August 12th in the XPR Conference Room at Hallmark Headquarters.

Thanks!
Carol Gibson

Travel

Our club travel director has arranged two opportunities exclusively for Hallmark retirees. The first is a "Behind the Scenes at the Kauffman Center" tour. It includes motor coach to the center followed by lunch at Brio on the Plaza.

The second is an overnight "Land of Lincoln" trip to Springfield, Illinois including the Presidential Library, Lincoln Home, Lincoln's tomb and much more.

See the Hallmark Retiree Club website for more information on both tours.