

Celebrate with Friends and a Hallmark Bluegrass Band

Come be serenaded while enjoying lunch with old Hallmark friends at the December 4th Holiday Luncheon. Entertainment will be provided by our very own **Hallmark ZooGrass Band**. These 4 talented Hallmarkers have been playing bluegrass together for 15 years. They have provided entertainment at the Wild Saturday at the Zoo for the last several years!

Please join us in December for a traditional holiday luncheon in the Rice Center. Before or after lunch, stop by the Card Shop and/or the Double Discount Store for all your Holiday needs. Don't forget to bring your Hallmark badge.

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Arrival Time: 11:30 am **Lunch:** Noon **Entertainment:** 12:45 pm

Cost: \$17 per person, catered by the Crown Room

Menu: Roast turkey with dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, whipped potatoes, green bean casserole, rolls, apple & pumpkin tarts, coffee, ice tea & water.

Due to construction, park in **Lot 10** (just West of Lot 12).

Please Note: There have been security changes for retirees over the past year. Upon entering the building, you now must check in with the Guard station and show them your badge. They will print a paper badge that you need to wear while in the building. After checking in with the guards, you can proceed to the Rice Center through the 8th floor of the main building or the garage elevators on 4D outside of the Double Discount store. There will be guards there to get you into the Rice Center. You must turn in your paper badge at the Guard station as you leave the building.

REMARKS FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow Hallmark Retirees,

As we come to the end of another year, I want to send a big thank you to all current year board members. As President, I could not have made it through 2019 without all your help! Special thanks to Carol Gibson and Judy Clifford who are both retiring from the board at the end of 2019 – your many years of service on the board are greatly appreciated! Also, give a big welcome to Donna North and Nancy Woodward who have agreed to serve on our 2020 Retiree Board.

Many of us attended the New Dinner Theatre on September 11th for the performance of “*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*”. A good time was had by all.

I do hope you can join us on December 4th for our annual Holiday Luncheon at Hallmark Headquarters. In addition to the food and entertainment, it will give you one more chance to meet and greet fellow Hallmark Retirees in 2019. I look forward to seeing you there.

2019 was a busy year for many of us; however, it is my hope that you still had time to enjoy relaxing moments with family and friends. I have enjoyed serving as your President of the Hallmark Retiree Board in 2019 and wish all of you a very safe and happy holiday season.

Betty Sinn
President



The Hallmark ZooGrass Band has been performing at Hallmark's annual Wild Saturday at the Zoo for the past several years. Depending on the event, the band has also been known as “*Hillbillies at Hallmark*,” and “*Will Pick for Food*.” Together for the past 15 years, the band grew out of a group of Hallmarkers that met weekly for a bluegrass jam session during lunchtime at the Hallmark Headquarters in Crown Center. Guitarist **Mackey Jones**, Project Leader in Greetings IT, is a multi-instrumentalist since age nine. He started playing Bluegrass in his early 30's, showcasing his lightning fast picking and clear vocals. Mandolin player **Mark Franzke**, retired Senior Illustrator from the Hallmark Classics Humor Team, is a renowned luthier, creating professional grade Franzke mandolins, banjos and guitars. In addition to mandolin, he is an accomplished banjo player, guitar player and singer. Bass player **Karla Campbell** is a Systems Strategist in Supply Chain, sings and plays bass with the amazing Hootin' Annies bluegrass band in addition to keeping the ZooGrass band on time. Banjo player **Liz Boyer** is a Senior Video Designer for Union Hill Studios, and supplies the band's high lonesome bluegrass harmonies.

RESERVATIONS FOR LUNCHEON

Name: _____

Spouse or Guest Name: _____

Number of Reservations @ \$17 Each: _____

E-mail Address: _____ @ _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Make check payable to **Hallmark Retiree Club** and mail with this coupon to be received by **November 28th** to:

Joyce Odle
11275 S. Summit St., #2502
Lenexa, KS 66215

Please let us know of any dietary requirements.
Cancellations must be made by **November 27th** to receive a refund.
Maximum reservations **160**.

IN MEMORIAM

10/18/2019	THOMAS McCaughey , <i>spouse: Susie</i>	8/19/2019	CHARLES HABIG , <i>spouse: Cheryl</i>
10/15/2019	W. JERRY MARKUSON	8/16/2019	HELEN BARRINGTON , <i>spouse: Joseph</i>
10/13/2019	MARY RESCHKE , <i>spouse: Ralph</i>	8/14/2019	BARBARA McDONALD , <i>spouse: Johnnie</i>
10/11/2019	MADELINE BURKE , <i>spouse: William</i>	8/13/2019	THERESA HARVEY
10/10/2019	MAURICE DRAPEAU	8/11/2019	WILLIAM 'PETE' CARLSON
10/7/2019	JOHN A. KNAPP , <i>spouse: Mary Lou</i>	8/8/2019	MARK F. ENGLISH , <i>spouse: Wendy</i>
10/5/2019	DAVID RICHESON , <i>spouse: Dolores</i>	7/31/2019	ROBERT J. LAWRENCE
9/29/2019	DORIS BREVERT	7/27/2019	KENNETH LOWRIE , <i>spouse: Wanda</i>
9/28/2019	ALBERT ELLIS , <i>spouse: Donna</i>	7/26/2019	MARY WHEELER , <i>spouse: Richard</i>
9/27/2019	THEODORE VOGEL , <i>spouse: Jean</i>	7/25/2019	ALAN MAIKE , <i>spouse: Dorothy</i>
9/23/2019	ROBERT E. SANDERS , <i>spouse: Rosemary</i>	7/25/2019	BETTY PEPPERS , <i>spouse: Harold 'Jack'</i>
9/21/2019	DENNIS L. STAUFFER	7/24/2019	JEANNE E. DUPREE
9/19/2019	CORA M. BRIGGS	7/23/2019	PATRICIA R. CRAWFORD , <i>spouse: Ken</i>
9/19/2019	MARY E. LOSTY , <i>spouse: Thomas</i>	7/20/2019	GARY McCLELLAN , <i>spouse: Linda J.</i>
9/18/2019	PAMELA HOUSEMAN , <i>spouse: Roy</i>	7/13/2019	PATSY SPRATT , <i>spouse: Ralph Dale</i>
9/14/2019	JOHN HUTCHINSON , <i>spouse: Naomi</i>	7/16/2019	LABIB AKL , <i>spouse: Fatima</i>
9/12/2019	MARTHA McBEE , <i>spouse: Joe</i>	7/8/2019	SERGIO HUFF
9/12/2019	HUBERT 'HUGH' POWELL	7/4/2019	ORAN MOON , <i>spouse: Mona</i>
9/10/2019	ARLETTE DODSON , <i>spouse: Branson</i>	7/4/2019	DAN T. BOLDEN , <i>spouse: Jean</i>
9/8/2019	ROBERT BATES , <i>spouse: Jeanne</i>	6/29/2019	GIUSEPPE OREFICE
9/7/2019	RONALD J. LaRUSSA , <i>spouse: Judith</i>	6/28/2019	RAYMOND STREETER , <i>spouse: Gilda 'Pat'</i>
9/6/2019	MARGARET 'PEGGY' SALISBURY	6/24/2019	EARL MADISON , <i>spouse: Bernadette</i>
9/6/2019	MAE PITRE	6/20/2019	BUDDY STEINLE
9/5/2019	MARY J. FAULKNER	6/19/2019	NATHALEE ACCINNO
9/4/2019	JACK DAVIS , <i>spouse: Linda</i>	5/22/2019	KENNETH WEHMEYER
9/1/2019	JAMES W. ROBERTSON , <i>spouse: Bonnie</i>	5/5/2019	NICHOLAS TOMLIN, JR.
8/31/2019	CHARLES C. CAMERON , <i>spouse: Bettina Evans</i>	2/24/2019	DAVID ANDREW GUILLEN , <i>spouse: Gloria Marie</i>
8/28/2019	RICHARD CARLSON LEE , <i>spouse: Nancy</i>	12/18/2018	ANTOINETTE BEELER
8/28/2019	ELOISE ROSS , <i>spouse: Carson</i>	11/25/2018	HAROLD PETTIECORD , <i>spouse: Mary</i>
8/28/2019	BARBARA A. ONWILER	11/16/2017	JOANNE K. AIKEN , <i>spouse: Douglas</i>
8/27/2019	HELEN GRAHAM , <i>spouse: Gilbert</i>	11/16/2017	DOUGLAS B. AIKEN , <i>spouse: Joanne</i>
8/26/2019	MARION WAITT , <i>spouse: Linda</i>	11/1/2017	GLADYS ADAMSON , <i>spouse: Larry</i>
8/22/2019	ROBERT E. BOWLINE		
8/20/2019	THERESA J. HARVEY		

Additional information on these individuals and more remembrances can be found on the retiree club web site (www.hallmarkretireeclub.com).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

If you have a new address, e-mail, or phone number; have questions about insurance, reporting a death of a spouse or retiree, discounts, or direct deposit changes for Cash Balance Retirements please contact the Hallmark HR Services Department at **1 (888) 545-6200**, or e-mail them at HRservicecenter@hallmark.com. You can also post a message on the Hallmark Retiree Club Facebook page for questions regarding Retiree Club activities.

The annual enrollment period for Hallmark retiree benefits begins **November 1st**. Watch your mail for enrollment packets, which began mailing on October 15th. 2020 rates and plan descriptions are available at <https://corporate.hallmark.com/retirees/benefits-and-discounts/>. Deadlines to enroll or change benefits is **November 15th**.

The retiree club has decided that the practice of annually calling retirees who live outside the Kansas City area will no longer take place. Please read the newsletter each quarter and keep up with your fellow retirees in that way.

The Hallmark Retiree Board welcomes your comments and suggestions and also invites you to consider a position on our board or committees.

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BRIDGING THE GAP

Do you love being outdoors and connecting with nature? Are you driven to improve your community and the environment? Come volunteer with us! Click here to review our current list of volunteer opportunities! ***Bridging The Gap*** not only educates the community about the environment, but also we engage people in taking action. Together, with our volunteers and program leaders, we do the physical work it takes to restore our environment by planting trees, picking up litter, removing invasive species, and much more. We engage 1,500 volunteers each year to accomplish our work – can you join us?

Bridging The Gap offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals, groups, families and students.

Community Recycling Center (ongoing), Office Volunteer (ongoing), Tree Planting and Tree Care, Prairie and Forest Restoration, Litter Cleanups, Special Events (Recycling Attendants, Gala Assistance, etc)

To discuss group options, or if you just aren't sure where to start, email ***Amy Smith***, Volunteer Services Manager, volunteer@bridgingthegap.org or call **816-561-1062**.

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