

Hallmark

RETIREE CLUB NEWS

November 2012

The Presidents Corner

Dear Hallmark Friends,

I imagine that every one of us in the metropolitan KC area is breathing a sigh of relief that the summer of 2012 is over. So far, this fall has been beautiful, just a little rain, lots of wonderful color. Neighbors are out walking; kids are out on their bikes...the best weather in months. One bit of caution, however...folklore says that thunder in the fall means a cold winter. And we had thunder and lightning in KC last week. Be prepared, friends.

We had a great time at our KC Zoo event in September. The BBQ lunch was really good and it was a pleasure to walk around the zoo. The polar bear alone is worth the price of admission.

Insurance information is still available at retireebenefits.hallmark.com, which can be accessed directly or through a link on the Hallmark Retiree Club website. Check the Home page for that link. Representatives will be available at our December event if you have questions.

Please mark **Tuesday, December 11** on your calendar, the date of our December holiday event in the Rice Center this year. Check for more info in this newsletter. The Crown Room is catering, so the food will be great and the Hallmark Gospel Choir will perform, so try to join us.

Finally...this is my last note as President of your Retiree Club. It's been a pleasure to serve all of you. Thanks to our Hallmark support people, Mo Chaudry, Valerie Normile and Judy Clifford and a special thanks to all the board members. All of these people work very hard to make this club successful and have made my year as President a memorable one. (And this club is only as successful as its members and leaders. Consider being one of those leaders and making a difference.)

Our retiree club is a club of friends. Remember..."A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be". Douglas Pagels

Hope to see in December.
Peace and Memories,
Nancy Dannhauser
nddannhauser@yahoo.com

Insurance Questions?

Representatives from Cigna, SQS and Hallmark Benefits will be on hand at the December luncheon to answer questions you might have regarding your health care coverage during retirement.

Reservations for Luncheon

Name: _____

Spouse or Guest Name: _____

of Reservations @ \$18 Each: _____

Make check payable to Hallmark Retiree Club and mail with this coupon to be received by December 6th to: Milli Richter, 11441 Marty St., Overland Park, KS 66210
Cancellations must be made by December 7th to receive a refund. Maximum reservations: 220

Retiree Luncheon at Hallmark Cards

Location: Rice Center Atrium

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2012

11:15 am Arrival, 12 Noon Lunch

Cost: \$18 per person Catered by the Crown Room

Menu: Roast Turkey with dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce; Beef Tenderloin, Whipped Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, rolls, apple & pumpkin tarts, coffee, ice tea & water.

This December, we are returning to the Rice Center Atrium for a traditional holiday luncheon served by the Crown Room. Entertainment will be provided by the Hallmark Gospel Choir. 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.

Hallmark Gospel Choir's Mission Statement: To Enrich and Inspire Lives Through Gospel Music. To Spread Joy As We Strive To See God Glorified Through Praise and Musical Excellence. Choir Membership is open to all Hallmarkers & Retirees, with a current roster of 15-20 Active Members.

In Memoriam

Hugh Baker - 8/11/2012
Hugh Bower – 10/16/2012
Linda Brewer – 9/18/2012
Juanita Cullen – 7/22/2012
Judy Curry – 4/21/2012
Clara Darrow – 8/20/2012
Hmk. Sons: Richard and Roger Darrow
Floyd Evans – 10/7/2012
Hmk. Spouse: Frances Evans
Rosemary Fetridge – 8/17/2012
Cheryl Hamilton – 9/25/2012
Hmk. Spouse: Dwight Hamilton
John Herzog – 8/1/2012
Hmk. Spouse: Margaret Herzog
Marge Holder – 8/21/2012
Edward Jaskinia -8/15/2012
Hmk. Spouse: Theresa Jaskinia
Carol Koerperich – 7/28/2012
Don McBride – 10/14/2012
William McCain – 7/21/2012
Hmk. Spouse: Margie McCain (deceased)
Jim McGill – 9/25/2012
Larry Messer – 10/6/2012
Phyllis Owens - 7/31/2012
Hmk. Spouse: Glen Owens (deceased)
Marsha Parkinson – 7/5/2012
Hmk. Spouse: Jan Parkinson
Wilma Pierce – 10/7/2012
Ann Reddington – 9/17/2012
Hmk. Spouse: Dick Reddington
William Roberts – 7/19/2012
Stella Ryder – 9/10/2012
Shirley J. Smith – 9/8/2012
Glenda Williams – 8/3/2012
Hmk. Spouse: Alfred Williams

For additional information see
www.hallmarkretireeclub.com



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 for more details.

CHILDREN'S MERCY SOUTH HOSPITAL

Volunteers will again be assisting with Christmas decorating at the hospital. Dates and times have not yet been decided, so watch the web site for information as soon as it becomes available.

JOHNSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

If you are looking for a meaningful ongoing volunteer position or a one time opportunity, **Johnson County Library** has a job for you! With 13 different locations, you are sure to find a library location that is convenient for you. Positions include: pulling, sorting or shelving books, assisting customers in one of our Friends book stores, working at one of our popular book sales, data entry for a local history database, and many other behind the scenes jobs that make our library run smoothly. To learn more about Library volunteer positions visit www.jocolibrary.org/volunteer or contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Susan Mong at 913-826-4302 or mongs@jocolibrary.org.

THE KAUFFMAN CENTER

The Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is looking for new volunteers. They have a variety of opportunities for you to become involved. See them at: <http://www.kauffmancenter.org/support/volunteer/volunteer-info/>. Please share this with others who might be interested. Contact: Susie Haake, Volunteer Management Consultant **816-753-5545**, shaake@kc.rr.com

United Way

The 2012 Holiday Guide is available for review on our website. Help Kansas City area organizations prepare for the holiday season by hosting a drive or coordinating a volunteer group with your company or church. Many of the organizations work with families who are unable to provide a holiday meal or presents. Traditional meal items such as turkeys and hams, grocery store gift cards or other holiday-related items are needed to help meet the needs of these organizations across the city. Contact Shelly Bolling-Strickland, [816-559-4667](tel:816-559-4667) or shellystrickland@uwgkc.org

Your assistance with all volunteer projects is greatly appreciated.

Carol Gibson
Volunteer/Communications Director

Travel News

The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce is offering a life changing trip to the Holy Land. Israel: A Biblical Journey. The date, March 13-21, 2013.

For additional information and information on other travel offered by Kincaid and Comfort Tours go to the Hallmark Retiree Web Site and click on the Travel tab.

Kansas City Chamber of Commerce:
816-221-2424

Kincaid Tours: 913-441-2323
800-998-1901 (outside K.C.)

Comfort Tours: 816-505-1500

Retiree Club By-Laws

The Retiree Club board would like to change the current by-laws to read as follows:

In the case of the President's resignation or permanent disability, either the Vice President shall succeed the President's unexpired term or a designee shall be named by the board members. In the case of resignation or permanent disability of the Vice President, the Secretary/Treasurer will assume the duties of the Vice President and will serve out the unexpired term or a designee shall be named by the board members. If it becomes necessary to replace the Secretary/Treasurer, the Board members shall name a replacement and that person will serve out the unexpired term.

During the past year, the Vice President of the Retiree Club resigned. The Retiree Club board feels that it is important for the club President to have two years experience prior to assuming the President's position and would like to offer a vote at the December event to change the by-laws as above. This will allow appointment of a member who has served multiple years to succeed the current President.