

# Hallmark

## RETIREE CLUB NEWS

November 2013

### New and Noteworthy

**Health Care questions?** For information on 2014 benefit changes including open enrollment dates, meeting times and reservation information go to: [retireebenefits.hallmark.com](http://retireebenefits.hallmark.com).

**Donald J. Hall and the Hall Family Foundation** on Wednesday announced that they would commit \$75 million for a new medical research building at Children's Mercy Hospital, but only if voters in November approve a half-cent sales tax geared to raise \$800 million for such research over 20 years.

The Jackson County Legislature last week voted 7-2 to place the tax — which in some parts of the county would increase the overall sales tax to more than 10 percent — on the Nov. 5 ballot. If passed, the tax would raise \$40 million annually, with \$20 million per year supporting work and salaries of researchers at Children's Mercy and \$8 million each for St. Luke's Hospital and the University of Missouri-Kansas City. The rest would be used for related economic development, such as training at the Metropolitan Community Colleges.

"These are three great institutions," said Donald Hall, chairman of Hallmark Cards Inc. and the family foundation. Of the \$75 million, one-third would come from Donald Hall personally and the rest from the foundation.

### 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 10 to: Vonda Crain

13213 Corrington Avenue  
Grandview, MO 64030

**Cancellations must be made by December 11th to receive a refund. Maximum reservations: 220**

### The Presidents Corner

Hello Everyone,

Well, this year is flying by like all the rest. It seems I was just starting my tomato plants and now the garden is almost empty. This year's retiree luncheons have all been a lot of fun and I truly appreciate the support that so many of you gave. If you've enjoyed our events this year, it is because of a highly dedicated group of ex-Hallmarkers that serve on the board of directors. These people spend a lot of time and energy to ensure the retiree club runs smoothly. If you know someone on the board, give them a big "thank you" the next time you see them.

Our final event of the year will be our holiday luncheon in the Rice Center on December 18th. If you've considered joining us for the first time, this would be an excellent time to do it. Here's hoping 2014 will be a good year for you. Hope to see you in December.

Mike Hurley

### Retiree Luncheon at Hallmark Cards

Location: Rice Center Atrium

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 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. 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.

Harris Deutsch, Doctor of Laughology, will provide the entertainment at our December meeting. His old time variety show features music, puppets, ventriloquism, magic, harmonica/ukulele playing, and other surprises. Deutsch, who lives in Olathe, was named the Close-up/Sleight of Hand Magician of the Year by Ring 129 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. He was awarded Best Comedy Strolling Magician at the 75th Annual International Brotherhood of Magicians Convention.

## In Memoriam

Herb Adler – 8/13/2013  
Hazel Bergstrom – 9/28/2013  
Jim Boulware – 9/22/2013  
Roy Bullock – 7/23/2013  
Charlie Byndom – 9/10/2013  
Mike Calvert – 7/22/2013  
Nada Chenowith – 5/19/2013  
Hmk. Spouse: Harold Chenowith  
Fred DeMeo – 9/28/2013  
Arlene Eason – 9/19/2013  
Leon Eberle – 6/19/2013  
Bonnie Gardner – 8/5/2013  
Charles Goodman – 7/21/2013  
James Grimm – 8/7/2013  
Hmk. Spouse: Carol Grimm  
Lee Hammond – 7/14/2013  
Murlin Heffner – 3/11/2013  
Hmk. Spouse: Dutch Heffner  
Sharon Lindberg – 10/5/2013  
Hmk. Spouse: Harlan Lindberg  
Nettigene Linder – 7/20/2013  
Hmk. Spouse: Harv Reel  
Barbara Miller – 8/25/2013  
Robert Minnick – 8/17/2013  
Hmk. Spouse: Glenda Minnick  
Thurlow Morrison – 5/17/2013  
Hmk. Spouse: Lou Veria Morrison  
John E. Peterson – 8/13/2013  
Doyle Reed – 7/11/2013  
Pat Sherwood – 7/3/2013  
James Stidham – 9/8/2013  
Larry Summerlin – 9/15/2013  
Roberta Taylor – 8/3/2013  
Hmk. Spouse: Afton Taylor  
Richard Tjaden – 8/15/2013  
Hmk. Spouse: Juliet Tjaden  
Marian Todd – 8/12/2013  
Judy Van de Wiele – 8/11/2013  
Hmk. Spouse: Denny Van de Wiele  
Lillie Weber – 6/29/2013  
Hmk. Spouse: Ted Weber  
Lorena Wright – 6/14/2013

Additional Information is available on the Retiree Club website.

### Retiree Calling

The Retiree Club facilitates a program that calls out of town retirees each year to help them stay connected with recent events and activities. If you would like to assist in contacting other Hallmarkers, please contact George Lilly at (816) 373-0673. Hallmark provides calling cards so there is no cost to help out.



**Children's Mercy Hospital South**, 10 volunteers are needed on December 4 at 5:30p.m. for pizza and then decorating the lobby trees for Christmas. Contact Carol Gibson ([816/523-2918](tel:8165232918)) or Sharon Peine ([913/268-4009](tel:9132684009)) if you are interested in volunteering

### Harvesters

This organization is in need of some volunteers who can spend a day or so or even a few hours to organize and clean their headquarters. If you are able to help, please contact:

Susan Lebovitz, CVM  
Volunteer Manager

Direct: [913.378.1518](tel:9133781518), Office: [913.432.9300](tel:9134329300)

### Meals on Wheels

Johnson County Meals on Wheels is seeking volunteer drivers, with valid driver's licenses, who have a little time each week to help deliver meals to the elderly and sick. If you are interested in volunteering, please call [913/715-8866](tel:9137158866) for more information or to sign up.

### Pets for Life

Pets for Life, Inc., (7240 Wornall Rd., KCMO 64114, (816)-363-39), purpose is to enhance the care and treatment of people in local hospitals, nursing homes, shelters for domestic violence, mental health programs, centers for youth and corrections facilities through the use of certified teams of pets and volunteers. There is more information available on their website: [kcpetsforlife.com](http://kcpetsforlife.com). If you need additional information please call Donna Amato, President

### Communications

The Retiree Club has received many requests about retirees obtaining access to the Hallmark Intranet. Unfortunately, access is not available for retirees. Other questions have included: placing ads in the Noon News...retirees are not allowed to do so.

Discount tickets for Worlds of Fun, KC Zoo, Silver Dollar City, and Sea Life/Lego Land are no longer for sale in the headquarters card shop. Renaissance Festival tickets are the only ones available.

### Exhibits

#### Winston Churchill: The Artist

Public exhibition featuring original works by Sir Winston Churchill are on display:

**When:** Now thru summer 2014

**Where:** Hallmark Visitors Center at Crown Center  
2501 McGee Traffic way, Kansas City, Mo.

**Admission:** FREE

There are many non-profit agencies in your local areas that are in need of volunteers. With your varied Hallmark backgrounds, I'm sure you could make a connection and a contribution that would be beneficial for all. Thanks and keep on volunteering.

Carol Gibson  
Volunteer/Communications Director