BRUNCH ON THE BRICKS 2014

Mark your calendar for October 16, 9:30 am at the Legacy Gazebo to join the annual Brunch on the Bricks ceremony recognizing current retirees and remembering those retirees and employees who have passed away in the previous year. This program begins with updates from the Retirees Association and President Papp. Our featured speaker this year is Dr. Harry Trendell. The program will include a special recognition of Tom Sirmon who served as chair of the Gazebo Committee in 1997. Retirees always enjoy locating their bricks on the patio and visiting with friends and co-workers prior to the ceremony, so plan to come early. Following the formal program, we will proceed to the Student Center Leadership Room for a light brunch. Parking will be available in the Visitor Parking lot, the West Deck, and Visitor Parking in the Central Deck.

R.S.V.P. to retirees@kennesaw.edu or call 470-578-7984 to reserve your seat.

Passports and Pastimes

Former Registrar and current retiree Bill Hamrick shared with about 20 retirees on August 22 about his adventures in Yellowstone National Park. He not only stayed at the park, enjoying all the beautiful scenery by hiking and camping, but worked for a vending company on several different occasions. He mainly worked at the registration table, answering questions and signing up tourists for activities and bus tours. His beautiful pictures and interesting narrative were entertaining and enlightening. Thanks, Bill, for sharing.

The next Passports and Pastimes will be Friday, November 21, at 10:00 am. Mary Platt will be sharing her “change ringing” experiences with us. Change ringing is the art of ringing a set of tuned bells in a series of mathematical patterns called “changes.” Change ringing differs from many other forms of bell ringing in that no attempt is made to produce a conventional melody. Mary has traveled to many places to hear, experience, and participate in change ringing and will be sharing her stories.

More Events On Our Website and Facebook

See more information on past and future Retiree Association events on our website and our FaceBook page!

Visit us at http://www.kennesaw.edu/retirees or https://www.facebook.com/kennesaw.retirees
Lunch and Learn

What a good time we had in Cartersville on May 21! Twenty-three KSU retirees met at Scott’s Walk-Up BBQ in Cartersville for lunch, enjoying the tasty food and catching up with one another. It was great to see faces that we have not seen in a long time.

Following lunch, the group proceeded to the Tellus Science Museum which proved to be a great adventure. We recommend it for sharing with the grandchildren or for visiting with a group of friends. The planetarium is a special treat and gives you a chance to sit and relax if you have walked around a bit. Check the Retirees Association website (http://www.kennesaw.edu/retirees) for pictures!

Starlight Concert

Thank you to the nine volunteers who assisted with our fund-raising booth at this year’s Starlight Concert and Fireworks on the campus green. We sold hundreds of snow cones and raised almost $1,000 for the Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The following people donated their time and, in some cases, equipment to help make the event a huge success: John and Kay Anderson, Crystal Caldwell, Mary Lou Fish, Elaine Hubbard, Samantha Helgesen, Carol Pope, Janice and Gerald Sanders. Crystal, who isn’t a retiree but works in our supporting department (Office of Development) was our biggest cheerleader and vowed not to leave until we broke the record for number of snow cones sold previously. We broke that record! She says that next year we’ll sell 1,000 snow cones with her help. This is your notice that we’ll need some extra hands to scoop ice and drizzle syrup next Fourth of July!

In Memoriam

Mary Kellen Williams died May 13, 2014. Retired Associate Professor of English at Kennesaw State University, Dr. Williams was known for the passion and commitment she brought to each class she taught at KSU, beginning in 1996 until 2012.

Ellen Lyle Taber died April 27, 2014. Retired Assistant Professor of English at KSU, Ellen taught undergraduate English composition and literature and tutored student athletes. She authored and co-authored several fiction and nonfiction novels including her most recent Tybee Days that is housed in the Jefferson Reading Room in the Library of Congress.

Dr. Eric Tubbs died May 27, 2014. Dr. Tubbs retired from KSU’s Bagwell College of Education in 2011 as Associate Professor of Educational Leadership. Dr. Tubbs was a member of several professional organizations and enjoyed volunteering with the American Red Cross with hurricane disaster relief.

Paula Strange died June 6, 2014. Paula served KSU as the Institutional Review Board administrator and worked in several different capacities prior to being named the IRB Administrator. She began her employment at KSU in February 2001 as Administrative Assistant in the Department of Sponsored Programs.

Dr. James Russell Young died December 8, 2013. Dr. Young was Professor of Opera Theater, Vocal Repertoire Coach and Music Director for Musical Theater at KSU since 2005. Dr. Young helped shepherd enormous growth in KSU’s vocal and opera programs.

Memorial donations may be made to the Legacy Scholarship with checks made payable to KSU Foundation, 3391 Town Point Drive, NW, Suite 4000, MD 9102, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Or you may make a donation online at https://community.kennesaw.edu/givetoscholarships. Select the Retiree Legacy Scholarship from the menu. Families will receive a notification of the memorial gift donation.

KSU at AROHE Conference

The KSU Retirees Association was again represented and featured at the annual Association of Retiree Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) conference in Milwaukee August 10-12. Dorothy Zinsmeister and Ellen Jones attended and presented sessions at the conference. Ellen was part of the opening session panel entitled “Building Retirement Organizations,” while Dorothy presented a concurrent session entitled “Developing an Endowed Scholarship: Creating a Retiree Legacy Scholarship.” Dorothy and Ellen shared the information they gathered at the conference at the Steering Committee meeting on September 5.

Meet Our Fall Intern

Melanie Ballew is a senior majoring in Human Services. She is, also, newly married! She is working in the Retiree Association Office until she graduates in December. She will be assisting with a new survey of retirees and creating a procedural manual for the many and varied functions of the office as well as helping Janice with many other tasks. Introduce yourself to her if you see a new “young” face in the crowd at the next event/meeting that you attend.

Tee Up!

On August 27, KSU retirees Larry Peterson, Harry Trendell, Larry Paris, and Randy Goltz joined current deans Robin Dorf and Mark Anderson at the beautiful Woodland Hills course in Cartersville to enjoy a game of golf. These guys had a great time and expressed an interest in playing again. See the retirees website (http://www.kennesaw.edu/retirees) for pictures.