The Dr. Robert V. Wagoner Building

On Sunday, May 5, 2019, the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association Building was dedicated to Dr. Robert V. Wagoner. Dr. Wagoner served as the Executive Director of KRTA 2002-2017. His leadership saw KRTA membership grow to over 32,000, led a successful campaign with education leaders and the Kentucky General Assembly to pass the shared responsibility plan (HB 540) to stabilize retiree health insurance, and grew the respect of KRTA not only in Kentucky but nationally. His work to look out for the welfare of Kentucky’s Retired Teachers will live on through this building well into the future.

Shirley Wolf, KRTA President, welcomed a large crowd to the dedication. Among those attending were Bobby and Laura Lester, Retired Executive Director of Arkansas Retired Teachers Association; Dr. Bill and Susan Gardner, Retired Executive Director of Georgia Retired Teachers Association; Beau Barnes, TRS Deputy Executive Secretary of Operations and General Counsel; Jane Gilbert, TRS Director of Retiree Health Care; Henry Hensley, Finance and Investment Line; Executive Council members; Committee Chairpersons and numerous KRTA Past Presidents.

The new office exemplifies President Wolf’s presidential theme of Valuing our Past, Strengthening our Present, Building for our Future. Also speaking at the dedication were Tim Abrams, Executive Director of KRTA and Mike Brown of SouthPointe Properties.

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Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year Award was announced at the KRTA Convention in April this year. Each District submitted a nomination. An AD HOC Committee chaired by President-Elect Sue Ellen Caldwell. Others appointed to serve on the committee were Sue Crumpler, Chuck Fletcher, Dianne Cobb and Marie Wright. They selected Charlotte Wethington from Kenton County RTA.

Charlotte retired after 27 years of teaching in Kenton Co. She became a recovery advocate following the 2002 overdose death of her son, Casey, at age 23.

Charlotte is a founding co-chair and past president of PAR (People Advocating Recovery), a non-profit Kentucky grass roots organization comprised of concerned individuals working to eliminate barriers to recovery from addiction. She served 6 years on the board of what is now the Addiction Services Council in Cincinnati, OH.

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PERSONALLY SPEAKING . . .

Convention
The 2019 KRTA Convention gave our membership a chance to celebrate the many accomplishments over the past year while enjoying the fellowship of retirees from across the Commonwealth. The Convention also gave members a chance to hear from Gary Harbin, TRS Executive Secretary, Al Campos, Director of the National Retired Teachers Association, and Dr. Mike Thomson left us all with a smile on our faces as he shared “Strategies for Saving our Sanity.”

Giving Back
The past year saw KRTA distribute nearly $25,000 in N.O. Kimbler Scholarships to future teachers attending KCTCS locations across Kentucky. Our members volunteered, donated, and provided over $18 million of time, school supplies and food in our local communities, while two of our members received the National Retired Teachers Association, With Our Youth! Award. KRTA also continues to grow the Bourgard Fund to provide financial help to retired teachers who have fallen on hard financial times.

Advocacy
KRTA’s advocacy during the 2019 General Assembly continued to protect the earned benefits of Kentucky’s Retired Educators with civility, rising above the political rhetoric that is so prevalent in our world today. We must continue to advocate for fully funding our pension and health insurance program while protecting the governance of TRS.

Membership
KRTA membership grew for the 31st consecutive year! Reaching our 2018-19 goal of 32,519 members. Let’s work together to surpass this year’s goal of 32,820. We all know at least one retiree who is not a member. Make sure retirees know that KRTA is non-partisan and the only organization whose sole mission is to look out of 32,519 members. Let’s work together to surpass this year’s goal of 32,820. We all know at least one retiree who is not a member. Make sure retirees know that KRTA is non-partisan and the only organization whose sole mission is to look out for the welfare of retired teachers. Membership has never been more important as (Continued on Page 3)

2019 Recipients of the Cathy G. Gullet Award

20 YEARS
Ernest M. Trosper - 21
Ernest C. Taylor - 21
Ray Roundtree - 20
Bobby Humes - 21

15 YEARS
Shirley Sills - 16
Carolyn Falin - 16
Willis R. Haws - 16
Maude Teegarden - 17
Faye Sheehan - 18
Virgil Osbourne - 18
Neil Tucker - 17

10 YEARS
Larry Morrow - 13
Norma Profitt - 13
Gerald Preston - 14
Debby Murrell
Edwin Cook III - 11
Ann Porter - 12
Leon Remington - 11
Melanie R. Wood - 13
Tom Matthews -13
Jim Judge - 12
T. Marshall Judy - 12
Lana Combs - 10
Betty Hester - 14

2016-2017 President, Cathy Gullett

Cathy G. Gullet 20 Year State Leadership Award

The KRTA Executive Council voted to name the state volunteer leadership recognition award after the late Cathy G. Gullett. Volunteer was at the core of Past KRTA President Cathy Gullett. During the first Executive Council meeting which Cathy attended, representing the Big Sandy District, she posed this question, “How does this organization recognize their volunteer leaders?”

The award established in her honor recognizes volunteers who have served as a state officer, a member of the executive council, district president, or a state committee (Membership and Recruitment, Health and Insurance, and Legislative) member for 10, 15, and 20 years. Cathy’s husband, Nelson, was present to assist in the distribution of the awards.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE . . .

Harold Wilson

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work
It is with great honor and humbleness that I serve as your President for the 2019-2020 year. Following President Shirley Wolf’s service certainly makes my task easier. She will still be with us as Immediate Past President with so many other great leaders. I am Harold Wilson, retired science teacher and basketball coach, from Daviess County Public Schools. I have a Bachelor’s Degree from the University Tennessee Martin, with a Master’s and Rank I in school administration from Western Kentucky University.

I chose to remain in the classroom because that is who I am. The classroom is where the rubber meets the road. Teaching and interacting with the student has always been my calling. Everyone has their own calling where happiness is realized. I could have gone into administration, but I knew my calling. I, like many of you, am an example of one who has lived the American Dream. I too have a story.

One of my educational heroes is Mr. Guy Doud, former 1986 National Teacher of the Year. Now retired, this great educator and speaker tells of his experiences being a “feeler”. He felt things with his heart. He said he had heart trouble, because his heart broke every time a child’s heart would break. Each of you has been there and you know what it is like to shed tears with children when tragedy strikes. Then you realize you were called. “You are the molder of dreams,” Doud said. I have shed my share of tears as part of my own story over 37 years in the classroom. The most difficult heart break occurred when we would lose a child to an accident, suicide, or illness. We, too, often struggle to find the words, and we have found that the students often help to sustain us. Teachers taught and consoled along with counselors. Teachers were their friend, their coach, their mentor and were there for solace.

I have served in many leadership roles while teaching. Now, being retired, I am a firm believer that everyone should belong to their professional organization. I belonged to my professional organization, the Kentucky Education Association, serving as president in my local, district and on the KEA Board of Directors. All the “K” groups are absolutely important. It takes all the “K” groups to sustain our retirement benefits and health insurance. Remember, it is teamwork that will make all our dreams work.

We now must fight to stop certain groups from destroying our dreams and the dreams of those who are still in the classroom and who are in every facet of our public education system. We must educate ourselves to the facts. Each of you has lived your “American Dream” of being an educator serving the children of this Commonwealth. Each of you has a story. Your story includes great successes and sadly some failures in reaching students. We have given our all to make each child socially, emotionally, mentally, physically and intellectually strong. Kentucky is a great state because of our efforts.

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Immediate Past President’s Message

Shirley Dick Wolfe

Quite simply, one of the best decisions I ever made was to accept the four-year commitment to serve in the state level KRTA leadership.

I have learned a great deal. I have met the most wonderful people from all around our magnificent Commonwealth. I have had so many rich beautiful moments which will make rich beautiful memories.

I extend great appreciation to the Middle Cumberland RTA District for their confidence in and support for me with a special thanks to Tishana Cundiff, President. These lovely people will always be special to me.

I wish to thank our Executive Director, Tim Abrams, for his unending support. I also wish to express gratitude to Janie Caslowe, Deputy Executive Director; Brenda Meredith, KRTA News Editor; the Executive Council and the Standing State Committee Co-chairs who have stood by me and helped me in countless ways.

A big debt goes to our District and County Presidents who have invited me to speak to their associations and received me with warmth and Kentucky hospitality.

I thank Harold Wilson, 2019-2020 KRTA President, and wish him tremendous success in the upcoming year.

I express my gratitude to Romanza Johnson for her guidance. Best wishes to Sue Ellen Caldwell who enters her shadowing year as President-Elect and Bill Kelly who serves as Vice President.

I send up good thoughts to the late Dr. Robert Wagoner for the confidence he had in me and his ever-encouraging words when I made the commitment. It was also Dr. Bob who encouraged my husband, Charlie, to work on a new KRTA logo. He liked the draft design and asked Charlie to continue. It is our regret that he didn’t get to see KRTA’s new logo.

I want to thank all KRTA members and urge you to step up to the leadership plate when it is open to you. You will not regret it.

I appreciate the notes, emails and messages I have received this year from so many of you. You have welcomed, inspired, motivated and challenged me.

And, without doubt, I want to thank my husband. He has driven me all through Kentucky. He has attended every meeting I have attended. He, too, has made friends all over our great and beautiful state. His humor, joy of life, love and support are greatly appreciated. He has stood by me and helped me in immeasurable ways.

This outstanding and wonderful year just flew by so quickly. I wish I could do it all over again!

Let’s always strive to “Value Our Past, Strengthen Our Present & Build Our Future.”

I wish each of you good health, safe travels, God’s amazing grace and awesome moments.

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Past President’s Message

Romanza Johnson 2017-2018

A special thank you to everyone who attended the Leadership Workshop at the 2019 Convention. I appreciated the friends who served as panel members at the meeting. They are pictured on the right: Mrs. Charlene Rabold (Bowling Green), Mrs. Jan Yonts (Greenville), Romanza Johnson, Dr. Martha Jenkins (Bowling Green), Mrs. Sherry Buda (Alexandria).

I am sorry it was a crowded room, but I hope you found it a helpful session and you will promote the Bee-Attitudes as you Race Forward With KRTA.

Below is an outline of the presentation. I’m sure you will find it useful for your local organization.

A Dozen Qualities of Leaders
by Martha C. Jenkins

Leaders and leadership have been the focus of organizations and groups ever since organizations and groups have existed. KRTA has featured leadership, not only for this panel, but also in the Fall Workshop and in the Spring Newsletter. Obviously, we think it is important! What are some of the most important qualities of leaders?

1. **Integrity**—This is, perhaps, the most important quality of a leader. Without integrity one cannot be trusted. Dwight D. Eisenhower said it best “The supreme quality of leadership is unquestionably integrity.” With integrity, you will do the right thing, so moral integrity is the first quality on my list of qualities of leaders.

2. **Vision**—Leaders with vision can see the “Big Picture.” It has been said that “Good...leaders create a vision, articulate the vision, passionately own the vision, and relentlessly drive it to completion” (Jack Welch).

3. **Courage**—“Courage is rightly considered the foremost of the virtues, for upon it all others depend” (Winston Churchill).

4. **Resilience**—Leaders “have the ability to take on change and adapt to what’s happening around them and to them” (Kimberly Rath).

5. **Assiduity**—Diligence, devoted attention, industriousness, constant & persistent attention.

6. **Common Sense & Acumen**—That is, good judgment and keenness of perception, discernment, deduction, and discrimination.

7. **Communication**—Transparency in all you do! “You have to communicate your intent every chance you get, and if you fail to do that you will pay the consequences” (William McRaven).

8. **Delegation & Perseverance**—No one can be all things to all people! Each person is given the ability to do certain things well (Romans 12: 6-16a). A leader must carefully choose individuals from among the group to carry through on many of the responsibilities that befall a leader, so none fall through the cracks. It is his or her job to follow through on responsibilities delegated to others.

9. **Consideration/Empathy**—Humble caring for others (3 Cs: consideration, caring, & courtesy). Golden rule of leaders: Lead others as you would like to be led.

10. **Energizer & Encourager**—Supply a mental and spiritual urge. And, remember to “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding” (Proverbs 3:5 KJV).

11. **Tactful**—Carefully, clarify contributions and check irrelevant ones. As an old neighbor of mine used to say “Some people like to talk just to hear their head roar.”

12. **Servitude**—A philosophy in which the main goal of the leader is to serve. “A Servant Leader shares power, puts the needs of the (others) first and helps people develop and perform as highly as possible—the leader exists to serve the people.”

Federal Issues

KRTA has long championed issues in Congress in addition to our active state legislative agenda. Two very important Social Security laws prevent many public educators from receiving benefits, the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). June 10 will see the inaugural meeting of the WEP/GPO – Federal Issues State Committee. A representative from each KRTA district will serve on the committee. It is our goal to better inform our members on federal issues that impact Kentucky’s Retired Teachers in order to build a successful advocacy campaign with our congressional leaders in Washington D.C. Stay tuned for more information.

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The Dr. Robert V. Wagoner Building
Dedicated May 5, 2019

L-R: Kip Wagoner (brother), Kyle Chastain (nephew), Jarrod Wagoner (son), Mary Wagoner (wife), Dan Wagoner (brother), Terry Chastain (brother-in-law), Ava Wagoner Chastain (sister)

Left: Henry Hensley of Raymond James and Beau Barnes TRS Deputy Executive Director of Operations and General Counsel

Dr. Bob Wagoner at the groundbreaking ceremony March 28, 2017

Brick from prior location at 7505 Bardstown Road donated by Debby Murrell.

L-R: Susan Gardner, Dr. Bill Gardner, Jarrod Wagoner, Mary Wagoner, Laura Lester, Bobby Lester

KRTA President Shirley Dick Wolf

Attendees enjoy the speeches

Still awaiting our permanent sign and address

Right: Mike Brown Spokesperson for SouthPointe Commons A Barrister Group

L-R: Debby Murrell, Mary Wagoner, Shirley Dick Wolf
CONVENTION 2019 • • •

April 22 Pre-Convention Meetings

District Presidents’ Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by KRTA President-Elect Harold Wilson. Immediate Past-President Romanza Johnson offered the invocation and Vice-President Sue Ellen Caldwell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2019 CONVENTION PROGRAM

Tim Abrams reviewed the program and the seating arrangement for the General Session on Tuesday.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS’ REPORTS

Each district president talked about their year’s activities. Tim asked them to turn in a written copy of the report.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TERMS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2019

Third - Willadean Carter  Upper KY River - Billy Triplett
Fifth - Marie Wright  Northern - Bert Baldwin
Central KY West - Patty Klink  Central KY East - David Jennings
Big Sandy - Daniel Branson

KTRS PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINARS

Tim reviewed the upcoming seminars and asked each district president to go to the one in his/her district.

UPDATE DISTRICT PRESIDENTS FOR 2019-20

New presidents reported were: Kathy Cole (Central KY West); Deborah Ward is the president of Big Sandy for the remainder of the term of Gene Davis

OTHER BUSINESS

- President Shirley Dick Wolf’s reception at 3:30-4:30 in the Atrium
- Annual Convention dinner for everyone at 6:15 in the Grand Ballroom
- Membership/Pre-Retirement meeting will be Monday, May 20
- District Presidents’ meeting will be Monday, July 15
- Legislative Committee meeting will be Monday, July 22

STATE COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

A. TRS Insurance Update by Jane Gilbert, TRS

MEHP (Medicare Eligible Health Plan—65 & Over)

- Coverage for a routine hearing exam every 12 months at a $0 copay
- A $500 hearing aid allowance every 36 months
- Six routine podiatry visits per calendar year
- HiHealth Innovations Hearing Aids Discounts
- My Path to Health — “Renew” magazine, published 3 times a year
- Solutions for Caregivers (provides care planning and care coordination services designed to relieve some of the burden and stress of caregiving and supports the overall well-being of the person receiving care)
- Quit Power—Smoking Cessation
- Annual Wellness Visit or Physical with your doctor
- $0 Copayment for both

Personalized Medicine = Your DNA Matters

Pharmacogenomics uses your DNA to see what drugs will be safe and effective. Coriell Life Sciences will supply a simple saliva test and information for returning it. Here are some facts about pharmacogenomics:

- 84% of TRS retirees are on medications that are influenced by genetics
- 23,000-plus TRS retirees may need to stop or change at least one medication
- Taking medications that don’t work for you is costly to your health and to your TRS insurance fund
- 10% of members should stop prescription immediately—Savings of $1.7M
- 57% of members are taking the wrong dosage—Savings of $10M
- 33% of members have a better alternative available—Savings of $10M

The comprehensive medication safety management pilot collects genetic information, empowers pharmacists with medication therapy management software guidance, and communicates the medication action plan.

More than 7,600 members enrolled since December. Testing and review has resulted in immediate medication change recommendations for three out of five participating retired teachers. For example, it has been shown that Plavix does not work for 30% of the population.

2018 House Bill 540 Shared Responsibility is the solution for long-term funding of retiree health care. Shared Responsibility calls for active teachers, retired teachers, school districts and the state to share in a piece of the solution by investing a little more now to receive substantial returns later:

- Retirees Under 65 pay a Shared Responsibility amount to TRS of $134 per month in 2018.
- Retirees 65 & Over pay a Medicare Part B premium to Social Security of $134 per month in 2018.

KEHP (Kentucky Employees’ Health Plan—Under 65)

Health care benefits for Kentucky Retired Teachers under 65 are provided by the Kentucky Employees’ Health Plan (KEHP) through the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Personnel Cabinet, Department of Employee Insurance (DEI).

The KEHP is a self-insured plan contracted with Anthem (for medical) and CVS Caremark (for pharmacy) to administer all claims. Benefits and monthly insurance premiums are based on plan choice, level of coverage and tobacco use of retiree and/or dependents. The TRS may pay a portion of the retiree’s premium based on years of retirement service and entry date.

Special features include the LivingWell Promise Plans, LiveHealth Online, SmartShopper and a diabetes program.

Transitioning to Medicare? Don’t forget you may have unspent bucks left with Go365. You will need to spend all your bucks in the Go365 Mall before your KEHP terminates.

If you have Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP) you will want to use any remaining HRS funds before moving to the MEHP.

Look for turning 65 seminar and webinar dates by visiting:

https://trs.ky.gov/active-members/seminars-workshops/
Committee Reports

Health, Wellness and Insurance

The Co-chairs Margaret Head Sims and Edward Cook are available to attend your RTA meetings to present the latest information. The yellow Health Care Benefits Guide contains important information for those under 65 and those over 65. Humana Vitality offers a reward system for healthy living. They encouraged the over 65 members to utilize the Healthways Silver Sneakers Program and to participate in the DNA testing through Coriell Life Sciences.

Beware of telephone scams trying sell or give you medical equipment. Do not answer the phone if you don’t know the caller. Get your advice for medical needs from your doctor.

“Mom’s Meals,” a Post-Discharge Care program, provides free meals for Medicare doctor. Use the phone if you don’t know the caller. Get your advice for medical needs from your doctor. Beware of telephone scams trying sell or give you medical equipment. Do not answer the phone if you don’t know the caller. Get your advice for medical needs from your doctor.

Membership & Pre-Retirement

Membership Co-chairs Betty Hester, Debby Murrell and Ernie Trosper presented reports and awards at the Monday evening dinner and assemblies.

The “Yes We Did” Award was presented to the 43 locals and 3 districts who met the percentage goal set last April by the Membership Committee. In addition, this year the top 10 locals and top 5 districts were honored with the “Yes We Did” and “Top Hat” Awards for members gained. Betty summarized the membership accomplishments.

As of April 19, 2019, KRTA had a membership of 32,285 with a potential of 47,588. The Automatic Dues Deduction plan is utilized by 25,754 members. We encourage the ADD be used by everyone. It saves money and time for the KRTA office and the KRTA member. They reminded everyone that membership is the lifeblood of KRTA. Remember to participate in the Pre-Retirement Seminars in your district.

Legislative

Don Hines and Larry Woods, Co-chairs of the Legislative Committee, gave a brief overview of our legislative position.

Don thanked the KRTA Legislative Team: Tim Abrams, Larry Woods, Steve Gillespie, Allen Schuler, Sue Ellen Caldwell, Margaret Sims, and Ray Roundtree for their work in Frankfort. He pointed out that KEA was also helpful in this regard.

Don reminded us of the positives in the 2018-19 Legislative Program:

- The ARC was fully funded.
- Our COLA was secured.

- TRS staff is still independent.
- Under 65 insurance is covered for two years—the first year covered by the state and the second year covered by TRS.

Work is needed to change two things:

1. The annuity tax exemption dropped from $41,000 to $31,000. The tax rate is raised or decreased depending on your total income.
2. Get the second year insurance back into the state budget.

Don called our attention to the importance of generating number of voters at the polls on both election days (May 23 and November 6) by encouraging everyone to vote. KRTA is a bipartisan group, but we have friends in the legislature. Talk with your respective legislators and ask if they will stand up to leadership in support of retired teachers.

Things we need to do when working on continuing improved funding are:

1. Invite legislators to local meetings to see, meet and get to know their voters.
2. Develop long-range strategies.
3. Bring together other groups (active teachers) to work on KTRS concerns.
4. Work more with the leadership in the House/Senate on a year-round basis.

Leadership Role You Need to Take: We need to have some mechanism to thank legislators for what they've done for retired teachers. Emphasize to your locals how important it is to invite them to come to your meetings. Some locals award certificates of appreciation or an engraved plaque.

Grandparent Essay Contest Winner

Sebastian Dazey of Millbrooke Elementary in Hopkinsville earned top honors in the 2019 Grandparent of the Year Essay Contest sponsored by Kentucky Retired Teachers Association (KRTA) and AARP Kentucky. Sebastian Dazey and his grandfather, Danny Crunk, received statewide recognition during the 18th Annual “AARP Kentucky Grandparent of the Year” ceremony at the KRTA Convention in Louisville. The Millbrooke Elementary School (Hopkinsville) student's grandfather, Danny Crunk, is the subject of the winning essay, “AARP KRTA Dazey 2018-2019 Grandparent Essay.” According to Sebastian, “My Grandfather really played a big part in my life. He helped me learn more about my dad.” Mr. Crunk is retired and like many tens of thousands of Kentuckians, he is caring for and raising a grandchild.

Millbrooke Elementary 5th grade teacher, Alyssa Hollimon, encouraged Sebastian and her students to write about what makes their grandparents special. Sebastian’s essay was selected from thousands of student entries across 283 schools in 98 counties in the state.

In its 18th year, the annual contest highlights the nurturing relationship between grandparents and their grandchildren. “Now more than ever, it's important to honor these grandparents and recognize how much grandparents matter in the lives of grandchildren today,” said AARP Kentucky's volunteer State President Charlotte Whittaker of Hartford. Some 95,000 Kentucky children are in the care of relatives other than their parents, most through informal arrangements but more than 15,000 placed by the state, according to Census data.

AARP Kentucky and KRTA share a long history of working together to recognize grandparents and growing the annual essay contest. Essays are judged on grammar, form, neatness, creativity, expression and characteristics of the grandparent. Local volunteers from KRTA Units facilitate the contest and the winner is selected by a panel of AARP and KRTA representatives.

Sebastian received a $100 award and special plaque, Mr. Crunk received a commemorative award platter and Ms. Hollimon received $150 for teaching supplies.

President’s Reception

In keeping with the tradition, the president's district honored her with an afternoon reception. Thanks to the Middle Cumberland District for giving everyone the opportunity to honor President Wolf. The cake was beautiful and was yummy along with some nuts and punch.

The reception was held at 3:30 on Monday afternoon and members lingered to socialize until 5:30.

This is a good opportunity to honor the president, but it is a great time to meet new friends and greet your old friends!

Monday Evening Dinner & Reception

The Grand Ballroom was the setting for the opening activities on April 22 at Hurstbourne Holiday Inn in Louisville. After a delicious dinner the “Top Hat” awards were announced by Betty Hester, Ernie Trosper and Debby Murrell. Over 300 people enjoyed fun, food and fellowship and the chance to take home one of the door prizes that were donated by our district RTAs.

The Master’s Men

It was a pleasure again this year to have Past President Melanie Wood showcase the Master’s Men from Southeast Christian Church. The Master’s Men are a talented, dedicated, fun-loving group of individuals who sing for joy from a repertoire that includes hymn arrangements, spirituals, contemporary Christian music, plus classical, traditional, popular and patriotic selections.

From the first rehearsal of 12 members in January 1980, through the growth to over 100 members, the desire of the Master’s Men has been to sing praises to the glory of God. This is done by singing for the weekend services and special events at Southeast Christian Church and also throughout the community.

In October of 2002, the Master’s Men made their first international mission trip to the island of Cuba. It was there God opened the door for the Master’s Men to perform with the Cuban National Choir and witness openly on the communist island through Christian music. Subsequent trips were made in 2004, 2006 and 2008 with each trip helping to open additional doors to Christ in the Cuban community.

As a result of preparing for these mission trips, the Master's Men now sing in both English and Spanish, which has also helped to open doors in the Spanish community at home in Louisville.

Whatever the setting, country or occasion, the Master's Men follow the Psalmist's inspiration: "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord". Psalm 150:6 NIV

Kentucky’s Retired Teachers Continue to Have Impact in Their Communities

Retired teachers in Kentucky continue to have an enormous impact through volunteerism, giving, and economically in their communities throughout the Commonwealth. With more than 91% of Kentucky's retired teachers residing in the Commonwealth, their annuities add over $174 million dollars to the Kentucky economy each month.

In 2018 KRTA members documented 867,976 volunteer hours and donated 23,322 food items and 2,459 bags of school supplies valued at over $18,161,570.

Attention Out of State KRTA Members

You now have access to Dental and Vision Insurance

Highlights Include:

- Enroll at anytime
- Two dental plan options (PPO, PPO +Premier)
- National network of providers

Want to Learn More?

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www.delladentalky.com/ktra

Vice President Sue Ellen Caldwell and President Shirley Dick Wolf
Building on a long history of collaboration with retired educators, NRTA staff attended several Retired Educators Association meetings held in recent weeks.

NRTA Director Al Campos spoke at the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association (KRTA)

The Annual Convention held in Louisville, KY, from April 22-23. There was record attendance at the KRTA convention, and Al was honored to discuss NRTA’s long history working with Kentucky’s retired educators. Al also discussed pressing public policy issues important to Kentucky’s retired educators—protecting pensions and AARP’s campaign to lower the cost of prescription drugs.

Members attending the convention are always anxious to hear what Gary has to say. He always brings us the latest news about our retirement system, Teachers’ Retirement System of Kentucky.

The TRS 2018-2020 additional funding request was $1.09 B and it was approved 100%. The state also paid nearly all contributions recommended by the actuary for fiscal years 2017 and 2018.

TRS benefits protect the at-risk population. The member recipients are 72% females and 28% males. Of that population 39 members are 100 years or older. There were 6,703 retirees over the age of 80 as of December 31.

How big is TRS?
The membership is over 125,500 with more than 50,000 receiving a benefit from TRS. The distribution is approximately $170 million monthly in retirement benefits. Assets amount to more than $19 billion in pension, health insurance and life insurance trusts—that’s a record.

What is the impact of retired teachers across the state?
Annuity benefits paid per month is $174 million. An additional $18 million in medical benefits is paid each month.

91% of TRS retirees live in Kentucky and spend their annuities in Kentucky. Just think of the economic importance we are to the state. $1.9 billion a year is paid into Kentucky’s economy because of pension benefits.

Investment Committee
The structure exceeds industry standards that are recommended for use.
- Seven trustees include lay trustees who are bankers and two gubernatorial appointees with financial experience
- Two recognized outside experts since 2009: A Rockefeller Family Fund adviser and a former director of one of the U.S.’s largest public pensions (New York teachers).

Benefits of Kentucky Teachers Not Being in Social Security
The long-run financial outlook is that Social Security is not sustainable over the long term at current benefit and tax rates. In 2010, the program paid more in benefits and expenses than it collected in taxes and other noninterest income, and the 2017 Trustees Report projects this pattern to continue for the next 75 years. The Trustees estimate that the combined OASI and DI trust fund reserves will be depleted by 2034. At that point, payroll taxes and other income will flow into the fund but will be sufficient to pay only about 77% of program costs. As reported in the 2017 Trustees Report, the projected shortfall over the next 75 years is 2.83% of taxable payroll.

Social Security is a safety net program tiered to lower-income workers. While it has become the basis of retirement for many Americans, it wasn’t intended that way.

Impacts of Federal Law on Social Security
The Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) adjustment reduces the benefit for government workers who don’t pay Social Security for 30 years. If you paid into Social Security on 30 years of substantial earnings you are not affected by WEP. The maximum monthly amount your benefit may be reduced because of the WEP as of 2019 is $463.

The Government Pension Offset (GPO) law affects spouse’s or widow(er)’s benefits. Social Security spouse’s benefits provide income for those who have minimal benefits on their own. Dual-entitlement is when both husband and wife are eligible to draw Social Security benefits. The spouse gets the higher of either their own benefit or half of their spouse’s benefit, not both.

2018 Pension Reform
Senate Bill 151 was signed into law. The details are being reviewed by TRS. There were no retirement benefit changes for retirees. There are caps on sick leave for retirement benefit purposes for current teachers and there is a hybrid cash balance plan for new hires beginning January 2, 2019.

The hybrid cash balance plan means that the benefit at retirement is the account balance based on a teacher’s contributions plus employer and interest credits. Benefits can begin at 57 when age plus service are at least 87 (Rule of 87), or at 65 with 5 years of service. The employer credits are refundable to the member after five years. Changes can be made but the balance in the account at the time of future changes is protected.

2018-20 Budget—Pension Additional Funding Summary
TRS requested $1.09 billion and 100% was approved

2018-20 State Budget—Retired Teacher Healthcare
The State pays premium subsidies for under 65 health care in 2018-19 for retirees after July 1, 2010. It requires TRS to pay what has been the state’s share of under 65 health care in 2019-20 from the MEHP Medical Insurance Fund for retirees after July 1, 2010. It allows TRS to pay the non-single subsidy out of the MEHP’s Medical Insurance Fund (still subject to veto and TRS board approval).

Paying under-65 premium subsidies for teachers who retired after July 1, 2010, and the non-single subsidy out of the Medical Insurance Fund was not envisioned in the 2012 Shared Responsibility solution (HB 540). This use is manageable in the short term as a one-time occurrence, but it will slow the growth in the funding level of the Medical Insurance Fund.

Long term, using over-65 medical care funds for under-65 premiums jeopardizes long term as a one-time occurrence, but it will slow the growth in the funding level of the Medical Insurance Fund.

The Inviolable Contract
As set forth by Kentucky law (KRS 161.714), certain benefits for teachers are a contractual right. Under the inviolable contract, changes in benefits for retirees and current employees are limited. Benefits included are lifetime monthly annuities, 1.5% COLA and access to health insurance.

Examples of benefits NOT included are the 3% multiplier, average high three salaries, use of sick leave payout and health insurance specifics (such as cost, any subsidy and level of coverage).
Local Recognition

Gold Award

Barren
Breathitt
Bullitt
Butler
Caldwell
Carlisle
Campbell
Casey
Davies/McLean
Fulton
Gallatin
Garrard
Grant
Green
Hart
Henderson
Hickman
Hopkins
Jackson
Jessamine
Johnson
Kentucky Retired Teachers Association
Knott
Lee
Letcher
Lincoln
Lyon
Madison
Marion
Mason
Meade
Menifee
Metcalf
Middlesboro
Monroe
Morgan
Nicholas/Robertson
Owen
Pendleton
Rowan
Simpson
Taylor
Union
Wayne
Webster
Wolf
Woodford

Silver Award

Bath
Bluegrass
Boyd
Boyle
Bracken
Breckinridge
Calloway
Carroll
Christian
Clinton
Cumberland
EKU
Estill
Estown/Hardin/Larue
Fleming
Grayson
Henry
Jefferson
Logan
McCracken
Muhlenberg
Menifee
Ohio
Owlsley
Perry
Pike
Powell
Shelby
Trimble
Warren

Bronze Award

Ballard
Boone
Boyle
Breckinridge
Clark
Floyd
Franklin/Capital City
Greenup
Hancock
Harlan
Harrison
Lewis
Livingston
Madison
Whitley

Gold = 49
Silver = 27
Bronze = 15

Top Hat Awards

County

Members Gained

Madison
Kenton
Bluegrass
Pendleton
Woodford
Bullitt
Campbell
Boone
Barren
Laurel

51
49
35
27
26
23
22
21
17
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Districts with Greatest Improvement

Northern
Jefferson
Central KY West
Third
Fourth

138
112
85
80
48

The “Yes We Did” awards appeared in the March issue of KRTA News.

“Top Hat Award” is given to the top ten locals and the top five districts for their number of members gained over the previous membership year and are presented at the dinner the night before the convention begins.

Betty Hester, Membership Co-chair, created the “Yes We Did” and “Top Hat” awards.
District Recognition

Gold
Second District

Silver

Bronze

Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards

Each year the 119 local RTAs strive to grow in membership and participation in the community and in the program sponsored by KRTA. Points are earned based on the local associations' emphasis on these important areas:

- Membership increases and percentage of potential members
- Number of meetings held and the topics of those meetings
- Contact with new retirees and honoring them at a meeting
- Participation in the state convention
- Contact with local legislators concerning current issues
- Contribution to the community
- Contribution of $30 or more to the N. O. Kimbler Scholarship Fund
- Standing committees in Health/Wellness & Insurance, Legislation, and Membership

Gold Seal = 425 Points Silver Seal = 375 Points Bronze Seal = 325 Points

M. L. Archer Award

In recognition of his contribution to the Association, the M. L. Archer Award was established. This award is given to top local associations with membership of at least 90% of those eligible. Mr. Archer served as Membership Committee chairman for 12 years.

Virginia Shaw Award

In honor of Virginia Shaw and her continued work with membership, the Shaw Award is awarded for Districts reaching the goal of 80% of those eligible. Mrs. Shaw served as Membership Committee chairperson for 17 years.
Strategies for Saving Our Sanity

Try getting a good picture of Dr. Mike! He is up and walking through the audience in full-body motion!

His powerful and entertaining message was enjoyed by everyone.

Dr. Mike advised us to “Be Somebody’s Reason.” You can make a difference. Don’t just be a teacher, Don’t just be a bus driver. Don’t just be a janitor.

Do not wake up to an alarm clock—wake up to a passion.

If you don’t have a sense of humor you will die. You will die from:

- tight rectal muscles
- undies in a bundle
- optical rectisis (optical nerve tangled with rectal nerve)
- and have a crappy attitude on life.

Remember that the only people without problems are dead. You will always have someone who flushes the toilet while you are showering, run out of toilet paper, get stuck in traffic or have the copy machine jam. There are good choices, bad choices, and my choices that can be made when you confront a problem. The world is filled with a boat load of jerks. There are those people who really tell you when you ask, “How are you?” Learn not to be like them.

Be thankful they give you a way to be not like them. Learn from them. All of us are not just grandparents; we are teachers, coaches and parents. Kids will remember who you were. You need to help and guide them. Don’t ever give up. Get a moral compass and keep it forward.

Help people stay within the lines. If you stay between the lines, it will help your husband, wife, child, grandchild, neighbor or friend stay between the lines. Good character is making good choices even when no one is watching. Dr. Mike said, “I’m on a mission from God to teach character and morals.”

One last word: Don’t make life difficult. Whatever you go through, you’ll get through. For goodness sake—loosen your lederhosen!
When you call the office this summer, you might get to talk to Kyle. He is currently 21 years old and an upcoming senior at Western Kentucky University studying Economics with a minor in Finance set to graduate in May of 2020. He grew up in Prospect, KY where he attended and graduated from North Oldham High School along with his three siblings Avery (23), Jackson (20), and Kendall (19). According to Kyle:

*The reason I began working here is to gain more work experience and build on my communication skills. I have had many amazing teachers growing up that shaped me into the person I am today, working at KRTA is allowing me to provide help to all the great role models that I am today, working at KRTA is allowing me to provide help to all the great role models from all over the state. I have yet to determine post-graduation plans but I hope to pursue a career that involves helping people in anyway possible.*

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Volunteer of the Year

Nominees

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*Don’t let anyone take away your story and your dream.*

*Don’t let them destroy the pride and honor coming from our service.*

*Your life is a letter written on the tablet of the heart.*

*We must continue promoting public education as the best vehicle to serve the common good.*

Aristotle said: *Synergy is when the total is greater than the sum of the parts.* Every single committee position or leadership position at all levels is equally important. No one position is greater than the next. We must continue to accept and perform them all with pride and honor. Is where the rubber meets the road. Accept those positions and serve the best you can. You will be blessed and proud you served. By working together as a team with all the “K” groups, we can become even stronger. Power is found in numbers. Membership is becoming even more important as promised pensions and health insurance become more uncertain. Under the great leadership of President Shirley Wolf, we met our membership goal this year with 32,519 strong. Our new goal is 32,820 which will be met with the same great effort and success. I look forward to meeting you and serving KRTA across this great Commonwealth of Kentucky. Fall conferences will give many a chance to meet our team. When fall arrives we all will energize our teams to make the dream work. Have a great summer.

Sincerely,
Harold A Wilson
State President- KRTA
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Become a CASA Advocate!

Become an advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in Kentucky! Volunteer advocates are appointed to cases by family court judges. They get to know the child and gather information to help judges and others understand the child’s needs and to help the child find a safe, permanent home. The CASA advocate writes reports that are sent to the judge and all other parties (lawyers and social workers) on the case. Judges use these reports as their eyes and ears on cases that need more attention than others.

Judges especially value information about children’s educational needs and progress (grades, attendance, etc.) because school system representatives cannot be parties to cases. Yet educators and school social workers often have the most pertinent information about these children because they teach and care for them every day. So, CASA advocates with experience working in the school system are highly effective in serving abused and neglected children’s best interests because they understand how to gather and interpret information from their educator colleagues.

“As educators, we have witnessed the suffering of children who are in abuse and neglect situations,” said Cindy Pennington, a long-time CASA advocate and retired educator who served Fayette County Public Schools from 1977 to 2005 as a teacher at Garden Springs, James Lane Allen, Dixie, Breckinridge, and Pickadome Elementary Schools and principal at Breckinridge for the last 5 years of her career. Pennington continued, “As educators, we provided as much support and intervention as we could to those children. As CASA volunteers, we can do so much more! I was amazed at the latitude a court order provided me to have an immediate as well as a long-lasting impact in a child’s life. As CASA volunteers, judges appreciate and respect our backgrounds and experiences as educators, so our reports to the judges are powerful. Educators are the best CASA advocates for continuing to help children have the best lives possible.”

Kentucky has the highest rate of child abuse of any state in the U.S., and hundreds of children in our communities are eligible to have a CASA advocate but do not because there are not enough people willing to take a stand for them. Advocates are thoroughly trained and well-supported by professional staff on each case. To become an advocate, you must be at least 21 years of age, pass a background check, participate in a 30-hour pre-service training course, and agree to maintain confidentiality and stay involved throughout the case assigned to you.

There are 22 local CASA programs covering 51 of Kentucky’s 120 counties. To find a CASA program in your area, please visit: https://www.kentuckycasanetwork.org/menus/local-program-directory.html. To view a list of upcoming 30-hour trainings, visit: https://www.kentuckycasanetwork.org/calendar/Local-Program-Pre-Service-Trainings. If you are based in Fayette, Bourbon, or Woodford Counties, then please consider joining CASA of Lexington’s “summer intensive” program designed specifically for educators and students from 9:00 to 4:00 on July 15-18. Visit https://casaoflexington.org/become-a-casa-advocate to submit your application or contact us at 859-246-4321 or jjahr@lexingtonky.gov to apply.

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Cumberland County RTA

The Cumberland County RTA met at Annie Ruby’s for lunch and meeting on March 5. Insurance updates were given by Margaret Head Sims, KRTA Co-chair for Health and Insurance. Patricia Garner is President of CCRTA.

First District RTA

Cebert Gilbert spoke to First District Retired Teachers Association on April 25th, at noon, Majestic Steakhouse in Draffenville KY. Standing committees made reports, elections were held for committee chairs and executive board member. Locals and district were recognized for awards received at KRTA convention.

Glasgow/Barren County RTA

The Glasgow/Barren County RTA met at the Barren County Innovation Zone on March 7. Thirty-eight members and guests were treated to an amazing tour of the new facility and served an absolutely delicious lunch. Grandparent Essay Contest Winner Hailey Wyatt was recognized and presented an award. The group saw a video and received information on BC Reads and Feeds and was treated to a sneak preview of the BCHS drama club’s upcoming performance of “Grease”. An informative presentation on Health and Insurance was given by Margaret Head Sims, KRTA Health & Insurance Co-chair.

Glenn Byrd is President of the Glasgow/Barren County RTA.

Grayson County RTA

The Grayson County Retired Teachers’ Association Winter Meeting was held on February 8 at the GC BOE. A new mentorship program, Mission of Hope, for elementary students is being established this fall and GCRTA members are encouraged to become involved. Our third annual Valentine’s flower door prize drawing was held. Winners and our generous, talented local florists who donated were: front row: Mary Leslie Davis (For Myself Flowers), Carolyn Thomason (Designs by Brad). Back row: Kay Decker (Raye’s Flowers), Pat Hackley (Whoop De Do Designs) and Theresa Basham (Gibson’s Florist). The beautiful floral arrangements provides a lovely incentive to attend our February meeting. Perhaps other Associations might get their local florists to donate arrangements for door prizes as well when they see how generous ours are.

Kenton County RTA

Kenton Co. Retired Teachers hosted “Colonel Harland Sanders,” from the Kentucky Humanities Council Chautauqua Speakers Bureau at their luncheon on March 12.

Real-life Colonel Luther Dowell portrayed our most famous Kentucky citizen and told about his interesting life.

There were 95 in attendance.

Madison County RTA

At their March meeting, Madison Co. retired teachers were well entertained by lunch speaker, Steven Vest.

His amusing anecdotes have been collected from visits to Ky’s 120 counties for “KY Monthly.” Editor Vest gave all present a 6-month subscription to this lively magazine. The teachers will meet again at Gibson Bay Cafe on Wednesday, April 10, for a catered lunch at 11:30 a.m.
MEMBERSHIP:  We are Family!

by Betty Hester

Yes, we are family ... and what happens to family matters to all of us! Evident at the annual Membership Committee meeting on May 13, everything that has faced retired teachers this year and is still to come binds us together. As we face another membership year, this committee wants to do all we can to gather in the family members to help with the fight. That’s why the theme “We are Family” is so important to us.

The Committee members shared their locals’ experiences in membership building. Each member then came away from the meeting with new ideas and a renewed determination to win those family members who are “hiding” in the shadows of our “family tree.” We want every retired teacher to share in the joy of belonging and, yes, in the responsibility of winning someone else to our ranks. By doing that, they can understand the impression that we can have on legislators.

Each Committee member represents one of our 14 districts across the state. We looked at the results of their efforts over the past year, each trying to determine a strategy for improvement. The 2019-2020 Local and District Goals have been set. They are based on the idea that just a little more effort in the coming year can mean rewards for each local and district. I’m asking you to move forward just 1 or 2 tenths of a percent before January 20, 2020. That can earn for you the “Yes We Did” award. And ... accomplishing that can mean other awards for your local or district association.

The new goal for this membership year is 32,820. The use of the tools we have available will make the job much easier in reaching that goal. These recruitment tools are available from the office:

› Pink Sheet for recruiting, with detailed list of benefits
› FACT Sheet with complete descriptions of benefits
› Reminder forms for soliciting membership payments

Use of the KRTA News, your stories of taking advantage of benefits of belonging; such as, savings through dental, vision, long-term care plan, car insurance, home insurance, life insurance, pet insurance, just to name a few— all of this is a “telling experience” that no one knows unless you tell it. Face to face with your former co-workers can bring results that I can’t get with someone I don’t know. This is how a local association works—with everyone filling a position. That’s why I’ve always encouraged to work membership building with a committee, not just one person.

MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE’S BUSINESS!

2019-20 KRTA Officers

L-R: Bill Kelley, Vice President; Sue Ellen Caldwell, President-Elect; Harold Wilson, President; Shirley Dick Wolf, Immediate Past President

Even the KRTA staff had a fun time with the photo booth at the convention!

Thanks to Henry Hensley & Associates for providing the booth!

Janie Caslowe, Betty Hester, Mary Wagoner, Jan and Tim Abrams, Brenda Meredith and Emily Carey. That’s all of us except for Charlotte Lindley.

Nicholas/Robertson RTA met at Blue Lick State Park for their March meeting with Ellie Thompson presiding. A program on insurance was given by Margaret Head Sims with a question/answer session to follow. Nicholas-Robertson RTA is in the Central Kentucky West District.

Paducah/McCracken County RTA collected prewrapped snacks, white socks and money to buy $140 gift card, to present to local veterans. Pictured are Betsy Myers and Edd Roe, retired teachers, packaging items to be delivered to VA clinic in Paducah. At the February 7 meeting, lunch was served by the hospitality committee to 37 attendees with money collected going to the local scholarship fund. Edd Roe gave the devotion and Herbert Martin presented the program on "History of African American and Book Presentation."

Trimble County RTA met at the Trimble County Extension Office for their March meeting. The winner of the Grandparent Essay was recognized along with the parents and grandfather. Becky Moore, President, decorated with very nice Easter bunnies which her parents had made.

Margaret Head Sims, KRTA Insurance Co-chair presented the program on the insurance benefits for the Under 65 KEHP and Over 65 MEHP members.

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The Dr. Robert V. Wagoner Building will be the home of the Kentucky Retired Teacher’s Association for years to come. The building contains over 3,000 square feet. It is on one level and totally accessible. Contained in the building are two private offices, six work stations, a large work area, a spacious foyer, a kitchen, a large conference room, two storage rooms and two handicapped restrooms.
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2019 FALL WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

DISTRICT      DATE       PLACE                   CONTACT PERSON

Jefferson Co.  Fri. Aug 23 U of L Alumni Club  Rick Tatam
10:00 AM (ET)  Louisville 7810 St Anthony Woods
Cent’l KY East Mon. Aug 26 Natural Bridge St Park  Avis Thompson
9:00 AM (ET)   Slade 721 Silver Creek Rd
Cent’l KY West Tues. Aug 27 Thomas/King Conv. Ctr.  Kathy Cole
9:00 AM (ET)   Georgetown 3790 Troy Pike
Northern     Wed. Aug 28 Boone Co Extension  Lorie Flerlage
9:00 AM (ET)   Burlington 100 Independence Pike
502-824-4882
Fifth         Thurs. Aug 29 John Black Com. Center  Shirley Sills
9:15 AM (ET)   Buckner 3036 Fallen Wood Lane
First         Mon. Sep 9    Kenlake St Park       Charlotte Benton
9:00 AM (CT)   Hardin 3705 Apperson Rd
Second        Tues. Sep 10  Pennyrile St Park     Rebecca Hudson Brown
9:00 AM (CT)   Dawson Springs 302 Tartan Dr
Third         Wed. Sep 11    Barren River St Park  Romanza Johnson
9:00 AM (CT)   Lucas 3341 Cemetery Rd
Fourth        Thurs. Sep 12  HCS - EC3 Center    Mary Lois Roberts
8:30 AM (CT)   Elizabethtown 210 Plainview St
Mid Cumber-  Mon. Sep 16  Lake Cumberland St Park  Tishana Cundiff
8:30 AM (CT)   Jamestown 11181 S KY 501
land         9:30 AM (CT)   Liberty 606-787-5324
Upper Cumber- Tues. Sep 17  Pine Mountain. St Park Paula Adams/Sherry Skaggs
8:30 AM (ET)   Pineville 340 Greers Chapel Road
land         9:30 AM (CT)   Harrogate, TN 432-869-8496
Upper KY River Wed. Sep 18 Buckhorn St Park   Michael Caudill
8:30 AM (ET)   Buckhorn 392 Civil War Gap
Big Sandy     Thurs. Sep 29 Jenny Wiley St Park   Deborah Ward
9:00 AM (ET)   Prestonsburg 340 Greers Chapel Road
Eastern      Fri. Sep 20    Carter Caves St Park  Ann Porter
9:00 AM (ET)   Olive Hill PO Box 88

All workshop start times are local time.
Registration (except Jefferson) begins 30 minutes prior to start time.
Registration at Jefferson begins 1 hour prior to start time.

2019 FALL WORKSHOP SCHEDULE
Deceased Retired Teachers

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 2019

“. . .these immortal dead who live again in minds made better by their presence . . . “

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