

APRIL 2008

President's Notes - by Gaige Paulsen

Spring is finally here, but you couldn't tell it at the Club's recent annual event at Keeneland. However, we still had the usual great time with the racing, dining, and camaraderie. More about the Keeneland event, including pictures, may be found later in the newsletter.

Our March Quarterly Meeting at the DoubleTree was highlighted with an outstanding speaker, Michael Bosse, Assistant Chief of Police in charge of the Investigation Division of the Lexington Police Department. He was not only a very good speaker, but he had a lot to tell us, including during a very good question and answer session. Those who were unable to attend really missed a good one.

Our next Quarterly Meeting on June 26 will have another most informative, and timely, presentation. Linda Gorton, Council Member at Large of the LFCUG Council will be speaking on the Lexington Downtown Master Plan. With all of the various projects being completed and in the planning stages for downtown Lexington, this should be a very interesting talk. See the article later in the newsletter, and make your reservations, as you won't want to miss this presentation and discussion.

May 27th is the date for our 10th Annual Golf Scramble being held at the Tates Creek Golf Club. We thank Bob Kersey and Len Golson for agreeing to jointly take over this event from Bill Palmer (whom we also thank for his years of managing the scramble). For the golfers among us (no matter what the handicaps) the scramble format is a great way to enjoy the game and have fun with your fellow retirees. Get your reservation forms in soon, as May 27 is right around the corner.

There are still a few of the special group price tickets available for the Grand Night for Singing on June 14. If you are interested in attending, call Stan Briggs at 859-223-4311 to verify that he still has tickets to fill your request.

Here are two dates you will want to put on your calendars - Wednesday, Sept. 17 will be our joint luncheon with the Louisville Club at the Frankfort Country Club; and our Annual Meeting/Christmas Luncheon is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 9. We will also have the annual Ashland Benefits meeting in October, but we have not yet finalized the specific date and place. We are also working on plans for additional events for this year, and will announce them as soon as they are finalized. More about these events will be in future newsletters and on our website.

As you may remember from last year's Annual Meeting financial report, over time the Club has built up a considerable amount of money. This has been mainly because we do not know if Ashland may reduce their support until their Budget process ends. Each year, when Ashland finalizes their budget in October, we finally learn what support to expect for the next fiscal year, which includes our Annual Meeting Luncheon at Christmas. Also, in certain cases, such as Keeneland and Grand Night for Singing, the Club needs to have funds available to purchase tickets for events prior to even announcing the events. The Board plans to continue subsidizing certain activities this year, while also ensuring that we maintain an adequate level in the treasury to meet our commitments.

Now that our Club has grown to more than 175 members, the Board feels the need to evaluate a variety of future potential events, including various options for luncheon meetings. We plan to survey the membership (probably with the next newsletter) to gain input from as many of you as possible. It is presently intended to be a mail-in survey (or email from the website) in order to allow every member to participate, not just those that attend a particular event. Please consider what you would enjoy doing as a Club in the future, and let us know your thoughts.

Here's to a great summer for all of you, and we hope to see you at the various Club activities.

Gaige

PAST NEWS

MARCH 20 QUARTERLY MEETING & LUNCHEON

President Gaige Paulsen welcomed our retiree group of 32 persons by offering a warm welcome to our previous secretary, Carole Young, who had been injured in a bad fall last year and went through extensive physical therapy.



After lunch we enjoyed a special guest speaker, Assistant Chief Michael Bosse of the Lexington Police Department. He is in charge of the Bureau of Investigation, and began by advising us of the many changes the department has gone through over the last 25 years, comparing how things were done then and how they are done in the more modern world today with new technology and the use of computers. Lexington now has a helicopter, horse team, K-9 dog units that can sniff out drugs, bombs, and patrol for criminals, missing children or missing loved ones suffering from such things as Alzheimer's.



Fortunately Lexington's crime is the lowest it has been since 1975, however, trends have changed in Lexington, even though we are a safer community, we have been introduced to narcotics being shipped illegally into our area as well as gangs have increased. Compared to other larger cities, we still are in the lower crime rate percentages. Question and answers were of interest to our retirees and a reminder by Chief Bosse to all senior citizens that we are susceptible to the biggest crime of all - fraud identity theft, so we should stay aware of our personal identity and not allow strangers to invade our privacy.

Gaige advised the dates for our presently planned future events followed by discussions on our current Club and the events and desires of our retirees. A survey may be forthcoming later in the year so we can capture your preferences LexTalk.org.

APRIL 13 KEENELAND SPRING MEET

Well, it wasn't exactly like Spring at our annual event at Keeneland's Spring Meet on April 13. But, forty-six retirees and friends really enjoyed the Kentucky Room ambiance and view from the fourth floor - out of the weather. The racing was great, the buffet was tasty and the chance to enjoy an afternoon at the races with

fellow former employees and friends was delightful.



Thanks to photographer Ernie Stamper we have some photos of the good times in this newsletter.



Spring Golf Outing – May 27

The 10th Annual Ashland Retirees Spring Golf Scramble will be held at Tates Creek Golf Club on TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We request that the entry form be returned to Len Golson no later than Monday, May 12, please include your e-mail address as it will be helpful in getting the information to you more rapidly and also save on postage for the Club. For those not having an e-mail address, we will mail your pairings sheet and tee times to you.

The entry fee is \$10.00 per player. We try to make the scramble self-supporting and the more participants we have the better the prizes will be. EVERY effort will be made to accommodate those who wish to play together. We know that this has been the source of some concern in the past. We encourage spouses and guests to play,

but request that those who invite guests get their reservations in early so we can reserve enough tee times.

Prizes will be awarded for winning team, low team score, long-drive and closest to the pin, according to how many sign-up for the event, there could be more prizes awarded.

Hold open on your calendars the rain date of Thursday, May 29, 9:00a.m.



Grand Night for Singing – June 14

As of this mailing the Club has tickets remaining to sell for the **Saturday, June 14** event at the Singletary Center. These tickets are at a special group price. If you are interested in attending, first call Stan Briggs at 859-223-4311 to verify he has enough tickets for your request. He will then advise you to mail your check directly to him and get your tickets to you or have on hold at the Will Call Window on the night of the performance. Don't miss out on this special event.

June Quarterly Meeting – June 26

The luncheon speaker will be Linda Gorton, Council Member at Large of the LFCUG Council and will be speaking on the Lexington Downtown Master Plan. Linda is in her tenth year of service on the Council, having served as District Four Council Member from 1999-2006, before being elected Council Member at Large. Her presentation should be most informative, and timely, with all of the various projects being completed and in the planning stages for downtown Lexington. The Luncheon will be at The DoubleTree Guest Suites on Richmond Road with the reception beginning at 11:30am followed by lunch and the presentation, including a question and answer discussion.

Please use the attached form to sign-up for the luncheon and make your entrée selection of either one-half Club Sandwich with Chicken Wild Rice Soup or a Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad. Both entrees will include dessert, iced tea and coffee. The cost for the luncheon will be \$11.00 per person.

FUTURE EVENTS

Frankfort Country Club Joint Luncheon

The Frankfort Country Club Joint Retiree Luncheon is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 17** – hold that date on your calendars, this has always been a good luncheon and a great turnout from the area clubs in Lexington, Louisville, Ashland, Columbus and Northern Kentucky.

October Quarterly Benefits Meeting

Date, location and further details will be forthcoming later in the year.

December 9 Annual Meeting & Christmas Luncheon

Note the date above, the site is currently at The DoubleTree Guests Suites, however, this could change so make note to look for details in future issues of **LexTalk** or on our website **LexTalk.org**.

MORE NEWS

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST RETIREES:

Douglas S Smith	Lawrence L Vantyle
Charles W Riley	Jeffrey H Raines
Leonard C Kenney	Frank R Craven
Lloyd T King	Stanley T Wonn
Martha C Johnson	Karen Sue Lanford

MEMBERSHIP

To date we have a total of **178** paid members. If you have not paid your dues yet, please use the form attached and mail to our Treasurer, Stan Briggs. The Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington dues for 2008

- \$10.00 per Ashland retiree family
- Ashland Non-retirees may become Associate Members for \$15.00 per family.

Please make check payable to Ashland Retirees' Club of Lexington.

WEBSITE: The Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington KY, Inc.'s website can be viewed at www.LexTalk.org.

THE NEXT PAGE: The latest news from Ashland may be obtained quickly if you go online at Ashland.com. Go to the website and under "Our Commitments" go to "Community"/"Retirees" for a list of the current and past issues as well as other interesting articles.

2008 Board Members:

- Gaige Paulsen - President (gr@paulsenclan.com)
- Roger Craycraft - Vice President (rccdcray09@aol.com)
- Stan Briggs - Treasurer (S.Briggs@insightbb.com)
- Linda Kersey - Secretary (LLKersey@insightbb.com)
- John Greene - Director/Past President (johncgreene@insightbb.com)
- Connie Reece - Director/membership (constanc19@aol.com)
- Carol Tipton - Director/events (pctipton180@roadrunner.com)
- Ernie Stamper - Director/communications (erniestamper@alltel.net)

The Board of Director's solicits your comments, suggestions and/or complaints regarding future meetings and activities. Please contact one of your board members. You may remain anonymous if you so desire.



All those pictured here at the event at Keeneland wish you had been there!



TENTH ANNUAL ASHLAND RETIREES SPRING GOLF SCRAMBLE

**RESERVATION FORM
TATES CREEK GOLF CLUB
Tuesday, May 27, 2008**

Member Name:

E-Mail Address:

Handicap: _____

If possible, I would like to play with:

Spouse/Guest Name:

Handicap: _____

Please return your entry form with a check for \$10.00/per person entry fee, payable to:

**Ashland Retirees' Club of Lexington,
c/o Len Golson,
3384 Cove Lake Drive
Lexington, KY 40515**

**RESERVATION FORM
QUARTERLY LUNCHEON**

**Thursday, June 26, 2008 at 11:30 A.M.
The DoubleTree Guest Suites**

Retiree _____ (Check One) Entrée preference:
_____ 1/2 Club sandwich with Wild Rice Soup OR _____ Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

Guest _____ (Check One) Entrée preference:
_____ 1/2 Club sandwich with Wild Rice Soup OR _____ Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

Please enclose your check for \$11.00 per person payable to Ashland Lexington Retiree Club and return no later than June 19.

Mail to Stan Briggs
100 Furlong Trail, Nicholasville, KY 40356
(Phone: 859-223-4311)

SUGGESTIONS:
Please feel free to offer your suggestions for future events. Your name will be kept anonymous.

PAY YOUR CLUB DUES FOR 2008 - MEMBERSHIP THROUGH DECEMBER 2008

Enclosed is my check for the Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington dues for 2008 – \$10.00 per Ashland retiree family. Ashland Non-retirees may become Associate Members for \$15.00 per family. Please make check payable to Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington.

Retiree Name: _____ Retiree Spouse's Name: _____

ARE YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE BOTH RETIRED ASHLAND EMPLOYEES? YES NO

Associate Member's Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

(An Associate Member is a former Ashland employee and/or spouse of a former Ashland Employee who left the company, for any reason, prior to retirement from Ashland or an Ashland Subsidiary)

E-mail address: _____ Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Last Ashland Inc. Work Location: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Dept.: _____

Date Retired or left Ashland Inc.: _____

Return to Stan Briggs, 100 Furlong Trail, Nicholasville, KY 40356
(Phone: 859-223-4311)