

# Lex Talk

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## **President's Notes – by John Greene**

Our Club membership is now approaching 150 members. Several new retirees have recently joined our club both from Lexington and Northern Kentucky. Welcome to all new and current members. We do encourage more members to participate in club activities and special events through the year.

We had 32 members to attend the June 12<sup>th</sup> quarterly membership meeting at the Lexington Sheraton Suites for a served lunch and some social time together. No program was planned but we had some great visiting and discussed upcoming club events and special plans for the future of our club. See in this newsletter exciting news about our new Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington [website](#) now on the internet for viewing.

On June 16<sup>th</sup> thirty of our members and guests attended the very popular University of Kentucky (Singletary Center) musical performance of "It's A Grand Night For Singing". It was an outstanding performance at a special price for our club members. Many have already requested that this event be considered again in 2008.

August 7<sup>th</sup> will be a fun outing at the Kentucky Horse Park, just north of downtown Lexington. It offers several entertaining horse shows, Dutch-treat lunch together and a presentation about the park and several upcoming special events. If you have not visited the Kentucky Horse Park before, you have missed a great Central Kentucky treasure. Also, it will be the site for the 2010 World Equestrian Games – a first for any state or organization in the United States to host. This event will put Lexington and Kentucky on the world map. If you want to attend and have not already registered, call or e-mail Erma Anderson to still attend this event. See Erma's contact details under [UPCOMING EVENTS](#) in this issue of *LexTalk*.

Planning is in progress for our third annual joint Retiree Club luncheon at the Frankfort, KY Country Club for members and their guests from Lexington, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky, Louisville, Ashland and Columbus on Wednesday, September 19. Last year 100 attended this joint club luncheon. This year's joint luncheon expects even more Ashland retirees, spouses

and friends from across the tri-state and beyond. Complete the registration form and mail as soon as possible, so we will know how to plan. Put this event on your calendar and plan to travel to Frankfort for this fun reunion with many former Ashland associates from around the country.

Our next retiree golf scramble is scheduled for our members and guests at the Tates Creek Golf Club on September 27. Sign-up/registration is enclosed in this newsletter for all interested golfers. Spouses and friends are invited to join you for this fun scramble. Prizes will be awarded for various golfing feats.

The next quarterly membership meeting will be a special program luncheon held on Tuesday, October 9, at the "new" Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel (formerly the Sheraton Suites Hotel) on Richmond Road in Lexington. Pick your choice of dinner entrée and complete the attached registration form to sign up for this important quarterly meeting. An Ashland Retiree Benefits Program and Update will be provided by Ashland's Corporate Director of Total Rewards (Benefit Plans and Programs) Ron Griffith and several of his staff will be present to help answer questions of retirees and spouses attending. There may also be a door prize or two to be won by some lucky attendees.

A membership form is included for other Ashland retirees you know that have not yet joined our club. Please pass on an invitation to others to join you and other Ashland retirees with membership in the Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington, KY.

If you know of other Ashland retirees not currently members of our Lexington and Northern Kentucky Area club – please invite them to join us for the events and special activities planned for our members. Contact Clarke Ketter, club treasurer, to join and to be added to the regular mailing list.

Thanks for your support of our club,

John

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **AUGUST 7, 2007**

#### **KENTUCKY HORSE PARK TOUR AND LUNCH – 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, August 7, 2007**

Erma and Elmer Anderson have planned a special Ashland Retiree Club Outing and Tour of the Kentucky Horse Park on Tuesday, August 7, 2007. Cost per person is a discounted admission price of \$12.00. Retiree family members and guests are welcome to join us. We will meet at the Horse Park at 9:45 a.m. in the Visitors Center to pick up tickets and to begin a guided tour. Motorized scooters are available. We expect to have a tour guide with our group to show off this wonderful treasure in the Blue Grass. We will attend two special horse shows: "The Hall of Champions" presentation and the very colorful "Parade of Breeds" program. Both live 30 minute presentations take place in shaded and covered arenas - out of the sun, rain, etc.

We will have a lunch break together at the Horse Park restaurant for a Dutch-treat lunch together. Anyone interested in a horseback ride starting at 1:45 p.m. should let us know in advance. Several other activities available during the day include the International Museum of the Horse and Art Gallery. A new exhibit is now open to celebrate "Affirmed" the last Triple Crown winner which goes back to 1978.

One can stay as long as you like to attend all or a portion of those things offered to visitors at the Kentucky Horse Park. It is really a fun and special place to see over and again. The first "World Equestrian Games" to be held in the United States will be held and hosted by The Kentucky Horse Park in 2010. Learn more about what is being done to get ready for this special event in the Blue Grass.

If you would like to join our group for this event, call or e-mail Erma Anderson to reserve a spot and pay her at the Horse Park: 859/797-8235 or [mequeenbee@windstream.net](mailto:mequeenbee@windstream.net). See you at the Kentucky Horse Park for a fun day together.

### **SEPTEMBER 19, 2007 –**

#### **JOINT LUNCHEON WITH THE LOUISVILLE RETIREE CLUB AND OTHER CLUBS AT THE FRANKFORT COUNTRY CLUB.**

Our Lexington club will again join the Louisville retiree club for a joint luncheon at the Frankfort Country Club in Frankfort, KY at 11:00 a.m. with a reception in the Club foyer. A very nice lunch will be served consisting of Stuffed Pork Loin w/Mederian Sauce, whipped garlic potatoes, green

beans almondine, bread and butter, iced tea, and dessert. There will be plenty of time for casual socializing and a great lunch in the private club's wonderful golf club seating. Those who attended this event last year really enjoyed it. There have been many requests for this event again this year. Ashland retirees from other company locations, i.e. Ashland and Columbus have also mentioned plans to attend this event for a first time event with our Lexington and Louisville clubs. The cost of this year's event will be the same as last year, \$16.00 per person and includes taxes and tips. Complete the attached registration form and return it as soon as possible.

**Directions to Frankfort CC:** From Lexington either follow Versailles Road (US 60) to Frankfort or take I-64 West from Lexington to Exit 58 (Frankfort/Versailles). Merge onto US 60 W. and drive 1.6 miles. Turn right onto Country Lane – go 1.0 mile, turn left onto Stonehedge drive ¼ mile and turn right onto Duntreath Street. The Frankfort Country Club address is 101 Duntreath Street, Frankfort, KY.

### **FALL GOLF SCRAMBLE**

**Register now and mark your calendars for THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.** That is the date for the Ninth Annual Ashland Retirees Fall Golf Scramble to be held at Tates Creek Golf Club. We request that the entry form be returned to Bill Palmer not later than Monday, September 24. 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, please include your phone number and we will get the information as to your tee time and playing partners to you.

The entry fee is \$10 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; however, we do reserve the right to realign the teams for better competition. 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 low team score, long drive and closest to the pin.

COME OUT AND ENJOY THE DAY WITH US!

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007 –**

**ANNUAL ASHLAND INC. BENEFITS PRESENTATION and QUARTERLY LUNCHEON MEETING**

at the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel, 2601 Richmond Road, Lexington. Luncheon served – cost \$13.00 includes taxes and tip. This Tuesday luncheon meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a brief reception and served lunch. Choose your luncheon entrée and complete the attached registration form.

This meeting is normally very well attended by both older and more recent retirees to obtain the latest facts and information about Ashland's benefit plans for retirees including discussions on any updates and revisions planned for 2008. The timing of this meeting generally works well with the election of benefits request that we receive prior to year end. Following the presentation there will be time for questions and visiting with Ashland's benefits representatives for your personal and specific questions.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - ANNUAL MEETING**

The Christmas Luncheon and Annual Meeting of the Club will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites (formerly Sheraton Suites) on Richmond Road, December 11, 2007. In addition to an opportunity to interact with fellow retirees and spouses, partake of a fine luncheon, and participate in the Annual Meeting of the Club, this year's Christmas Luncheon will again include musical entertainment - the band known as "Young at Heart". So put the date on your calendar. A signup form, including meal choices, will be in the next *LexTalk* newsletter.

**REVISED BYLAWS IMPLEMENTED**

At the July 23rd Board meeting the Directors unanimously approved revised Bylaws for our organization. Since January, a committee consisting of Directors - Gaige Paulsen (chairman), Bob Fisher, and Carole Young, and Members - Rick Lyon and Bill Palmer, have been developing the necessary changes to bring the original Bylaws, adopted in 1994, up to date. The following paragraph discusses some of the major changes that were made. For those who may be interested in the details, the revised Bylaws may be viewed on our website, [www.lextalk.org](http://www.lextalk.org), also announced in this newsletter.

The name of the organization was changed to the Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington, KY, Inc., in recognition of the changed name of the Corporation from Ashland Oil, Inc. to Ashland Inc. A new type of membership has been implemented, Associate Members, that may be offered by the Board to those

individuals, and spouses of those individuals, who have at some time been employed by Ashland. Dues will now be payable by Family Unit, so that an employee and spouse who are both retirees of Ashland will no longer have to each pay dues. The Board will establish dues separately for Associate Member Family Units and Member Family Units. The December meeting is now established as the Annual Meeting, and the way in which the directors and officers have been nominated and elected during recent years has now been placed into the Bylaws.

**WEBSITE AVAILABLE**

The Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington now has a website, [www.lextalk.org](http://www.lextalk.org). Clarke Ketter and Gaige Paulsen have been developing the Club website this year. Clarke will be the Webmaster. The Board reviewed the site at its July meeting, and decided it was time to make it available for use by the Club Members. Additional changes and features will be added over time, as it is expected to always be a "work in process". Please try out the website and see what it offers. E-mail any comments and suggestions to Clarke Ketter at [crketter@insightbb.com](mailto:crketter@insightbb.com).

***ASHLAND RETIREES CLUB OF LEXINGTON***

***2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:***

August 7 – Kentucky Horse Park Outing – Iron Works Pike just off I-75 North of Lexington.

September 19 – Joint Retiree Club Luncheon at Frankfort Country Club – 101 Duntreath Street, Frankfort, KY.

September 27 – Fall Golf Scramble at Tates Creek Golf Club.

October 9 – Quarterly Membership Luncheon Meeting and an Ashland Retiree Benefits Plan update by Ron Griffith, Ashland's Director of Total Rewards, at the Lexington Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel (formerly the Sheraton Suites).

December 11 – Annual Christmas dinner and Club Annual Meeting and Music Program at the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel in Lexington.

**RESERVATION FORM – FRANKFORT COUNTRY CLUB JOINT CLUB LUNCH – September 19**

Retiree \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose your check for **\$16.00** per person payable to the Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington, KY, Inc. and return to Clarke Ketter, 3244 Carriage Lane, Lexington, KY 40517 by **September 1, 2007**.

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**RESERVATION FORM – LUNCHEON AND BENEFITS PRESENTATION AT THE DOUBLETREE GUEST SUITES HOTEL, 11:30 a.m. – OCTOBER 9**

Retiree \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate your choice(s) of a 3-course luncheon plated and served:**

**Chicken Picatta**

**Turkey/Ham Wrap**

[Both choices include: garden salad, chef's choice of side item; choice of beverage and dessert.]

Please enclose your check for **\$13.00** per person payable to the Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington, KY, Inc. and return to Clarke Ketter, 3244 Carriage Lane, Lexington, KY 40517 by **October 1, 2007**.

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**COMPLETE TO UPDATE OUR RECORDS AND INCLUDE YOUR DUES IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID 2007:**

Enclosed is my check for retiree club dues for the year 2007 – **\$5.00/retiree**. Please make check payable to Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington, KY, Inc. Please note that spouses of deceased Ashland employees are eligible for membership and participation in events.

Name(s) of Retiree(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Last Work Location \_\_\_\_\_ Date Retired \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to Clarke Ketter, 3244 Carriage Lane, Lexington, KY 40517-3800**

**NINTH ANNUAL ASHLAND RETIREES FALL GOLF SCRAMBLE  
RESERVATION FORM  
TATES CREEK GOLF CLUB  
Thursday, September, 27, 2007**

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>E-Mail Address/Phone Number</b>
<b>Handicap</b>	
If possible, I would like to play with _____	

<b>Spouse/Guest Name</b>
<b>Handicap</b>

**Please return your entry form with a check for \$10/person entry fee, payable to Ashland Inc. Retiree Club of Lexington, to Bill Palmer, 3705 Ridge View Way, Lexington KY 40509, by September 24, 2007.**