

Lex Talk

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You are invited to our club's Christmas Holiday Lunch and Annual Meeting on Tuesday, December 11, at 11:30 AM. at the DoubleTree Guest Suites on Richmond Road for only \$6.00 per person. You may register for this event and enjoy a wonderful reception and a three-course served lunch. Entertainment and door prizes are also a part of the well-planned event. Our thanks to Ashland for subsidizing this event for another year. It is an opportunity to see many of our former Ashland associates and friends in a colorful holiday setting at a super low price. If you have not yet registered – do so before December 5 to reserve your place at this year's annual meeting.

This year in 2007 it has been a very productive year for our Ashland Retirees Club. We have had more than 30 new members added to our membership roster. As of this printing we can boast for having 154 paid members who have retired from Ashland and are eligible to join us for the many group events we sponsor and plan throughout the year for both retired employees and former Ashland associates as well as spouses/guests.

To view the official list of those who are paid 2007 members go to our newly developed Ashland Retiree Club of Lexington website: www.lextalk.org. You can also view under the Membership Roster all who have already renewed their memberships for 2008. If you have not renewed your membership for 2008 you can download a membership form on the "LexTalk" website or complete the membership form attached to this mailing of *LexTalk* newsletter and mail in with your registration for the Annual Meeting.

Annual membership runs from January 1 to December 30. Dues for 2008 are \$10.00 per single/couple for retirees and \$15.00 per single person/couple in a new category of associate member, approved by the Board of Directors, for former Ashland employees and spouses who worked at Ashland but who were not eligible for retirement with the company.

As president for 2007, I have enjoyed serving our club and working with a wonderful group of directors and officers of this club. Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington, Inc., is alive and well because of the many members who have been willing to share their time,

talent and know-how to help make us strong and growing. We are also indeed blessed to have been associated with a Company that has helped to make our lives better through many associations and memories of former and current Ashland employees with whom we have worked and known.

Please stay connected through our Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington. If you have yet to join or to renew your membership in our club – do so today. I am looking forward to seeing you on December 11 at The Doubletree Guest Suites for our Annual Meeting and Dinner Program.

John Greene, 2007 president

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ANNUAL MEETING

Please complete the attached registration form selecting your entree and mail to Clarke Ketter 3244 Carriage Lane, Lexington, KY 40517-3800. An on-line form is available at LexTalk.org.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS FOR 2008

The 2007 Nominating Committee, chaired by Jim Baylor, included Landy Williams, Hank Benson and Dick Perry, has presented the following candidates for Club Officers and Directors in 2008:

1. President	Gaige Paulsen
2. Vice President	Roger Craycraft
3. Secretary	Linda Kersey
4. Treasurer	Stan Briggs
5. Director	Erma Anderson
6. Director	Connie Reese
7. Director	Ernie Stamper
8. Director	Carol Tipton
9. Director/Immediate Past President	John Greene

Other nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting on December 11.

2008 DUES

We would like to welcome new retiree members and ask they join the Club for 2008. There are many events during the upcoming year and we always have good fellowship and memories of our fellow workers through our years with Ashland.

Please complete the attached membership form and mail to Clarke Ketter 3244 Carriage Lane, Lexington, KY 40517-3800. An on-line form is available at LexTalk.org.

LXTALK

The Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington's website is up and running at www.lextalk.org. The site is designed to provide all retirees with the latest information concerning the Club's organization, events and future plans. The main page contains links to the various sections of the site, including:

Upcoming Events	President's Letter
Officers and Directors	Volunteer Opportunities
The Next Page	Revised Bylaws
Members Roster	Recent Events

Also, recent and past issues of the Club's newsletter can be accessed from the main page. At various places on the site reservation forms can be accessed, filled in and printed for submission.

In addition there are numerous links to websites of interest to all retirees, such as the IRS, Social Security, etc. A link is also provided for the members to email comments or suggestions related to the content or format of the site, or concerning the Club itself.

It is recommended that all members visit the site, look it over and make use of the information provided therein.

2008 PROPOSED EVENTS

Quarterly Luncheon Meetings, Keeneland Outing, Golf Scramble, The Kentucky Horse Park, Grand Night For Singing, Frankfort Country Club, 2008 Christmas Annual Meeting.

We always welcome suggestions from our members for any new events.

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Happy Holidays to all of our Ashland retirees and their family members. Travel safely during the Season and Best Wishes for a Prosperous, Healthy and Happy New Year !

THE NEXT PAGE

The latest news from Ashland may be obtained quickly if you sign-up online. Your recent issue of *The Next Page* offered the opportunity to participate in a time sensitive communications system with Ashland Inc. To participate simply provide your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to: total.communications@gmail.com

Daryl Love, Ashland's manager of community relations, expresses that "this is a voluntary program. No retirees' names or any other information will be shared with anyone outside the company for any other purpose but will be used only to communicate Ashland information."

PAST NEWS

OCTOBER BENEFITS LUNCHEON

Fifty-five retirees and spouse/guests attended the annual Ashland Benefits luncheon and presentation on Tuesday, October 11, at the DoubleTree Guest Suites in Lexington. John Greene, president, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, prayer was offered by Walter Gooch.

After lunch Ron Griffith, Missy Cox and Patti Fugmann from the Benefits Department discussed Ashland's future and the benefits program for the upcoming year. There are no employee/retiree contribution changes for 2008.

Door prizes were awarded to Jo Johnson and Landy Williams.

BENEFITS RESPONSE

A question was brought up at the recent Benefits meeting regarding when traveling out of the country, needing medical service, making claims and obtaining payment. Our Benefits Department has provided the following information.

All Ashland retirees have access to the BlueCard Worldwide program. You can download this brochure from the internet at www.bcbs.com/coverage/bluecard/. This brochure explains the steps to take when requiring medical service outside the USA. The document directs members to call the BlueCard Worldwide Service Center when needing to locate a provider or if medical assistance services are needed. Their telephone numbers are 1-800-810-BLUE (2583) or call collect at 1-804-673-1177. Call for a brochure if you do not have access to the internet.

GOLF SCRAMBLE RESULTS

Despite a rain postponement and several reorganization of teams, twenty-one golfers set out on a warm October day to conquer the hills and hazards of Tates Creek Golf Course in the Ninth Annual Ashland Retirees Fall Golf Scramble. Teams must have been fairly evenly matched as several teams finished within two strokes of the winners. Clarke Ketter, Dick Damron and Tom Slattery, a recent retiree and a first time participant, made up the winning team beating out the team of Rowland Pagan, Jack Stephens and their guests Jim Morris and Dave Haller by one stroke. Tom McNally won the long drive prize and Dave Haller won the closest to the pin prize.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW RETIREES IN 2007:

Mike Abrams, Kathryn D Barker, Roger Bartley, Phyllis Beaman, Paul Berry, Rich Bihl, Dana Branham, Stan Briggs, Norma Chalin, David Childs, Charles Clark, Don Clarke, Ken Cooksey, Mike Cornett, Roger Craycraft, Shirley Craycraft, Bonita Dawson, Linda Elam, Al Falvey, Robert & Jan Fruth, Ed Fuller, James Geisert, Marvin Gibson, Lois Golson, Roland Goodwin, Darrel Handshoe, Regina Hart, Bill Henderson, Karen Holbrook, Lonnie Hollis, David Huff, Linda Kersey, Charles King, Joe Lanford, Sherri Lanter, Mary Lawson Tom McNally, Ira Miller, Harold Moore, Dale Moore, Larry Morgan, John Park, Ruby Pennington, Brenda Pennington, Ed Pettapiece, Lynn Purdom, Carol Rawlings, Scott Reisinger, Shirley Rice, Barb Shropshire, Glenn Sizemore, Tom Slattery, Myra Smith, Paul Sowards, Carole Stein, Chester Tackett, Carol Tipton, June Turner, Paul VanNorman, Kaye Welch, Nancy Wilcox, Robert Wilson, James Woodrum, Louella Worthington, Gary Young



**RESERVATION FORM –
CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY LUNCH &
ANNUAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 11:30 A.M.
DoubleTree Guest Suites**

Retiree _____

(Circle One) Entrée preference:

Chicken Beef Salmon

Guest _____

(Circle One) Entrée preference:

Chicken Beef Salmon

Please enclose your check for \$6.00 per person
payable to Ashland Lexington Retiree Club.

**Return to Clarke Ketter, 3244 Carriage
Lane, Lexington, KY 40517-3800 by
December 5.**

**PAY YOUR CLUB DUES FOR 2008 -
MEMBERSHIP THROUGH DECEMBER 2008**

Enclosed is my check for Ashland Retiree Club dues for
2008 – \$10.00 per Ashland retiree or Ashland Retiree
Couple. Associate Member Individual memberships or
couple is \$15.00. 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

(If Yes, dues are \$10 total for both.)

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:

City, State, ZIP

Telephone

Last Ashland Inc. Work Location

_____ Dept. _____

Date Retired or left Ashland Inc.

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Lane, Lexington, KY 40517-3800**