

JULY 2008

President's Notes - by Gaige Paulsen

In August, your Board is planning to 'experiment' with a new approach for our meetings. We have had wonderful speakers at our quarterly meetings this year, but the attendance has not been what we anticipated. With over 180 members now, we have had less than 40 members and spouses attend the last two meetings.

Consequently, your Board decided to explore other approaches for meetings, other than the Annual Meeting/ Christmas Dinner. In looking at alternatives, including our sister Clubs around the country, we found that some of them do monthly meetings at a specific location. Members just show up, pay for their own meals of their choice, and enjoy the lunch and program with their fellow retirees. This gives their members tremendous flexibility - they do not have to commit early through a reservation, they can select what they want to eat that day, and generally at a lower cost. Your Board decided to try an approach such as this, as an 'experiment', to see what the membership feels about it.

Therefore, on Monday, August 25, there will be a Club meeting in a private dining room at Ryan's Grill Buffet and Bakery, at 1973 Bryant Road, in the Hamburg area of Lexington. The guest speaker will be a representative from the 2010 World Equestrian Games. There will be no reservations required. Each person will purchase his/her own meal (generally, with senior discount, about \$7.00 to \$9.00), and go through the buffet, and then on to the private room. After enjoying the meal of their choice with fellow retirees, there will be a short meeting where the guest speaker will give a presentation about the 2010 World Equestrian Games.

It is hoped that we can all learn from this type of 'experiment'. In planning for the future, it is anticipated there will be a survey later in the year to determine what members feel about various meeting approaches, as well as other Club activities.

I hope to see many of you at Ryan's Grill on Monday, August 25.

Gaige

RECENT EVENTS

SPRING GOLF OUTING – May 27

Tuesday, May 27, turned out to be a beautiful Spring day with twenty-four Ashland retirees teeing off in the morning at Tates Creek Golf Course for the 10th Annual Spring Golf Scramble. The victorious team winners with

bragging rights were Roland Pagan, Phil Chase, Jack Stephens and Bill Morris. Phil Chase didn't take any chances on a clean sweep, walking away with a HOLE-IN-ONE winning closest to the pin as well as the longest drive in the fairway. Second place winners were Roger



Craycraft, D.H. Howard, Stan Briggs and Terry Biroshchik.
Our thanks to Len Golson and Bob Kersey for organizing a fun day on the course.

Grand Night for Singing – June 14

It certainly was another "Grand Night for Singing" at the UK Singletary Center. Thirty-one (31) of our Ashland-Lexington Retiree Club members and guests sat together in great seats offered at a very special group price to view the 16th annual performance featuring Lexington's and UK's finest singers and dancers as they preformed "The Great American Songbook from Billboard to Broadway". This event boasted a cast of more than 70 performers with an outstanding 33 piece UK orchestra directed by conductor, Robert Baldwin. This year's show has been highly acclaimed as the best show ever. It is a musical outing that needs to be considered once again as an annual club event.

June Quarterly Meeting & Luncheon

Thirty-five retirees and spouses enjoyed the quarterly reception and luncheon at the DoubleTree Guest Suites on Thursday, June 26. While we dined, Ernie Stamper had a presentation going of pictures from our various events, starting with last year's Joint Luncheon at the Frankfort Country Club. After lunch, our speaker, Linda Gorton, Member at Large of the LFUCG Council, gave a very informative Powerpoint presentation of the Lexington Downtown Master Plan. It was particularly timely since, just the day before, the CenterPoint developers had received permission from The Courthouse Area Review

Committee to proceed with demolition. By the way, the Downtown Master Plan and many planning and other documents are viewable on the LFUCG website, lfucg.com (also accessible through our website



lxtalk.org). Thanks again to Ernie, there are pictures of the luncheon on our website and in this Newsletter.

FUTURE EVENTS

August 25 - Luncheon

The August Luncheon will be held at Ryan's in Hamburg, Monday, August 25, beginning at 11:30am in a private banquet room. The guest speaker will be from the World Equestrian Games. There is no need to make reservations. Just go through the buffet line, pay for your meal(s) and join the group in the private banquet room. We hope to see a good crowd there!

Sept 17 - Frankfort Country Club Joint Luncheon **Frankfort Country Club Joint Luncheon**

Wednesday, September 17, will be our Joint Luncheon with the Louisville Club at the Frankfort Country Club in Frankfort. This is always a fine luncheon in a very nice setting, and a great opportunity to see fellow retirees from other locations. Again this year the members from the Ashland and Columbus Clubs are being invited to participate. The reception will start at 11:30, and luncheon will be served at 12:15. We will have a choice of entrees - either London Broil with brown mushroom sauce, or Chicken Chausser (lightly floured Chicken Breast Sauteed and topped with a brown mushroom sauce). Both will be served with whipped potatoes, lemon buttered asparagus, rolls and butter, non-alcoholic beverage, and dessert of Kentucky Silk Pie. The cost for each fine meal is \$17.00 per person. Complete your reservation form found later in this newsletter or on the website with your meal selection. Better get your reservation in early as the attendance at this luncheon keeps increasing each year.

Sept 24 - Golf Scramble

Dates are set for the Ashland Retiree Fall Golf Scramble on Wednesday, September 24 (rain date on Friday, September 26) held at Tates Creek Golf Club. Bob Kersey will be organizing this event. Come join the golfers for another fun-filled day. Please complete the attached form and mail with your check made payable to Ashland Lexington Retiree Club. Mail directly to Bob so teams can be organized.

October 1 - Benefits Meeting

The Benefits meeting will be held at the LA building on the Ashland Lexington Campus at 1:00pm on Wednesday, October 1. No reservations are required. Those who want to eat lunch at the Ashland cafeteria prior to the meeting are welcome to do so at their expense.

December 9 Annual Meeting & Christmas Luncheon

Note the date above -- the luncheon will be in The DoubleTree Guests Suites Ballroom on Richmond Road. Details, including the planned entertainment, entrée selections, and reservation forms will be in future issues of **LexTalk** and on our website **LexTalk.org**.

MEMBERSHIP

To date we have a total of 183 paid members. Also, we welcome our newest retirees. Please visit LexTalk.org to view the newest retirees list. An updated list of Newest Retirees should be available by the first of August. If you have not joined for 2008, please download the membership form from **LexTalk.org** and mail to Stan Briggs, treasurer, along with your check.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

MOONLIGHT SERENADE

Club Members, Dee Dee and Mike Moran, invite other Club Members to support the UK School of Music's annual benefit event, "Moonlight Serenade", Saturday, September 20. Of course, it is the UK School of Music that puts on The Grand Night For Singing that has become an annual outing for our Club.

The black-tie affair is an elegant evening, set within a covered pavilion of one of the most picturesque horse farms in Kentucky, Gainesway Farm. UK School of Music students and faculty provide non-stop music throughout the evening, featuring many of its award-winning soloists and ensembles. Dupree Catering will serve a formal sit-down dinner and the UK Jazz Ensemble will provide big band dance music of Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, and Count Basie. Between the dinner and the dance there is a brief live auction of five or six major items, and a silent auction featuring UK sports memorabilia, art, and glassware will be available throughout the evening. Thirty hand-blown glass pieces produced by artists at Flame Run Studio will also decorate the tables and be available for purchase. All proceeds go to support the UK School of Music.

To participate in the Sept. 20 benefit, the price is \$150 per person, and the contact is Dr. Ben Arnold (257-4900), Director of the School of Music at UK.

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:

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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.



TIDBITS

- A reminder to all retirees, please remember to notify Ashland Benefits Department of any address or telephone changes. Just call the toll-free number at 1-800-782-4669.
- **ICE - 'In Case of Emergency'**
We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends.

If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence the 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign. Just go out and edit your family or friends names with ICE followed by their name and it could save your life!



TENTH ANNUAL ASHLAND RETIREES FALL GOLF SCRAMBLE
RESERVATION FORM
TATES CREEK GOLF CLUB
Wednesday, September 24, 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 Bob Kersey
916 Deer Crossing Way
Lexington, KY 40509**

*Note: Rain Date will be Friday,
September 26