

MARCH 2009

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. This new year is off to an interesting beginning to say the least, considering the transition to a new U.S. President, the state of the economy, the significant transition taking place at Ashland Inc., and the weather Lexington has had this Winter. I would like to thank the new members of the Retirees' Club Board for agreeing to serve. The new members are: Stan Wonn, Vice President, Carole Young, Secretary, Shirley Rice, and Bob Fruth. They join Stan Briggs, Treasurer, Gaige Paulsen, immediate Past President, Ernie Stamper, Carol Tipton, and me.

From your club's perspective, things are off and running. We are working to schedule meetings at an interesting variety of venues and with interesting speakers. Our first meeting is scheduled for March 31 at Ramsey's on Harrodsburg Road. Dave Shuffett, the host of Kentucky Life on KET, will be our speaker and I know that you will find him to be very interesting.

We also have our annual day at the races scheduled for Sunday, April 19, at Keeneland. The day will include lunch in the Lexington / Keeneland Room followed by racing. The cost of this event is \$47 per ticket (see the registration form included with this mailing) for the first 40 people to sign up. I hope to see you there.

Other events to look forward to this year include a quarterly meeting to be held at the Arboretum, It's a Grand Night for Singing held at the Singletary Center, the Spring and Fall golf scrambles, and, of course, the annual meeting and Christmas Party. Unfortunately, after a survey of their membership, we've been informed by the Louisville Club that they have decided to forego the Lexington / Louisville joint luncheon for this year, primarily based upon the economy and the declining membership in the Louisville club.

We invite and encourage your comments and suggestions about potential locations for our quarterly meetings, speakers that you would find entertaining, etc. We want to make the club as inviting as we can to make it valuable to our members.

I look forward to seeing you soon at one of our events..

Roger Craycraft

MEMBERSHIP

If you did not join for 2008, please join us in 2009 by using the membership form on this newsletter or downloaded from <http://lextalk.org>. Mail to Stan Briggs, treasurer, along with your check.

PAST NEWS

ANNUAL MEETING & CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Annual Meeting and Christmas Luncheon of the Ashland Lexington, KY Retirees Club, Inc. was held December 9, 2008, at the Doubletree Suites, Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky.

The event began with a reception at 11:30 a.m. with piano entertainment by Steve Crews. At approximately 12:00 Noon, Gaige Paulsen convened the luncheon



meeting with a moment of silence in honor of all our Troops. Lunch was served to 109 members and guests. After lunch, vocal entertainment was provided by Tim and Sarah King, accompanied by Steve Crews on the keyboard.

The business meeting was called to order by Gaige Paulsen, outgoing President, in the absence of Roger Craycraft, incoming President. Mr. Paulsen welcomed Daryl Love from Ashland Inc.

The Treasurer's report and minutes of the annual meeting will be summarized in the next newsletter.

The Nominating Committee was composed of: John Greene, Chair; Linda Kersey and Dan Gipson. Mr. Greene presented the slate of officers and directors for 2009 noted elsewhere in this newsletter as elected. A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the slate of officers and directors as presented.



A special thank you was given to the outgoing Directors: Linda Kersey, Director and Secretary, John Greene and Connie Reece.



Gaige Paulsen and Carol Tipton then handled the door prize drawings which were awarded to the following: \$20 – Rafferty's to Pat Perry; \$50 – Cracker Barrel to Bob McCarty; \$50 – Cracker Barrel to John Green; \$60 -- TGIF - Larry Delaney; \$60 --TGIF- Charlie Ellis; Dinner for 2 at Doubletree to Shirley Rice; \$100 – Rafferty's to Gene Rogers; \$100 – Olive Gd'n or Red Lobster. to Jim Woodrum; \$100 – Blue Grass Hosp'ity Grp to Ernie Stamper.



The group, led by Ernie Stamper, thanked Gaige Paulsen for his wonderful job as President during 2008 with a round of applause.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

SUMMARY of UPCOMING EVENTS

March 31 - 1st Quarter meeting and lunch will be at Ramsey's on Harrodsburg Road. Dave Shuffett, host of Kentucky Life on KET, will be our guest speaker. No reservations are necessary.

April 19 - Keeneland Outing: lunch in the Lexington Room followed by a day of racing.

May - Date to be determined. Spring golf scramble.

June - Day to be determined. Quarterly meeting and lunch at the UK Arboretum. We are trying to obtain an expert to discuss the Arboretum and perhaps act as a guide.

August - Day and location to be determined. Quarterly lunch meeting.

October - Day to be determined. Annual Benefits meeting.

December - Day to be determined. Annual meeting and Christmas Luncheon with entertainment.

FUTURE EVENT DETAILS

MARCH 31 - RAMSEY'S LUNCHEON

The Ramsey's on Harrodsburg Road has a back room that we have booked for our March 31st noon meeting . This is just south of Man O'War intersection with Harrodsburg Rd.

Dave Shuffett, host of Kentucky Life on KET, will be our guest speaker. No reservations are necessary and you will be able to order from the regular menu. We hope to see a good crowd there!

KEENELAND SPRING MEET

We are now accepting reservations for the Keeneland Spring Meet on **Sunday, April 19, 2009**. We have purchased 40 tickets, first-come, first-served, so make your reservation early so not to miss out on this special event. Dining will be in the Lexington/Kentucky Room where you can enjoy a delicious buffet lunch while watching the races from a spectacular vantage point high atop the grandstand overlooking the finish line.

The form to request tickets and make your reservation is attached to this newsletter. The Clubhouse opens at 11:30 a.m. Stan Briggs is again handling tickets and reservations for this popular event.



WEBSITE: The Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington KY, Inc.'s website can be viewed at www.LexTalk.org. On it links for various photo albums will be offered throughout the year.

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:

- Roger Craycraft - President (rccdcray09@aol.com)
- Stan Wonn - Vice President (dswonn@insightbb.com)
- Stan Briggs - Treasurer (S.Briggs@insightbb.com)
- Carole Young - Secretary (cyoung@insightbb.com)
- Gaige Paulsen - Director/Past Pres. (gr@paulsenclan.com)
- Bob Fruth - Director (jlfruth@insightbb.com)
- Carol Tipton - Director/events (pctipton180@roadrunner.com)
- Shirley Rice - Director/membership (sdrice1951@yahoo.com)
- Ernie Stamper - Director/communications (erniestamper@gmail.com)



ASHLAND RETIREES CLUB OF LEXINGTON, KY
 TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
 12/18/2007 - 12/31/2008

Dues and Activities	Income	Expenses	Net
Dues from Members - 2008	\$ 715	\$ 0	\$ 715
Dues from Members - 2009	<u>\$ 70</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 70</u>
Total Dues	\$ 785	\$ 0	\$ 785
Frankfort CC Luncheon	\$ 890	\$ 918	(28)
Golf Scrambles	\$ 500	\$ 500	0
Grand Night for Singing	\$ 682	\$ 880	(198)
Keeneland Outing	\$ 2,340	\$ 2,520	(180)
Quarterly Meetings	\$ 759	\$ 1,255	(496)
Annual Meeting & Luncheon - 2007			
From Members	\$ 6	\$ 0	6
Luncheon Cost	\$ 0	\$ 2,328	(2,328)
Reimbursement from Ashland	<u>\$ 1,830</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 1,830</u>
Totals - 2007	\$ 1,836	\$ 2,328	(492)
Annual Meeting & Luncheon - 2008			
From Members	\$ 660	\$ 0	660
Luncheon Cost	\$ 0	\$ 2,584	(2,584)
Reimbursement from Ashland **	\$ 0	\$ 0	0
Door Prizes and Entertainment	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>
Totals -2008	\$ 660	\$ 3,584	(2,924)
Website Name Renewal	\$ 0	\$ 10	(10)
Office Expense - printer cartridges, mailings, labels, name tags, etc.	\$ 0	\$ 267	(267)
Kentucky State Fees	\$ 0	\$ 9	(9)
Net Cash Flow	<u>\$ 8,452</u>	<u>\$ 12,271</u>	<u>(3,819)</u>

Beginning Cash Balance at 12-18-2007	\$ 4,613
Net Change in Cash Balance	<u>\$ (3,819)</u>
Ending Cash Balance at 12-31-2008	<u>\$ 794</u>

** Luncheon Reimbursement from Ashland of \$1,635 received 01/30/2009.

RESERVATION FORM
KEENELAND SPRING MEET

Sunday, April 19, 2009
Clubhouse opens at 11:30 a.m.
Lexington/Kentucky Private Room
(a limit of 4 tickets per order)

Retiree _____

Guest _____

Please enclose your check for \$47.00 per person payable to the Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington no later than March 20, 2009.

Return to Stan Briggs by March 20, 2009, 100 Furlong Trail, Nicholasville, KY 40356 (tele: 859-223-4311)

PAY YOUR CLUB DUES FOR 2009 - MEMBERSHIP THROUGH DECEMBER 2009

Enclosed is my check for Ashland Retiree Club dues for 2009 – \$10.00 per Ashland retiree or Ashland Retiree Couple. Associate Member Individual memberships or couple is \$15.00. Please make check payable to the **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.: _____

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