

LexTalk

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November 2011

Fall is upon us, and it won't be long before we are celebrating the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with our families and friends. I would like to take the time to reminisce about the events the Club has enjoyed this year. We started off the year on a rainy March day by visiting the Lexington History Museum, followed by other tours later in the year at Three Chimneys Horse Farm, Old Friends Horse Farm, "Ashland" Home of Henry Clay, and the Kentucky History Museum. While a group was shopping at Irish Acres Gallery of Antiques and enjoying lunch at The Glitz, the golfers were enjoying a spring scramble under a new, well-received format that led to increased participation at the fall golf scramble. The much anticipated Benefits Meeting was once again well attended, along with the reception after the meeting where ideas are generated for next year's calendar.

But, we are not finished yet. We still have a tour of the Woodford Reserve Distillery in November, with the Annual Meeting/Christmas Luncheon in December. The details for these last two events are listed later in the newsletter under Next Events.

With the year winding down, I would be remiss if I did not mention the hard work done by your Board in 2011. The Club, along with many other small social clubs in Kentucky, received a notice from the Internal Revenue Service that its tax-exempt status had been revoked automatically. It appears that the Internal Revenue Code was changed in 2007 to require organizations, such as ours that had never before been required to file tax returns, to begin filing annual electronic returns in the year 2008. Your Board was not aware of the law change and, consequently, did not file the required returns. With the guidance and assistance of former Ashland tax employees, an application for exemption and request for reinstatement of its tax-exempt status back to the date of automatic revocation was filed. Recently, that request was granted by the IRS. Changes have been made to the By-laws requiring the Treasurer to file all future tax returns of the Club.

At our Annual Meeting in December, we will elect a new board for next year. Linda Elam led the committee to nominate board members for 2012. Linda and her team identified what I trust you will find to be an excellent slate of nominees.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to two board members that will be leaving the board at the end of this year. Carol Hatton will be leaving after serving one year as our Vice President. Carol Tipton, who is also leaving, has been a very valuable member while serving the past several years

as the Director in charge of activities. We all owe these ladies a great deal of gratitude for their contribution and service to the Club.

Past-President Stan Wonn said it so eloquently last year in Lex Talk, November 2010, that I would like to repeat his words as a thanks to this year's Board:

Finally, I want to thank all the board members who faithfully attend our board meetings and work so hard to maintain the continuity and health of this organization. It is quite astounding how much this board does in a year to provide the planning, organization, and continual membership focus while keeping everyone's best interest in the forefront. We are all very lucky to have such dedicated people leading this club.

In closing, I would like to encourage each of you to complete your membership registration included in this newsletter and submit your dues for 2012. The Board is working on some new and exciting activities for the upcoming year, and we all know that the life of any club is in the participation of its members at the events. If there is an event that you would like to see offered, please contact any Board member at the e-mail address listed in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at the Woodford Reserve Event, as well as, the Annual Meeting/Christmas Luncheon.

Helen Osborne

NEXT EVENTS

Tuesday, November 15th, 11:30 AM

Lunch at Darlin Jean's, Midway followed by Tour of Woodford Reserve Bourbon Distillery

After lunch at Darlin Jean's Apple Cobbler Cafe in Midway, we will travel west on scenic US. 62 to Versailles Road, and then west 4.2 mi. on US 60 until the intersection to turn left onto Steel Road then slight right on New Cut Road/US 2331. One more slight right onto McCracken Pike/US 1659 and the Woodford Reserve is located at 7855 McCracken Pike. If coming from the west on US 60 (Frankfort) you can turn onto Grassy Springs Rd, which will lead you to McCracken Pike, and after a right turn, it is only a short distance to the distillery. This a nice route even from Midway/Lexington, just a little past Steel Rd. There are two tour choices (1 hr. - \$5 or 2 hr. - \$10) which start on the hour.

DECEMBER 6 ANNUAL MEETING & CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Mark the the date above for our Christmas luncheon to be held at Embassy Suites on Newton Pike. The event will begin with a reception at 11:00 am. The reservation form is attached -- please mail back by December 1st with your check for \$12.50 per person and make your meal selection(s) of either **Roasted Pork Loin, Parmesan Encrusted Chicken, Grilled Atlantic Salmon or a Vegetarian Plate.**

We will again have a harpist providing music throughout the course of the reception and luncheon. While there will not be a set period of entertainment, we will be able to enjoy the best of seasonal selections, and perhaps join in singing some favorites.

We will elect officers for 2012 during a brief business meeting, and draw for some nice door prizes.

Please note that you must be a paid member in 2011 to register for this event.

RECENT EVENTS

Fall Golf Scramble September 20, 2011

Our day kicked off with overcast skies, but got brighter as participants arrived with smiling faces. Chatter was widespread as we saw many old friends and associates. What a great way to start our day!

Twenty-four hardy souls ventured out with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start to lay claim to the fall championship. The



weather cooperated. We finished our golf in approximately 4 hours, then gathered to enjoy a grilled lunch prepared by Tates Creek Golf Club. Everyone chatted away enjoying each other's company, while munching on their sandwiches and awaiting the final results.

The Fall Champs are Stan Briggs, Roger Craycraft, Bob Fruth and Dale Moore at 7 under par. At 6 under, in

second were Rich Bihl, Carl Frey, Bill Palmer and John Park. In third, at 5 under, was the team of Terry Biroshchik, Charlie Ellis, Bob Kersey and Clark Ketter. Other participating were Sally Detjen, Ed Pettapiece, Phil Pruitt, Rod Turner, Mike Abrams, Larry Bowyer, Tommy Thompson, Larry Wessel, Larry Colley, Charlie Covey, Len Golson and Estill Hobbs. The Closest to Pin Award went to Ed Pettapiece, Longest Putt Award to Estill Hobbs and the Long Drive Award to Roger Craycraft. We concluded at 1:20 p.m. and still had plenty of time to see pals, tell jokes and, in some cases, a little white lie about a "special shot"!



Another BIG special thanks to Valvoline for their continued support, we appreciate their kindness.

The format changes have been well received and have allowed an opportunity for more overall participation.



We also reformatted the prize awards with every participant sharing in the prize pool.

We hope to build on this outing, and we encourage those that haven't participated in awhile to come on out and share some fun times with folks we have interacted with for many years.

Set your sights on the 2012 Spring Outing currently set for June 5th....mark your calendars to come have some fun!

Touring Event Reports

In August, our lunch at the Ginkgo Tree Café on the grounds of "Ashland" home of Henry Clay, and excellent guided tour of the house was enjoyed by all who attended.

In September, we met for lunch at Jim's Seafood on the Kentucky River in Frankfort, and then visited the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History.

Then in October the Annual Benefits meeting was attended by approximately 200 retirees, and we heard explanations of healthcare supplement coverage changes, as well as a report on Ashland Inc. recent growth. Some photos from all these events are included

Below: At Henry Clay Estate



Above: History Center. Below: Benefits Meeting



for your enjoyment.

Report of the Nominating Committee

On behalf of the Ashland Retiree's Club of Lexington, KY, Inc., your Nominating Committee for officers to serve in 2011 is comprised of Linda Elam, Chairperson, Shirley Rice, and Sharon Hall. The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following individuals to be placed into nomination for election at our Christmas luncheon and business meeting scheduled for December 6, 2011 at the Embassy Suites on Newtown Pike.

OFFICERS:

President: Helen Osborne

The President shall be the chief administrative officer of the Club, serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Vice President: Sally Detjen

The Vice-President shall serve as the club's primary overseer of special event's chairpersons and member activities.

Past President: Stan Wonn

The Past President shall act in an advisory capacity to the Officers and Directors.

Secretary: Linda Elam

The Secretary shall keep a roll of the membership; conduct all correspondence of the Club.

Treasurer: Stan Briggs

The Treasurer shall receive and serve as custodian for all monies collected for dues, pay all bills authorized by the President, keep complete and accurate records of receipts and disbursements, and file all local, state, and federal tax returns.

DIRECTORS:

Sharon Hall, Bill Perrine, Shirley Rice, and Ernie Stamper

Other nominations from the floor at the December 6 business meeting will be accepted, provided the member nominated has agreed to serve if elected.

As chair of the committee, I wish to express my thanks to the committee members for their fine efforts in developing such a strong group of nominees.....our club is in very capable hands -- Linda.

STAYING CONNECTED

We continue to focus much on encouraging people to become members of our club, we have been rewarded with several new members, and a membership of nearly 170. **Please complete your membership registration included in this newsletter and submit your dues for 2012 if you have not already done so.**

With the reduced financial support from Ashland Inc., there is greater uncertainty about how the club will be able to continue to communicate, insofar as printed/mailed materials. The good news is that we will always

be able to provide all our news and event planning info via both the club website and email. But you have to do your part in this by regularly checking on www.LexTalk.org (this letter will look better on the site) and keeping us up-to-date with your email address changes. **Your e-mail address will not be shared between club members nor published on the website.**

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.

2011 Board Members:

- Helen Osborne - President (hwosborne@roadrunner.com)
- Carol Hatton - Vice President (cmhat@insightbb.com)
- Stan Briggs - Treasurer (S.Briggs@insightbb.com)
- Linda Elam- Secretary (ljde310@aol.com)
- Stan Wonn - Past President (dswonn@insightbb.com)
- Sharon Hall - Director (sharonhall545@yahoo.com)
- Carol Tipton - Director/events (pctipton180@roadrunner.com)
- Shirley Rice - Director/membership (sdrice1951@yahoo.com)
- Ernie Stamper - Director/communications (erniestamper@gmail.com)



Above: Stan Briggs provided an unwitting metaphor to travelling the length and breadth of the Commonwealth when at the history center.

RESERVATION FORM
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
Embassy Suites Hotel

Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 11:00 A.M.
Deadline to register -- December 1, 2011

Retiree _____ (Check One) Entrée preference:

_____ Grilled Atlantic Salmon

_____ Roasted Pork Loin

_____ Parmesan Encrusted Chicken

OR

_____ Vegetarian Plate

Guest _____ (Check One) Entrée preference:

_____ Grilled Atlantic Salmon

_____ Roasted Pork Loin

_____ Parmesan Encrusted Chicken

OR

_____ Vegetarian Plate

If you have not already provided your e-mail address, we are trying to build an address book for the club.

E-Mail Address: _____

(your e-mail address will not be shared between club members nor published on the website)

Please enclose your check for **\$12.50 per person** payable to Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington and return no later than **December 1**. If not yet a member for 2011, also include \$10.00 for membership. Also include the information requested on the form for membership in 2012.

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



CLUB DUES FOR 2012
MEMBERSHIP THROUGH DECEMBER 2012

Enclosed is my check for Ashland Retiree Club dues for 2012 – \$10.00 per Ashland retiree or Ashland Retiree Couple. Please make check payable to the **Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington**.

Retiree Name

Retiree Spouse's Name

(For information only: was your spouse also an employee of Ashland? YES NO)

E-mail address: (your e-mail address will not be shared between club members nor published on the website)

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)