

LexTalk

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First, I want to thank all of you for your support during my recent heart attack, triple bypass surgery and on-going recovery process. I especially want to thank Vice President Roger Craycraft for taking over and handling so much during my absence.

A number of activities occurred while I was recovering. I heard that the 'experiment' of the luncheon at Ryan's at Hamburg on August 25 went well, and the speaker on The 2010 World Equestrian Games was very informative. I also understand that the Annual Frankfort Joint luncheon with the Louisville Club was a success again this year. Congratulations to, Tom Slattery, Dick Perry and Bill Morris, the winners of the fall golf scramble on September 24.

I managed to make it to the well-attended Ashland Benefits meeting on October 1, at the Ashland, Inc. offices. Ron Griffith described the activities and status of the major acquisition of Hercules. As always, he handled a very good discussion of the status of the retirement funds and the medical plans for 2009.

Another 'experimental' luncheon is planned for November 6, at Ryan's at Hamburg. Again, one doesn't have to make a reservation. Just show up, and enjoy lunch and conversation with your fellow retirees. At this time, we are still working on a speaker for the luncheon.

John Greene has been appointed chair of the **Nominating Committee for the 2009 Directors**. Anyone wanting to volunteer, or recommend others (with their permission) as candidates for the 2009 Board of Directors please contact John at johncgreene@insightbb.com or by phone: 859-273-4992. Nominating committee members include Linda Kersey (Lexington) and Dan Gipson (Northern Kentucky).

We hope to see many of you at our Annual Meeting and Christmas Luncheon at the DoubleTree Guest Suites on Richmond Road, December 9. We have lined up two very good singers, Tim and Sara King, performing as the entertainment, and there will also be door prizes. Please sign up on the forms attached, include your fee (\$6 per attendee) and select the entrees (either beef or chicken) for each attendee.

Since this will be my last Newsletter as President, I would like to thank the Membership for their participation, the Board for its fine efforts, and I wish the Club continued success in the future.

Gaige

MEMBERSHIP

To date we have a total of 186 paid members. 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. We have two more luncheons in 2008 that you can attend. Membership forms for 2009 will be forthcoming in the LexTalk published in the Spring of 2009.

PAST NEWS

AUGUST 25 LUNCHEON RYAN'S HAMBURG

Thirty-four members enjoyed a casual buffet style luncheon at Ryan's in Hamburg. After lunch, Jerry Fields from The 2010 World Equestrian Games spoke to the group and explained the history, changes and what it is doing for Kentucky. This event will be very big for Kentucky and Mr. Fields gave us a good look at their planning of the events and what coordination it takes to organize such a huge event. All horses will arrive into the Cincinnati Airport and be quarantined and then transported directly down I-75 and be taken to special quarantined barns. They are expecting ½ to ¾ million visitors will attend these events over the few weeks they are in competition. This will be the largest sporting event to be held in Kentucky. You may visit their website at: www.feigames2010.org or sign-up as a volunteer.



Those at the August meeting posed for the photo above, which was then sent to Gaige to wish him a speedy recovery from his surgery.

SEPTEMBER 17 JOINT FRANKFORT COUNTRY CLUB LUNCHEON

An excellent turnout of 76 retirees, spouses and guests attended the joint luncheon at the Frankfort Country Club. Attendees were from the Lexington, Louisville,



Charlie & Carolyn Lovorn catch up with John Greene and Dan Gipson, and Grover Shropshire seen with Bob Fisher & Dave Sattich, was once again our sponsor to the Club



Ashland and Northern Kentucky areas." It was a beautiful day for the drive to Frankfort and the lunch, as always, was excellent.

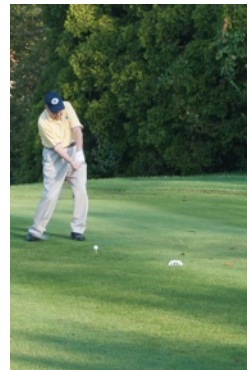


First-place winners with 11 under were Tom Slattery, Dick Perry and Bill Morris.

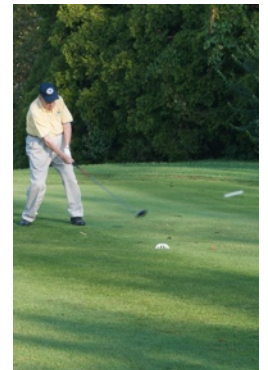
Second-place winners with 7 under were Bob Fruth, Mike Abrams, Dave Sattich and Ed Pettapiece.



Roland Pagan came away with closest to the pin and Bill Morris with longest drive. Several gifts were donated and enjoyed by all the players. Even if you are a casual golfer, come out for the Spring outing!



Dick Damron has "still got that swing"



SEPTEMBER 24 FALL GOLF OUTING

A good turnout and a beautiful day was enjoyed by 24 club members and their guests at Tates Creek Golf Club.



OCTOBER 1 BENEFITS MEETING

As always a well attended October 1 meeting updating our retirees on the 2009 medical and dental benefits which was well received at the Ashland Corporate Offices. You should have received your 2009 Benefits sign-up booklet by now, if not, please call Ashland Benefits at 1-800-782-4669.



FUTURE EVENTS

NOVEMBER 6 - RYAN'S HAMBURG LUNCHEON

After a good turn-out for the casual lunch and speaker in August, we have decided to have another luncheon on Thursday, November 6 at Ryan's in Hamburg beginning at 12:00 noon. The guest speaker has not been finalized but we are sure if it is like the two past speakers, it will be interesting. Check online at LexTalk.org closer to the luncheon date and the speaker will be announced. There is no need to make reservations and we have secured a special price of \$7.00, which includes drink and tax! Just tell them you are there for our meeting, and pay for your meal(s), then go through the buffet line, and join the group in the private banquet room. We hope to see a good crowd there! There is a wide selection of good food and desserts for anyone's taste.



DECEMBER 9 ANNUAL MEETING & CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Mark the the date above for our Christmas luncheon to be held in The DoubleTree Guests Suites Ballroom on Richmond Road. The reception will begin at 11:30am, followed by lunch at 12:00pm, election of officers and entertainment. The reservation form is attached, please mail back with your check for \$6.00 per person and make your meal selection(s) of either **Sautéed Breast**

of Chicken with a Lemon Caper Sauce or Roast Baron of Beef with Bordelaise Sauce, both entrees served with whipped mashed potatoes, green bean almondine, and carmel apple cake.

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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:

- Gaige Paulsen - President (gr@paulsenclan.com)
- Roger Craycraft - Vice President (rccdcray09@aol.com)
- Stan Briggs - Treasurer (S.Briggs@insightbb.com)
- Linda Kersey - Secretary (LLKersey@insightbb.com)
- John Greene - Director/Past President (johncgreene@insightbb.com)
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- Carol Tipton - Director/events (pctipton180@roadrunner.com)
- Ernie Stamper - Director/communications (erniestamper@alltel.net)

TIDBITS

U. S. Naval Academy established, Oct 10th, 1845
First "Model T" Ford built, Oct 1st, 1908
Old Ironsides launched, Oct 21st, 1797
United Nations established, Oct 24th, 1945
Stock Market Collapse, Oct 29th, 1929
Great Chicago fire, Oct 8th, 1871

RESERVATION FORM
DOUBLETREE SUITES LUNCHEON
Tuesday, December 9 at 11:30A.M.

Retiree _____ (Check One) Entrée preference:

_____ Chicken OR
_____ Beef

Guest _____ (Check One) Entrée preference:

_____ Chicken OR
_____ Beef

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 \$6.00 **per person** payable to Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington and return no later than **December 1.**

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



SUGGESTIONS:

Please feel free to offer your suggestions for future events. Your name will be kept anonymous.