

October 2007

President Notes – John C. Greene

This has been a very eventful year for our club. We have seen record growth in membership, the creation of our own website www.lextalk.org, and the updating of our club's name and Bylaws, including the addition of four directors to help guide our club's activities and responsibilities. I am also pleased to report that our club's financial condition is very sound.

Our 2007 membership growth and the expansion of our Board of Directors have been good changes to help us with the planning and creation of different opportunities for fellowship through social opportunities, variety of group outings and programs, including area services and volunteer opportunities as well as several club lunches and dinners throughout the year.

We are rapidly approaching that time of year when we ask our members to offer their time and talent to serve as directors and officers for the next club year. With this need in mind, Jim Baylor has accepted the appointment to be chair of our 2008 Nominating Committee to recommend a slate of officers and directors for election at our December Annual Meeting and Holiday Luncheon. Jim's nominating committee includes Landy Williams, Dick Perry and Hank Benson. Please contact any one of the committee members to volunteer some of your time and ideas to serve our club for the 2008 club year.

I am pleased to report that Linda Kersey has accepted the position as our club's interim secretary to serve out this year's term for Carole Young who had a bad fall a few weeks ago breaking her right lower leg and right shoulder. Carole is recovering at Tanbark in Lexington following her surgeries.

Linda Kersey retired from the company in November 2006. She has picked up beautifully the responsibilities as Secretary and we welcome her to our Board of Directors. She attended our September 17 Board of Director's meeting and has

already provided her time and skills with our joint retiree club luncheon recently held at the Frankfort Country Club.

At recent Board meetings the following business was discussed and actions approved:

1. Our Board approved the club's September Treasurer's Report which outlined our club's financial condition as being very sound; and with a current surplus which is most beneficial at this time of year - and pending notification of Ashland's subsidy support for retiree clubs during fiscal year 2008.
2. Our Lexington Retiree Club web site, www.lextalk.org, was introduced and approved by the Board at the July Board meeting and is now available for viewing and includes much club information. Clarke Ketter has been named our club's Web Master and has done an outstanding job of developing and maintaining this "work in progress" project for our Lexington club.
3. The Bylaws Committee, chaired by Gaige Paulsen, presented a revised and updated Bylaws which was approved by the Board of Directors at the July meeting. The Bylaws Committee consisted of Bob Fisher, Carole Young, Bill Palmer and Rick Lyon. Members can obtain a copy of the revised Bylaws on our web site, www.lextalk.org or by requesting in writing a copy from our club Secretary.
4. Part of the need to revise our bylaws was to change our club's name. Our Bylaws were originally drawn up and approved on July 5, 1995, when our club name was the Ashland Oil Lexington, KY Retirees Club, Inc. The revised Bylaws have changed our name to the "**Ashland Retirees Club of Lexington, KY., Inc.**" In accordance with the revised Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation were amended and the name change filed with the Kentucky Secretary of State. This filing was approved and in September we received official notification from the Commonwealth of Kentucky of our name change and the revised Bylaws are now properly registered.

5. The 2008 dues for retirees and a newly approved "Associate Member" category approved to establish membership dues for the upcoming year to be \$10.00 per member/couple and \$15.00 per associate member/couple.

Our next club event is the Ashland Benefits presentation for retirees at the DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel on Tuesday, October 9 at 11:30 a.m. There is still time to register for the lunch by mailing the attached registration form by October 5 or calling interim Secretary Linda Kersey at telephone 859-948-7430. If you want to come only for the Benefit's presentation at 1:00 p.m., note on the registration form and there will be nametags and plenty of seating for everyone.

We are ready to receive your reservations for our Annual Christmas Lunch and Annual Meeting. This year's holiday program is on Tuesday, December 11, 2007.

Thanks to you for supporting our club in 2007 and for our continued Ashland relationships we want to share into 2008.

John Greene
2007 President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, October 9 – Quarterly Luncheon Meeting & Annual Ashland Inc. Benefits Program - DoubleTree Guest Suites – 11:30 a.m.

The Quarterly Luncheon Meeting and Ashland Benefits Program at the DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel, 2601 Richmond Road, Lexington. Luncheon served – cost \$13.00 per member and includes taxes and tip. This luncheon meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a brief reception and followed by a served lunch. **Choose your luncheon entrée and complete the attached registration form. It is not necessary to have lunch in order to attend this meeting. If not having lunch, so indicate on registration form.**

This meeting is usually very well attended to obtain the latest facts and to ask individual questions

about Ashland's benefit plans updates and changes, if any, for the coming year. The timing of this meeting generally works well with any necessary elections that may be required prior to the end of the calendar year. Following the presentation there will be time for general questions and for talking privately with Ashland's Benefit representatives for specific needs.

Tuesday, December 11 Christmas Luncheon - Annual Meeting – 11:30 a.m.

The Christmas Luncheon and Annual Meeting of the Club will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites (formerly Sheraton Suites) on Richmond Road, Tuesday, December 11, 2007. Registration, nametags and a reception will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the atrium of the hotel. Following the lunch and a short meeting, a special music program will be presented, and door prizes will be awarded to the lucky ones.

This year's musical entertainment, the Young at Heart Big Band, began as part of the Donovan Scholars Program at the University of Kentucky over 28 years ago. The group performs 35 to 40 times per year, and supports other musical programs and young musicians in Central Kentucky.

Please complete and send in the attached reservation to reserve your space and select your choice of entrees.

NEWS

Retiree Club Website - www.lextalk.org

The Ashland Retiree Club of Lexington's new website is up and running. It is designed to transmit information about the club and its events and will be updated on a regular basis. The site provides a convenient way for members to communicate with the club, register for upcoming events, gain access to other resources such as Ashland Inc.'s website, The Next Page retiree newsletter, Retiree Club newsletters and some governmental agencies.

The home page of the website provides buttons to direct the user to various pages of the site and they include, at present:

- 2007 Schedule of Events

- The President's Letter
- Listing of Officers and Directors
- Volunteer Opportunities
- The Next Page
- Revised Bylaws
- Membership Roster
- A copy of the most recent newsletter.



Members are encouraged to go to the internet and access the website at www.lextalk.org. If you have any comments or suggestions about the site, you can contact the webmaster, Clarke Ketter, by clicking on the link at the bottom of the home page, or sending an email directly to: crketter@insightbb.com.



RECENT EVENTS

September 19, 2007 – Frankfort Country Club Joint Luncheon - 11:30a.m.

Our Lexington club again joined the Louisville club and members from Columbus and Ashland for a joint reception and luncheon. There were 48 members, spouses and guests from Lexington and 49 attendees from the combined Louisville, Ashland and Columbus groups. Upon arrival there was a reception held in the grand club foyer with nonstop talk and reacquainting ourselves with good friends and co-workers over the years. We were invited into the dining room for lunch where Dave Sattich welcomed the groups followed by John Greene with various items including welcoming Charlie & Sydney Luellen all the way from Austin, Texas, and long-standing Ashland family member Nancy Blazer. An announcement was made of the Lexington September 27 Golf Outing at Tates Creek Golf Club and everyone was invited to participate. An invitation was also issued to all members to attend Lexington's Benefit Luncheon on October 9 at the DoubleTree Guest Suites. Estel Hobbs followed with invocation. The members fully enjoyed their hearty meal, and conversation around each table was very busy, a lot of laughter could be heard and good memories and photos were taken by many of the members. It was agreed this should be included in the 2008 events.



September 27, Tates Creek Golf Scramble

Due to a much needed rain in the Lexington area, the September 27 golf scramble was cancelled and rescheduled for Tuesday, October 2. Results will be in our next issue of LexTalk.

TIDBITS

- ☺ Life isn't fair, but it is still good.
- ☺ When in doubt, just take the next small step.
- ☺ Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
- ☺ Don't compare your life with others, you have no idea what their journey is all about.