

COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

October 20, 2008

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, October 20, 2008 at the West Cobb Senior Center with 77 members in attendance. Co-President Roswell Story called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Invocation was given by James Daniel followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Story welcomed new members and visitors: Herb Richardson – water Dept., Stan Melton – Police Dept., Jackie Bowers – Tax Assessors, Carolyn Robinson – Sheriffs' office and Janice Barbini from the Tax Commissioners Office.

President Story reported several of our members are ill and asked us to remember them:

Bill Buckner at Kennestone, Harry Ingram, Jim Lynch, Edna Merritte, Carolyn Landers in a Pauldin County Nursing Home. Also, condolences to Ruth Hudgins on the loss of her husband.

Program: Human Resources introduced representatives with information on health care options for 2009:

**Chris Clark, consultant with McCart
Erline Grant, Kaiser Permanente
Dr. Rainey, Kaiser Permanente
James Ford, Blue Cross Blue Shield**

Annual enrollment packages will be mailed out the first week in November. Handout materials was given to each one explaining medical plan benefits option and comparing costs for each plan. Also, Blue Cross Blue Shield list of covered drugs. Kaiser Permanente will be a new health care option for the coming year. Medicare Advantage Plan will include prescription drug benefits for eligible participates.

Ms. Menjauw also informed us FREE FLU VACINES will be given to all retirees beginning in November. Also, questions will be welcome during and after this meeting.

Ms. Grant and Dr. Rainey with Kaiser Permanente explained several advantages of choosing this plan as there are three convenient locations in Cobb County.

- 1. You may choose your own personal physician and have nurses services 24 hours.**
- 2. The locations are open after hours.**
- 3. Most locations have their own Labs, X-rays and Pharmacies all at one location.**

James Ford explained that with Medicare Advantage Plan, doctors file only one claim, Not Medicare and then Blue Cross Blue Shield, and payments are very prompt. Mr. Ford stated that most doctors who take medicare patients will also take medicare advantage patients. You must pay medicare premiums even with medicare advantage.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruby Lowry reported a balance of \$1,911.52 in the treasury at this time. Motion was made with a second to approve the report. Motion carried.

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Old Business: The Recognition Committee update will be heard at our next meeting in November, 2008.

New Business: The Nominating Committee update will be heard in November, 2008.

Christmas Social Committee: Rith Walker reported the Christmas Luncheon will be prepared by the committee.

President Story reported that Dick Yarbrough will be unable to speak at our November meeting due to the unexpected death of his grandson and requests our prayers at this difficult time. President Story said he will try to get someone from the Retirement Pension Plan board to speak at our next meeting in November.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Submitted by: Louise Anderson

FOR: Martha Watson, Secretary