

COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

November 17, 2008

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, November 17, 2008 at the West Cobb Senior Center with 48 members in attendance. Co-President Roswell Story called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

Invocation was given by Bobby Alexander followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

New member Bob Gordon from the Sheriff's Office was welcomed.

Those remembered for losses or illnesses were Harry Ingram, Edna Merritt (surgery on December 1st), Carolyn Landers, Bill Buckner, Jim Lynch, Ann Fitzgerald, L.C. Carter, Butch Thompson (pacemaker) and Diane Stella.

PROGRAM

Officer Robinson and “Chip” (malenwaugh (sp?) dog breed) demonstrated maneuvers used in crime stopping. The CCPD Canine Unit has been in existence since 1987. “Chip” caught 206 “bad guys” last year. The K-9 Unit has a 25-28% success rate as compared to 7-8% nationally. The unit aids other agencies within 355 sq. mi. The dogs' noses are much more sensitive than humans. They are able to filter odors and break down substance smells. They are used for drugs and explosives detection as well as evidence recovery and criminal apprehension.

CMAR

Heidi Isom and Pat Lewis from CMAR Credit Union updated us on the financial status of the credit union. They assured us that the credit union is sound and our money is safe with them. Pat spoke about the soundness of IRAs and CDs. Accounts are insured by the NCUA up to \$250,000 until December, 2009. At that time, it may be extended by Congress. An IRA is insured in the same amount separately from regular share accounts.

CMAR offers Shared Branching to its members. A member can go to another credit union that is in the network and conduct basic teller transactions such as withdrawals and deposits. To find a shared branch near you go to the website www.cuscga.com.

COBB SENIOR SERVICES

LaTronda Perry with Care Support Services gave us information on services offered by the agency to homebound seniors such as Meals on Wheels, Personal Care, Share the Care Sr. Adult Daycare.

Nurses and caregivers are on duty M-F at the daycare center. They take care of Alzheimer and Dementia patients during the day. Loved ones of Cobb County employees are eligible even if the employee resides outside Cobb County.

Another program supports grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

At Christmas they have a Senior Santa Program for homebound seniors who have no family or suffer from extreme hardships. This year 140 seniors will be served. There is a party with a meal and gifts.

Donations for these programs are tax deductible. Information about programs and other resources may be obtained by calling 770 528 5355.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruby Lowry reported a balance of \$1,989.68. Motion was made by Becky Williams with a second to accept the report. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Linda Edwards with a second to approve the minutes of the October regular meeting. Motion carried.

INSURANCE ENROLLMENT: All enrollments for next year's insurance must be submitted by November 26, 2008.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Jo Cunningham offered the following slate of officers as the recommendation of the Nominating Committee:

Co-President – Roswell Story

Co-President - David Hilton

Co-Vice President – Carl Cannington

Co-Vice President - John Osborne

Co-Secretary – Martha Watson

Co-Secretary – Louise Anderson

Co-Treasurer – Ruby Lowry

Co-Treasurer – Judy Clark

Jo stated that all nominees were contacted and were willing to serve.

Motion was made by David Stone with a second to accept the slate as presented by the committee. Motion carried.

President Story appointed a Program Committee for the upcoming year. The committee will be responsible for securing speakers for meetings designated for a speaker. Those appointed are:

**David Stone
L. C. Carter
Phil Chendemi
Mem Dooley
Marge Young**

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be on December 15 at 11:00 a.m. We will be treated to a Christmas meal prepared by several members.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT: Motion was made by Carl Cannington with a second to have the Joy House, established and run by our own Harvey and Carol Paschal, as our Christmas project this year. Each member is requested to donate either cash or a gift card.

DUES ARE DUE! Be prepared to pay your annual dues of \$24 at the December meeting.

President Story requested two volunteers to help call members each month. If you are willing to participate, please call Roswell at 770 427 8952 or let him know at the December meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Watson