

COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

March 15, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, March 15, 2010 at the West Cobb Senior Center with 56 members in attendance. Co-President Roswell Story called the meeting to order at 10:40 A.M.

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

New members Gail Dudkowski, Mike Cosper, Carol Bowen and Dianne Hill, Dell Broadrick, Daniel Casey and Jack Mallard were welcomed.

President Story reported the following members are sick: Edna Merritt, Harry Ingram, Bob Young and Jimmy Walker (now home from hospital).

PROGRAM: Joe Kirby, *The Marietta Daily Journal* columnist, spoke to us about the history of downtown Marietta. His book “Marietta – Then and Now” gives the background of many of the buildings still standing in and around the downtown Marietta area. He showed pictures of how they looked then and now. Included were the Kennesaw House, Marietta Train Depot, Strand Theatre, Post Office and Courthouse. He stated that the original courthouse was located where Glover Park is today. It was moved downhill by rolling it on logs to its current location on Washington Avenue. It is occupied by the offices of Bentley, Bentley and Bentley.

An underground cistern on the Marietta Square was uncovered recently for the first time since 1942. The runoff water was used to fight fires. The Marietta Fire Museum located next to City Hall houses an original steam engine fire truck, the Aurora, used during that era. Marietta experienced 3 major fires in the 1850's.

The square was a bustling business with cotton sales and farmers' markets. As shopping malls came into existence the square became uninviting to the general public as shoppers went elsewhere to shop. During the Mayoral term of Bob Flournoy the Marietta Square was revitalized and is now a bustling community once again.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Th treasurer's report was given by Judy Clark. We have \$3107.06 in the treasury. Motion was made by Karen Johnson with a second

to accept the report. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Jim Hawkins with a second to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2010 meeting with the corrected spelling of Yarbrough. Motion carried.

DRIVER'S TRAINING: April 28 and 29, 2010 from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the West Cobb Senior Center are the dates and times for Driver's Training.

NAME BADGES: If you have not ordered a name badge or have not received your badge, please see Lynda Edwards.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following slate of officers was presented:

**Co-President: Roswell Story
David Hilton**

**Co-Vice President: David Stone
Carl Cannington**

**Co-Secretary: Martha Watson
Louise Anderson**

**Co-Treasurer: Judy Clark
Ruby Lowry**

Motion was made by Lynda Edwards with a second to accept the slate of officers as presented. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: April 19, 2010 is the next meeting to be held at 10:30 A.M. at the West Cobb Senior Center, Dallas Highway. Program will be presented by Barry Morgan, Solicitor General of Cobb County.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Martha Watson, Secretary