

# **COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES**

**October 17, 2011**

**The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, October 17, 2011 at the West Cobb Senior Center. There were 130 members and guests present. Co-President Roswell Story called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.**

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

**New members Gene Morris and Cheryl Rollins were introduced.**

**President Story gave out a list of members who have health problems and those who have passed away and requested that he be notified if someone is not on the list. David McWhorter was added to the list of illnesses.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: The report of the Treasurer Judy Clark was held because of her hospitalization.**

**MINUTES: The minutes of September 19, 2011 were printed and presented. Motion was made by David Stone with a second to approve the minutes. Motion carried.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS: President Story reported that officers election will be held next month. If you would like to offer someone for nomination, please contact Lew Alder at 770 605 4398, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.**

**NEXT MEETING: Our special speaker for next month will be Judge Kelli Wolk, Probate Court of Cobb County.**

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL: December 19, 2011 will be our annual Christmas luncheon prepared by our members. The time for the luncheon is 11:00 A.M.**

**DUES: Annual dues for 2012 in the amount of \$24 are due beginning January 1, 2012.**

**PROGRAM: OPEN ENROLLMENT. Guest speakers for the meeting were Tony Hagler and staff from Cobb County Human Resources Department as well as**

**representatives from the insurance companies included in this year's insurance options for county employees and retirees.**

**Lisa Cord discussed the additions to the plans and reported the packages for enrollment will be mailed this week. Enrollment runs from Monday, October 24 until Friday, November 4. Enrollment must be made either by phone or online.**

**Many questions concerning Medco Drug Plan were addressed. It was emphasized that a doctor must write “Dispense As Written” on any prescription that is NOT to be dispensed in its generic form.**

**Under Blue Cross Blue Shield plans, if a new prescription for a maintenance drug is filled at a retail pharmacy, the co-pay is the same as mail-in orders for only 90 days. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> filling of the prescription at a retail pharmacy the co-pay increases. A letter will be sent informing you of how many refills are left before having to pay the increased co-pay. For the lower co-pay to apply, the drug must be on the mail order plan.**

**The tobacco surcharge and the spousal surcharge increase this year. Also, another tier to the premium structure was added.**

**Kaiser Permanente is offering a Senior Advantage Plan for retirees and spouses on Medicare. To qualify one must have Medicare Parts A & B and live within the 20 county service area. Kaiser Permanente is a non-profit company and has been in Georgia for over 25 years with 5 facilities in the Atlanta area. The Chastain Road facility is going to become a 24 hour urgent care facility.**

**The handouts at the meeting shows the different tiers, coverages, prices and co-pays. Those will be mailed this week to all retirees. If there are questions, contact Cobb County Human Resources Department.**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.**

**Martha Watson, Secretary**