

**COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
February 18, 2013**

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, February 18, 2013 at the West Cobb Senior Center. There were 88 members and guests present. President David Stone called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

Invocation was given by Gene Morris followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Stone extended thanks to past president Roswell Story for his service to the organization.

President Stone extended our sympathy to the family of Harry Ingram who passed away recently.

The following are new members: Daniel Blanton, Joan Bloom, Jackie Crum, Elva Dornbusch, Harry Penninger, Paula Houston, Paula Morris, Jimmie Munn and Donald Wilhoit.

**SPEAKER:** Cobb County Sheriff Neil Warren was guest speaker. Sheriff Warren spoke about our Second Amendment rights under the Constitution and also on Illegal Immigration. Sheriff Warren pledged to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the State of Georgia.

Sheriff Warren stated that the purpose of the Second Amendment is a reflection of our founding fathers giving individuals the right to protect themselves. In view of recent attempts to pass gun control legislation, Sheriff Warren stated that guns are not the problem but that the erosion of our families and moral decay are the problems. He pledged that he and his deputies will protect and defend the legal and constitutional rights of all the citizens of Cobb County. Sheriff Warren stated that the 1994 ban of assault weapons has done little to curb violence. He urged us to speak up and contact our Congressmen, the President or anyone else who will listen to urge them to not do anything to violate our Second Amendment rights.

On the subject of Illegal Immigration, Sheriff Warren stated that if an illegal immigrant is charged with a crime and brought to the Cobb County jail, it is his duty to notify any agency looking for the individual of the incarceration in Cobb County. At the beginning of the notification process there were 900 foreign individuals incarcerated and there are currently 300 open charges pending.

Sheriff Warren also stated that Representative Wendell Willard has proposed

legislation to take condemned cash and cars confiscated in drug cases away from the county and give to the state. This law, if passed, would take money that goes to drug units for use in fighting crime. He stated that the Sheriffs Association, District Attorneys Association and County Commissioners Association are against the legislation.

Sheriff Warren also urged the Cobb County Commissioners to enforce the federal program IMAGE to make sure any foreign person, employed by a company doing business with Cobb County, is a legal immigrant.

Sheriff Warren invited anyone having questions or suggestions for him to feel free to contact him at [neilwarren@bellsouth.net](mailto:neilwarren@bellsouth.net).

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mike Ball reported a balance of \$4481.95 as of February 18, 2013. Motion was made by Carl Cannington with a second to accept the report. Motion carried. Mike reported that Stuart Witham and Pat Cromer will serve as auditors of the past year's financial records.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of November 19, 2012 were printed and presented. Motion was made by Gene Morris with a second to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS:** The following committees were appointed by President Stone:

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

Lew Alder, Chairman  
Marti Thrasher  
Teresa Nolen  
Mike Brice  
Martha Watson

**SPEAKERS COMMITTEE:**

Babe Atkins-Byrne, Chairperson  
Mike Ball  
Wanda Callahan

**RECOGNITION COMMITTEE:**

Susan Faulkner, Chairperson  
Carl Cannington  
Stuart Witham  
Ernie Carlson  
Rolla Green

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

**Ruth Walker, Chairperson**

**SPECIAL NEEDS CORRESPONDENT:**

**Teresa Nolen**

**CALLERS COMMITTEE:**

**Betty Morris, Chairperson**

**Volunteer Callers are needed. Cindy Ash will co-ordinate with Betty Morris to get committee members for this committee.**

**President Stone reported that meeting reminder phone calls will be made for the 3 luncheon meetings (May, August and December). Monthly reminders will be by e-mail and posting on our web site [www.ccrea@us.com](http://www.ccrea@us.com)**

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL: Our Christmas Social will be held at the Senior Center, 1150 Powder Springs Street, Marietta, Georgia on December 17 this year. Christmas donations from 2012 were given to Wounded Warriors and Cobb Family Resources in the amount of \$518.00 each.**

**The Senior Center charges a fee for our coffee each month. The amount of \$137.50 was paid to cover 2013 meetings.**

**Following a discussion of a few problems being experienced with the new insurance, President Stone urged anyone having a problem that cannot be solved to contact Cobb County Human Resources.**

**Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 2013.**

**Annual dues of \$24.00 are now due.**

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

**Martha Watson, Secretary**