

**COBB COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
September 16, 2013**

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, September 16, 2013 at the West Cobb Senior Center. There were 109 members and guests present. President David Stone called the meeting to order at 10:32 A.M.

Invocation was given by Gene Morris followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Stone extended our sympathy to the family of former Treasurer of CCREA Judy Clark who passed away last week. He asked for continued prayer for her husband Leroy who is battling cancer.

Thoughts go out to Lynda Edwards who suffered a broken leg recently. Thoughts also go out to Joe Looper who is ill. Sympathy is expressed to the Ingram family at the passing of Tommy Ingram, Harry Ingram's brother.

The following are new members: Diane Bailey, Christine Baxter, Perry Baxter, Ronnie Boyd, Cheryl Sullivan, Dan Wilson and Harvey Robinson.

**PROGRAM:** Michelle Girage of the Community Education Department, Kennesaw State University, spoke of the programs offered to those 50 and over in age. About 230 classes per year are offered and are fun and enjoyable. A few of the courses are Conversation & Debate, Fitness, Computers, Art, Returning to the Workforce and How To Use eBay. Many of the instructors are retired teachers. An invitation was extended to anyone who is interested in teaching a class. If so, contact Michelle Girage.

Social events are held four times each year with the next one being a Halloween Costume dinner (although costumes are not required to attend). It features a band, dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$10 each and includes the meal.

Open House will be held in December and features the Big Shanty Choir.

The annual fundraiser "Casino Night" will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013 and features a silent auction and many door prizes. Tickets are 2 for \$100 until September 20 and after that \$100 each.

**INSURANCE FOR 2014:** Tony Hagler, Director of Cobb County Human Resources Department, gave an overview of insurance for 2014. Those under Extend Health will see no changes. Enrollment is required each year and should begin the first of October. Insurance packages should be sent out soon. The county stipend will remain the same. At death any money remaining in an account goes back to Cobb County.

Anyone experiencing problems with Extend Health are encouraged to contact Tony Hagler. He will be checking with Extend Health to see if there is anything that can be done about the “donut hole” for drugs. Co-pays remain the same for drug mail orders.

Group coverage will have no increases in premiums and benefits remain the same as this year. The county clinic has been approved by the Board of Commissioners and is being implemented. Those retirees under Group Coverage will be eligible for services at the clinic. Pharmacy benefits for 2014 will be with CIGNA and a separate card will be issued for drug coverage.

**RETIREMENT FUND:** It was reported that the Board of Commissioners approved an addition of \$5 million to the retirement fund to help make it stronger.

**FLU SHOTS:** All retirees are eligible for flu shots. If you do not receive your flu shot at the next meeting at the Cobb Senior Center, you may go to other locations where shots are being given to have your shot.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Mike Ball reported a balance of \$5585.06 as of today, September 16, 2013. Motion was made by Bobby Greer with a second to accept the report. Motion carried. Mike also reported that the BBQ held in August cost \$1238.10.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of July, 2013 were printed and distributed. Motion was made by Bobby Greer with a second to accept the Minutes. Motion carried.

**NOTE:** No formal meeting was called to order at the annual BBQ held in August, 2013, therefore there are no minutes for August.

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 2013:** President Stone reported that the Christmas Social for December 16, 2013 will be held at the Cobb Senior Center on Powder Springs Road, Marietta. Cost to the association will be \$11.00 plus tax per reservation.

**BADGES: Cindy Ash is taking orders for name badges. Cost is \$8.00.**

**Our next meeting will be held on Monday, October 21, 2013.**

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

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.**

**Martha Watson, Secretary**