

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

The monthly meeting of the Cobb County Retired Employees Association was held on Monday, March 18, 2013 at the West Cobb Senior Center. There were 60 members and guests present. President David Stone called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

Invocation was given by Carl Cannington followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Stone extended our sympathy to the family of Dan LeMay who passed away recently. He also sent get well wishes to Mike Brice who recently underwent surgery.

The following are new members: Linda Riddle, Deborah Sargent and Scott Ellison.

SPEAKER: Cobb County District Attorney Vic Reynolds was guest speaker. Vic Reynolds took office as District Attorney in January, 2013. He has been busy establishing his office by hiring as his Chief Assistant DA Don Geery who was a former prosecutor in DeKalb County and recently prosecuted the case known as the Dunwoody Daycare Killing, Assistant DA John Melvin to head up the White Collar Crimes Division and Bob Tressel as Chief Investigator.

DA Reynolds said the main function of his office is to decide the cases that need to be indicted and to try those cases. He stated that he has 3 rules of conduct for his office:

1. Always tell the truth
2. Make decisions no matter how hard
3. Mess up – fess up and fix it if possible.

Elder abuse will be a crime that his office will prosecute to the fullest. His pledge is to work with Sheriff Neil Warren's Fraud Unit and Adult Protective Services to bring abusers to justice. He stated that most elder abuse is financial exploitation and undue influence is hard to deal with because many victims say it is their money and they will do with it what they want. White Collar Crimes are sometimes very complex cases.

Prescription medication abuse cases are another focus of his administration. He has a Narcotics Investigator assigned to those cases.

DA Reynolds supports Accountability Courts such as the Drug Court now operating in Cobb County where the defendants are placed on an eighteen month program and are held accountable through drug testing. Another court is a DUI Court and there is soon to be a Mental Health Court. Through alternative sentencing it is hoped those defendants will not be incarcerated. A future program assisting returning veterans who have issues following military service is being studied.

District Attorney Reynolds pledged to perform his duties to the best of his abilities and to have his entire office to do the same. He stated that he is very honored to serve as Cobb's District Attorney.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Mike Ball reported a balance of \$5993.95 as of March 18, 2013. Motion was made by Carl Cannington with a second to accept the report. Motion carried. President Stone stated that he hoped to have an Audit Report next month.

MINUTES: The minutes of February 18, 2013 were corrected to show the date of December 16, 2013 as the correct date for the Christmas Social.

The minutes of February 18, 2013 we printed and distributed. Motion was made by Jackie Crum with a second to accept the Minutes. Motion carried.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 2013: President Stone reported that the Cobb Senior Center on Powder Springs Road, Marietta has been secured for the Christmas luncheon on December 16, 2013.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Cobb County Fire Department is offering free smoke detectors for Cobb County residents who are hearing impaired.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, April 15, 2013.

Annual dues of \$24.00 are now due.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 A.M.

Martha Watson, Secretary