
RETIREE UPDATE

AGFIRST FARM CREDIT RETIREE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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President's Message



In the '70s, Mac Davis wrote a song "Texas in My Rear View Mirror." The message of the song was that Mac thought he was leaving a bad memory behind and he could find happiness anywhere but in his hometown of Lubbock, Texas.

For many of us, 2020 was our "Texas in My Rear View Mirror" moment or year. Many had a TMRVM moment or year because of the COVID-19 pandemic and its national/local impact and implications, personal or family health issues, etc.

As you are aware, COVID has also impacted our Farm Credit Retiree Association, as evidenced in the planning/meeting decision area. It started with our scheduled meeting for April 27-28, 2020, at the Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, Virginia, which was rescheduled to September 9-10 and then to May 3-4, 2021.

We are very sensitive to the travel concerns and issues of our membership; therefore, we have again postponed our annual meeting until March of 2022. Some have received their vaccines and others are on the waiting list. Some will be reluctant to travel with the "unknown" still out there.

Many have retreated to the safety of their homes and are dealing with separation, anxiety and other issues.

Our meeting should be a blessed gathering, time of sharing and a return to a near-normal moment for us.

Because of these concerns and unknowns, we have decided to postpone our meeting until March 14-15, 2022, at the same location, Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, Virginia. Additional details will be forthcoming for registration and other activities.

I want to thank the Board for its input and direction and Lisa for handling negotiations. I look forward to seeing you in Williamsburg.

Sincerely,

David Bridges,
President

Note: Please check our Website, www.agfirstretireeassociation.org, to see updates to our annual meeting and register there.

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The Nominating Committee will be working to replace these directors in the coming months. If you are from one of these areas and are willing to serve as a director, please contact David Bridges to let him know of your interest. If you are asked to serve by one of the members of the Nominating Committee, please consider serving the association in this capacity.

Attention - New Retirees

Welcome to the "Land of the Retired." We hope that you will consider joining your fellow retirees and former business associates by becoming a member of the AgFirst District Retiree Association.

Dues are only \$10 a year (unless you opt to join as a Life Member (see dues schedule on the membership application on page 3).

We come together annually for a fun-filled meeting and would love for you to be a part of our annual gathering. There is also a membership application on our Web site, www.agfirstretireeassociation.org. Please consider joining today.

AgFirst Farm Credit Retiree Association

Membership Application

Today's Date _____ / _____ / _____

Please select one of the following:

_____ New Member

_____ Paying Annual Membership Renewal

_____ Converting from Annual Renewal to Life Membership

Applicant Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____ Email _____

Date of Retirement _____ / _____ / _____

Retired from _____ (name of association or bank)

if married, list spouse name:

Annual Dues*\$10.00

Life Dues

Age 60 or below\$120.00

Age 61 to 65\$100.00

Age 66 to 70\$95.00

Age 71 to 74\$85.00

Age 75 or older\$65.00

Make check payable to the AgFirst Farm Credit Retiree Association and mail along with application to: **Joan Edwards, Treasurer 223 Philmont Dr. Columbia, SC 29223** or email completed form to: **joan.edwards107@gmail.com**

**Payment of annual dues are required in December of each year for the following year. Payment is on the responsibility of the member. Statements or reminders aren't mailed out, so please set this up on your calendar for annual payment.*

2020 Annual Meeting Postponed until March 14-15, 2022, at the Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, Virginia



Registration information as well as what to do in the Williamsburg area will be sent out in the Retiree Update in January 2022. The association's Web site will also be updated with registration information later in the year.

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