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### On The Agenda

## MONTHLY LUNCHEON JANUARY 9TH

**"IT'S ALL ABOUT NSBA"**

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

BRING A GUEST

11:30 - 1:00 PM

COX COLLEGE - FOUNTAIN ROOM

LUNCH \$12

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### In The Future

## MONTHLY LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 13TH

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11:30 - 1:00 PM

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# Northsider

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## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON HIT THE SWEET SPOT

The December luncheon for NSBA sure was sweet, thanks to the generosity of NSBA Board Member King Coltrin and CJW Transportation.

Also, to help set the mood for the holiday's the Hillcrest High School Madrigal Choir, led by Debbie Futrell sang seasonal favorites.

This was the first year for our association to hold a luncheon instead of an annual holiday party, but according to NSBA President Jacque Harness, "it was time for a change and this seemed a welcomed one to our membership."

In the past, the Annual Holiday Party served as a fundraiser for NSBA, so this year our members were asked to donate an item for a silent auction with a \$25 or greater value. Overall the effort raised nearly \$500.



Ed and Katie Goeke are seen here checking their bids on one of the many silent auction items available during the luncheon.



The Hillcrest High School Madrigal Choir, under the direction of Debbie Futrell, provided entertainment for those who attended the December luncheon at the DoubleTree Hotel.

One of the Madrigal performers led a very spirited musical number while other choir members provided backing animations.



NSBA President Jacque Harness thanked the membership for all their support in 2019 and encouraged those in attendance to renew their membership in the new year.

## A Homecoming for NSBA in 2020

We're going back to Cox College and the newly remodeled Plaza Fountain Room beginning with our January Luncheon. The Board of Directors for NSBA wants to say "Thank You" to the DoubleTree Hotel for accommodating us during the renovation process at Cox. We hope you can join us for lunch and our presentation topic "It's All About NSBA" - Bring a guest and introduce them to our association.

## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

1. INSPECT ELECTRICAL DECORATIONS FOR DAMAGE BEFORE USE.
2. DO NOT OVERLOAD ELECTRICAL OUTLETS.
3. NEVER CONNECT MORE THAN THREE STRINGS OF INCANDESCENT LIGHTS.
4. KEEP TREES FRESH BY WATERING DAILY.
5. USE BATTERY-OPERATED CANDLES.
6. KEEP COMBUSTIBLES AT LEAST THREE FEET FROM HEAT SOURCES.
7. PROTECT CORDS FROM DAMAGE.
8. CHECK DECORATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION LABEL.
9. STAY IN THE KITCHEN WHEN SOMETHING IS COOKING.
10. TURN OFF, UNPLUG, AND EXTINGUISH ALL DECORATIONS WHEN GOING TO SLEEP OR LEAVING THE HOUSE.



The NSBA Betterment Awards recognize efforts to improve properties in north Springfield. If you'd like to nominate a property owner contact NSBA Board Member Brent Gilstrap.

### In Memory of ..

In recognition of our 50th Anniversary celebration in 2020, we'd like to honor the memory of our Founding President Ralph Slavens, who passed away earlier this year. In a 1981 interview with the Springfield News-Leader Slavens was quoted to say, "I have a love affair with Springfield. I know if sounds corny, but it's the way I feel." Our deep gratitude goes out to Mr. Slavens for his legacy that lives on through NSBA.



## Who We Are



### Our Purpose:

To encourage and promote worthwhile and honorable endeavors which will make North Springfield a better place in which to work and live. Our intent is to be alert to our community's needs and well-versed and knowledgeable in order to take constructive action for community betterment.

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## Letter from the NSBA President



What a great year we had for the association and I'm pretty excited to look ahead to the new year. But first I want to say thank you to all the members who serve on the NSBA Board of Directors for your tireless dedication to our association. I also wanna say thanks to each member for your support of NSBA in 2019.



We have some very exciting things planned for our 50th Anniversary celebration and we're hoping you'll take the time to renew your membership for another year.

As always, thank you to everyone for what you do to make north Springfield a great place to live, work and raise a family!

*Jacquie Breedlove-Harness, NSBA President*

## Nate's Notes



DID YOU KNOW?

*It is essential to build the skills and knowledge of school staff and community partners to understand what chronic absence is, why it matters for student achievement and success, how it differs from truancy, and how to respond effectively by organizing a multi-tiered approach to reducing absenteeism. - attendanceworks.org*

## NSBA Notes

### Become an NSBA Member Today! Membership Dues

- Retired Individuals: \$25
- Neighborhood Associations: \$25
- Single Membership: \$75
- Corporate for 2 individuals: \$125
- Corporate for 3 individuals: \$150

Plus 3-person Corporate Memberships will get to present a 10-minute company profile at an NSBA General Meeting

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"they believed that what they were doing was vital for the betterment of society"

synonyms: improvement, amelioration, advancement, change for the better, furtherance, upgrading, enhancement...

- the enhanced value of real property arising from local improvements.
- "a betterment charge"

