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ANNUAL MEETING TO BE APRIL 3 IN LOUISVILLE

The KEA-Retired Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, April 3, at the Downtown Marriott in Louisville. Please join us.

Registration opens at 11 a.m., a buffet luncheon will be available between noon and 1 p.m., and the meeting starts at 1 p.m. Please note that all times are Eastern.

The agenda includes the election of a second seat on the KEA Board of Directors and the Ethnic Minority Seat on KEA-Retired board.

Additionally, there will be elections for representatives to the KEA Diversity Committee, the KEA Visibility Committee, the KEA Government Relations Committee, and the KEA Compliance Constitution Committee.

The newly-elected KEA board member will serve a three year term. All others will serve two year terms beginning June 15, 2013, and ending June 14, 2015.

Attendees will also address the proposed constitution amendments that appeared in the last KEA-Retired Newsletter. Candidates for KEA offices have been invited to address the group.

To ensure that sufficient materials are prepared and an adequate amount of food is ordered for lunch, reservations must be made. If you plan to attend, please contact Kathy Whitlock at kwhitlock@kea.org.

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Coming Soon ...

KEPAC ELECTION SEASON

Some counties are scheduled for the election of KEPAC chair and alternate this year.

If your county is to have an election this year and you are a KEPAC contributor, you will receive a notice in the mail from KEPAC at least 60 days before the election, but not later than April 15.

All KEPAC contributors—including active certified, ESP, student members, and retired members—are eligible to vote and run in these KEPAC elections.



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

From Under The Apple Tree



Joyce Dotson

WHEN, WHERE AND HOW

I think of this as where have we come from and when? Where are we going? More importantly how will we get there?

The history books tell us that the NEA was founded by Thomas W. Valentine, president of the New York State Teachers Association. He issued an invitation to teachers throughout the nation to come together for the purpose of organizing a National Teachers Association. They assembled in Philadelphia on August 26, 1857. Later that same year on December 28-30, the organization that would become KEA was formed in Louisville with the name Kentucky Association of Teachers, the president was E. A. Grant. The name changed to State Teachers Association of Kentucky, Teachers Association of Kentucky, Kentucky Educational Association and then in 1932 Kentucky Education Association.

I don't know if any Kentuckians were involved in the early formation of the NEA but I do know that in my lifetime two people, I knew,

were a part of the history of NEA.

One was NEA President Dr. Lyman Ginger, who was Dean of the College of Education at UK from 1956-67. Dean Ginger was NEA President in 1958. He was a former teacher, principal, coach and became the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (1972-1976).

The other person was Mrs. Willie C. Ray, who was Superintendent of Schools in Shelbyville. She handed me my high school diploma when I was graduated from Shelbyville High School in 1957. Earlier that year she had been elected as the NEA Director from Kentucky.

I attended by first NEA RA in 1975, It was held in Los Angeles. I was hooked! I made lifelong friends at that meeting and knew from the very first that I wanted to attend more such meetings. NEA was and still is the world's largest deliberative assembly.

The question of where we are going and how will we get there is up to us. We will be led by the leaders we elect and the decisions we make.

When I say "we" I mean you and me and all those who are delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly (RA) and the KEA Delegate Assembly (DA).

Have you been elected? If so, it is vital that you show up for all the meetings and stay until they are over. That is where you will gain the information necessary to make an informed decision about the issues and the candidates. If you are a delegate, big decisions rest on your shoulders. Be there, be attentive and vote your conscience.

This upcoming KEA election may be the most important one in recent history.

[Information for this column came from *KEA the First Hundred Years* by Porter H. Hopkins, *National Education Association 1857-2007*, and my memories.]

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OOPS!

In last month's President's Column, we incorrectly referenced the 19th Amendment, calling it, instead, the 13th Amendment. We apologize for the error.

BOOMER!



by
Artie Marx

Help! I've Been Scammed!

Beware scam artists. Incidents are, of course, much higher at times of the year when more dollars are more easily spent. Why? Because in most cases most people are freer with their money and general generosity goes up. Put that together with being a senior and you are a major target. Yes, most people are trusting, especially during vacation and holiday seasons, but the same scams continue alongside new ones every day.

This is an important topic. Workshops and seminars are held all over the country.

Recently, a detective conducted a scam information session at the Second District Education Association-Retired meeting in Madisonville. A few months ago, about 200 seniors filled a room in Owensboro for a day-long series of workshops that taught them how to recognize fraud and how to protect themselves from identity theft and insurance and investment scams.

Why are senior citizens a fraud target? Seniors are most likely to have a “nest egg” to own their home, and/or to have excellent credit—

all of which make them attractive to con artists.

People who grew up in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s were generally raised to be polite and trusting. Con artists exploit these traits, knowing that it is difficult or impossible for these individuals to say “no” or just hang up the telephone.

Older Americans are less likely to report a fraud because they don't know who to report it to, are too ashamed at having been scammed, or don't know they have been scammed. Elderly victims may not report crimes, for example, because they are concerned that relatives may think the victims no longer have the mental capacity to take care of their own financial affairs.

When elderly victims do report crimes, they often make poor witnesses. Con artists know the effects of age on memory, and they are counting on elderly victims not being able to supply enough detailed information to investigators.

In addition, the victims' realization that they have been swindled may take weeks—or more likely, months—after contact with the fraudster. This extended time frame makes it even more difficult to remember details from the events.

Senior citizens are more interested in and susceptible to products promising in-

creased cognitive function, virility, physical conditioning, anti-cancer properties and so on. In a country where new cures and vaccinations for old diseases have given every American hope for a long and fruitful life, it is not so unbelievable that the con artists' products can do what they claim.

There are so many scams out there. Telemarketing Fraud; Nigerian Letter or “419” Fraud; Identity Theft; Advance Fee Schemes; Health Care Fraud/Health Insurance Fraud; Redemption/Strawberry/Bond Fraud—these are some of the more common ones.

Seniors should be particularly aware of Health Care or Insurance funds, Counterfeit Prescription Drugs, Funeral and Cemetery Fraud, Health Products, Investment Fraud, and Reverse Mortgage scams.

In the next article I will go over some of the Internet frauds and scams. Let me know if you have a specific concern and I will attempt to research the subject and put it in a future column. Perhaps you would like to tell a personal story (without your name).

BE AWARE.

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ENTER TO WIN A TRIP TO ATLANTA IN JUNE

Interested in seeing how NEA-Retired functions?

Want to participate in retirement issues discussion?

Interested in quality time with fellow retirees?

Then you will want to attend the NEA-Retired Annual meeting, June 28-30 at the Atlanta Hilton in Atlanta, GA.

Registration will soon be available at www.nea.org/home/1659.htm.

KEA-retired will be funding attendance for two KEA-Retired members who are not currently on the KEA-Retired Board of Directors.

If you are interested in being one of these members, send a post card with your name,

address, phone number, and email address to:

Kathy Whitlock

KEA-Retired

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Frankfort, KY 40601

Post cards must be postmarked by May 10.

Expenses will be reimbursed up to \$700 when the attendee submits a KEA-Retired voucher with receipts. A written report explaining the importance of the meeting must accompany the voucher.

If you have questions about this process or the meeting, please contact Kathy Whitlock at kwhitlock.kea.org or 888-226-3500.



KEA-Retired member Janet Cartmell (seen in the foreground) chaired the Fayette County Education Association Read Across America Committee. The event took place in February at Fayette Mall in Lexington. The Cat in the Hat and Thing One Thing Two were in attendance. More than 900 souvenir bags were given to students, and special readers gave time to read to children. KEA-Retired, KEA Active, and KEA Student Program members were involved in making the celebration a great success. Read Across America programs are held annually in locations state-wide and nationwide to commemorate the birthday of beloved children's book author Dr. Seuss.

MEMBERS IN ACTION ...



During a recent visit to the Kentucky General Assembly, KEA-Retired member Carol Marx speaks as a friend with Rep. Jim Glenn about retirement issues.



KEA-Retired board member Artie Marx waits for a lobbying appointment during the recent General Assembly session in Frankfort.

KEA-RETIRED BOARD NOMINATIONS DUE MAY 1

These districts are due to elect KEA-Retired Board members: THIRD, FOURTH, JCTA (2), CENTRAL, UKREA, EKEA (2), and KESPA. KEA-Central will be electing a third director due to growth in membership.

Directors, who are elected by district KEA-Retired members, serve a two-year term on the KEA-Retired Board and are limited to two consecutive terms.

The KEA Retired Board meets bi-monthly, usually at KEA headquarters in Frankfort. District directors are expected to help organize district meetings and political activities, serve on committees, promote active and retired membership, and report district news for use in the KEA-Retired newsletter.

If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else, please fill out the nomination form below and send it to your KEA district office by May 1. The elections will be conducted in district offices, so contact your KEA district office for a timeline and further information.

The nominee must sign the form.

NOMINATION FORM – KEA-Retired BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name: _____ Last 4 digits Soc. Sec. # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Nomination is for which KEA-Retired district? _____

Biographical statement (not to exceed 30 words): _____

Signature of nominee: _____

MEMBERS ELECTED FOR NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

The following members were elected to represent KEA-Retired at the NEA Representative Assembly July 1-6 in Atlanta: Joyce Dotson, Jim Sproul, Janet Carrico, Pat Bingham, Fred Hester, Fred Tilsley, Arletta Kennedy, Ann Walls, Penny Robinson, and Bob Young.

Alternates were also elected. They are, in order of finish: Gail DeVine, Sara Brady, Joan Crowder, Artie Marx, Debbie Wooten, Sandy Hayden, Danny Presnell, Sondra Baker, Joy Gray, June Tompkins, Louise Steidel, Sandy Anderson, Barbara Warfield, Deborah Zaborac, Gertrude Whitmer, Betty Bell Peace, Marsha Andrews, Barbara Reeves, Candy

Noble, Barbara Durham, Bonnye Roof, Mickey McCoy, Kathy Pullin, and Harold Giliner

The NEA-Retired Annual Meeting will also be held in Atlanta beginning June 28 and concluding June 30 at the Atlanta Hilton. Those elected as delegates to NEA RA are expected to attend this meeting.

Any KEA-Retired/NEA-Retired member is eligible to attend the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting and take part in the business of the Association.

You can find further information on the website: NEA.org/Retired.

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DISTRICTS: NEWS & NOTES

FIRST DISTRICT First District-Retired members held a potluck meeting Feb. 25. The local sheriff's department presented information on scams and rip-offs, which members found especially useful. Next meeting in First District will be in May. Elections will be part of the agenda. Plan to attend.

CENTRAL DISTRICT A meeting was held Feb. 19 in the "new to us" KEA Lexington office at 523 Wellington Way in Lexington. President Dotson joined us and gave a lobbying report. A presentation was given by Joy Arnold concerning the organization Move to Amend that is working to overturn the Citizens United Supreme Court decision. Fred Tilsley announced he will be running for a second term as director and that Central District will be electing a third retired board member. We will be helping with Read Across America activities at Fayette Mall March 2. Mark your calendar for our next meeting May 14 at the above address, 1-2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

UCEA The pre-delegate caucus was held at David's Steak House in Corbin, March 6. A postcard was sent to each KEA-Retired member in UCEA with an invitation to attend the caucus. KEA-Retired president Joyce Dotson was the guest speaker. Joyce is a member of the KEA lobby team and reported on the 2013 legislative session. The goal was to supply members with important information regarding the bills in the 2013 legislative session on topics such as retirement and health care and to provide information on services and benefits included with KEA membership.

KESPA For more information and to get involved contact Barbara Warfield by phone (270-259-4542) or email (b47warfield@kynet.net) or reach Barbara Reeves by phone (270-256-3896) or email (reevesbus@wildblue.net). Stay informed by getting involved in your professional association.

FIFTH DISTRICT Fifth District KEA-Retired met March 14 at the Bell House Restaurant in Shelbyville for lunch and a meeting. The theme for the meeting was "Spring into Action." A workshop is planned for Thursday April 25 at the Fifth District Office, Executive Park in Louisville, beginning at 10 am. Susan Estes, Fifth District UniServ Director will present "How to make the most of our NEA Member Benefits." Please contact Angela Dukes at the 5th District office (502-893-3205 or angela.dukes@kea.org) if you would like to attend.

NKEA NKEA-Retired state board Representative Bob Young attended the annual legislators' breakfast hosted by NKEA to meet with our northern Kentucky state senators and representatives. This meeting is always well attended and offers a great opportunity to not only meet our legislators, but also to present issues and positions important to both KEA's active and retired members.

MCEA Middle Cumberland Education Association-Retired has completed an essay contest for Pulaski County 8th grade students. Many of our local retired members have been very active in PAC candidate interviews and election campaigning. MCEA-Retired meeting times and dates can be found on *facebook*. Other information can also be obtained by "friending" Middle Cumberland on *facebook*.

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SECOND DISTRICT SDEA-Retired members met Monday, March 4, at Madisonville North Hopkins High School. After the meeting they attended the Second District pre-delegate caucus. For further information concerning SDEA-Retired, contact Artie Marx, wildcat860@aol.com or 270-314-1458.



THIRD DISTRICT Our 2012-2013 activities began last July when we assisted the Third District office staff in preparing, counting, and sorting materials to be distributed to all locals in the district. This is a favorite time for many of our members.

The regular September meeting featured KEA-Retired President Joyce Dotson. Twelve members enjoyed her presentation along with great fellowship during lunch hour at Cambridge Square Market.

The December meeting featured Jane Gilbert from the Insurance Department at KTRS who shared health insurance changes for 2013. Following her presentation, Jane was most gracious as she answered any and all questions concerning health insurance.

Our most recent meeting was March 11. We had as our speaker a pharmacist from KY RX Coalition.

In May we will meet with local legislators to share news from the past legislative session and discuss what might be on the agenda in Frankfort in the future. We will also plan the date for assisting our local staff in preparing materials for next school year.

All meetings will be at 10 a.m. at the KEA Bowling Green office, 730 Fairview Ave. If you are interested in serving as an officer in our Third District Retired Association, please contact Charlene Rabold—270-535-1895 or Charlene.rabold@gmail.com.



FOURTH DISTRICT Contacts to members have been made by e-mail concerning KEA-Retired issues discussed at board meetings. Postcards have been sent informing members of legislative concerns. To receive 4th District updates electronically, send your e-mail address to Director Tom Lynch at bartomlynch@gmail.com. If you would like to become involved in KEA-Retired or Fourth District activities, contact Tom.



MCEA-Retired members meet and greet newly-elected State Senator Sara Beth Gregory. Pictured are (front) Charlotte Johnson, (back, left to right) Mike Baker, Sen. Gregory, Linda Darnell, Nita Faye Perdew.

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