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Board of Directors
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National award recipient:

CONGRATULATIONS, JIM

Our Jim Sproul has given his time, energy and expertise to our Association for many years. He has served as KEA President, KEA-Retired President and on the Boards of Directors of both. He has served on the NEA Board, as President of NEA-Retired and on its Advisory Board.

Over the years Jim has dedicated himself to students, teachers and public education. So, his nomination for the NEA-Retired Distinguished Service Award seemed like a no brainer. Evidently, the NEA-Retired awards committee agreed. Jim was awarded this prestigious award at the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting June 28, 2012 in Washington DC.

In his nomination letter for Jim, KEA-Retired leader Jon Henrikson wrote:

"Jim Sproul is the most outstanding leader of KEA, KEA-Retired, NEA and NEA-Retired with whom I have

worked. He has ably served his profession as a choral music teacher, an elementary school principal, a political activist and an association leader.

"Jim is our strongest and wisest leader. His multiple terms of office are ending, but Jim's drive and commitment to the Association will continue as he works to mentor future leaders."

Eighteen KEA and KEA-Retired members and staff attended the presentation honoring Jim with this award. Included in the group were KEA President Sharron Oxendine and newly elected NEA Director Eddie Campbell both of whom were mentored by Jim (photo page 5).

Congratulations, Jim, from the KEA Family. There is no one more deserving.

[To read the full letter written by Jon Henrikson in support of Jim's nomination, go to KEA.org, click on Retired and Senior Moments.]

Jim Sproul receives the NEA-Retired Distinguished Service Award from President Tom Curran.





PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

From Under The Apple Tree

FAMILY REUNION

My first full year of teaching placed me with a principal who influenced my life. She was Ruth Radcliffe and she was president of KEA Fifth District at the time. Through me she also changed the pattern of life of another person with a profound influence on all of us, Marnel Moorman.

My first introduction to KEA, of course, was attendance at local meetings of the Shelbyville Education Association.

When I attended my first meeting of the Fifth District, I was in awe of Ruth's leadership of such a large group. That was back in the day when all teachers attended not just delegates.

Not long after that she stopped by my classroom and said, "Beulah Fontaine from KEA called and wants someone to be on a committee and I want to give them your name."

The rest is history.

This is a family that has been vital to my life for all these many years.

In the almost 50 years since that day, there has never been a time when I haven't been on a committee

of some kind for SEA, SCEA, FDEA, KEA, NEA or KEA-R.

Soon after that Ruth told me that there was a young man who was head teacher at the Shelbyville Graded School, which was before desegregation. She thought he would be a good leader, and she asked me to take him with me to a KEA meeting.

We went to a KEA "Drive-In-Conference" in Oldham County. The conference was being conducted by KEA staff Beulah Fontaine and Betty Jean Rowland.

That, my friends, is how Marnel and I became a part of the KEA family.

This is a family that has been vital to my life for all these many years. Every time I attend any type of KEA meeting, I come away feeling as if I have just attended a family reunion.

This family has enriched my life in so many ways. It has bought me brothers and sisters that I never would have had otherwise.

Never in all these years have I considered dropping my membership. There have been many times that I have been upset and sought to change things but I believe you do that from within, not from without.

My dream is that we



Joyce Dotson

could instill that sense of family in young teachers and education employees; that they would find "family in us" through our working together.

I worked with that family in Salyersville on July 27 and am so proud of the KEA Student Program members for their leadership in the Outreach 2 Teach activity. Everyone there had their lives enriched by the experience.

Now, I not only have brothers and sisters but I have grandchildren. I'm especially proud of our grandparenting and mentoring work with them. They are our future.

We have always been told to train our replacements. I challenge you to get out there and help someone!

KEA-Retired Meetings

2012

October 10

December 5

2013

February 13

April 2

June 12

July 25

BOOMER!



by
Artie Marx

Travel, Health Care, Recess

was not born in Kentucky and do not like my tea very sweet.)

There are a few precautions that need to be taken if you travel out of the country. First, call your health care provider and check coverage in the country where you are traveling. In most cases emergency treatment is covered, but basic medical care must be paid at the time of service. You are reimbursed when YOU file the claim.

Second, if you plan to use a credit card, call the credit company and tell them where you will be travelling. Some companies will freeze your account if they see a foreign charge.

It is handy to use a credit card, but be cautious. Always check the receipt before you leave the place of business. The card company will usually convert to American dollars before you sign the receipt.

However, still be familiar with the value of the dollar during the sale. In my case the exchange rate was 1.00 American dollar = 3.14 Polish Zloty.

In June, the US Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Affordable Health Care Act. Retirement systems are currently reviewing the law. This is not expected to have any drastic impact on retirees' insurance. Stay tuned.

With Congress in recess, Capitol Hill is quiet, but YOUR congressmen are home now. Let them know how you feel. With the election and rhetoric about to go up a notch, we need to be heard so CALL, EMAIL or WRITE.

BE HEARD AND SEEN.

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This summer KEA-Retired went to Poland. Well, at least a t-shirt and a jacket went in my suitcase. I went on a mission trip to coach basketball in a European basketball camp two hours southeast of Warsaw. Before I explained the logo on my shirt, campers thought "KEA-R" was a basketball team in the USA.

If you have ever traveled to Europe, then you know there isn't much ice or air-conditioning used. Boy, did I ever miss that glass of iced tea and a big chunk of lemon. (Sorry guys, I

KEA-RETIRED BOARD BRIEFS ...

KEA-Retired Board of Directors met July 2. Members present: Joyce Dotson, Patricia Bingham, Linda Darnell, Fred Hester, Cookie Henson, Arletta Kennedy, Charlene Rabold, Thomas Lynch, Rhonda Hale, Ann Walls, Fred Tilsley, Gayle Greer, Mary Nicholson, Howard Stanfill, Mary Sue Click, Bob Young, Jim Sproul, Marsha Andrews alternate for Artie Marx (photo on page 8).

Minutes were accepted with correction to July meeting date from 24 to 25. Agenda accepted with flexibility. Reports from President, Vice President, KEA Board Rep, NEA Director and staff. All discussed the importance of recruiting new active members.

Action Items: Approved \$250 for Clay County for recruiting activities. Adopted the budget for 2012-2013. Approved investigation of a medical alert system that would be endorsed by KEA-Retired. Approved committee assignments as presented by the president. Changed December meeting

date to Dec. 5.

Committee Appointments: Budget—Chair Pat Bingham, Jim Sproul, Ann Caldwell, Linda Williams, Arletta Kennedy. Communications—Chair Gayle Greer, Bob Young, Linda Darnell, Artie Marx, Richard Blish, Sondra Baker, Carol Marx. Constitution—Chair Ginger Simpson, Mary Sue Click, Patti Hester, Barbara Warfield, Fred Tilsley, Charlene Rabold,. Membership—Chair Ann Walls, Rhonda Hale, Nita Faye Perdew, Lana Blish, Barbara Durham, Tom Lynch, Fred Hester, Howard Stanfill. Political Action—Chair Louise Steidel, Zella Wells, Penny Robinson, Terry Poindexter, Cookie Henson, Joan Crowder, Jon Henrikson, Mary Nicholson, Sara Brady.

The board went into a committee of the whole to discuss and share successful ideas used to organize districts. The directors heard a report about the tax reform committee that is holding meetings around the state. More information can be read on Keep Kentucky Learning website.

Next Board of Directors meeting: Wed., Oct. 10.

At annual meeting:

KEA-RETIRED RECEIVES TWO AWARDS

KEA-Retired members attending the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting found themselves in the spotlight. Not only was Jim Sproul awarded the Distinguished Service Award (see front page), but KEA-Retired received two membership awards.

The first was Runner-Up for the Largest Numerical Membership Increase for 752 new members. Then we were called to the podium again for a special award called Meritorious Membership Award for the Largest Percentage Membership Increase. These events made this meeting very memorable to Kentuckians.

One of the highlights of any NEA-Retired Annual Meeting is the inspiring speeches. This year the assembly heard from NEA President Dennis Van Roekel who spoke of the multitude of challenges that threaten our profession, our organization and our future. He spoke positively saying that members will rise to the challenges, and that includes NEA-Retired members.

Van Roekel said, "Our Retired members and their advocacy will be needed as the NEA moves forward to tackle the challenges of today."

Other speakers included NEA-Retired President Tom Curran, Director NEA Center for

Organizing Barby Halstead-Worrell and NEA Government Relations and Federal Lobbyist Al Campos.

Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky from Illinois gave an exciting talk. It was easy to see why working and middle class people see Jan as a fighter for their jobs and paychecks at a time when income inequality has reached record levels.

An unusual amount of voting took place. Balloting was still going on on the last day.

It seems NEA-Retired had no lack of candidates this year running for the NEA-Retired Executive Council, NEA Board of Directors and NEA Resolutions Committee.

New Business Items are always on the agenda, but this year there were only four.

Funds were collected for the NEA Fund for Children & Public Education and the Jack Kinnaman Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Reports were given on the Grant Program, Finances and Budget and NEA Resolutions.

After the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting adjourned, nine KEA-Retired members plus Pres. Dotson remained in D.C. as delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly (photo below).



You were represented well at the NEA Delegate Assembly in Washington, D.C., in July. Politics not being a spectator sport, the delegates actively discussed and voted on a direction the NEA should take in representing its 50 state memberships. The NEA is not *them*—it is *us*. Delegates were (front row l to r) Penny Robinson, Joan Crowder, Ann Walls, Pat Bingham Back l to r: Jim Sproul, Fred Hester, Joyce Dotson, Sandy Hayden, Fred Tilsley, Artie Marx.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS ...



KEA-Retired received the NEA-Retired Meritorious Membership Award. President Dotson accepts the award from NEA-Retired President Tom Curran.



Jim Sproul with KEA President Sharron Oxendine and newly-elected NEA Director Eddie Campbell. Both Sharron and Eddie were students of Jim's and have been mentored by him.

NOMINATIONS DUE FOR KEA DA, NEA RA

The KEA Delegate Assembly will be held April 3-5, 2013, at Louisville Marriott Downtown. KEA-Retired may have as many as 95 delegates to the assembly. The exact number will not be known until membership is verified.

If you wish to serve as a KEA-Retired delegate to the KEA DA, return the nomination form below to Kathy Whitlock, KEA-Retired Associate Staff. Nominations must be postmarked no later than Sept. 28, 2012.

KEA-Retired Delegates to the Delegate Assembly will receive up to \$250 plus mileage at the rate paid by KEA. Receipts are needed for any expenses of \$10 or more.

Nominations are also open for delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly. The NEA RA will be held in Atlanta, July 1-6, 2013. Delegates are also expected to attend the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting which will be

held in Atlanta immediately prior to the NEA RA. KEA-Retired may have as many as 10 delegates to the NEA RA. KEA-Retired President Joyce Dotson is an automatic delegate to the NEA RA.

If you wish to serve as a KEA-Retired delegate to the NEA RA, return the nomination form below (postmarked no later than Sept. 28) to Kathy Whitlock.

KEA-Retired delegates to the NEA RA will receive the state delegate stipend provided by KEA, plus up to \$700 for expenses to attend the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting. Receipts are required for any expense \$10 or more. A written report is required with the expense voucher.

Participants are expected to attend all sessions of the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting, all sessions of the NEA RA, and any caucuses held by the Kentucky delegation.

KEA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY NOMINATION FORM

Name: _____

SS# _____

Address: _____

KEA-Retired District: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Member nominating this delegate: _____

Signature of delegate candidate: _____

My signature indicates that I understand and accept the attendance and stipend policy required of KEA-Retired delegates to the KEA DA.

Biographical statement to be included on ballot (limit 30 words): _____

STIPEND POLICY:

If elected, the delegate will have expenses reimbursed up to \$250 plus mileage by KEA-Retired in return for attendance at all delegate business sessions and retired caucus meetings.

Complete & return this form by Sept. 28 to:

**KEA-Retired Delegate Elections
105 Diagnostic Drive - Suite B
Frankfort KY 40601**

NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY NOMINATION FORM

Name: _____

SS# _____

Address: _____

KEA-Retired District: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

My signature indicates that I understand and accept the attendance and stipend policy required of KEA-Retired delegates to the NEA RA.

Statement to be included on ballot (limit 30 words): _____

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DISTRICTS: NEWS & NOTES

FIRST DISTRICT Gary Harbin, KTRS, will be the speaker at the Sept. 24 meeting. A Legislative reception is planned for Nov. 29. Meetings will also be held in February and May. First District officers are President Dawn Lampley, Vice President Lana Blish, Treasurer Sharon Bray and Secretary Bonnye Roof.

SECOND DISTRICT The Second District Education Association-Retired proudly announces its officers for 2012-13: Joy Gray, President; Lana Arnold, Vice President; Marsha Andrews, Secretary; Becky Hudson-Brown, Treasurer; Ginger Simpson, At Large Board Member; Joan Crowder, Past President; Jim Harris, Legislative Chair; Artie Marx, KEA-Retired Board of Directors; Marsha Andrews, KEA-Retired Board Alternate.

CENTRAL DISTRICT Meeting dates for 2012-2013 are Tues., Sept. 11, 5 p.m., dinner provided; Jan. 15, 2013, 1 p.m. (alternate date in case of snow, Jan. 22) lunch provided; May 14, 2013, 1 p.m., lunch provided. All meetings will be at the KEA Lexington Office, 1050 Monarch St., Lexington. Please note these dates on your calendar. E-mail reminders will be sent. KEA-Retired Pres. Joyce Dotson will be at our September meeting. All KEA-Retired members are welcome, and we extend a special invitation to all newly-retired members in Central District. Visit the KEA website, click on *Retired* and *Central District* for updates on activities, minutes and meeting dates.

MCEA Keep updated with MCEA by friending Middle Cumberland on Facebook.

UCEA Mark your calendars for the fall meeting Tues., Oct. 2, 11:30 a.m., at David's Steaks in Corbin. Business will be to elect officers for 2012-2014. Officers to be elected are President, Vice President, and Secretary. We welcome our new KEA-Retired board member Mary Nicholson from Manchester.



Two willing KEA-Retired workers, Howard Stanfill and Jon Henrikson, wait for assignments at the Salyersville Outreach 2 Teach project. Check out the video on KEA.org.



The KEA-Retired Board of Directors met July 25 for the first meeting of a new year. Seated: Linda Darnell (Secretary), Pat Bingham (Vice President), Joyce Dotson (President), Cookie Henson (Minority Seat). Row 2: Rhonda Hale (5th), Ann Walls (JCTA), Arletta Kennedy (1st), Charlene Rabold (3rd), Gayle Greer (Central), Mary Nicholson (UCEA), Marsha Andrews (2nd Alt.), Mary Sue Click (EKEA). Back Row: Bob Young (NKEA), Fred Tilsley (Central), Fred Hester (NKEA), Howard Stanfill (UKREA), Tom Lynch (4th). Missing from picture: Artie Marx (2nd), Nita Faye Perdew (MCEA), Barbara Warfield (KESPA).

Jim Sproul spoke to the NEA-Retired assembly after receiving the NEA-Retired Distinguished Service Award at the annual meeting in Washington, D.C. We don't know anyone more deserving of this award (story page 1).



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Patti and Fred Hester served on the Election Committee during the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting. Here they watch closely as they time candidates for various NEA-Retired leadership positions.