

KEA President's Points

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Dear Member,
September is Public Pension Awareness Month! Have you asked others at your worksite to join us in our pension fight? Have you had one-on-one conversations with new employees asking them to become a member of KEA? We need everyone to help us in protecting and preserving our defined benefit pension systems. Show potential members the **KEA App** or have them visit www.kea.org to become a KEA member today. It's quick and easy and there's no paper to mess with! Now is the time to join-our collective voice is stronger when all of us are together!



PENSION NEWS

1. KEA members and leadership attended this week's meeting of the PPOB (Public Pension Oversight Board) on Monday. The members of the board heard pension funding updates from all major systems. The news was good. Investment returns for all systems are up, TRS had returns of 15% (due to a favorable market this year). The additional cash awarded to systems by the legislature in the last budget cycle has helped to "stop the bleed" in the KRS systems. A retired firefighter gave a passionate testimony to the board during the last 3 minutes of the meeting. He spoke for many about the need for the legislature to fix this situation, not on the backs of those of us already contributing to our systems each paycheck, but in ways that create new revenue and help the public receive the vital public services they expect.
2. Many local counties and school districts have been hosting town halls and rallies around the pension issues. These have been very helpful in

answering member questions and also hearing from association leaders and legislators about what may or may not happen in a special legislative session. If you have not been to one-go! If there hasn't been one in your area and you would like to help set one up, just contact your local KEA office. Many are still scheduled to occur in October, let's keep the momentum going!



3. [Click here](#) to view this week's pension fact video. Make sure to share on your social media platforms and use the #APensionIsAPromise.

Visit the Louisville Zoo

Fall is here - the perfect time for a trip to the Louisville Zoo. Whether it's to catch the warm dog days of summer, lovely fall weekend days or not-so-scary Halloween evening adventures. Get your discount tickets to **The World's Largest Halloween Party!** Presented by Meijer, Thursday through Sunday nights in October. Click [here](#) to get the KEA Zoo discount poster.

Dates to Remember:



Oct. 9 KEHP Open Enrollment begins

Sincerely,
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