

# BLUEGRASS EAST CHAPTER

February 2017 Newsletter

**March 8<sup>th</sup>**                      Tour of Toyota plant in Georgetown

## **January Meeting Recap**

The Bluegrass East Chapter met on Wednesday January 11, 2017 at the Golden Corral in Lexington. The members were able to meet with 3 of the 6 candidates for the 2 vacant positions on the Kentucky Retirement System Board of Trustees/Directors. Those attending were: Duane Murner, Betty Pendergrass and Jerry Powell. Those who could not attend were: Jennifer Barnett, Richard Hobbs and James Jeffries. Bios on all were handed out at the meeting. Please let me know if you would like me to email you a copy of these. Some information will be posted on the Kentucky Public Retiree Facebook page.

Those attending were given an opportunity to address the members and several questions were asked after their presentations. We certainly appreciate all of these people who are willing to make time to serve on the KRS Board!

Our meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> will feature Dave Eager who is the Interim Executive Director of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. Please attend this important meeting to learn more about Mr. Eager and his plans to guide us through the rough waters that we face in the upcoming several years.

Let me know if you want to serve as an Officer for the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 Chapter year. We need more involvement from more members – take a leap and step up! We will elect the following Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, Chairs of: Audit, Legislative, and Membership. Also, we really need to have a County Contact from each of our 12 counties!!!

## **.Tour of Georgetown Toyota plant – March 8, 2017**

I have reserved 20 spots for a 1:30 pm tour on 03/08/17. Names have to be provided at least 10 days prior to the tour. A signup sheet is being circulate and will be available at the February meeting. Email Doug ([dprice@kih.net](mailto:dprice@kih.net)) if you want to sign up. 10 have already signed up!

## **KPR Info**

Dues statement was mailed the last of December. You can renew online.

Want to work at a KPR Fundraiser for KET? KPR needs 19 workers. Event happens on March 18<sup>th</sup>, training, lunch and work from 1pm – 6pm. Wear your KPR tee shirt!

KPR Legal Defense Fund – Make a donation! Please send any contributions to the KPR Administrative Manager Floyd Parrish PO Box 4082 Frankfort, KY 40604

The 2017 KPR Annual Meeting will be held in June 14-16, 2017 at the Capitol Plaza hotel in Frankfort. The telephone number for the hotel for reservations is 502-227-5100. The registration fee will be \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

Plan to have a Frankfort Trolley Ride for a tour of Frankfort and also a Buffalo Trace tour – both free and on Wednesday afternoon.

Each Chapter is responsible for one \$25 door prize. Got any ideas for Silent Auction items? We need to donate at least one item. I'm working on this but welcome other ideas!

Potential Speakers: Bill Meck, Lexington Weatherman on Channel 18; the new Executive Director of KRS; a segment on safety by the Smart 911 program; and legislators, if any, we hope to have the newly appointed Committee chairs, and leaders of both houses. We are looking and negotiating for our entertainment for the Thursday night banquet. Any suggestions any of you may have will be appreciated.

Shirley Clark and Betty Hawkins, Annual Meeting, Co-Chairs

### **Election of Officers for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018**

A committee will be appointed and nominations for any of our Chapter offices should be made to the Committee. We need volunteers to serve – on the Committee and as Officers.

**Prejudice is a great time saver. You can form opinions without having to get the facts. E. B. White**

Freedom: An indivisible word. If we want to enjoy it, and fight for it, we must be prepared to extend it to everyone, whether rich or poor, whether they agree with us or not, no matter what their race or the color of their skin. Wendell L. Wilkie

Hello,

**Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc. (TMMK) looks forward to your visit. Your tour has been confirmed for MARCH 8TH @ 1:30 PM . Total number in your group:20.** If you are unable to make your tour time or if the number in your group changes, please call our tour representative at 502-868-3027 or 1-800-866-4485.  
**Please plan on arriving 15 minutes prior to tour time.**

**\*\*A LIST OF FIRST AND LAST NAMES OF ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE SENT TO US 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO YOUR TOUR DATE.**

TMMK maintains a safe and secure environment so please be aware of the following guidelines:

**-No carry-on is permitted in the Visitor Center, including purses, backpacks, briefcases, or bags of any kind.**

**-A valid photo ID will be required for each adult scheduled for the tour.**

-Cameras and cell phones are allowed in the Visitor Center, but must be checked at the registration desk before the plant tour.

-Children with individual families must be in 1st grade or above to take the tour. School groups must be 4th grade or above.

We can eat at:

Asian Royal Buffet and Grill      Lunch buffet is \$7.69

Cattleman's Roadhouse      Menu plus salad bar

Cracker Barrel