

# BLUEGRASS EAST CHAPTER

January 2017 Newsletter

**February 8<sup>th</sup>** Dave Eager, Interim Executive Director of KRS

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

## **December Meeting Recap:**

The Bluegrass East Chapter met on Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral in Lexington. Members were entertained by Benny Rainwater who has been singing to our group for many years at our December meeting. Members enjoyed his joyful singing and some of us joined in!

Members brought gifts for the veterans who reside at the Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore, KY. Eva Jane and Bob will deliver these to the Center. Thanks to all for this special event!

The Chapter Newsletter was distributed along with the following items: a list of recent retirees, an updated listing of benefits by County for the BE Chapter and a voting ballot for the vote to allow non-retiree spouses to serve as Chapter President or VP and serve on the KPR Board. Please take a look at the recent retirees and call anyone that you think might be interested in joining our Chapter.

## **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 signup.

## **KPR Board meeting actions:**

Legislators have proposed bills that would make retiree benefit amounts searchable – are you for, against or indifferent? Please let Pres Doug know your thoughts.

Vote to allow non-retiree spouses to serve as President or Vice President of Chapters  
Failed – 12 nay 4 yea and 1 not voting.

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!

### **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.

Speakers we are thinking of are 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.

Let's talk about the holidays, more specifically, consumption during the holidays. If it's true that 'We are what we eat,' most of us would be unrecognizable during the period that ranges from the night before Thanksgiving through that day in early January when everyone decides to return to the gym. Rachel Nichols

### **Membership and Meetings:**

Invite a fellow retiree to join KPR. Also, spouses are eligible to join. Contact current members and remind them of our meeting date and schedule of speakers. We need more people to participate.

January is always a good month for behavioral economics: Few things illustrate self-control as vividly as New Year's resolutions. February is even better, though, because it lets us study why so many of those resolutions are broken. Sendhil Mullainathan

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.