

BLUEGRASS EAST CHAPTER

October 2016 Newsletter

Meeting Information

12:00 PM (ET), 2nd Wednesday
Golden Corral
185 E. New Circle Road
Lexington, KY
Contact Doug Price
(859) 797-7600 for information

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 9th	Heather French Henry
December 14th	Annual Christmas Meeting
January 11th	CERS Nominees
February 8th	Dave Eager, Interim Executive Director of KRS

An election for a CERS representative on the KRS Board of Trustees will be held in March 2017. All Nominees are being invited to attend our January 2017 meeting. After the meeting is over information will be published on the KPR Facebook page and shared via email with BE Chapter members.

Non Medicare Eligible Health Care Information: Mandatory Open enrollment. Learn more by attending the Benefit Fair scheduled in Fayette County:

October 13, 2016
3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Tates Creek High School Cafeteria
1111 Centre Parkway
Lexington, KY 40517

September Meeting Recap:

We had a very interesting discussion with our speaker, Representative James Kay. He represents District 56 which includes Woodford County and parts of Franklin and Fayette Counties.

Rep Kay introduced 2 bills yesterday prior to attending our meeting: one would require Legislative pensions to be rolled into KRS. The other would require: there to be a majority of elected members of the KRS Board; Personnel Cabinet Sec would no longer be a member on the KRS Board; a vacancy (death, resignation) in an elected member position would be replaced by a vote of the elected members; provide for more transparency on reporting of fees; place KRS under the Model Procurement Code; ban use of retirement system assets to pay "Placement

Agent” fees; keep KRS separate from Personnel Cabinet but establish that any raises to KRS staff be no higher than 18A employees.

Separate from this he mentioned: believes ultimately the Courts will rule that Governor Bevin does not have the authority to abolish Boards, including KRS and U of L and he wants to take politics out of the equation; teachers are better organized; does not appreciate the demonization of state employees; is concerned about political patronage to award those people who donate to Governors; concerned about potential failure of KERS non haz and noted state employees paid their share but the State did not; state government has to honor; believes that we have an inviolable contract and that our debts must be paid; concerned about passing along this debt to the next generation; thinks the Governor should transfer the \$125 million currently in the Permanent Fund directly to KERS non haz; concerned that \$500 million was taken from the Insurance Trust Fund; we need tax reform. Again, an interesting discussion.

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. This is a pivotal time in the health of our pension plan and we need to be focused on making sure that our pensions remain intact.

I believe that if life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade... And try to find somebody whose life has given them vodka, and have a party. Ron White

Humana Medicare Advantage Plan Seminars:

hosting a series of seminars for KRS retirees interested in learning about the Medicare Advantage Plan option through Humana. Humana representatives will provide a short presentation and be available to answer any questions. KRS staff will also be in attendance and encourages you to attend. If you decide to attend one of the meetings below, **please be sure to RSVP as there are a limited number of spots available.** To reserve your spot, allowing Humana to plan accordingly or to get additional information please call Humana Customer Care at 1-800-308-9964. For accommodations of persons with special needs at a sales meeting, call 1-800-824-8242 (TTY: 711). You can call Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 9 p.m., Eastern time.

Lexington, KY	Time	Location	Address
Monday, October 24th	2 pm	Double Tree by Hilton	2601 Richmond Rd Lexington, KY 40509
Richmond, KY	Time	Location	Address
Tuesday, October 25th	10 am	Best Western Holiday Plaza	100 Eastern By-Pass

Richmond, KY
40475

If you haven't got anything nice to say about anybody, come sit next to me. Alice Roosevelt
Longworth