

**Eastern Kentucky University Retiree Association Meeting  
December 15, 2015**

Location: The University Club at Arlington

Time: 11:30

Guest Speaker: ECU President Michael Benson

Topic: ECU Update

Marshall Meyers, president of EKURA, opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests to Arlington and gave special thanks to Aramark. He thanked all members who brought contributions of hats, mittens, and scarves for distribution to the Salvation Army. A very nice buffet luncheon was provided.

A short business meeting preceded President Benson's remarks. Marshall Meyers invited Jackie Vance, Secretary, to update the membership on work with the Development Staff in cleaning up membership records; Jackie thanked Marissa Parmer for her assistance in this initiative. She also thanked President Benson for all the work being done to restore the use of Arlington. Taylor Grayson was introduced as our 2015 Scholarship recipient; Taylor made a brief presentation about her goals as a graduate student in Occupational Therapy and expressed her appreciation to EKURA for the grant. Richard Vance provided a legislative update and reminded EKURA members of their responsibility to make legislators aware of the need for the Governor, House, and Senate to support fully funding KTRS and the Actuarially Required Contribution, in the up-coming budget session. Members may (should) write their own letters to Representatives and Senators, as well as making calls to Frankfort. Jackie reminded members that the minutes of each meeting will be available on our website. There will be no meeting in January, but the February meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16, at Golden Corral at 11:30; Athletic Director, Steve Lochmueller, will update the organization on athletics at ECU. Charles Hay and Ron Wolfe gave a brief update on upcoming trips and programs.

President Benson gave an interesting and informative presentation on new initiatives on campus and ways the retirees can engage in activities. He mentioned the new entrance on Lancaster and the Carloftis designs being employed to make the areas beautiful and inviting. He spoke of the new science building and the advantages it will give to ECU students. Other capital improvements were mentioned and the ways food service may be changing to make them more enticing for students. He also mentioned ways this might enhance the availability of food at Arlington. He spoke of a new partnership with Madison County Schools which will encourage teachers to apply for scholarships to work on doctoral programs in education leadership; Elmer Thomas, Superintendent of Madison County Schools, will be the first recipient.

Following an activity designed to award door prizes to guests, the meeting adjourned at 2:00. Our next meeting will be at Golden Corral on February 16.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Vance, Secretary

