

The EKURA Communicator

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Programs set for 2012-13

Programs for 2012-13 have been confirmed by the EKURA officers.

On August 21 Bob Wagoner, Executive Director of the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System, will focus on the new relationship between KTRA and EKURA.

According to Wagoner, the EKURA will be considered a local Retired Teachers Association affiliate and placed in the Central Kentucky East District.

Heading the second meeting on October 16 will be Dan McBride, Associate Athletics Director for External Relations at Eastern Kentucky University, who will update EKURA fans on the status of EKU's athletic programs.

The traditional Christmas luncheon will be held at Heritage House Bed and Breakfast on Dec. 18. Reservations must be made by sending a check for \$15 (payable to EKURA) by Dec. 7 to Pat Ridgley, 128 Buckwood Drive,



The 2012-13 officers of the EKU Retirees Association are, from left: Pat Ridgley, treasurer; JoAnna Dickey, secretary; Ron Wolfe, president; Fawn Conley, president-elect; and Charles Hay, past president.

Richmond, KY 40475. Hats, gloves and scarves will again be collected for the local Salvation Army.

Following the January hiatus, Larry Bailey, Director of the Pattie A. Clay Foundation, will be featured along with others from PAC on February 19. They will update the group on the latest health care developments at the local hospital.

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2012-13 Trips

September

Tuesday, Sept 18
Shakertown lunch and river cruise

November

Tuesday, Nov. 20
Cincinnati Underground Railroad Museum and riverboat lunch tour

March

Tuesday, March 19
Frankfort-Salato Wildlife area (free) and Vietnam Memorial

May

Tuesday, May 21
Bowling Green—Corvette Museum and railroad museum

July

Tuesday, July 16
Fleming County covered bridges and Rosemary Clooney Museum

EKURA joins AROHE

EKURA has voted to join the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE), an international network that supports retired faculty and staff at colleges and universities in the creation and development of campus-based retiree organizations.

EKU plans to send a delegate to the biannual AROHE conference at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Oct. 21-23.

AROHE's mission is to enhance, develop and advance campus retiree organizations.

Travel details and contacts:

All trips will depart from Peddler's Mall at 9:00 a.m. unless another time is designated. Riders will share expenses with drivers.

Questions regarding schedules should be addressed to Dot Kirkpatrick (retkirk@bellsouth.net) 623-3674 or Dee Riggs (jdeku@att.net) 623-5027.

Details on all trips will be announced at the preceding regular meeting.

Sarah Morrow receives EKURA scholarship

For Sarah Morrow, an ECU junior majoring in special education, learning has never come easy. But her observation in a fourth grade special ed class while she was in high school changed her life. "As I sat with them and helped them sound out words as they stumbled through their children's books, I saw myself. I remembered what it felt like to struggle with more words than I actually knew."

But Morrow worked hard and the Bethel Tate graduate ended up with a 3.6 GPA in high school which came with a work ethic that she knew was necessary to achieve her life's goal.

At ECU she has worked in the Training Resource Center to help pay for her college expenses, but she has volunteered to broaden her ex-

periences with special needs children, working with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Bluegrass, mentoring elementary children by preparing activities and tutoring sessions to foster their self-confidence and improve their academic performance.

An Ohio native, Morrow has also tutored special needs students as well as volunteered in a local nursing home and public library in her home town.

Even though she still has another year to complete her education at ECU, her educational future is much clearer than it was a few years ago. "I'm not sure what grade level I would like to teach yet," she says, "but I know that wherever I end up, I want to work

Sarah Morrow

in a special education classroom, helping make a difference in children's lives that struggle in school the way I did."

The EKURA scholarship committee has renewed Morrow's scholarship for a second year. For EKURA members, \$100 of a lifetime membership goes directly into the scholarship's endowed fund to benefit students like Morrow. Gifts may be made to the scholarship fund at any time. Direct questions to Tammy Taylor, ECU's Foundation Scholarship Coordinator, 622-5035 or tammy.taylor@ecu.edu.

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The April 16 program will feature Billie Dyer, Director of MEPCO Home Health Agency and Heather Slone, Director of the Richmond Senior Citizens Center. They will present opportunities for seniors, describe their respective programs and answer questions about how seniors can take advantage of their services.

The final program for the year on June 18 is set to welcome Dr. Carl Hurley back home. Plans call for members of EKURA to recall their favorite Carl Hurley stories and perhaps share a story or two about ECU's popular favorite son.

The first meeting with Wagoner will be especially important as EKURA joins the KTRA. Wagoner will explain how membership will work, as well as cover many of the benefits which will be made available to EKURA members who are not currently members of KTRA, including legal services, insurance benefits, travel opportunities, vision and hearing instrument plans and long term care assistance, among others.

All programs will begin at 11:30 a.m. Members are encouraged to arrive at Gillum's Restaurant early and order lunch before the speakers are introduced.

Officers who were involved in planning the 2012-13 programs included: Charles Hay, past president; Ron Wolfe, president; Fawn Conley, president-elect; JoAnna Dickey, secretary, and Dot Kirkpatrick, past president and travel coordinator for the EKURA.

Program Notes

All programs except the Christmas luncheon are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at Gillum's Restaurant in the Richmond Mall.

Any changes to meeting dates and times will be announced through emails. Updated email addresses should be sent to Glen Kleine, the EKURA web editor, dr.glenkleine@gmail.com.

If Madison County Schools are closed on EKURA meeting days, meetings will be held the following week at the same time and place.

Other questions may be addressed to the president, Dr. Ron Wolfe, at 623-5088 or rongwolfe@bellsouth.net.