



# COMMUNICATOR

RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

December 2005

Glen Kleine is Elected President-Elect of EKU Retirees Association

Members of the EKU

Retirees Association elected Dr. Glen Kleine to serve as president-elect of the association at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Kleine will replace Bob Bagby, who stepped down from this position for health reasons. The nominating committee, chaired by Larry Westbrook, placed Kliene's name before membership. Kleine will serve as president-elect until May 2006 at which time he will assume the presidency of the association. EKU Retirees Association Service Committee's Work

Bill Jones, John Gump, Norma Robinson, Nancy Kenner, and Larry Westbrook have spent many hours reviewing 27 pages of names/address and status of the various retirees of EKU over the past several months.

Hopefully, this has resulted in a much more accurate mailing list. Should you know of members who do not receive our mail or know of people who are deceased, please notify an officer or a member of this committee in order for our records to be updated. You may send updates and corrections via email to:

[westlaw@eros.chap.net](mailto:westlaw@eros.chap.net)

We are charged with improving communication between EKU and Retirees in effort for us to continue to be vital members of the Eastern Kentucky University Community.

## Charleston, SC Trip Set for May 15-19

An excursion has been planned for travel to Charleston, SC on May 15-19, 2006. Alumni and others are invited to join us.

Included in the tour are such things as Manolia Gardens, Ft. Sumter where the first shots of the Civil War were fired, a dinner cruise of the Charleston Harbor aboard the Star of Carolina, tours of the oldest surviving pre-Revolutionary War plantation, The Citidal, Nataniel Russell House, the Charleston historic district, the battleship Yorktown, shopping, and time for independent excursions.

Two nights are to be spent in Charleston, and the third afternoon we'll depart for a short



jaunt to Columbia, SC where we'll spend the third night. On the 19th the trip will come to an end as we return to Richmond.

The cost is \$479 per person (double occupancy), \$472 each (triple occupancy), or \$465 each (4 to a room). A \$50 deposit secures your seat.

Martin Tours will be our host. Travel will be by motor coach with baggage handling, rooms, tours, and dinner cruise included.

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EKU Retirees Participate UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

The EKU RETIREES ASSOCIATION joined EKU's effort to increase the percentage of people participating in the United Way. All retirees should have received a packet in the mail. You are encouraged to make some type of contribution.

Donations to national/international disasters have siphoned funds from local needs.

Local support is badly needed here in the Bluegrass region, and it is still possible for you to make a donation.

The association secured a donation of a week at a choice of several timeshare resorts. This premium gift was an incentive prize exclusively for EKU retirees who contributed to the EKU United Way campaign. There was a drawing from the official list of EKU retiree contributors on record as of November 7. The lucky winner is Jenny Giles, who chose to go to the Willow Valley Resort in Boone NC on December 16-23.

## Life Memberships Available in EKU Retirees Association

Life memberships are forever. Life memberships are \$120, and two checks are required.

Life membership Check #1 is \$100 and is made out to EKU. On the memo line write "EKU Retirees Scholarships Fund." This donation is tax deductible.

Life memberships Check #2 is \$20 and made out to EKU Retirees Association if you are a faculty or staff retiree. Should you be a surviving spouse of a retiree, check #2 is in the amount of \$10.

Yearly memberships expire in May 2006. Annual dues are: \$10 for retirees and spouse and \$5 for surviving spouses of retirees.

All yearly membership checks are to be made out to EKU Retirees Association and should be mailed to:

Marykay Kasitz, Treasurer  
EKU Retirees Association  
416 Worthington Place  
Richmond, KY 40475

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## Benefits for Retirees

Retired faculty have many of the privileges of the faculty, including faculty parking privileges, an ID card, faculty library privileges, the purchase of athletic tickets at reduced rates, discounts at EKU bookstore, a Faculty/Staff Telephone Directory, and the use of facilities at Information Technology and Delivery Services (as space allows). Persons age 65 or older may also take one course tuition free under the Donovan Scholarship Program.

Additional information concerning these privileges may be obtained through the office of the Provost for Academic Affairs. (The Provost for Academic Affairs is Dr. James Chapman – (859) 622-3884)

Source: <http://www.universityprograms.eku.edu/facultyhandbook/>

### New Medicare Drug Coverage

You may have heard about Medicare's new prescription drug coverage and wondered how it would affect you. Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System has determined that your prescription drug coverage with KTRS Medicare Eligible Prescription Drug Plan (currently administered by Medco) is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage will pay.

For more details see:

<http://ktrs.ky.gov/065-medinfo/medDNOCC.pdf>

### Your Help is Requested

Should you know of retirees who have moved or who are deceased, please contact an officer with that information.

Spouses of deceased retirees are welcome as members. Make us aware of those interested, and memberships materials will be given to them.

### Regrets

The Retirees Association regrets the late arrival of the announcement for the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. This was in part due to newly revised and expanded list of retirees which now numbers nearly 1,000.

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