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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

By Michael Reed



**ROBERT F. RUMPKE,
Chair/CEO of Bluegrass
Tomorrow**

Rob Rumpke is a 40-year marketing and association management veteran who is currently the President/CEO of Bluegrass Tomorrow, an 18-county regional planning organization that focuses on partnership, collaboration and quality of life innovations. He

works to make the Bluegrass Region a better place to live and work. He has been with Bluegrass Tomorrow for 13 years.

A Lexington resident for 35 years, Rumpke spent 15 years working in Franklin, Madison and Woodford Counties, spent nine years with the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, and two years with the Woodford Chamber working on local and regional partnership and strategic planning projects through his consulting company RRA Inc. He has also been a partner with Rainmaker Advertising and has served on numerous boards, including chair of the Bluegrass Workforce Investment Board for the Bluegrass Area Development District for six years.

Rumpke is a Cincinnati native who, after graduating from the University of Dayton in 1980, went to work in the publicity department at the Cincinnati Reds. He also worked at the Public Information Office at Wittenberg University before moving to Lexington to work for Host Communications and the National Tour Association in 1986.

Rumpke worked in the horse industry for The Red Mile and its owners, the Lexington Trots Breeders Association, and Castleton Farm in the early 90s. From 1994 to 1999, he was President/CEO of the Kentucky Tourism Industry Council and was a tourism industry lobbyist. As a private consultant, he was also responsible for the development of the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and the Richmond Battlefield Park.

Rumpke's wife Linda is a Vice President at Columbia Gas/Nisource. Linda was also a banking executive for over 30 years, and was president of two different banks. They have two sons: Michael 35 (married to Kassie, and granddaughter Aniston), and Marc 20, who is currently a sophomore and football player at the University of Dayton. Rumpke has also been an assistant football coach at Lexington Catholic High School for the last 25 years.

2021-2022 UKAEF OFFICERS

by Mary Witt

The COVID-19 year of 2020, continuing into 2021, has forced us to do many things differently, including choosing a new Vice President for our association. The UKAEF By Laws Article III, state: "A slate of officers shall be presented to the general membership by the Executive Committee at the regular meeting in April of each year. Nominations may be made from the floor. All officers shall assume office immediately upon election. Vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Committee."

At the February 4, 2021 Board meeting, the Executive Committee suggested we retain the current list of officers for another year, considering that our September 2020 through April 2021 meetings have been conducted using ZOOM. (A lighthearted suggestion offered by one Board member was to follow NCAA guidelines that give every student athlete in every sport an extra year of eligibility.) If the majority of our members agree with this plan, Douglas A. Boyd will continue as President and Michael Reed will serve another year as Vice President and Program Chair. What are your thoughts? If you object to this plan, please contact me, Mary Witt at maryhotzewitt@gmail.com or text/call me at 859-361-4268 by April 1, 2021. We will take your concerns under advisement. The final decision with slate of officers will be presented at the April 13, 2021 Zoom Meeting of UKAEF.

LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear AEF Members:

This has been a challenging year for all of us. My thanks for the great work and dedication of our board members who have given so much of their time to moving AEF forward. In this newsletter you will see a list of those on the AEF Executive Committee and their assignments. Our bylaws state that the immediate past president remains on the board for an additional year. F. Douglas Scutchfield, MD, has done double duty this year, serving as a board member and our medical advisor regarding best practices during the COVID emergency and vaccine rollout. Thanks so much, Scutch.

During a recent board meeting we spent a great deal of time discussing future AEF meetings in light of UK's closing the Boone Center. We were expertly served at Boone and the parking made the venue especially attractive. We want to meet on campus, but we have yet to find a venue that will accommodate our need for nearby parking. When it is safe to return to lunch meetings, Spindletop Hall seems most likely. They can accommodate us because one of our board members is a Spindletop member. Rest assured that we are looking at other venues and meeting plans.

Be safe and well as we move from winter to spring 2021.

Douglas A. Boyd, President

MORE CREATIVE IDEAS FOR COVID DAYS

by Sue Fosson

SILVER SNEAKERS (the gym access many of the Medicare insurance plans provide) has virtual exercise classes that are available. Here's the site for signing up – and there are typically 8 classes each day of varying kinds of exercise at different levels.

<https://tools.silversneakers.com/>

Also AARP offers a variety of free online events and classes designed for learning, self-improvement and fun. There is a calendar and you can click on any day to see what is offered such as movies, talks with authors, exercise classes, games to play. For example, in February 2021, the Guide to Virtual Events included: a lecture on "A History of the Fast Food Industry"; author James Patterson speaking about his book *Walk in My Combat Boots*; a documentary about Aretha Franklin's gospel album *Amazing Grace*; dancing to Motown Magic, etc. The Guide includes a place to register for events you wish to join. All are free.

[Virtual Community Center – AARP](#)

Also check <https://states.aarp.org/kentucky/events-ky> for even more ideas.

Are you missing traveling in the U.S. and internationally? You can fill in this yearning with virtual travels on a site called thingstodoc.com. This site is listed as "experiences for young professionals." That works for us, of course it does! The events are listed for specific dates and tend to last 2.5-3 hours each. There is a charge for the tours, usually around \$20.00. As an example, the February offerings included "Virtual Korean Experience: Capitols of North and South Korea and the DMZ;" "Virtual Guided Historical Tour of Pompeii Italy;" "Virtual Guided Tour of Harlem", etc.

All these ideas can make life during COVID a different but still rewarding experience. See what you think.

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“Good teaching is forever and the teacher is immortal.”—Jesse Stuart

**REMINDER: next Zoom meeting is
Tuesday, April 13, 2021, noon.**

**LINK SENT TO MEMBERS WHO ARE CURRENT WITH 2020-21 DUES.
(If you have any issues with the Zoom link contact Doug Boyd at Boyd@email.uky.edu)**

**Robert F. Rumpke, Chair/CEO of Bluegrass Tomorrow,
followed by Q & A.**

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HAVE PAID YOUR 2020-21 DUES). Dues for 2021-2022 will not be due until August of 2021.***



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