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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Merlene Davis is a native Kentuckian and graduate of the University of Kentucky. She worked in journalism for nearly 34 years, the last 31 at the Lexington Herald-Leader. She began her career as a general assignment reporter at the Memphis Press-Scimitar in Memphis, Tennessee, and then moved to the Herald-Leader when the Press-Scimitar folded in 1983. She has written about Fayette County Public Schools, the local government, state and national issues, racism, inequities at all levels and the need for all of us to find our true selves by unflinchingly looking in the mirror.

Lexington Mayor Jim Gray said, "Whenever Merlene writes a column, she throws a big part of her heart into it. And with that heart comes passion that burns with impatience ... a passion that speaks out for justice, freedom and equality. She calls it like she sees it. ... She's blunt, impatient and even downright pushy. I know. I've been the object of her pen! Reading a Merlene column can tug at your heart-strings or make you really angry or feel like a trip to the woodshed."

She has won numerous awards over the years, but the two most meaningful recognitions were the Lauren K. Weinberg Humanitarian Award in 2012, and being inducted into the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame in 2014.

She is married with three children and she gleefully retired in May. Now she is trying to figure out what her next move should be.

**CHANGES IN RETIREE MEDICAL INSURANCE
CARVEOUT FOR 2016**

by Mike Tearney

There are a couple changes in the retiree medical insurance carveout for 2016: the rates are increasing slightly and the prescription benefit is changing for some folks.

The rates are increasing 2% for 2016, going from \$302/month to \$308. Currently the retiree with the credit pays \$30 and the increase will be \$1.00/month to \$31/month. The University will cover the remainder of the increase. The spouse rate will increase from \$302 to \$308/month. Complete details of the rate change will come in a mailing from Joey Payne in October.

The change to the coverage of the Medicare Rx Pharmacy benefit for 2016 deals with Tier 3. Previously Tier 3, Non-Preferred Brand medications were covered at 50% coinsurance with no maximum copay. For 2016, Tier 3 Non-Preferred Medications will no longer be covered. All Tier 3 Non-Preferred Brand medications will have a covered alternative in Tier 1 or Tier 2. Should a UK Medicare retiree have documented medical need for a Tier 3 Non-Preferred medication there is a provision to seek coverage through a Prior Authorization process. Complete details of the 2016 UK Medicare Rx Prescription Benefit will be coming in a mailing from Express Scripts in October.

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Place: Hilary J. Boone Center, UK Campus

Social Time: 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.

Program 12:30 p.m.

Speaker: Merlene Davis
Journalist for Lexington Herald-Leader

Topic: "Are We Choosing to Embrace the Darkness?"

Business Meeting: 1:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 10 LUNCHEON MENU

Center salad with spring greens, tomatoes, artichokes,
cucumbers, pickled carrots, sunflower seeds and
balsamic dressing

Angus pot roast with Burgundy wine, crimini mushrooms
and rosemary

Roast garlic mashed potatoes

Roast broccoli

Chocolate chess pie

Choice of beverage

***Substitutions are possible only for dietary allergies or
religious/lifestyle restrictions.***

Note: The Staff of Hilary J. Boone Center appreciates the efforts of UKAEF members to carpool when possible. Contact Board members to help you find colleagues who are willing to assist you in getting to the Sept., Nov., Feb. and April meetings if you require transportation.

REMINDER ABOUT PAYMENT OF DUES

UKAEF Annual Membership is based on the fiscal year, July 1-June 30. The September 2015 Newsletter contained a Membership Renewal Form and we repeated it at the end of this issue as a reminder to pay 2015-16 dues. The quarterly newsletter goes to current members only. We encourage you to attend luncheons in September, November, February and April for interesting speakers and fellowship. Dues and luncheons cost \$20.00 each. Please be assured we appreciate your donations to the Fellowship Fund. Already, generous donors have contributed \$2,900-THANK YOU. If you know current UK graduate students whose career goals include teaching at the college/university level, please encourage them to apply for the UKAEF Fellowships. Information and applications can be obtained at http://www.research.uky.edu/gs/StudentFunding/fellowship_opportunities.html#emeriti. The deadline for receiving applications is October 27, 2015. UKAEF Member donations to the fund made to honor or to memorialize colleagues jog all of our memories about those we've had the honor to work with at UK. And the graduate students who receive UKAEF Fellowships of \$2,500 express sincerest appreciation for our continued interest in them.

HELP CLOSE ACHIEVEMENT GAP

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass implemented an academic version of its traditional mentoring program in September 2015, made possible by Kentucky Bank, Urban County Government and an anonymous donor. Their goal is to help students at William Wells Brown Elementary School raise their test scores. BBBS's national Schools Plus Program matches volunteers with a child at the school about an hour each week. Academic mentors and second grade students are paired for two years. With this increased individualized attention, the program's goal is to boost children who are presently classified as novice to test proficient in the state's accountability system.

Please consider helping one of these children. Contact Michael at 859-231-8181 or email him at mladcock@bbbs-bluegrass.org.

IN CASE YOU MISSED UK STATS FOR FALL 2015--

President Eli Capilouto continues to emphasize UK Students' successes, now and in their futures. He wants UK to be a 1st-choice university for the best students, faculty and staff. Enrollment highlights for Fall 2015 at UK include:

- the 1st-year class numbers 5,217, a 21% increase since 2010;
- 25.5 average ACT for 1st-year students; 117 are National Merit, Hispanic and Achievement Scholars; 700 had ACT/SAT scores of 31 or above;
- 1st-to-2nd-year retention was 82.7% last year; 6-year graduation rate was 61%.

In the past 4 years, UK initiated or will begin \$1.8 billion in capital construction projects focused on living, learning and dining spaces, classroom and research facilities. UK Administrators and Board of Trustees will update the UK Strategic Plan during their Oct. 2015 retreat, emphasizing increased retention and graduation rates and creating an environment that prepares students to compete and lead in a global economy as well as helping Kentucky with the workforce it needs to thrive in the 21st century.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bottoms Up: A Sculpture Survey, Sept-Dec 18, UK Art Museum

Fortress Brass Quintet: Presented by the Chamber Music Society of KY, Oct. 11, 7:30, SCFA Recital Hall

"Foundation of a Democracy: Voting Rights Past/Present/Future", Oct. 13, 1:30, SCFA Recital Hall

The Importance of Being Earnest, Oct. 15, 16, 17 at 7:30; Oct. 18 at 2:00, Guignol Theatre

SCFA Signature Series Presents *Alejandro Escovedo and the Sensitive Boys*, Oct. 24, 7:30, SCFA Recital Hall

UK Symphony Orchestra: Breeder's Cup Concert, Oct. 30, 7:30, SCFA Concert Hall (free)

R.C. May Lecture: Deborah Willis, "Critical Narratives in Visualizing the Black Body from 1850 to Now", SCFA Concert Hall, Nov. 6, 4:00 (free)

UK Opera Metropolitan District Auditions, Nov. 7, SCFA Recital Hall (free)

Bounce: A Basketball Opera, Nov. 12, 13, Time/Place TBA

Special Lecture by Linda Shearer, Dir. & Curator at influential U.S. art institutions, SCFA Concert Hall, Nov. 18, 6:30 (free)

Amahl and the Night Visitors, Dec. 11, 12 at 7:30; Dec. 12, 2:00, Lyric Theatre

SCFA Signature Series Presents *Mark O'Connor: An Appalachian Christmas*, Dec. 11, 7:30, SCFA Concert Hall

Holiday Store Sale, UK Art Museum: includes items from Lexington's art & design community, Dec. 11, 10:00am-8:00pm

Alltech/UK Opera Theatre Holiday Celebration of Song, Dec. 13, 5:00 & 7:30, The Square (formerly Victorian Square, free)

IN MEMORIAM, Fall 2015

*Member, UKAEF

- ♦ Karen Hahn Jefferson, Library Science
- ♦ Virgil Hayes*, Animal Sciences
- ♦ Robert Hemenway, English, U.K. Provost
- ♦ John W. Hutchinson, Civil Engineering
- ♦ James Edward Ingle, Dir. Financial Aid,
Asst. to V. Chancellor of Student Affairs
- ♦ Carole Kermode, spouse of Richard Kermode, Chemical and
Materials Engineering
- ♦ Oliver Clay Maupin, Jr., Business Accounting
- ♦ Ira "Joe" Ross, Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering
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- ♦ Robert H. Spedding, Sr., Pediatric Dentistry
- ♦ Walter Walla, College of Agriculture, Associate Dean

***"Good teaching is forever and the teacher is immortal."*—Jesse Stuart**

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UK ASSOCIATION OF EMERITI FACULTY
LUNCHEON RESERVATION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

I plan to attend the luncheon. Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ reservation(s) at \$20.00 each.

NAME _____ GUEST'S NAME _____

EMAIL: _____

Necessary Change in Menu Choice: _____

Intolerance/Allergic reaction/Religious reason: _____

I (we) need transportation. Address: _____ Tel: _____

**Make check for luncheon reservation payable to UK Association of Emeriti Faculty (UKAEF).
Mail form and check to: UKAEF, c/o Casie Clements, 4812 Trillium Pl., Lexington, KY 40514-1410
(call or email if close to deadline) 859-523-3460 or e-mail: casie.ukaef@gmail.com*

Note: Deadline for making reservations or to cancel reservations is Mon., October 26, 2015.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, 2015-2016

NAME _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

Dept./Col. _____

Address _____

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E-mail address (**please** include, if you have one) _____

2015-16 Dues* \$20 (includes spouse or partner) New member _____ Renewal _____

My contribution to the Fellowship Fund*\$_____ in memory/honor of _____

**Make check for membership dues and /or fellowship donation payable to UK Association of Emeriti Faculty (UKAEF).
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