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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Jim Gray was elected Mayor of Lexington in November 2010. Previously he served as vice-mayor for 2007-10. The CEO of Gray Construction Co., a nationally-known engineering and construction firm, he has taken leave while serving as mayor. A graduate of Vanderbilt University, Gray is the LFCUG's seventh mayor and the first businessperson to fill the post.

SEPTEMBER 13 LUNCHEON MENU

Spring Mix Salad
Meatloaf
Red Potatoes with Parsley & Butter
Wilted Spinach
Strawberry Shortcake
Choice of beverage

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Our emeriti membership still remains strong: overall total for this last year was 215 retirees plus eligible spouses. The 2011-12 membership drive starts September 1 with this newsletter and extends to November 1. To apply, use the registration form provided on the last page.

FELLOWSHIP DONATIONS

Since 1996, the UKAEF, first through the donations of members to the organization's program, then later through its participation with "Bucks for Brains" Endowed Fellowship, has given twenty-three awards of \$1000 each and twenty four of \$1500 to doctoral students planning to teach at the college or university level. The main source of funding currently for the fellowships is the interest earned on the endowment and annual tax-exempt donations of our members.

This year, because of our failure to follow new guidelines for tax-exemption, we have had to reapply for that privilege. Since it may take some time for that exemption to be granted, we ask that your donation

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Place: Hillary J. Boone Center

Time: 11:30 A.M. Luncheon

Program: 12:30 P.M.

Speaker: Jim Gray, Mayor -- Lexington, KY

Topic: "Arts, Arena, and Entertainment District Development"

Business Meeting: 1:30 P.M.

checks be made out to the University of Kentucky with the notation "UKAEF Fellowship Endowment." Send your check to the address on the form provided.

SEARCH FOR TREASURER

Last spring Bill Stober wished to step down from the treasurer's position, but we were unable to find a replacement, so he graciously stayed on for a thirteenth year. A history of the organization's treasurers gives an insight into the dedication and sacrifice Bill is making to the organization by doing so.

Our first treasurer, Don Ivey, served six years; his successor, Syd Ulmer, two; Beth Hicks, one; and Kurt Ansel, two. At the end of this term, Bill will have served for thirteen years—two years longer than the total of his predecessors.

In addition to the usual tasks of the job, he has worked with the Graduate Office in financing fellowships, helped with preparing newsletters for mailing, printed the name tags for luncheons, sent membership reminder letters, manned the sign-in table at luncheons, and helped choose menus. He deserves a well-earned retirement.

Surely, there is some member out there who will relieve him of this duty, particularly since it now solely involves a treasurer's job. Contact: Brad Canon at 278-6155 or pol140@uky.edu.

FALL EVENTS: ARBORETUM

September 2-11: The 10th annual birdhouse display and benefit, sponsored by Wild Birds Unlimited, will showcase the creativity of our Arboretum friends in the outdoor spaces of the Home Demonstration Garden. Participants embellish birdhouses of all shapes and sizes in unique ways to make one-of-a-kind entries. Plan to visit and reap the benefits of their creativity. Many of these original works are offered for sale in a silent auction on Sept. 11, with bids ending at 3:30 p.m.

September 18, 4:00-7:00 p.m. The Gala in the Garden. Dr. Bob and Ruth Straus, Honorary Chairs for 2011, promise a Sunday afternoon of music, special food, silent and live auctions in beautiful surroundings and music. Dress is casual and walking shoes will maximize your enjoyment. Contact the Arboretum office to purchase the outdoor garden-party tickets: \$50.

Funds raised by these events support ongoing programs.

You don't have to wait for planned happenings, however, to take advantage of the Arboretum. Crisp fall weather brings out the best in plants, so plan to stroll the gardens on a regular basis to learn which annuals and perennials show best as the season progresses. Sit back and relax with a book or easel/paints in your favorite view shed. Or hike the two-mile paved path along the Walk Across Kentucky. Or bring children to the Kentucky Children's Garden so they can connect with nature. (3\$ entrance fee)

--Mary Witt

FIRST SCHOLARS PROGRAM

In 2009, the Suder Foundation selected UK as one of the first two universities to participate in the First Scholars Program, to help create a national model for success of first generation students (i.e., those whose parents did not have college education).

A major goal of the First Scholars Program is to improve the retention and graduation rates of these incoming students by providing a holistic approach utilizing academic, personal, social, and financial support. UK is working closely with the Suder Foundation and the First Scholars network of affiliate universities (now five nationally) to develop and share best practices.

The Suder Foundation has awarded a four-year operating grant for UK's First Scholar Program and is also funding 40 four-year scholarships for two cohorts of 20 students each to participate in the program.

At UK, nearly 1 in 4 incoming students are first generation. Because of their background, they are especially at risk and only 40% graduate in six years as compared to nearly 60% of their peers with a family history of college degrees.

To be eligible for the program, a student must be an incoming first generation student, have at least a 22 ACT, a 3.3 high school GPA, reside in Kentucky, and be eligible for financial aid. Each participant works with a peer mentor, joins a student organization, participates in education, service, and social events each semester.

At UK, the first-year batch of students in the program returned for their second semester and 95% earned better than a 2.5 GPA. More significantly, 100 % of them are returning for a sophomore year.

The Suder Foundation is providing seed money to support the Program through 2013-14 plus scholarship funding for the first 40 student participants (\$5000 per year for 4 years per student).

There is, however, a great need for additional scholarship support for first generation students at UK. We invite the emeriti faculty to consider a gift/pledge to meet this important need. (Last year more than 200 eligible applicants competed for First Scholar's 20 scholarships.) Donors to the Program will help to ensure its continuation and enlargement. A one-time gift/pledge of \$25,000 (\$20,000 payable over four years) will support a student with a \$5000 scholarship for 4 years. The additional \$5000 (\$1,250 per yr.) will support the on-going needs of UK's First Scholar Program. To ensure your gift lasts a lifetime, a gift/pledge of \$125,000 endows a first-generation scholarship. Both gifts can be named for the donor.

But first generation retirees can also support the program by:

- ♦ Speaking about your own experience at a FirstScholar event or for the video project.
- ♦ Serving as a mentor to a first-generation student.
- ♦ Making a planned gift to the University program.

To volunteer, to make a contribution, or to learn more about the program, contact Jan Swauger at 323-6570 or jswauger@email.uky.edu

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The UK International Student Hospitality Program:

The office of International Affairs needs volunteers to befriend international students. Hosts, matched with students based on common interests, would provide students with activities such as: a meal at home, sports events, birthday parties, short trips, or conversation. To obtain an application, contact Karen Slaymaker, 257-4065, or visit www.uky.edu/IntlAffairs.

Honors Program Journal Project: The Honors Program invites retired faculty to serve as advisors in its Journal/Journey Project. The Project pairs students and advisors for a one-on-one exchange for two semesters, focusing upon the journal as a record of intellectual development. Advisors and students meet at least once a month to discuss, in an informal way, the highlights of the journal. Students receive 1 hour of credit on a pass-fail basis.

To be part of the 2011-12 Journal/Journey project, contact Meg Marquis, the Honors Program Academic Coordinator by Monday, September 13 at 257-3111 or e-mail at memarq0@email.uky.edu.

2011-12 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OFFICERS

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IN MEMORIAM, Spring/Fall, 2011

*Member, UKAEF

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Chemistry

Harry A. Smith, Jr.
Pharmacy

Charles Tutt
Plant & Soil Science

John Wiggs
Public Health

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

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LUNCHEON RESERVATION FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

I plan to attend the luncheon. Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ reservation(s) at \$19.00 each.

NAME _____ GUEST'S NAME _____

Necessary Change in Menu Choice: _____ Reason: _____

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

Send reservations to UKAEF c/o **CASIE CLEMENTS, 4812 Trillium Pl, Lexington, KY 40514-1410**
859-523-3460 or e-mail: CasieC@insightbb.com

Note: To receive a refund, reservations must be canceled by Monday, August 29, 2011.

UK ASSOCIATION OF EMERITI FACULTY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, 2011-12

NAME _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

Address _____ Zip+4 _____

E-mail address _____ Tel. _____ Dept./Col. _____

2011-12 Dues* \$20 (includes spouse or partner) New member ____ Renewal ____

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

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

***Make check for fellowship donation payable to University of Kentucky with notation of UKAEF Fellowship Endowment
mail form and check(s) to: Casie Clements, 4812 Trillium Pl., Lexington, KY 40514-1410*
