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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

In 1991, Marcia Farris began as a volunteer at the Arboretum and became director in 2000. She will discuss the construction of The Kentucky Children's Garden, other projects underway, and what the future holds for the gardens.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROBLEMS

Because some retirees have had problems with hospital claims and have uncertainty about how to solve them, Joey Payne of Employee Benefits offers this concise explanation.

The present UK plan has a \$250 deductible that runs concurrent with Medicare Part A (\$1,100, hospitalization) and Part B (\$155, physician, lab). When the retiree has satisfied the \$250 deductible, the plan will begin paying 80% of the allowed amount. The retiree's maximum out of pocket for a calendar year is \$1,750 (the \$250 deductible+ the \$1500 maximum for medical co-insurance).

For questions regarding claims, contact Carol Watson at 257-2124. For general questions call Employee Benefits at 257-9519, option 3.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – 2010-11

Our by-laws require that we hold the election of officers at the April meeting. The roster for this next year is as follows.

President: William Green
Vice-President: Bradley Canon
Treasurer: William Stober
Executive-Secretary: Jean Pival
Sue Fosson

Recording Secretary: Ed Sagan

Nominations from the floor are welcome.

EMERITI ACTIVITIES ARTICLE

Thanks to those who sent back the questionnaire about retiree contributions to the University, Jean Pival and Mary Witt were able to co-author an article that has

APRIL LUNCHEON MEETING

Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Place: Hillary J. Boone Center

Time: 11:30 A.M. Luncheon

Program: 12:30 P.M.

Speaker: Marcia Farris
Arboretum Director

Topic: "Growing Through Gardening: The
Kentucky Children's Garden and More"

Business Meeting: 1:30 P.M.

been accepted for the UK online news. To access it, go to website UKNow@uky.edu; click on Faculty and look for the UKAEF logo and the title: *Retired Faculty: The Group that Keeps on Giving*.

The UK International Student Hospitality Program: The office of International Affairs needs volunteers to befriend international students. Hosts are matched with students based on common interests and would provide students with activities such as: a home-cooked meal, sports events, birthday parties, hiking, shopping, and most especially, conversation. To obtain an application, contact Elis Bengu, 257-4067, ext.224, or visit www.uky.edu/IntlAffairs.

HISTORY OF THE ARBORETUM

Because of the hard work and planning that have encompassed a period of almost twenty years and because of the Arboretum's planned involvement with the 2010 World Equestrian Games, Mary Witt was asked to write a history of this "State Botanical Garden of Kentucky". She hopes that it will inspire you to volunteer for this summer's numerous activities.

The Arboretum: Evolution, Enjoyment, Education since 1991

--Mary Witt

In 1983, the green area across from Commonwealth Stadium (south side of Alumni Drive) contained remnants of the animal and row-plant research plots of the UK Ag Experiment Station Farm earlier transferred to other sites. That year, UK's Board of Trustees approved the preservation of 100 acres of that valuable land as an Arboretum.

Now twenty-seven years later, the area sports a two-mile walking path around seven areas representing the physiographic regions of Kentucky and featuring their native woody and herbaceous plants. Other attractions include: 16 acres of woods with a half-mile walking path through plants that existed in the Bluegrass area's pre-European days; home landscape plantings that include waves of annuals/perennials; a rose garden boasting 2,000 different cultivars; and demonstration gardens of herbs and vegetables, maintained by the Master Gardeners and that benefit God's Pantry. The Dorothea Smith Oatts Visitor Center provides weekly educational programs.

How did this transformation occur? It involved relentless work, surprising cooperation and fund raising by UK; sweat equity of community citizens and the LFUCG, all of which continue today.

- 1986:** UK (President Otis Singletary) and LFUCG (Mayor Scotty Baesler) hire Philadelphia's Environmental Planning and Design firm to develop a master plan.
- 1987:** UK Staff begins collecting seeds, cuttings, and plants from across Kentucky to represent the state's ecological regions. The genetic material is nurtured at Spindletop Farm's nursery production site for 6-7 years before planting at the Arboretum.
- 1988-89:** Environmental Planning and Design firm unveils preliminary master plan and groundbreaking occurs. Community citizens plant first trees, annual flowers and vegetables.
- 1992:** Friends of The Arboretum organize.
- 1995:** Citizens and UK Faculty/Staff plant 1200 native trees and shrubs along "Walk Across Kentucky."
- 1997:** Retiree Mary Witt serves as interim, part-time Director.
- 1998:** Tim Phillips begins rose collection. Mayor Pam Miller and Chancellor Elisabeth Zinser cut the ribbon for the "Walk Across Kentucky" path.
- 1999:** UK hires Marcia Farris as first part-time Director. Dorothea Smith Oatts offers a \$200,000 Challenge Grant provided that matching funds can be raised to begin construction of a Visitor Center.
- 2000:** Governor Paul Patton signs bill introduced by Ernesto Scorsone and Alice Forgy Kerr designating The Arboretum as the official State Botanical Garden of KY.
- 2002:** Mayor Pam Miller and UK's Jack Blanton cut ribbon for opening doors of the Dorothea Smith Oatts Visitor Center. UK hires Marcia Farris full-time; grant dollars provide funding to hire Brenda Franey as Education Director and Jim Lempke as Coordinator of Native Plants. BIG YEAR! (Marcia convinces administrators a VC and 100 acres of high-maintenance green area require a staff).

UK retirees have always been a source of cash-and sweat-equity for the Arboretum. Many UKAEF mentors have given years of contributions: Willem Meijer, Judith Lesnaw, and Wayne Davis (Biology) with their dream of a teaching collection of native-plants on campus; John Shaw (Plant Pathology) President of the Arboretum Friends for two years; Bob McNiel and Bob Anderson (Horticulture) major contributions of installing plants; Don Sands (Chemistry) service on grants committee and current Vice-President of Friends; Sue Fosson (Pediatrics) service on numerous Friends committees; Tom Pirone and John Hartman (Plant Pathology) management of the rose garden; Bob and Ruth Straus (Behavioral Science) past chairs of Arboretum Gala fundraiser; Tom Mullaney (Dentistry) chair of birdhouse event; Miriam Woolfolk (spouse) annual summary of volunteer hours; Kay Blues(adjunct faculty) docent for adult and youth guests.

Come to the April 13 meeting for Marcia Farris's whirlwind tour (on screen) of the UK facility.

IN MEMORIUM, Spring 2010

***Member, UKAEF**

John R. Batt
Law

William R. Markesbery
Neuropathology

James R. Ogletree
Education

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Dentistry

Wanda Lee Slaughter
Ag. Extension

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

2009-10 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Program: William Green
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Fellowship: John Shaw

Administrative Assistant: Casie Clements

**UK ASSOCIATION OF EMERITI FACULTY
RESERVATION FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010**

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

NAME _____ GUEST'S NAME _____

I (we) need transportation. Address: _____

Send reservations to **WM. J. STOBER, 516 MUNDY'S LANDING, VERSAILLES, KY 40383**
873-8580 or E-mail: Wjstob@aol.com

Note: To receive a refund, reservations must be canceled by Monday, March 29, 2010.



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