



Update

Dear Friends

October 12, 2016

Since my election to the KPERS Board of Trustees I have a new disclaimer that I must include in these updates from now on: "The views expressed in this update represent my views and/or the views of the Coalition. They do not in any way represent the views of KPERS Board of Trustees nor do I speak for them." (Ernie Claudel)

The monthly meeting of KCPR was held on October 12, 2016.

There continued to be discussions about the primary election and the up-coming general. Some of the election data provided last month will be reviewed later in this update. **The consensus of the discussion was that you need to vet your candidates and then be sure and VOTE for the local and State candidates you choose to support.**

The recent information from the KPERS Actuary was extensively discussed. The GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board) will not be pleased if the state contributions to KPERS are NOT paid in a timely manner **or** if the decision is made to re-amortize the Unfunded Actuarial Liability (KPERS Debt). While the dollars in the KPERS fund would remain the same, the reporting method required would make the payment schedule look much worse.

We proudly announce that KCPR continues to receive donations. We want to thank all responsible for those and want you to know that you will be receiving acknowledgment of same.

The Communications Committee continues the extensive work on the 2017 Report to the Legislature. When the document is completed, it will be available to all of you on line as well. The document will be completed prior to the opening session of 2017 Legislature.

Please note that we are having a difficult time finding a date for the Rally in behalf of KPERS! It seems that everyone wants to have a rally at the Capitol this year! Apparently, "hope springs eternal" on many fronts!

ELECTION SEASON DEVELOPMENTS, revisited and updated!!!

1. The website listed below is sponsored by the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and The Kansas Policy Institute. The advertised website is www.getthefactsKansas.com and is being advertised as a website to get accurate information regarding the Kansas financial condition.
2. If past elections are any indication, the registered voter is about to be bombarded with election related post cards from people some of who don't live here, raise their families here, or even work here. When the 'mudslinging' begins, the "spin & twist" will be on and if the facts aren't there to twist, lies will be used. Don't be fooled!
 - A. Some sources of this funding for above:
 1. The Kansas Chamber of Commerce
 2. The Kansas Policy Institute
 3. Americans' for Prosperity
 4. The Alford Foundation out of Texas
 5. ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council)
 6. KOCH Brothers

3. One of the ways to stop these mailings is to vote early. Once your ballot is received, your name will likely be removed from the registered, but not yet voted list. (Don't you wish this would work on the TV commercials!!? ☺)
4. We have found an easy way to determine who your State Representative or Senator is!! Go to www.openstates.org. You will immediately be presented with two options. Do not fill in the State box, put the complete address you wish to look up in the second option and push enter!! That's it!!
5. Advance Voting:
 - A. With Advance Voting, any registered voter can vote by mail or in person before Election Day.
 - B. Contact your county election office to request an application for an Advance Voting ballot.
 - C. Complete the Advance Voting application and return it to your county election office.
 - D. Your Advance Voting ballot can be mailed to you starting 20 days before the election.
 - E. Sick, disabled or Non-English Proficient voters may receive assistance in applying for the casting of Advance Voting ballots.
 - F. All Advance Voting ballots must be received in the county election office by the close of polls on Election Day at 7:00 PM.
 - G. You may vote in person in your county election office starting the Tuesday before Election Day, or up to 20 days before the election, depending on the county.
6. You may register to vote at your Local County Clerk Office, or in the large counties, the Election Office.
7. If you are in need of a photo ID or Driver's License, they can be obtained at your Driver's License Bureau.
8. **Due to the recent court rulings, you will need to check with your local election agency to see what papers are necessary in order to register to vote.**
9. **"When you skip voting, it's not rebellion, its surrender!" Research makes it unclear of this quotes origin!**
10. **We do know that the responsibilities placed on each citizen by the Constitution are twofold:**
 - A. Serve on Juries**
 - B. Vote!**

Important Dates

Important Dates for General Election

Tuesday, October 18 – Deadline to register to vote

Advanced Voting by Mail begins – Wednesday, October 19

Advance Voting in Person begins – Monday, October 24, Ends Monday, November 7, at noon.

Friday, November 4 – Deadline to apply for an advance ballot to be mailed

Tuesday, November 8 – General Election

Polls are open in Kansas from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Have a wonderful weekend!!!!

- Remember to send us your updated email address...also if for any reason you should no longer wish to receive this update, let us know at the address(es) listed at the end of this "update," and we will contact you and remove you from the official mailing lists.

- Just a reminder, that this email is an official report of the Kansas Coalition of Public Retirees. If Ron and I editorialize, we will indicate that fact.
- Remember that we want you to forward this to other retirees and the "working" who will benefit from this information.
- The KCPR website is www.ksretirees.org

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