

Fall 2017 Kansas Honey Producers Fall Meeting
Friday and Saturday, October 27 & 28, 2017
Ramada Hotel and Conference Center
2700 W. 18th Street, Emporia Kansas 66801
620-341-9287

To make reservations for the Ramada Hotel call 620-341-9287 and mention the Kansas Honey Producers Association to get the best rate. Room rates are \$65 plus tax for a non-smoking double room and \$75 plus tax for a non-smoking king. Reservations should be made by September 27th.

After our last meeting Becky worked up an evaluation form about the meeting and because of those answers and the feedback from Dr. Keith Delaplane I felt that it was imperative to make some changes to the program. My goal is to offer a quality program and I feel that, in an effort to save money, I've shorted you. Keith was shocked when I said he was the only professional attending. He said that for two day meetings we should always have at least 2-3 guest speakers. And he's right. I've been bowing to pressure to save money but what I'm afraid is happening is that the programs are poor so new members won't come a second time-and I can't blame them.

One of our guest speakers several of us had the pleasure of hearing speak at the North American Beekeeping Conference. Dr. Yong Park is from the University of Arkansas. His presentation on Honey Bee Morphology and Anatomy was fantastic. He brought in microscopes so that we could all look at the bee parts. He'll do the same for us! Another presentation he'll be giving is on Small Hive Beetles. He will be presenting four times.

One of our favorite people in the world is Clint Walker of Walker Honey Farm & Dancing Bee Winery, in Rogers Texas. Clint's family business was forced to change when African Bees moved into the area and put the kabash on their queen and package bee business. They were forced to reinvent themselves and he'll share those experiences with us.

Our third guest speaker is Reyah Carlson, an Apitherapy specialist, from Vermont. She is highly regarded in her field. One of her presentations is The Medicine Chest known as the Bee Hive. She also presents on the health and nutrition of all honey bee produced substances and how to use them, raw honey, pollen, propolis, royal jelly and venom. She will also demonstrate the sting technique and application. She is currently researching the use of bee sting therapy on tick borne illnesses. She is highly recommended by KHPA member, Tim Tucker. Reyah will be presenting four times.

Make your room reservations at the Ramada in Emporia and as soon as I have to topics in place I'll have them posted on the KHPA website. A few other topics have been suggested so I'll try to get those lined up too.

If you belong to a local beekeeping group please promote our meeting to your group. If you have any questions please call me at 913-856-8356 or email me at joli@heartlandhoney.com. If emailing please put KHPA in the message line.

The dates for the next 2 meetings are:

Spring 2018 March 9 & 10 McPherson KS. Dr. Dewey Caron has agreed to attend.

Fall 2018 October 26 & 27 Great Bend KS