

EARSP WEBSITE

Meeting Time and Place:

The Emporia Area Retired School Personnel (EARSP) organization meets at 11:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month at the Emporia Presbyterian Manor main dining room, 2300 Industrial.

History:

The Kansas Retired Teachers Association was organized in 1951 and changed its name to Kansas Association of Retired School Personnel (KARSP) in 2001. The Emporia Area Retired Teachers Association was the second unit to organize in Kansas in 1956.

Purpose of EARSP:

1. To afford opportunity for the expansion and interchange of opinion upon subjects of special interest to retired school personnel.
2. To promote the social, professional, and economic status of retired school personnel.
3. To encourage volunteerism through personal contribution and group activities for community service.
4. To affiliate with the Kansas Association of Retired School Personnel and support its programs.

Programs:

January 6, 2012 – “Healthy Living Habits,” Dr. Jennifer Thomas, ESU Assistant Professor in Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER)

February 3, 2012 – “In the Woods,” Theatre Students and Grant Geis, Emporia High School

March 2, 2012 – “What’s Happening at Camp Alexander,” Dr. Damon Leiss, Assistant Professor, ESU HPER and Director, Camp Alexander

April 6, 2012 – “Hospice Care,” Alyson Weiser, Hospice Coordinator, Newman Hand In Hand Hospice

May 4, 2012 – “Toad Hollow Daylily and Iris Farm,” Nina West, Owner and Creator of Toad Hollow

June 1, 2012 – “Wrapping Up the Kansas Legislative Session,” Jeff Longbine, Kansas State Senator

July 6, 2012 – “The Emporia Symphony Orchestra,” Dr. Jeremy Starr, Director and Instructor, ESU Department of Music

August 3, 2012 – “Issues for the Emporia City Commission,” Rob Gilligan, Emporia City Commissioner

September 7, 2012 – “*The Emporia Gazette’s* Role in Education,” Chris and Ashley Walker, Editors of *The Emporia Gazette*

October 5, 2012 – “ESU Homecoming Musical Preview,” ESU Department of Communication and Theatre

November 2, 2012 – “Dedication of the Member Memorials,” Sally Anderson, EARSP Memorial Chairperson

December 7, 2012 – “Christmas in Song,” Sarah Bays, Director, Emporia High School Viva Voce

2011 Officers:

President: Robert Grover

President-elect: Dee Schwinn

Secretary: Barb Sheeley

Treasurers: Liz Voorhees and Norma Stinnett

Past President: Kathy O’Mara

Scholarship:

In 1995-1996 the organization established an endowed scholarship fund through the Emporia State University Foundation. Each year scholarships are awarded to junior or senior education majors from the area represented by EARSP’s membership. For the 2011-12 academic year, \$600 scholarships were awarded to Rebecca Holman, a senior elementary education major from Burlington and to Shanelle Langdell, a senior elementary education major from Burlington.

Volunteer Activities:

Members volunteer regularly in community events: Docents for William Allen White House, William Allen White Book Award author presentation, Emporia Habitat for Humanity, Emporia Chamber of Commerce activities, assist Lions Club with the Head Start Christmas Party, Retirement Planning Workshop, EARSP Scholarship at Emporia State University, “Little Red Schoolhouse” entrant in local parades, KSU Extension Food and Nutrition Program, essay and photo judging, school volunteers, helping shut-ins, church activities, community youth programs, hospital volunteers, help with local drives, and community programs.

Dues: Annual dues are payable to the local treasurer in September and October. Local dues are \$5.00, and state dues are \$15.00.

Additional Information:

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