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Kansas Silver Haired Legislature Election Planned for March 14th

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The Sedgwick County Department on Aging/Central Plains Area Agency on Aging and the Kansas Department on Aging will conduct elections for the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at sites across Kansas. Sedgwick County Department on Aging/Central Plains Area Agency on Aging will sponsor the elections in Sedgwick, Harvey and Butler Counties. Anyone who is a current registered voter and is 60 years or older may vote for a candidate in his county/district.

The Kansas Silver Haired Legislature (SHL) provides an educational experience in the political process and provides an opportunity to identify priority concerns of Kansas' older adults. The SHL develops bills and resolutions that are presented to the Kansas Legislature and the Governor as recommendations for state policy.

Eight individuals from the tri-county area have filed to run in their county and local district. Sedgwick County has six delegates; Butler and Harvey Counties each have one delegate.

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The following are the individuals interested in being an SHL delegate and their areas of interest.

- Jacqueline Nagel – Sedgwick County, District 1
Interested in advocating for changes in business that are necessary for Kansas to compete better nationally and globally.
- Robert J. O'Brien – Sedgwick County, District 1
Interested in advocating for the rights of older adults and those older adults with disabilities.
- Bruce Cloyd – Sedgwick County, District 2
Interested in advocating for the rights of older adults residing in Sedgwick County.
- Edward A. Pokorski – Sedgwick County, District 2
Areas of interest include military retiree/handicapped issues, and advocating for property/school taxation relief.
- Betsy Kelly – Sedgwick County, District 3
Areas of interest include healthcare and prescription drug issues and advocating for expanded in-home care, nutrition, affordable housing, and adequate transportation.
- Mathew F. May – Sedgwick County District 3
Interested in advocating for the rights of older adults and working on issues to make life better for the elderly in Sedgwick County.
- Martha Durst – Sedgwick County, District 5/Running Uncontested
Areas of interest include healthcare, medication costs, and representing older citizens in her district.
- Helen Knetzer – Sedgwick County, At Large
Served as an SHL delegate in 2003-2006 and volunteered for SHL for the past 12 years. Areas of interest are grandparents raising grandchildren and advocating to freeze property tax for adults 60+.
- Harry R. Clements – Sedgwick County, At Large
Intends to compile a list of current needs, issues, and problems for the elderly in Sedgwick County.
- Owen B. Pierce – Butler County
Areas of interest include grandparents raising grandchildren in regard to the economic impact on the grandparents and property tax relief for seniors 70+.
- Kathryn M. Grantham – Butler County
Areas of interest include physical and mental health, enhancing communication, property tax elimination or reduction for adults 60 years and over, safety and Education.
- Dorothy Zook – Harvey County/Running Uncontested
Has been an SHL delegate for the last 4 years. Areas of interest include healthcare issues and advocating for older adults in Harvey County.

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To vote for the SHL candidate in your County and district that best represents you and your concerns go to any of the selected Silver Haired Legislature election sites nearest you on March 14th.

Park City Senior Center
6100 N. Hydraulic
Park City, KS
9am-1pm

Downtown Senior Center (Board Room)
200 S. Walnut
Wichita, KS
9am-1pm

For more information on Silver Haired Legislature or for answers on Aging contact the Sedgwick County Department on Aging/Central Plains Area Agency on Aging at (316) 660-5120 or 800-367-7298 or visit www.sedgwickcounty.org or www.cpaaa.org for further assistance.

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