

## **KALFA eBlast News**

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FOOD PRESENTATION WORKSHOP JUST 11 DAYS FROM TODAY:

Go to the KALFA website and look up Food Presentation Workshop Registration under "Education" and register now for your food service personnel. The workshop is scheduled for May 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the U of L Shelby Campus, Founders Union Building, Room 6 in lower level. This will be an excellent workshop that will train your employees that prepare and deliver food to your residents a better way to present the food that is pleasing to the eye. Register NOW!!!

FIVE WEEKS BEFORE YOUR 2017 CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION AT THE BROWN HOTEL, LOUISVILLE!!!

Go to the KALFA website and find the conference brochure under "Education" and register yourself and one or two of your colleagues for this exciting event. This year the third and each additional person can register for \$125 each. The first registrant is \$295 and the second registrant is \$195. Check out our education breakout sessions and indicate on your registration which breakout sessions you would like to attend. See you on June 7 & 8 at the Brown Hotel. We currently have nine

(9) sponsors and over twenty (20) exhibitors for the events and the trade show. REGISTER TODAY!!! Remember to make your reservations at the Brown Hotel by May 16, to get the conference rate. Call the hotel today!!

ARGENTUM CONFERENCE RECOGNIZES TWO OF KENTUCKY'S FINEST WITH THEIR ANNUAL HERO AND LEADERSHIP AWARDS:

The Argentum Senior Living Executive Conference was held in Nashville on May 1-3, 2017. There were many KALFA members in attendance at the conference. The Argentum 2017 Hero Awards GALA was on Wednesday, May 3 at the Music City Center in Nashville. There were only eight (8) awards given, and Kentucky won two of the awards. We would like to honor those two recipients in this week's eBlast:

The 2017 Hero Award Recipient was REGINA RICE, Brookdale Edgewood in Edgewood, Kentucky. Comments in the program were:

"Wellness nurse Regina Rice pursues her work with compassion and respect. Since beginning her tenure in Brookdale Edgewood's memory care community, Rice has implemented numerous changes to improve the lives of residents. She led the redesign of the community to include an updated kitchen, dedicated dining room, fully furnished activity area, sun room, and attractive secured courtyard. Memory care residents now receive their meals first and are offered the same meal choices as everyone else in the community. Rice teaches the staff how to help residents without compromising their dignity. When one resident had a difficult transition to memory care, Rice gave him several small tasks to do in order to help him feel needed. Her knowledge of each person's background and life story allows Rice to help them adjust to their new home. She has made her work a life mission and makes the lives of those she serves better every day."

The 2017 Argentum Senior Living Community Leadership Award Recipient is SHARON REYNOLDS, Executive Director of The Neighborhood of Somerset, Somerset, KY, a Five Star Senior Living Community. Comments in the program were:

"A hometown spirit drives Sharon Reynolds' dedication to the residents, families, and amployees at the iammes, and employees at the Neighborhood of Somerset, where she is executive director. She mingles with residents during activities and meal times and cooks breakfast for them on Christmas morning. She has purchased groceries for employees in need, contributed funds for a staff member to attend LPN school, and taught another to drive. While treating residents and employees with a caring touch, Reynolds keeps a close eye on the bottom line. The community has a greater than 99% occupancy rate, due in part to her efforts to attract more couples. She has reduced expenses by engaging more PRN on-call staff and employing more resident assistants to decrease the need for LPNs in the CCRC section of the community. The Neighborhood of Somerset has an employee satisfaction rating in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile and has received the National **Excellence Award from the National** Research Council."

NOTE: This award is the highest award given by Argentum!! Sharon Reynolds was the recipient of the KALFA Leadership Award in 2016.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO REGINA AND SHARON!!!

Have a great weekend!!!

## SAVE THE DATE:

2017 KALFA Conference & Exhibition "Aged to Perfection" June 7 & 8, 2017 Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY Have a great weekend!!! Bob White, Executive Director, KALFA