KBA’s Harold A. Stones Public Affairs Conference & Legislative Reception

March 16, 2020

Topeka Country Club
2700 S.W. Buchanan
Topeka
Kansas Bankers:

The 2020 Kansas legislative session is going to be a very important session for the bankers of Kansas. They are all important, so please don’t misunderstand, but during the 2020 session it will be essential as an industry to unite behind our tax equity battle. Getting behind the effort will include showing up in numbers to provide a visual understanding to the legislature that we are united. A great start to that is attending the annual Harold A. Stones Public Affairs Conference and Legislative Reception. This has always been well-attended by Kansas Bankers, but this year we need to go above and beyond in numbers at the Statehouse.

This past fall, a special interim committee comprised of members of the Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee (chaired by Senator Rob Olson) and the House Financial Institutions Committee (chaired by Representative Jim Kelly) was held at the State Capitol. The purpose of the hearing was to allow proponents and opponents of two bills brought forward by the KBA to testify: one bill, SB 238, removes the privilege tax on interest income for business loans (including agribusiness). The second bill, SB 239, places a state tax on the interest from business loans (including agribusiness) made by credit unions with assets greater than $100 million (approximately 12 credit unions in Kansas would be impacted) both with the goal of leveling the playing field on taxation at the state level. It does appear that we will begin the 2020 legislative session with SB 238 (or some version of that) being heard. We will need to continue to show our united efforts in seeing this bill through the process.

The KBA is also making an impact at the federal level on the tax equity front as well. The Enhancing Credit Opportunities for Rural America Act (ECORA) has been introduced by Senator Pat Roberts in the Senate and Congressman Steve Watkins in the House. Senator Jerry Moran has co-sponsored the bill (he introduced a very similar bill 18 years ago), while Congressman Roger Marshall and Congressman Ron Estes have also signed on as co-sponsors of the bill. The ECORA Act would exempt interest earned on ag real estate and home mortgages in rural communities with a population of 2,500 or less from federal income taxes.

The KBA Board dedicated a significant part of the strategic plan of the KBA, driven by KBA members’ input, to advocacy at the state and federal levels. It is an extremely important time for bankers from across the state to get involved with the State and Federal Affairs Committees of the KBA and just as importantly, involved in the KBA BankPAC.

By attending the KBA’s 2020 Harold A. Stones Public Affairs Conference, you will receive the most up-to-date information on this tax equity battle and other issues of importance at the state and federal level. Immediately following the conference, engage in the opportunity to educate your lawmakers at the Legislative Reception, to which all statewide officeholders and House and Senate members are invited. See you in Topeka on March 16th!

Sincerely,

Kurt A. Knutson, KBA Chairman

Thank you to our generous sponsors!
Kansas Bankers Association’s 2020 Public Affairs Conference
Monday, March 16th — Topeka Country Club, 2700 SW Buchanan, Topeka

10:00 a.m. Registration
10:30 a.m. Welcome & Special Introductions
   Kurt Knutson, KBA Chairman
10:45 a.m. 2019 BLOK Class Graduation and Introduction of 2020 Class

11:05 a.m. State and Federal Legislative Update
   - KBA President & CEO Doug Wareham
   - KBA EVP-General Counsel Kathy Taylor
   - KBA SVP-Government Affairs Alex Orel

11:45 a.m. Luncheon

12:15 p.m. Special Remarks
   Kansas Lt. Governor Lynn Rogers (confirmed)

12:45 p.m. Transition to Statehouse (Last bus departs at 1:00 p.m.)

1:15 p.m. Legislative Office Visits

2:00 p.m. Transition to Senate Chamber

2:30 p.m. Senate Session

3:15 p.m. Transition to Topeka Country Club

3:45 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. Senate and House Legislative Leadership Panel

   Senate President
   Sen. Susan Wagle

   Senate Caucus Chair
   Sen. Tom Hawk

   House Majority Leader
   Rep. Dan Hawkins

   House Minority Leader
   Rep. Tom Sawyer

5:00 p.m. Conference Adjourns

5:00 p.m. KBA Legislative Reception at Topeka Country Club
- 7:00 p.m.
Honoring Harold A. Stones

Harold A. Stones began his career with the Kansas Bankers Association on September 1, 1967, serving as Executive Vice President from 1981 to 1997, when he retired after 30 years of service. In honor of his service to KBA and the banking industry, the Public Affairs Conference was renamed after Stones’ retirement and has since carried the name of the Harold A. Stones Public Affairs Conference.

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Sara Blubaugh, VP, Public Affairs Conference Coordinator
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The first two registrations are $125 each.
Additional registrations are complimentary!

Add $25 for each registrant if registering after March 2, 2020.

* Fee includes luncheon, program, and refreshments.
* We understand that certain circumstances arise requiring cancellation –
If you cancel by Noon on Wednesday, March 11, your registration fee will be refunded.
* If you have special dietary needs or request special accommodations, please contact Sara at the KBA office.

REGISTRATION FORM
2020 KBA Harold A. Stones Public Affairs Conference & Legislative Reception
March 16, 2020 - Topeka Country Club, 2700 SW Buchanan, Topeka

Registrants:
Name________________________ Bank Location_________________________________

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Will you be staying for the Legislative Cocktail Reception? □ Yes □ No

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BANK __________________________ TOTAL ATTENDING __________________________

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Three ways to register:
1. Complete and mail registration form with payment.
2. Fax registration form, followed by mailing of payment. Please use this form as your invoice.

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