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What's Growing On...

The latest news from the
Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardeners

JANUARY 2017 | 104 S. Brayman St., Paola, KS 66071 | 913-294-4306 | www.maraisdescygnnes.ksu.edu

Calendar

JANUARY

- 10 – 9:30 am Advisory Board Meeting at the Paola Office
- 12 – 9:30 am Symposium Meeting, Paola Office
- 25 – 6:30 pm Seed Starting with Nancy Kalman at the LaCygne Library

FEBRUARY

- 4 – 6:00 pm Annual Awards Dinner & General Meeting at Timbercreek BBQ
- 14 – 9:30 am Advisory Board Meeting, Paola Office
- 16 – 6:30 pm Garden Tour Committee Meeting, Paola Office
- 22 – 6:30 pm Dealing with Nuisance Wildlife with Charlie Lee at the Paola Office

Awards Dinner

You are invited to attend the annual Awards Dinner on February 4, 2017. This year's banquet will be held at Timber Creek Bar & Grill (12 E. Amity St., Louisburg, KS) starting at 6:00 pm. Cost to attend is \$15 for Master Gardeners and \$25 for guests. Please make checks payable to the Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardeners and return them to the Marais des Cygnes Extension District Office (104 S Brayman, Paola, KS 66071) by February 1st. Your check serves as your reservation. Make sure to check out the invitation at the end of the newsletter and if you see Donna Cook or Susan Thompson tell them "Thank You" for organizing the Awards Dinner again this year!

Spring Garden Symposium

A huge thank you to Susan Thompson and Jeannie Trail who have graciously agreed to co-chair the Spring Garden Symposium again this year! They will be having a committee meeting on Thursday, January 12th at 9:30 am at the Paola Office. Everyone is invited, so if you would like to be part of planning the Symposium, please plan to attend.

Vote Now!

At the Awards Dinner on February 4th, we will hand out several awards and recognize EMGs for all their work throughout the year. Many awards are based on years of service and hours reported, but two of them are decided by YOU! The Master Gardener of the Year and the Rookie of the Year are decided by a vote of the current, active membership. Please cast your vote for these two awards at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TDZHCRT>.

Great Plains Grower Conference

The 2017 Great Plains Grower Conference will be held in St. Joseph, MO on January 12-14, 2017. Presentations from this event will count for advanced training credit. For more information visit www.greatplainsgrowersconference.org.



Advanced Training: Seed Starting

By Nancy Kalman

January 25 | 6:30 pm | 1 hr. AT credit | LaCygne Library (209 N Broadway, La Cygne, KS 66040)

Starting plants from seed is the most economical method of obtaining plants, with the advantage of a far greater selection than buying transplants at the nurseries. MdC EMG Nancy Kalman shares her encyclopedic knowledge of all things seed in this annual favorite training. Topics include seed storage, soil medium and moisture, lighting, germination methods, and timing. Recommendations for transplanting into larger containers and into the garden provide the gardener with the information to succeed.

Nancy Kalman grows pesticide-free fruits and vegetables for sale at her property, "Pickings and Pumpkins," in Spring Hill, KS.

On the Road Again...

The 2017 Master Gardener Bus Tour will be April 5-7. The bus will be headed south to Missouri and Arkansas with stops at P. Allen Smith's Moss Mountain Farm, Garvan Woodland Gardens, the Springfield Botanical Garden and much more! We have three fun-filled days of stops lined up and hope you will join us. For more information or to get a registration packet visit www.maraisdescygn.es.ksu.edu, stop by the Extension Office, or email Megan: mwesterhold@ksu.edu.

Newspaper Articles

It's time to sign up for the 2017 Newspaper Article rotation. We will need a total of 13 articles throughout the course of 2017. When writing, you are welcome to select a topic that you are interested in. There are only a few guidelines: 1) Articles should be researched, educational, and timely, 2) Articles should be approximately 400 - 500 words in length, and 3) Articles should be on topics that will be of interest to the general public. If you are interested in writing an article this year, please contact Mike Brown (mlbcoach@gmail.com) for available dates and to sign up.



A Note From Michael

I would like to thank the EMGs for all the support they have given to me and the organization the past year. I would also like to thank all for the notes and messages sent to me after my mother's death in November. Although my mother had a number of chronic illnesses her death was due to an accident and was somewhat unexpected. It has become apparent that I do not have the time or energy to continue in a leadership role in the organization at this time. I do plan to remain active in the organization, attending educational events, fund raising activities, and of course volunteer hours in our community projects. I want to thank the board for their support and wish Shirley the best as Chair of the board. I know she will do a good job and keep us on task. Many thanks. —*Michael Poss*

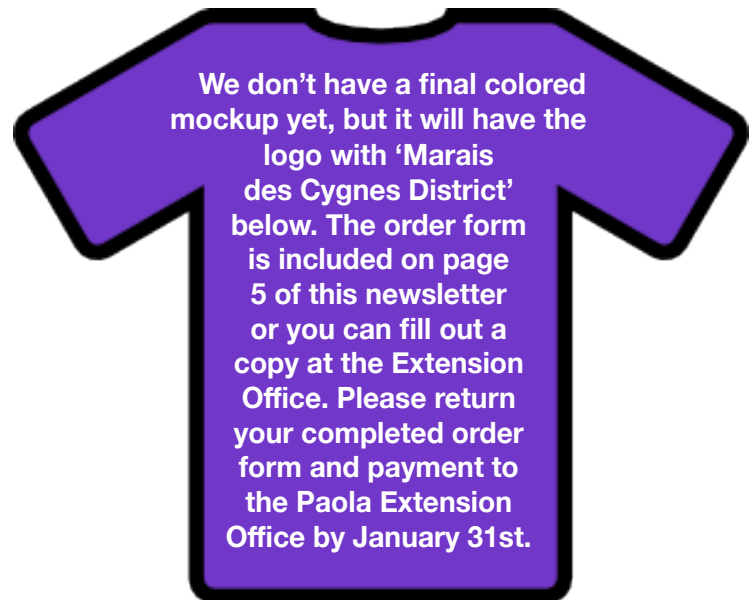
The newsletter deadline is the 20th of the month preceding publication. Please send news and photos to mwesterhold@ksu.edu.

2017 Advisory Board

Chairman — Shirley New
Vice-Chairman — Debbie Kitchell
Secretary — Pat Trachsel
Treasurer — Laraine Crawford
Members at Large — Jan Putzier, Becky Thorp

Order Your New EMG Shirt Now

As a statewide organization, the Master Gardener program has a new logo. Due to the new logo and the general dislike of the gold color of the current shirts, the Board has decided to do another shirt order. The board voted to make the new shirts (excluding the denim shirts) K-State purple with the text stitched in white on the left chest. The board has agreed to purchase everyone a new T-shirt. You are also welcome to order any additional items that you may want. Most of the products offered are the same styles that have been available previously, so sizing should be similar. Contact Megan if you have questions on sizing.



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Be sure to follow the Marais des Cygnes EMGs on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mdcemg

Master Gardener in the Spotlight: Phyllis Benedict

By Mike Brown

Since joining the Extension Master Gardener Program in 2010, Phyllis has gotten off to a grand start as an EMG by being chosen Rookie of the Year for 2011 and Master Gardener of the Year in 2013. She currently chairs the Courthouse Gardens Project.

Like most of us, the ex-Garmin employee carries on a family tradition of gardening following the green thumbs of her mother and grandmother. Phyllis describes her personal yard space as having a cottage garden feel and enjoys lots of flowers in her work-in-progress Paola garden of 40 years. She initially pursued the Master Gardener program to learn what flowers were needed in order to



have something in bloom all season long. She has applied what she has learned saying, "If I could change

anything, I would have amended my pre-Master Gardener flower beds before I put in my perennials."

Phyllis recognizes the value of all EMGs but pays special tribute to the guidance of Patti Armstrong and the herbal education received from d Brown. She appreciates the comments of the public and courthouse staff that recognize all the efforts that have gone into shaping and caring for the Courthouse Gardens.

In her non-gardening time, she is a part-time genealogist and serves as Registrar for a local Daughters of the American Revolution chapter.

"I love all my plants but my favorite is whatever is blooming at the time." - PB

Garden Tour Committee Meeting

2017 is here and it is time to work on the Garden Tour! There will be a committee meeting on Thursday, February 16th at 6:30 pm at the Paola Extension Office. We hope to see you there!



A Preview Peak at Three of the Fall 2017 Garden Tour Gardens

Reporting Reminders

By Megan Westerhold

As we move into a new reporting year I wanted to pass along a few helpful reminders about reporting your hours and help everyone get started on the right foot.

1) We offer several Advanced Training opportunities each year. However, there are many other opportunities available in surrounding counties. Nearly any program provided by K-State Research and

Extension, regardless of location, will count for Advanced Training hours. If you have questions about whether workshops or programs offered by other organizations will count, just email Megan and check.

2) Volunteer hours should only be reported for time spent working on approved Master Gardener projects and events (Garden Tour, Court-

house Gardens, Extension Gardens, etc.).

3) Make sure to report all your hours, even if you have put in more than 40 hours of volunteer time or 10 hours of Advanced Training. I know you all put in a lot of hard work throughout the year. It's ok to brag on yourself and it makes our organization look better in the state-wide reports!

Online Hour Reporting Refresher Guide

Reporting Site: www.kansasemg.org

Entering Volunteer Hours

- Log on to the system using your own username and password
 - If you have forgotten your password, click on the “Forgot Username or Password” link and it will email the information to you.
- Click on “Access the Reporting System”
- Click on “Report New Hours”
- Select a project category and subcategory
 - All EMG projects are sorted under different categories. You pick the category, then choose the subcategory where our EMG projects are listed.
 - **Administration** – Please list anything you do to support the EMG program’s business, like board meetings, general meetings, committee meetings, prep time, etc. under this category
 - **Outreach** – Anything that you do to educate the community including the Courthouse Gardens, Trial Gardens, Extension Office Gardens, Seeds for Kids, Hotline, Garden Symposium, Garden Tour, etc.
 - **Fundraising** - Plant Sale
 - **Advanced Training** – All trainings, field trips, etc. go here.
 - **Subcategories**
 - Marais des Cygnes – Any trainings offered by the MdC District
 - K-State – Any trainings offered by other EMG groups or K-State
 - Other – Any APPROVED trainings that are provided by non-EMG groups or non K-State EMG groups.
- Click on the calendar box and select a date.
 - We like for them to be as accurate as possible, but these dates do not have to be exact.
- Enter the number of hours you wish to report.
- Please enter something descriptive in the Location and Description boxes so it is clear what you did.
- Please enter the estimated number of people you came in contact with as an EMG at that event.
- Click on “Save.” To enter more hours, you will need to click on “Add New.”
- Repeat these steps as needed until you have entered all your volunteer projects and advanced training hours.

If possible, please begin entering an estimated number of people that you had contact with as an EMG. This is very helpful when we are doing reports.

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____



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| Item | Color | Size (Please Circle) | Qty | Price | Total |
|-----------------------------|--------|---|-----|----------|-------|
| Short Sleeve T-Shirt | Purple | S, M, L, XL, <i>2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL</i> | | FREE | |
| Ladies Short Sleeve T-Shirt | Purple | XS, S, M, L, XL, <i>2XL, 3XL, 4XL</i> | | FREE | |
| Ladies V-Neck T-shirt | Purple | XS, S, M, L, XL, <i>2XL, 3XL, 4XL</i> | | \$ 14.50 | |
| Tank Top | Purple | S, M, L, XL, <i>2XL</i> | | \$ 14.50 | |
| Ladies Tank Top | Purple | S, M, L, XL, <i>2XL, 3XL, 4XL</i> | | \$ 17.00 | |
| Long Sleeve T-Shirt | Purple | S, M, L, XL, <i>2XL, 3XL, 4XL</i> | | \$ 16.25 | |
| Long Sleeve Denim Shirt | Denim | S, M, L, XL, <i>2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL</i> | | \$ 29.25 | |
| Mens Polo | Purple | S, M, L, XL, <i>2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL</i> | | \$ 23.00 | |
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| Hooded Sweatshirt | Purple | S, M, L, XL, <i>2XL, 3XL, 4XL</i> | | \$ 31.25 | |
| Hooded, Full Zip Sweatshirt | Purple | S, M, L, XL, <i>2XL, 3XL, 4XL</i> | | \$ 40.00 | |
| Full Length Apron | Purple | One Size Fits Most | | \$ 17.00 | |
| Medium Length Apron | Purple | One Size Fits Most | | \$ 17.00 | |
| Adjustable Hat | Purple | One Size Fits Most | | \$ 12.75 | |

All orders WITH payment are due to the Extension Office by January 31, 2017

All items 2XL & Up -

Add \$3.00 each

Grand Total

Make Checks Payable to: Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardeners

Tax is included in the price

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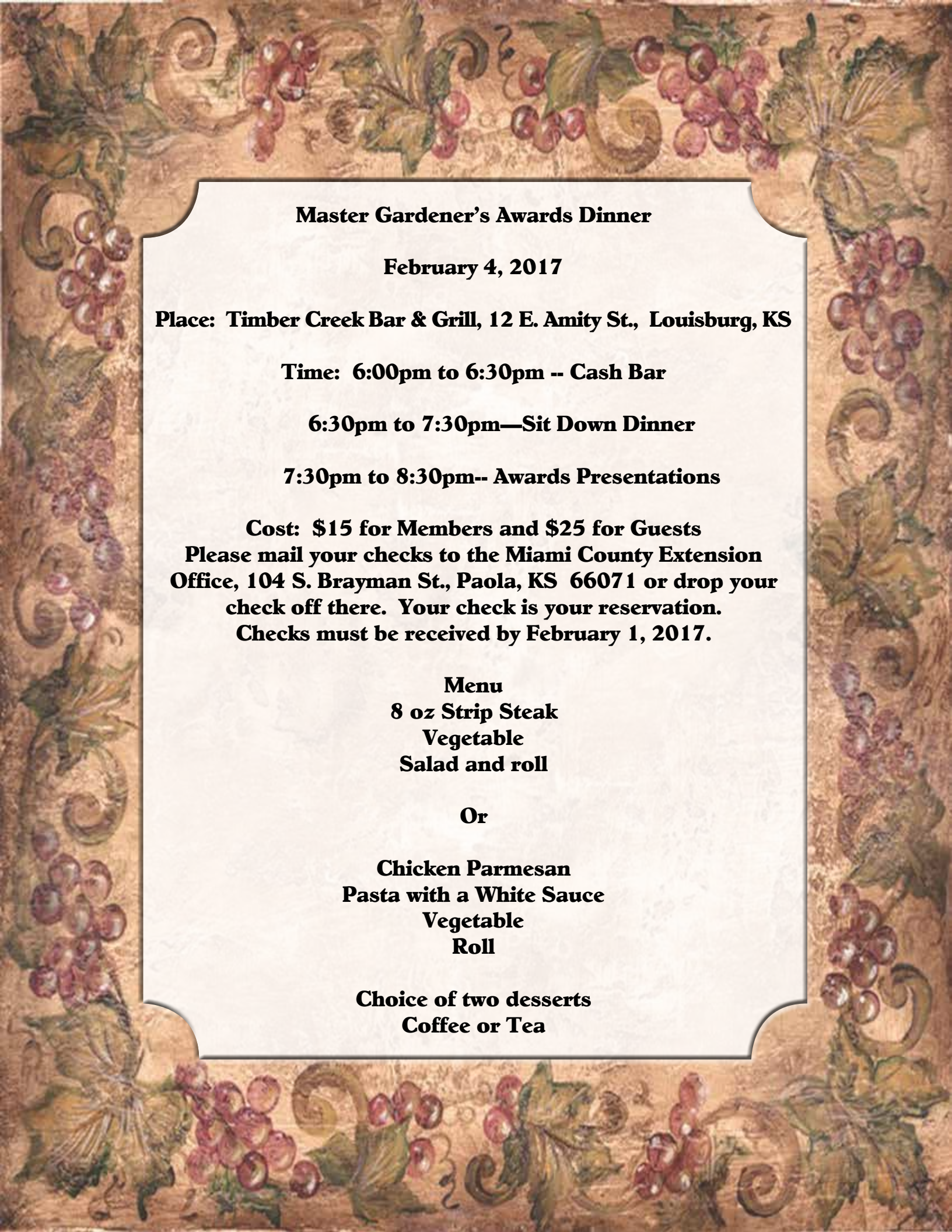
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Master Gardener's Awards Dinner

February 4, 2017

Place: Timber Creek Bar & Grill, 12 E. Amity St., Louisburg, KS

Time: 6:00pm to 6:30pm -- Cash Bar

6:30pm to 7:30pm—Sit Down Dinner

7:30pm to 8:30pm-- Awards Presentations

Cost: \$15 for Members and \$25 for Guests

Please mail your checks to the Miami County Extension Office, 104 S. Brayman St., Paola, KS 66071 or drop your check off there. Your check is your reservation.

Checks must be received by February 1, 2017.

Menu

8 oz Strip Steak

Vegetable

Salad and roll

Or

Chicken Parmesan

Pasta with a White Sauce

Vegetable

Roll

Choice of two desserts

Coffee or Tea