



Eagle Council 50

Saturday, 9/24/22

9:15 am

Speaker: Wilmot, Kathy – Kathy Wilmot began her professional career as a certified public-school teacher in Nebraska. After spending a few years teaching in rural schools, she began employment with Bethphage Mission (now Mosaic) as a Qualified Mental Retardation Professional (QMRP). Primary responsibilities included evaluation of residential clients, chairing the Interdisciplinary Team, writing Individual Program Plans, and monitoring progress.

After working as Area Director for Mid-Nebraska Mental Retardation Services and Area Director of Bethphage Community Services in Texas, Kathy and her family returned to Nebraska. A change in professions occurred when Kathy was employed with the Kansas Department of Corrections at Norton Correctional Facility, a medium and minimum facility for 850 male offenders. As Staff Development Specialist, Wilmot developed the Orientation, Basic and Annual training for all staff employed at the facility. After serving in that capacity for 11 years, she was employed at the Accreditation Manager for the Stockton and Norton Correctional Facilities. In that capacity, she monitored compliance with federal and state statutes, compliance with Fire, Safety, Health and Environmental regulation and assisted the facility in achieving National Accreditation with the American Correctional Association.

In the late 1980's, Kathy became concerned about changes she observed in the educational system and placed a call for assistance – and the person who answered was Phyllis Schlafly! Upon Phyllis' insistence, Kathy attended her first Educational Policy Conference held by Donna Hearne in St. Louis, Missouri, which has led to many years of political involvement, lobbying, and speaking.

To make a difference for Nebraska's school children, Wilmot ran for and was elected to the Nebraska State Board of Education where she served two terms. In recent years, Kathy has been lobbying and educating individuals and Legislators on proposed legislation and issues of concern at the state and federal level.

She is currently running for University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

Kathy and her husband Wes reside on a small farm in Nebraska. They enjoy their three children – and their spouses – who have “given” them 10 grandchildren. God has truly blessed their family!

Title: *I Ran for School Board and Won!*

Action Items:

Educate/Communicate:

Who?

- Relationships – They need to “know” you, ie. reliable, truthful, dedicated
- The public – They will be the “masses” to attend meetings/hearings, write letters, testify\
- Office Holders/Boards- They are ‘fed’ one-sided information; are influenced by media
- Let them know you are “watching”

How?

- Letters to the Editor
- Meetings – Establish working groups
- Radio Interviews
- Press Release
- YouTube
- Social Media

Be Present:

- Support individuals who are standing for what is right!
- Provide research materials
- Attend meetings – Seeing a “prayer warrior” is very encouraging
- Read materials – highlight facts

Support candidates/appointees

- Meet & Greets
- Prayer Groups
- Walk doors
- Find sign locations
- Fund Raisers