

Steuben County Retired Teachers' Association Newsletter: Spring 2019 CWZ/NYSRTA

A Message from your President: Teresa Stephens



Hello SCRTA Members!!! Welcome Spring!!! It has certainly been a long, cold, wet winter for me. I am looking forward to see our members and get caught up with everyone's activities. This Spring Meeting will be held in Canisteo at the Kanisteo Historical Society. I rarely get to Canisteo, so I am excited that our meeting, meal, and program will be held there. Steuben sent another lovely raffle basket to the CWZ Annual Meeting. Our legislative chairpeople, William Messner and John Murawski have had discussions with Bill Lesniak, our CWZ chairperson, and state representatives. A full report can be read at: www.cwzretiredteachers.org.

We are saddened that our Resolution Representative, **John Roy**, passed away on December 25, 2018. John had been an active member of NYSRTA, CWZ, Steuben County and many other educational organizations. We will honor him by donating to one of his charities within Steuben County as our Fall Community Service Project. As Steuben's Membership Chairperson I have tried to continually update our membership. This includes addresses, school retired from, when retired, phone numbers, birthdays, and emails and who has passed away. This is very important because the State Association (NYSRTA) needs to verify who is a NYSRTA member. The number of delegates who can vote and attend the State Convention are determined by membership. Being a Steuben member does not automatically make you a NYSRTA member. If you are a NYSRTA member please send me your **5 digit membership number on your card** and the **expiration date**. If you are a **LIFETIME MEMBER**, you do not have to do anything. It is easy to join NYSRTA. Go to the website: www.nysrta.org and you will be quite impressed with the many benefits NYSRTA offers including the Magnificent Seven (7) Strengths of NYSRTA!

NYSRTA does have a NEW MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE: \$\$\$\$ Any current NYSRTA member who recruits 5 NEW NYSRTA members between May 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019 will get \$50 from NYSRTA! Membership applications done

online by the new member need to note the name and zone of the member who recruited them in the “**Referred to by** (*Referring member’s name and zone*) **section on the application.**

Handout or written applications need to have the **name and zone of the referring member on the top of the application.** You must be sure to have the new members identify you as the referring member to get this credit.

Promote a Great Organization and get rewarded for it!
5 (new members) for \$50 !!!!

We all need to promote OUR STEUBEN COUNTY MEMBERSHIP TOO!!!!

I will be sending out welcoming letters to newly retired teachers in Steuben County this June. The letter invites the retirees to join SCRTA and lists the purpose and functions of this worthy organization. The Fall newsletter is also sent to inform the retirees of the many activities/services we provide.

Below is a listing of our Steuben County officers. Please contact any one of us to accept a vacant position that **YOU** are willing to serve. It really helps when the responsibilities are spread out among the members. Everyone’s help is needed if SCRTA is to remain a strong and viable organization.

Current Officers:

President:	Teresa Stephens	teresa72stephens@gmail.com	ph: 585-770-4948
Vice-President:	Vacant		
Secretary:	Vacant		
Treasurer:	Joanne Bennett	jombennett1@hotmail.com	ph: 585-728-2074
Membership:	Teresa Stephens	see above	ph: 585-770-4948
Legislation:	Bill Messner	bhmessner@bluefrog.com	ph: 607-382-2441
	John Murawski	johnmurawski@gmail.com	ph: 607-324-6313
Historian:	Joanne Bennett	see above	
	Sharon Mitchell	s55Mitchell@frontiernet.net	ph: 585-728-5122
Friendly Service:	Barb Watson	barbsam418@gmail.com	ph: 607-776-4637
Resolutions:	Vacant		
Nominations:	Gil Ferris	ferrisgilbert@yahoo.com	ph: 607-776-7101

IN MEMORY

Our Steuben Unit has made a concerted effort to keep track of members that have died within the last few years. We don't always have the exact dates of passing but still want to acknowledge that their membership was important to us. The following members have passed: LM means Lifetime Member.

Daniel Troy- LM-Avoca
Wesley Moore- Haverling

John Roy- LM- Campbell-Savona
Sally Warner- Not a Member but wife of
Howard Warner, a LM

If a passing member is not listed or a member passes during the coming year, please notify an officer and we will list them in the next newsletter.

Member Enrollment form for Steuben County Unit:

Please return this section to: Joanne Bennett, SCRTA Treasurer, 129 Riptide Drive, Wayland, NY 14572 Dues: 1 year: **\$5.00** Lifetime membership: **\$25.00**

First year membership is free to newly retired educators. Membership year extends July 1 through June 30. Yearly membership dues are payable by October meeting.

Make checks payable to:

Steuben County Retired Teachers' Association

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Newsletter will be emailed unless noted to come by regular mail.

Birthday:mm/dd/yr: _____ Year Retired: _____

School Retired From: _____



Linda Ferris showing the historical St. Thomas Quilt to SCRTA members at the Fall Luncheon.

SCRTA SPRING MEETING and LUNCHEON:

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at the Kanestio Historical Society , 23 Main St., Canisteo in the “business district”. Parking on both sides of street and lots nearby.

Catered by Big Pa Pa’s. BBQ pulled chicken, mashed potatoes, toss salad(ranch or vinaigrette dressing) coffee, lemonade, and strawberry shortcake.

Meet and Greet: 10:30 Meeting: 11:00 Lunch: 11:30 Program: 12:00 + **Cost \$16.00**

Program: John and Sue Babbitt, retired teachers from Canisteo, will present “Rural School Houses in Steuben County”. After the program, members may tour the Kanestio Historical Museum.

Community Service is a monetary donation to the Kanestio Historical Society.

Door Prizes!!!

50/50 TICKETS: \$1 for 1 ticket, \$2 for 3 tickets, \$5 for 10 tickets

A check will be sent to the winner if not present.

Please fill out the registration form below and send a check for luncheon, donation and/or raffle payable to **SCRTA**. Mail form to **Joanne Bennett, 129 Riptide Drive, Wayland, NY 14572**

Deadline for reservation is **Tuesday, June 4, 2019**.

Name: _____ # Attending _____

Donation to Kanisteo Historical Society: _____ 50/50 Tickets: _____

Total sent: _____

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FALL LUNCHEON: Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Simply Autumn's Cafe. A Program will be presented by the Wayland Paranormal Spirit Society. Their website if you wish to view is www.waylandpss.com/. Community Service will be a donation to a charity that John Roy supports. This will be announced in the Fall Newsletter.

Potential sites for meetings in 2020: Here is a list of potential places to meet for 2020. It is hoped that members attending in 2020 will select **two** sites that they would like to hold a meeting and possibly have a tour/program if appropriate. Send your requests to me, Teresa Stephens, before June 11, 2019. I will announce the sites that had the most requests at the Spring Meeting.

Battle Street Brewery, Dansville

Clara Barton House, Dansville

Wadsworth Homestead, Geneseo

Bath National Cemetery, Bath

Pleasant Valley Wine Company, Hammondsport

Heritage Village of Southern Finger Lakes, Corning

Stony Brook State Park, Dansville

Finger Lakes Boating Museum, Hammondsport

Gunlocke Company, Wayland



Linda and Gil Ferris spoke to the SCRTA group about the history and the unique designs in the St. Thomas alter floor. The church members are currently raising funds to restore the roof.

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