

WAYNE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Fall 2019

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Greetings from the President of the Retired Teachers of Wayne County.

President's Message:

I had the privilege in June of presenting 3 Barry Fleegel awards to young deserving teachers in Wayne County. They were from Gananda, Pal-Mac, and Newark. They were chosen for their good teaching, participation in their schools' activities, and their desire to further their education. Not only is this an honor for them, but they receive a monetary award to help them with their graduate work.

Even though we are a teachers' association, retired administrators and teaching assistants are welcome as well. The state retirement association is making some changes to ensure that everyone understands that we welcome all retired educators, not just teachers in our organization.

Our organization is still looking for members to step up to help by being an officer. We need a vice president, a treasurer, a membership chair, a parliamentarian, and a resolutions chair. The current officers are more than willing to help someone learn these offices. Remember, an organization is only as strong as its membership, and we need YOU!

I hope to see you, new retirees as well as veteran ones, at our fall meeting for good fellowship, good food, and good entertainment.

Joyce Pittenger, President

If you would like to receive notices via email and have not provided Bill Lesniak with your email address, or it has changed, please send Bill an email with your address: wmllesniak@aol.com

Thanks to all who have been sending news items for the newsletters. Keep them coming!!

NEWS AND NOTES

Community Service- Elaine Leasure

At our Fall meeting we will be collecting personal care items for the Domestic Violence Center. Many people arrive at the Center with only the clothes they are wearing and leave everything else behind in order to escape violence. These items can make them feel safe and valued. Items can include, but are not restricted to: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, bar soap, body wash, powder, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss. We will also take a donation at our meeting to purchase even more of these items

We are saddened by news of the passing of:

Loretta Bartlett (WFL BOCES)

Linda Breckenridge (Sodus)

Marie Butler (Pal Mac)

Sheila Harrington (Red Creek & Wayne)

Roberta Updaw (Wayne)

We are hoping to see many of you at the luncheon in October. The Sodus Country Club is also under new management and we are looking forward to meeting there again.



Since many of our members are “snowbirds” we have encountered many difficulties with mailing the winter newsletter and it has been quite costly. So it was decided that we will only do the newsletters before our luncheons.

New Retirees

We are pleased to welcome into our ranks the following new retirees. If you know any of them, please reach out and encourage them to become active in our organization. Invite them to attend the luncheon with you!!

Lyons: Irene Cheney, Laura Maddock & Brenda Neal

Marion: Cindy Matteson, Nancy Petrosino & Julie Zeller

Newark: Susan Achille, Debora Barry, Karen Burgess, Debra Chappell, Linda Klemann, & Marcia Kraham

NRW: Pam Brooks, RL Murray Jr., Becky Rose and Paul Wallach

Pal Mac: Lauren Bradstreet, Frank Nau, Leslie Vecchiotti & Amy Monachino

Red Creek: Heidi Dates

Sodus: Debby Burlee, Kathleen Byers, Cathy Coleman, Wendy Finn, Shelly Foisy, Jane Houck, Ginger Knapp, Laurie Lessord, Paula Piper, Sandra Porschet, Linda Rasbeck & Jeffrey Tuma

Williamson: Nancy Shay & Denise Sprout

We are still missing names from a few districts. If you can help, please let us know.

WCRTA dues are \$5 per year

NYSRTA dues are \$30 per year or \$450 for lifetime membership.

Why Join?

- Social Connections
-we're all educators
- Benefits
-special rates on insurance, etc.
- Website
-packed with helpful info
- Travel Opportunities
-cruises, bus trips
- Community Service
- Programs
-some inform, some entertain
- And so much more...

WCRTA & NYSRTA Wants YOU!!

June 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Joyce Pittenger at 10:00 AM followed by the Pledge to the Flag and a Moment of Silence for our departed friends. For the Thought of the Day, an ageless recipe was shared by Kathy Grandjean. Joyce said we needed a Vice President and a Treasurer. Kathy Grandjean and Joyce Pittenger would be willing to help anyone who volunteers for these positions.

Joyce introduced the other officers and recognized the Past Presidents of WCRTA that were present. She also welcomed Robyn Ballard one of our CWZ Co-Presidents. Joyce gave out information about Marge Hunt's Memorial.

SUNY Brockport is in need of Student Teacher Supervisors if interested.

Secretary's Report: Julie Wunder

Minutes from the October 2, 2018 meeting were on the table. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Joyce Pittenger

She reported \$812.83 in Savings, \$6318.52 in Checking, \$4463.76 in the 24 month CD, and \$2514.10 in the DMA Account. Rita Lesniak made the motion to accept the Treasurers report. Kathy Grandjean seconded the motion. The report was approved.

There is a contest for recruitment of 5 new members to NYSTRA with a \$50 reward.

Under Membership it was moved by Sharon Maher and seconded by Lois Ludwig that after 5 years of not paying dues, the member will be dropped. The motion was approved.

Health Care: Sharon Maher

Sharon talked about Laughter being the Best Medicine.

Friendly Service:

A Chairman is needed as well as many area representatives.

Community Service: Elaine Leasure

Today we collected for the Laurel House.

Federal/State Legislation: Bill Lesniak

Bill reported that they want to improve the COLA base from \$18,000 to \$20,000. Also they want to increase Mental Health spending. They want to change assessment scores to local level and not be tied to teacher evaluations. On the Federal Level they are looking at drug riders.

Historian: Rita Lesniak

Rita thanked everyone for their news articles. Keep sending them. She brought the scrapbooks to the meeting.

CWZ:

Robyn introduced herself to the group. She also presented the programs NYSRTA has to offer. She also introduced Joan McClure who talked about Health Insurance.

Election of Officers

Bill Lesniak moved and Retta Smith seconded the motion to approve the officers for 2018-2019. The motion passed. **The officers are: Joyce Pittenger-President, OPEN-Vice President, Julie Wunder-Secretary, and Open-Treasurer.**

John Hogan moved and Bill Lesniak seconded that a donation be sent to the Wolcott Lioness Club in memory of Marge Hunt and to the Parish Public Library in memory of Sharon White. Motion approved.

Program: Laurel House. The program was very educational.

Grace: By Della Ludwig

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Music was provided by the Wayne Central Select Choir.

Minutes written by Julie Wunder

Next Meeting: October 8, 2019

Art Mason will be our guest speaker at the Fall Luncheon. He received his Masters' Degree in Social Work from the University of Buffalo in 1989 and was hired by LIFESPAN following his student internship with the Elder Abuse Prevention Program (EAPP). He has been Director of that program since 1992.

In addition to maintaining a caseload, Mr. Mason does presentations and trainings on the topics of elder abuse & financial exploitation across New York State and the U.S. He currently is a member of a national team which provides training and support to U.S. Dept. of Justice/Office of Violence Against Women grantees who are funded to do law enforcement training on the issue of Domestic Violence in Later Life/Elder Abuse/Financial exploitation.

If you missed our last luncheon, our historian has provided some candid shots. Don't miss out on the next one!!



Cut and return this reservation form

Price: \$19.00 (Those 90 or over and new retirees- \$9.50)

Deadline: September 24, 2019

Send to: Joyce Pittenger, 6566 E. Port Bay Rd., Wolcott, NY 14590 (315-594-8965)

(check payable to **WCRTA**)

(\$19.00 lunch and \$5.00 dues for 2019-2020 would total \$24.00)

Total Enclosed _____

Name _____

Lunch Selection:

_____ Harvest Salad

(Romaine and mixed field greens, apples, candied walnuts, dried cranberries, crumbly bleu cheese with balsamic vinaigrette)

_____ Smokehouse Chicken Wrap

(Grilled BBQ chicken breast, topped with Applewood smoked bacon, cheddar cheese, house-made onion straws, and spinach)

_____ Classic Cheeseburger

(8 oz. steak burger with American cheese, topped with lettuce and tomato)

School District _____

E-mail address _____

Guest's Name _____

Wayne County Retired Teachers' Association
Meeting and Luncheon
The Heights
7030 Bayview Drive, Sodus Point, NY 14555
Tuesday, October 8th, 2019

9:45 Coffee, doughnuts and conversation

10:15 Wayne County Retired Teachers'
Association Meeting

11:00 Special guest speaker: Art Mason – Director of the Elder Abuse Prevention Program at LIFESPAN

12:00 Lunch (Sandwiches include a side of Waffle Fries. Dessert will be a tray of mini cannoli, eclairs and crème puffs.)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES!!

NYSUT meeting – Oct. 1

WCRTA Fall Luncheon – Oct. 8 at The Heights

Decorations – Sodus

CWZ Annual Meeting – Sept. 19th

NYSRTA Convention – Oct. 9,10th &11th

REMINDER: If you see an article or obituary regarding a retired Wayne County Teacher, please send it to our Unit Historian, Rita Lesniak. Her address is: 7449 State St., Sodus, NY 14551. Her email is:
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Dues:

The date after your name on the address label tells your paid dues status, for example, "18CO" would mean your dues for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 are paid.

*Please send your \$5 (checks made out to WCRTA) to:

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Your support is needed to keep our organization alive and well!

**If you think there is an error, please contact Joyce or Kathy Grandjean.

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