

## Steuben County Retired Teachers' Association Newsletter: Fall 2020 CWZ/NYSRTA--RENY

### President's Message: Teresa Stephens

Hello Steuben County Members!!!!

No complaints about this summer and early fall! Even though we had many hot dry days it has been mostly comfortable here in Steuben County. The early frost this September has triggered a brilliant display of foliage. In August I sent out 17 invitations to new retirees from Steuben County. It has been a challenge for all counties to get retirees to join the units and become members of our state association. The state still has the initiative to join so if you can convince a retiree that is not a member to join, all the better! As you know, NYSRTA is now called RENY--Retired Educators of New York. NYSRTA will still be used for legal matters; very costly to completely change the name.

Steuben will **NOT** have its fall meeting, The Covid-19 pandemic has literally shut down all unit meetings. Hopefully the meetings will resume in the Spring of 2021 if a vaccine is available. The CWZ **DID NOT** have its Annual Meeting this year because of the pandemic. CWZ hopes to have its Annual Meeting again next September 2021.

I am stepping down as President of the Steuben County Retired Teachers' Association. I have enjoyed the many friends and members that belong to this unit. I have other commitments that I will be focusing on. Even though I am stepping down I hope the next president will have the same success and enjoyment as I did.

2019 Steuben County **Certificate of Appreciation** was awarded to **William Messner** at its Fall Meeting and at the CWZ Annual Meeting. Members from the Retired Teachers Association thanked Bill for the many years he has represented Steuben on the Legislation Committee.

### In Memory:

Our Steuben Unit is making 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 Life Member.

Sarah E. Didas--Wayland, LM

James M. Flaitz--Wayland, LM

Irene M. Kurtz--Wayland, LM

If a passing member is not listed or a member passes during the coming year, please notify any officer and he/she will be listed in the next newsletter.

**Barrie Fleege Memorial Active Educators Grant**

The 2020 Steuben recipients for this grant are Molly Moon and Hali Shepard, both from Wayland-Cohocton. Molly is a K-12 School Social Worker and Hali is an Elementary Music teacher. Both have been very active with their school and community. It has definitely been a challenge for these teachers to teach both virtual learning and on campus learning. The school district is following a hybrid program of learning this fall during this Covid-19 pandemic.

Hali



Molly Moon (L),  
Teresa  
Stephens(C),  
Hali Shepard (R)



Teresa Stephens (L) with Sherry Waltman-Kramer, retired kindergarten teacher from Wayland-Cohocton, receiving the 2019 Epke-Meagher Award at the CWZ CWZ annual meeting.

There were no recipients for the 2020 Epke-Meagher Award from Steuben County

**NO Fall Meeting:** This Covid-19 pandemic has made it very risky to hold a meeting and luncheon. Hopefully the Steuben County Unit will again meet next spring.

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**Membership Enrollment form for Steuben County Unit:**

Please return this section to: Teresa Stephens, SCRTA Membership Chairperson,  
3235 Sawdust Road, Wayland, New York 14572

**Yearly Dues: \$5.00**

**One Time Lifetime Membership Dues: \$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 Fall 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have recently moved or planning to move you may use this form to help us keep our directory updated! Thanks for your help!!!**

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



### **Treasurer's Report:**

As of August 1st, 2020, Joanne Bennett has reported that there is a balance of **\$524.13** in the Checking Account and **\$433.12** in the Friendly Service Account. This unit tries very hard to keep the expenses to a minimum. Some of the factors that have created a reduction of funds are: No **NEW** members--\$5.00/year does help; Lifetime Members--\$25.00 do not have to pay yearly, so no additional money comes in. The cost of postage and printing has increased. Nedra McElroy has been very kind to us when printing the 120 newsletters at the Teacher's Resource Center. This year, 120 newsletters will be printed--trying to get more members to receive it via email (102). Letters and application forms are sent to all the Steuben County Superintendents and new retirees. These mailings are sent out in late spring/early summer.

It is getting to be a challenge to pay for catering at our meetings. So far we have been able to keep the cost per individual under \$20.00. Steuben does give the CWZ \$30.00/year to help send CWZ delegates to the State Convention. Since the Convention was canceled, Steuben did save \$30 this year. Steuben pays \$20.00/year for the bulk mailing fee. Even though Steuben does not have enough newsletters to qualify for bulk mailing, this Unit is obligated to contribute.

SCRTA does have raffles and door prizes at the meetings. 50% of the raffle money is given to Friendly Service. Barb Watson, Friendly Service Chairperson, does an outstanding job mailing cards to our members. Barb designs and makes the cards!!! Steuben supplies a basket full of items -\$35- to the CWZ Annual Meeting as part of their Barrie-Fleegel Active Educator Grant fundraiser.

It is our hope that we can sustain our funds to function productively in the coming years!

**Spring 2021 Meeting and Luncheon: Hopefully this will take place!**

**Where: Wadworth Homestead, 4 South Street, Geneseo, NY**

**When: To be determined in the Spring**

**Meal: Approx \$16.00                      Tour of Museum: \$10.00/person (15-20 people)**

**Community Service: Monetary donation to the Wadworth Homestead Museum**

**More information will be given in the Spring Newsletter!!!**

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Wayland, New York

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