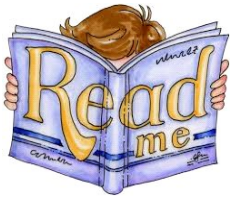


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Greetings

from the Executive Team of your Yates County Educators Association!

We want to say we certainly miss meeting together and seeing each and everyone of you. We are happy to report that our executive team has recently met and we are optimistically moving ahead with the planning of a spring meeting for June 7, 2021. We also voted to wave our 2020 dues for all members, so if you have paid ahead, your credit balance will be moved to 2021. If you have a question re: your dues, you may contact Deb Minor. We hope you are staying healthy and doing your best to keep active. Hang in there! We will be in touch!!



As you may remember, at our last in-person meeting in October 2019, we voted to create a college scholarship for high school seniors in Dundee and Penn Yan schools, who are pursuing a degree in education. This is a great way for our group of educators, to support student success in Yates County. Tom Abraham has created a draft for the application for the two \$500.00 scholarships that we hope to award in June 2021.

Due to Covid 19, we were unable to complete the fundraising activities needed to support this project, but we hope to plan some activities in spring 2021 including a chicken bar-b-q. We are also accepting donations from any of you, who would like to contribute to this project. **Perhaps you would be willing to donate your 2020 dues amount to this scholarship fund. You may send a check to YCREA in care of Deb Minor, 2435 County House Rd., Penn Yan, NY 14527. (phone: 315-536-8483).** When we are at a point of being able to again gather together, we will share more information about this, as well as other ways to fund the scholarships. We thank Tom for his work and all of you for your support!

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Even though we haven't been able to meet, our organization continues to support those in our community who may have special needs, during this challenging time. **The Living Well**, a ministry of the faith communities of Yates County that offers a safe, welcoming, respectful space, with a compassionate staff dedicated to helping individuals in immediate need. They do this by assisting with food, dry goods, referral services, vouchers, New Hope Cancer Care support, long range planning, building relationships with the people they serve, prayer, and so much more. With the help of the Lions and Rotary Club, home deliveries are now being made upon request, through the Grateful Hearts Project: Essential Supplies for Essential workers. Here are some of the items they accepting: **canned goods, pasta, boxed potatoes, mac & cheese, cereal, peanut butter baby, products (diapers, wipes), shampoo, laundry and dish detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, body wash.** For a more detailed list and more information, you can contact the Living Well at 315-536-0838 or www.thelivingwellmission.org. **Thank you for your continued support!**

YATES COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS
Alphabet Soup

FRIENDLY SERVICE ELAINE GLEASON



As I sat down to write this, I found myself looking for papers that should have been at my fingertips; panicking because I said I would have this written; and wondering...when was our last gathering of long-time and special friends. As I continued to think about things, I realized we last met in October 2019. We should have had a meeting in June, 2020, but Covid-19 hit us all in March and now almost 7 months have passed.

During this time, it has been most important to keep in touch with our friends, making sure they are doing fine and to see if they needed anything. Your Friendly Service team has done that well. Some emails have gone out thanks to Deb Minor's help; phone calls have been made to many from Carol Hall and others; and then the cards delivered! Cards have been sent to wish a happy birthday to folks celebrating; cards of cheer when people have been sick when we knew; thinking of you notes went to many; and sadly many sympathy cards have been mailed as well.

At the meeting in June which didn't happen, we would have honored Ruth Giles, Ann Smithers, and Barb Meridew all turning 90 glorious years young during 2020. And then, we would have honored our "youngsters" Sue Gute and Ed Zigarelli who both celebrated turning 80 years young! Blessings to all hoping I haven't missed anyone.

Losses became part of the Covid-19 quarantine for all of us. We each can tell of pieces of our lives that changed since March. The YCRE lost some special folks during this time as well. Robert DelBono, Elsie Jensen, Gail Yonge, Nancy Davis and Mr. Jerry Turner all passed into Eternal Life. Their many gifts to our group, to the community, and to the field of education will be missed. Several members of our group also lost family members as well during this time. We think of all and give thanks for their gifts and lives.

Keeping in touch is so important. Please, keep The Friendly Service Team aware of illnesses, birthday and losses. Cards mean so much to everyone in this time of being apart! Let's hope we will soon be able to gather together once more!

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At the NYS Annual meeting October 2019 the delegates voted in favor of NYSR-TA being changed to RENY(Retired Educators of New York). This new name covers all members of our profession: teachers, principals, superintendents, psychologists and counselors. In August the Central Western Zone(CWZ) Member-ship Chair asked each County Membership Chair to send a list of names and addresses of our YCRE who do not belong to RENY. For your information, we have 53 RENY members and 86 who are not members. The names and addresses of those 86 YCRE members were sent to our Zone Chair, Jane Crosby. I would invite you to join RENY for the many benefits such as: travel opportunities (when covid-19 is not present), newsletter, insurance, annuity programs, also volunteer and social activities. The cost is \$30/yr. and the check can be sent to: RENY, 8 Airport Park Boulevard, Latham, N.Y. 12110-6414

Central Western Zone News

You may already know that our Yates County unit is part of the Central Western Zone of Retired Educators of New York. The zone is comprised of ten counties with an executive team who work hard to keep RENY active in our part of NY State. But, you may not know, that leading that team as co-presidents, are own Yates County past presidents, and very busy ladies: Mary Ellen Morgan and Robyn Ballard. Prior to the pandemic, they traveled to meetings in each of the ten counties, and even since then, they have met monthly to complete their state activities and responsibilities. They wish to thank all of their officers and members who have helped them along the way to keep Central Western Zone a success.

Barrie Fleegel Memorial Active Educator Grant 2020

The CWZ has been awarding Barrie Fleegel Memorial Grants to full time educators who are enrolled in graduate level classes for 50 years. The applicants are judged on financial need, non paid school involvement, service to their communities and exemplary achievements. We are happy to say that one of those recipients for 2020 is Yates County teacher, **Megan Maloney**, who teaches fifth grade at Penn Yan Elementary School. We recognize and congratulate Megan on her accomplishments.