

SCR TA FALL



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President's Report

Hello Everyone!

We are heading into Fall and Finally our Fall Meeting! I am excited to be together again and hope you are too! We can talk and catch up and share a nice meal as we try to bring our Seneca County RENY business up to date! RENY (Retired Educators of New York) is our new name and that is an adjustment in itself! Please use this title to look up information on the website.

Membership is key and includes all of us doing our part. The state is even now considering not just local unit level membership, but State level may become a must. Don't panic! This is not difficult and the "How To" will be covered at the meeting or please go to the RENY website. Many of us opted for a life membership and I know mine has already paid for itself. These are a bargain basement fees considering what we would pay for a movie, lunch out, or cell phone add on! You might want to consider doing this now even!

Please note the information on the place and menu for our October 21st meeting.

. Please return your reservations to Carol Lord by October 4th!!!!

PLEASE NOTE YOUR PERSONAL DUES information noted on this letter. We have some catching up to do after our long absence from each other.

We all had so many important details to attend to during the pandemic and now it is time to "get er done!!"

JUST A REMINDER: Please bring your donations {\$ \$} with you for our Community Service projects. We will be collecting for the 4 local school's Backpack Programs that provide food and supplies to our own students throughout the year. We did our own contributions to food pantries and CWZ did large contributions to our local food pantries during the pandemic. Now we can continue to serve by donating right here where we live! Families are still in food jeopardy as federal unemployment benefits, utility payment forgiveness

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and rental forgiveness programs come to an end and debts accrued for these fees that were temporarily suspended are now coming due! Feeding our kids is a priority!

The House of Concern has long served our area. They outgrew their space and moved to a new location BUT they need to pay for this new space. Let's pitch in!!!

AND we will keep up our support for our local Beverly Animal Shelter!! Many adopted pets for companionship during the confinement of Covid. Some now find they can no longer keep these pets and have returned them. Thank Goodness for the Beverly folks who care and try to meet the needs for these rejected furry friends. Money is always needed as are food, towels, bleach, and such. I will be glad to

deliver any items you bring in and Cornelia will take care of the monetary donations. Please consider we have not had group collections often during our absence from each other and this is an opportunity to help near home!!

Finally, Health concerns! The continuing evolution of the Covid virus and new surprises of each variant that raises its ugly head call each of us to protect ourselves, our families, and our fellow humans everywhere. Vaccination, if possible, for you, is easy and quick! Availability has increased and a call to your local pharmacy will help you find out how to plan for yourself or a family member to receive the appropriate shot. This small action can prevent a world of suffering! It is proven that at least two of the types of vaccine are effective against new variants. Nothing is 100%! However, time is proving vaccinated individuals usually have lesser effects from the virus and the great majority of fatalities are the Unvaccinated. This includes the teen populations! There are places you will be restricted from traveling, events you might not be able to attend, and people you will not be able to be with if you choose to remain unprotected. Feeling well is not a sign you may not be carrying the virus to others. Asymptomatic people can transport this to others unknowingly! Please, Please advocate for humanity and family by getting vaccinated, if you are able, and carry your card to prove it. It is a small but far-reaching contribution we can all make!

Can't wait to be with you again! See you very soon!

Carol Westlake, President
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Vice Presidents Report

Our fall gathering will take place on October 21st at Woody's at the Quality Inn in Waterloo. We will welcome you with coffee or hot tea and a variety of pastries, muffins, and sweet breads. There will be no guest speaker to catch up, enjoy one another's company, and share updates.

Lunch will consist of salad, a vegetable tray, pasta salad, a cheese and meat tray, Italian seasoned chicken, ziti, meatballs, and Italian bread and butter. Dessert will be included.

We look forward to gathering with everyone!

Karen and Jane, Vice Presidents

In Memory:

Gayle Carey; Waterloo Instructional Staff
Robert Hoagland; Romulus Superintendent

Treasurer's Report

Jully 31st balance: \$689.91

Thank you to those that sent dues.

Carol Lord, Treasurer

Seneca County Retired Teachers 2021 Retirees

Seneca Falls	Michele Pane, Vincenta Porretta, Nancy Galusha
Waterloo	Krista Serett, Jean Ritter Gaylord, Necia Dinan
South Seneca	Todd Kurzwell, Kimberly Boland, Connie Adams, Lena Blum, Cindy Brewer, Marie Scoles, Mimi Wolff
TA'S	Steve Frost, Mary Jean Toner, Beverly Wycoff
Romulus	Craig Waid, Sheridan Davenport-Montag, Donna Newcomb

RELAY for LIFE

CANCER DID NOT GO AWAY!! Our SCRTA Team represented all of you in the Relay for Life. County has combined with Geneva. The Event was on Saturday, August 21st (5-10 P.M.) at the Geneva Lakefront Welcome Center.

Due to SCRTA not having a Spring 2020 meeting, a Fall 2020 meeting and Spring 2021 meeting, we are planning a Fall 2021 meeting! Therefore, we are having a 50/50 drawing at our Fall meeting. We have until then to send in donations for our team, yeah!

We have 10 members but would love to have more. Please join us!!

Phyllis Dunlap and Carol Fearon

Membership Report

The membership structure of our group continues to confuse many of you. **RENY:** Retired Educators of New York (formerly known as NYSRTA: New York State Retired Teachers) represents and offers benefits to retired members. Our group represents just retired teachers, whereas NYSUT/NEA represents all teachers. Within our state there are ten zones of which we are in Central Western Zone. Your president attends board meetings and several members are officers. Ten counties comprise our zone. To belong to Seneca County, you should belong to **RENY**, our parent group. We currently have eighty-eight **RENY** members in our county. There are of course many more retirees that have not joined, and I hope that you seriously consider doing so. Many of us took Retired Life membership when we retired. Please go to the website to view the benefits. I feel the most important to me is their monitoring our retirement system. In fact, a **RENY** member is the President of the Retirement Board and takes his responsibility to us very seriously. I also used the hearing aid benefit for my sister, and it was wonderful. There is presently a membership incentive for you to consider: see the information in the box. I am marking your membership status on the front of your newsletter: a red dot indicates that you presently are not a **RENY** member; a blue dot indicates that you have paid your '20-'21 dues. '21-'22 dues begin in September – June. I hope that this clarifies your understanding of our membership. See you at Woody's! Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Carol Lord, Membership
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Membership Incentive

**RENY 3-year membership \$75...
fifteen-dollar savings**

see enclosed application