

Notes from the

BLACKBOARD

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WINTER-SPRING 2023

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**President – Open as of June 7th.
2023**

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Please consider volunteering for
this position

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this position

President's Message

Greetings to All.

It is hard to believe that we have so quickly journeyed to this wonderful breakout of spring. Most in our area were blessed to have a gentle winter season. Mirroring the warmer weather, our hearts will be warmed by the return of our snowbirds. We are all anxious to share the adventures we have had since last we met.

We look forward to returning to the beautiful Young Sommer Winery in Williamson, NY, for our June gathering. Once again, our meal will be provided by North Coast Catering. Justin McCabe from Lifespan will present a program on Protecting One's Self from Frauds and Scams. How wonderful it would be if we each took the time to contact retirees from our home school districts and invite them to our gathering. We all know that a personal invitation makes a difference.

Please note that I will be concluding my term as president of this group after this June meeting. I strongly urge all to consider stepping into one of the vacant positions to support the work of our retired teachers in Wayne County. I thank the executive team for their continuous support, which made my job very easy. Also, we will talk about the number of meetings we'd like to have each year. Please make every effort to attend and share your thoughts.

Della

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Wayne County Retired Teachers Association

Pultneyville United Methodist Church
October 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by President Della Ludwig followed by the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence for our departed Friends. Kathy Grandjean shared the Thought for the Day.

Della asked Past Presidents to stand and be recognized. She then introduced the present officers. Della also presented an award to Rita Lesniak for her service to our organization.

Secretary's Report- Julie Wunder

Minutes from the June 7, 2022 meeting were included in the mailing to all members and were available at the tables. Kathy Grandjean moved to accept the report and Rita Lesniak seconded it. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report- Joyce Pittenger

As of October 4, 2022:

Checking Balance: \$5012.11

Savings: \$814.06

DM Acct: \$2525.29

CD: \$4561.85

Moved by Pat Dick and seconded by Kathy Grandjean to accept the report. The report was accepted.

Joyce also gave a report as to how many were in attendance from each district.

Friendly Service: Elaine Leasure

No report due to illness.

Community Service: Elaine Leasure

Kathy Grandjean reported for Elaine that the Books and Red Solo Cup money collected were donated to Literacy Volunteers in Lyons.

Federal/State Legislation: Bill Lesniak

Elections are coming up on November 8th. COLA was increased recently. A new Congressional District was formed.

Historian Report: Rita Lesniak

Rita thanked everyone for sending her information. Keep it coming. Not just obits, but good things too!

Good of the Order:

- Della attended Pal-Mac's luncheon to invite them to join us.
- Della said there is still a need for a Vice President.
- Pat and Gary Dick volunteered to administer the Fleegel Split Club.
- Kathy Grandjean shared the need for a chairman for Health Care. Sue Nellany volunteered.
- Della gave some mental health ideas to live by.
- There was some discussion on whether to have only one meeting a year instead of two. However, we would need to change our by-laws. We were asked to give our thoughts on the evaluation form.

Program: Perry Howland- Pultneyville Churches- Past and Present

The Program was very informative. Thank you, Perry!!

Grace: Della Ludwig

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Minutes written by Julie Wunder, Secretary

(Bylaws Change – Kathy Grandjean - Unless we have some others step up for some of the open positions, I am going to recommend a change in the bylaws to require only 1 meeting per year. It is too much to keep expecting a few people to take on all these jobs. A vote will be taken at the meeting so if you would like to have your voice heard, please attend!!)

Fall Luncheon -October 4, 2022



It was nice to see a few new faces at the Fall Luncheon!!

Although it was a smaller group than usual, it was great to see people reconnecting after not seeing one other for a while.

Thank you to all the members who continue to support our organization and come to our meetings.

The luncheon put on by the Ladies at the Church was phenomenal!! There were so many different choices for the meal and

especially the desserts. After lunch, we adjourned upstairs to their beautiful Church where our own Perry Howland presented his talk on "Pultneyville Churches – Past and Present."

Spring Luncheon – June 6, 2023

Our next meeting will be held once again at Young Sommer Winery. We had such a positive response to both the location and the meal provided by North Coast Catering that we decided to return.

Our program will be a talk how to protect ourselves from the different **frauds and scams** that are so prevalent in our society today. They are becoming more sophisticated all the time. It should be a very worthwhile program for all of us.

Hope to see a lot of you there.



The Wayne County Bicentennial Celebration is in full swing. There is tons of information on the website: www.waynecounty200.com

Here are a few of the upcoming events:

Torch Relay through each town in Wayne County – August 14th – August 18th

Wayne County's yearlong Bicentennial Celebration will include a 200-mile Torch Relay that will travel through the towns, villages, and hamlets in Wayne County. The relay will begin at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Monday, August 14th and end at the Fairgrounds on Friday, August 18th. The route will average about 40 miles per day, travel past over 100 historical sites, make use of the Canal Path along the historic Erie Canal, have gathering stops at select historic sites, be accompanied by historic vehicles, and be followed by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department for safety. For more information on how to sign up to be a runner check out the link on the website.

Bicentennial Family Fun Day at the Fair – Saturday, August 19th

Family friendly events featuring storytelling, historic music, performers, re-enactors, heritage craft demonstrations and community mural painting.

Historical Music Series – dates and locations to be announced on the website.

Historic Marker Dedications - commemorating the founding of each town will occur in each of the towns sometime this year.

Follow us on Social Media – Find the link on www.waynecounty200.com

Literacy Volunteers Needed!

Wayne County Literacy Volunteers is seeking Volunteer Tutors. A variety of subjects are available with no obligation to teach outside of your comfort zone. Learners are dedicated adults seeking to improve their lives through Reading Comprehension, Writing, English as a Second Language, Beginning/High School Math, Science, Social Studies, Digital Literacy, and Workplace Readiness Skills. Teach at a public location of your choice at the times of day/year convenient for you. No foreign language experience or special certifications required. Reach out for more information on our website at lvwayne.org or call 315-784-6090.

Change someone's life today!

With Sympathy

We have received the following names of people who have passed. We extend our sincere condolences to their family and friends.

Marian Furletti, Red Creek

Ira Skinner, Williamson

Wes Sommerville, Sodus

Nancy Sweet, Red Creek

Carol Taft, Williamson

Barb Kittleson, Williamson

Community Service – Elaine Leasure

Our community service project for June is a donation to Habitat For Humanity. The organization was founded in Wayne County in 1988 to provide low-income families with shelter by constructing, rehabbing, and preserving homes. Since its inception, Habitat has built or recycled over 30 homes

in Newark, Sodus, North Rose, Clyde, Macedon, Wolcott, Rose, Williamson, East Williamson, Ontario, Lyons, and Marion. Recently, Wayne County joined with Ontario Habitat and Flower City Habitat to form the Greater Rochester Habitat For Humanity. We will be taking a monetary donation at the June meeting.

Legislation – Bill Lesniak

The push today is for more help for local schools and not creating more charter schools. For more information on this topic, you can read the article:

Public Schools Unite Us/Charter Schools Divide Us

<https://www.nysut.org/news/2023/february/media-release-charter-school-poll>

Congratulations Again to Irene Bierer!!

(We love reporting good news about our members and their accomplishments.)

Irene has written another (her 3rd) play. This one is motivated by the names in a tavern book written by Samuel Throop in Pultneyville. *At Samuel's Tavern, and Thereabouts* is historical fiction comprised of possible situations which could have occurred both in and around there between 1806 and 1818.

Retired teachers taking part are **Linda Parmalee, Linda Perkins, Debra Parts and Gary Buehler**. The performances are May 6 & 7 at Gates Hall in Pultneyville.

Hopefully, some of you will receive this in time to get tickets for one of the performances.