



2017 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SET FOR APRIL 26

The 2017 Leadership Conference will be at Flatwoods on April 26, 2017. It will be a one day conference, beginning at 10 AM. Registration will begin at 9:30 AM. The WVARSE Board, at the November meeting, voted to require a \$15.00 registration fee. Anyone can attend the Leadership Conference, but Unit Presidents (or Vice Presidents) and Regional chairs are expected to attend. There will be a free lunch served at noon. Scheduled to speak: Ted Cheatham, Director of PEIA and Jennifer Brown, National Institute on Retirement Security (NIRS) manager of research.

Ted Cheatham has had a varied career in the health insurance industry. His experience in the managed care arena has ranged from launching HMOs in the Los Angeles market and starting an HMO in Mississippi, to acquisitions, mergers and integrations in West Virginia. As a former CEO of commercial health plans, he has managed Medicaid programs, Medicare programs, and all facets of commercial health insurance products.



Jennifer Brown

Astint as a business director and management consultant with Unisys, a worldwide technology services and solutions company, provided vital experience in the technology sector in his employing all of this experience to shape the future of West Virginia's largest self-funded group health insurance plan. PEIA provides health and life insurance to more than 200,000 active and retired public employees and their dependents. A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Cheatham is a graduate of the University of Arizona,



Ted Cheatham

where he earned a bachelor's degrees in finance and personnel management; Troy State University, where he earned a master's degree in business administration; and, the Whittier College School of Law where he earned a Juris Doctorate.

Ms. Brown joined the National Institute on Retirement Security in 2015. Ms. Brown conducts original research and analysis regarding issues related to retirement and is often quoted by the news media.

Before joining NIRS,

Ms. Brown worked at the U.S. Department of Labor. There, she worked on issues related to corporate transactions, financial products, and the Affordable Care Act. Additionally, Ms. Brown has held positions at Georgetown University Law Center as a researcher with the ERISA Legislative History Collection and several law clerk positions focused on pension and benefit plans and retirement policy. She is also a contributor to the Fifth Edition of the ERISA Litigation treatise. Additionally, she serves as Adjunct Professor at American University and is a Fellow with the Tax Policy Center at American University.

Ms. Brown holds an LL.M. in Taxation and a Certificate in Employee Benefits Law from the Georgetown University Law Center, a J.D. from the American University Washington College of Law and an M.S. in Law and Society from the American University School of Public Affairs. She earned a B.S. in Philosophy and Criminology from the University of Florida.

From Your President

Thanks to each member who joined us at the Capitol for the CORPE Legislation Day on March 2nd. I truly appreciate every effort made by our members and our Executive Director during the Legislative Session, such as time spent working at the Capitol, meetings and other communication with the legislators, and information shared with members in your county.

As I write to you, I am painfully aware of the sadness which we have experienced in the loss of our members and other retirees. Our small unit has seen the death on March 8th of a former bus driver and transportation director. On March 14th we lost a beloved elementary teacher who served as the treasurer in our county unit for many years. An active member who worked for several years in the office of the Grant County Board of Education died on March 19th. I realize that, in addition to the grief that we experience personally, the loss of a few members in each county makes a



JO ANN HARMAN
WVARSE President

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S COLUMN

From the Executive Director



William G. ‘Bill’ Milam
Executive Director

As I write this article, we still have eight days of the regular session of Legislature, and still no budget. We were successful in getting three bills introduced. They were: 1. SB 403, to add the \$2,000 exemption for retirees to the \$8,000 exemption granted all citizens 65 and older making a total exemption of \$10, 000 for public retirees at age 65. 2. Sb 404, to increase

the \$2,000 exemption for retirees to \$20,000. 3. SB 498, a funding source dedicated to public retirees – a .5 % tax on Marcellus and Utica gas. All three of these bills were referenced to Senate Finance and were never place on the agenda. PEIA was a target this year. Three bills were introduced in the Senate. SB 221, to redefine qualification of board members. This bill, if passed, would just about eliminate all board members and replace them with new members. SB 221 passed

out of the Senate and was sent to the House, March 6, 2017. In the House, it was referenced to House Government Organization, and was passed out yesterday to the House with recommendation to pass. It is on first reading today, April 1. At this time, there has been no action to fund PEIA. I encourage all Presidents and Regional Chairs to attend the Annual Leadership Conference April 26th. As last year, the Leadership Conference will be one day. Please see the schedule of

events in another area of the newsletter. There will be a \$15.00 registration fee per person attending the conference. The Board took advantage of an opportunity to do a “blind mailing” to all retirees who had retired in the past 5 years. We apologize to those of you who had already joined, but we had no method of sorting out those who are members. Thanks for your understanding. As the result of this mailing, we had about 230 replies. We must continue to increase our membership.

It is the responsibility of each member to do his/her best to enroll new members and retain old members. Your sharing email addresses with us would be most helpful. We prefer that you share your address with your unit and they will, in turn, share it with me. That way all concerned will have access. Many of my email addresses are not valid. If you have changed your email address, please send me an email at bmilam@suddenlink.net so that I can update my files.

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LEWIS COUNTY

Unit prepares boxed lunch for senior center, offers \$500 scholarship to high school senior

For a number of years, the Lewis County group of retired school employees had prepared boxed lunches to be delivered on blustery winter days by the Lewis County Senior Center. October, 2016, was no excep-

tion. Twenty plus members gathered after their regular meeting, formed an assembly line of boxes, main courses, fruits, snacks, deserts, and water to prepare 100 “Blizzard Boxes” and the senior center stored them

for later delivery. Each year, the retirees presents a \$500 scholarship to a senior high school student who plans to further his or her education. The scholarship will be presented at the May, 2017 meeting. At the February

meeting, members had fun with a “Recipe Swop.” This is called a “Bakeless Bake Sale.” Members then take the recipes home and try them. This brought in one hundred twenty dollars for the scholarship fund.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

President

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huge impact on our state membership. We must recruit new members and associate members to reinforce our rolls. We must stress that the components of MEMBERSHIP are: Meaningful Efforts Made By Every Region Securing Health Insurance & Pension; emphasize that we offer purpose and opportunity for prospective members.

I encourage every unit president to attend the Leadership Training Conference in Flatwoods on April 26. We focused

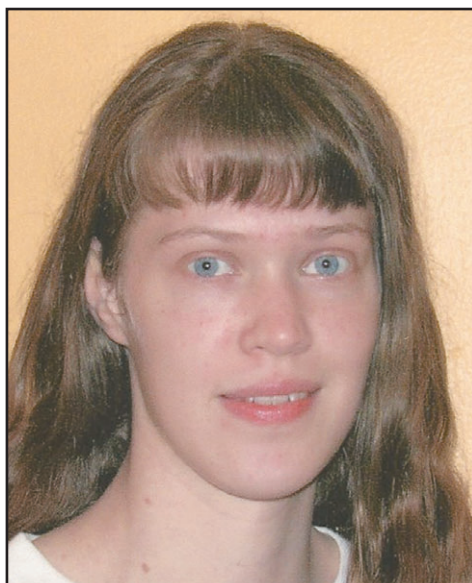
on your comments last spring, and we have adjusted the schedule in order to make it more convenient for everyone. If you cannot attend, please make sure that your vice-president or another officer attends in your absence. Each of your committee chairmen (or a representative) should also attend. This is a valuable opportunity to learn by sharing ideas and techniques for increasing membership, maintaining the attendance and interest of your current members, and fulfilling your duties as an officer or committee chair. Note the deadlines

for submitting names of officers to Bill Milam, reporting volunteer hours, and sending the list of deceased to the Regional Chairs. Your Regional Directors are important links with the Executive Board. They are available to answer your questions and to visit the county units in their Regions. They are instrumental in planning the Regional Meetings, and they will send the information to the presidents in their Region. The Executive Board has made a change in the representatives of the board who will attend the Regional Meet-

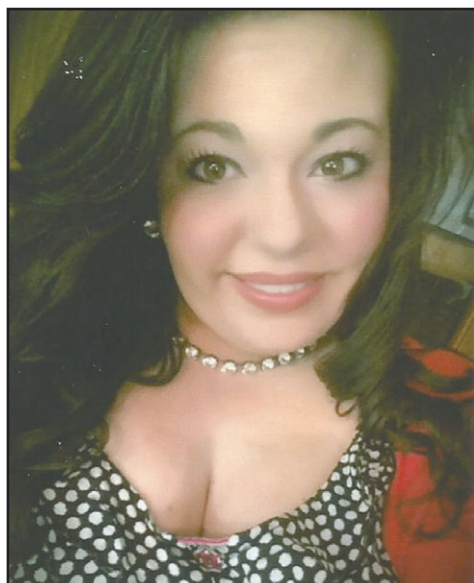
ings this summer. I will be attending Regions I and II. Our president-elect, Mary Ann Ferris, will be attending Regions III and VI. Our Executive Director, Bill Milam, will be attending Regions IV and V. Each of us will attend our home Regions. I trust that your winter was as mild and enjoyable as mine. March has presented some weather challenges, but it also brings us the first day of spring. Enjoy the pleasant weather, and as the buds appear, may they symbolize renewed vigor and new growth in WVARSE!

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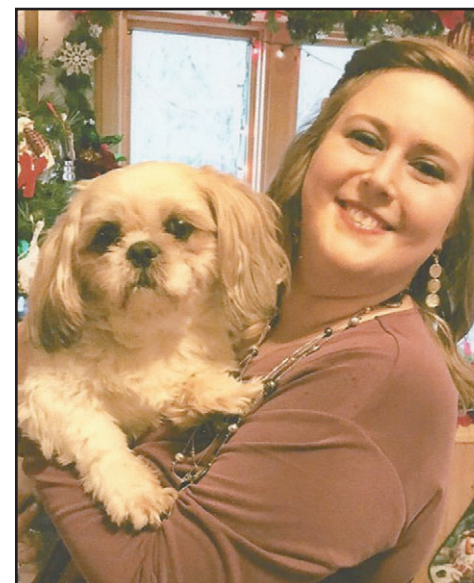
Jennifer Armstrong



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Stacy Murphy



Katie Stalnaker

Scholarship Winners 2017

Jennifer Armstrong

Jennifer Armstrong, a 2013 graduate of Preston High School (Preston County) has a double major (Middle School English and High School Theatre) at Davis and Elkins. As a young girl, Jennifer found a love of books, reading and writing, but realized that studying English alone wasn't completely satisfying. She was thrilled to couple her love of books with her love of the stage, ultimately discovering the parallels between her chosen career as a teacher and that of the theatre's director. She has been inspiring and directing young students ever since. She has already written and directed a play. She believes it is especially significant when she is able to see "lightbulbs turn on", and when she is able to inspire a student to write his/her own life story and potentially direct the story on stage. Jennifer's intention is to secure a teaching position with Randolph County Schools.

Ashley Folden

Ashley Folden, a 2012 graduate of Princeton High School (Mercer County) is studying elementary education at Bluefield State College. She is most inspired by her mother, a Mercer County Classroom Aide. Her mother didn't complete an education degree and this provides Ashley with the motivation to achieve her dreams. Ashley's mother encouraged and promoted education within the Folden home at an early age resulting in both Ashley and her sister being full time students at Bluefield State College. Ashley also participates in numerous community service opportunities such as after school programs at Wade Center and Whitethorn Elementary tutoring program, church preschool and community family night programs for title I. After graduation, Ashley hopes to secure a teaching position in either Mercer or Monroe county. She plans to continue her education and get a masters in Reading and Language Arts.

Stacy Murphy

Marshall University is home to Stacy Murphy, a lifetime member of the Putnam County Community and a 2013 graduate from Hurricane High School. Stacy has had a very prestigious academic career while at Marshall studying Elementary Education, earning a place on the Dean's list every semester. Stacy will be a third-generation teacher and is eager to join the ranks of mother and grandmother. She most enjoys learning from other teachers and encompassing their tricks of the trade as she determines her own unique teaching style. She is excited to have her own classroom and start influencing all the great minds of Putnam County. She plans to continue working toward a masters in Literary Education and Math.

Katie Stalnaker

Katie Stalnaker, a 2013 graduate of Elkins High School (Randolph County), is completing her degree in Elementary Education and Special Needs at Davis and Elkins. Katie has devoted her life to helping others; heavily involved in church activities, such as clean-up mission after Hurricane Katrina, food drives and volunteer services as well as missions to assist the blind and deaf communities in Tennessee and home renovations for the disabled. Katie has also been very involved in 4H and the County Fair. In addition to her volunteer time she worked at various odd jobs earning spending money since 2009. Katie is committed to helping children achieve their full potential. She believes that all children represent our future and that no matter what their background, they are intrinsically good and seek a positive learning environment. Katie wants to be an integral part of this!

MEMBERSHIP

The role of increasing membership must be a united effort

By John Riddle
Membership Chair

All organizations have a reason to exist and work to do-having active members is crucial to accomplishing our goals. The West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees (WVARSE) was established to give ALL retired school employees a voice after retirement. It is the only organized group that welcomes membership, no matter what your role in education, before retirement! WVARSE is the largest organized association of retired

public employees with about 7,300 members. There are approximately 32,000 WV retired school employees. We have the potential of 64,000 members due to our constitution, permitting associate membership, i.e. spouses, etc.!

We all know those members are the "life blood" of any organization. They are also the people needed to do the work of the organization. As we begin a new year of recruitment we need to remember as officers, "getting new members is one process and keeping them" is

another. State and local leaders must give the member a reason to continue to join and be active. Recruitment should begin at the place future members now working, i.e. bus garage, maintenance, shop, schools, board office. These are the people who are interested in our mission-to serve them and give them a unified voice on issues concerning their pension and health benefits, etc. We must "grow" our membership through getting existing members to become committed activists and these activists to become leaders.

We must plan and conduct programs that focus on leadership and future growth of WVARSE. The larger our organization becomes the more our voice will be heard related to goals of WVARSE.

Why does an organization not grow? It is kind of like selling a product, does it taste good, is it good for me or what does it do for me? We must "get the word out"! What is our mission and goals and how will it help the members. They must see a benefit to belonging to WVARSE. DECIDE ON THE MESSAGE WE

WANT TO COMMUNICATE TO POTENTIAL MEMBERS AND THEN GET THIS INFORMATION OUT!

The role of increasing membership must be a united effort from the officers of the unit to each member. Everyone must "look after the garden" and seek out new members, while keeping the existing members active. A key factor here is creating a "feeling that they are valued and making a contribution".

Finally, encourage community projects that expose WVARSE in many areas

of community assistance. Let the community know about the number of volunteer hours WVARSE members contribute to the community. Structure your meetings to be interesting and open to all members being involved-having fun. We must "grow" our membership if we are truly the "voice" of all retired school employees. Recruitment and keeping active members is a must as we move forward in accomplishing our goals for a sound organization that truly represents the feeling of its members!

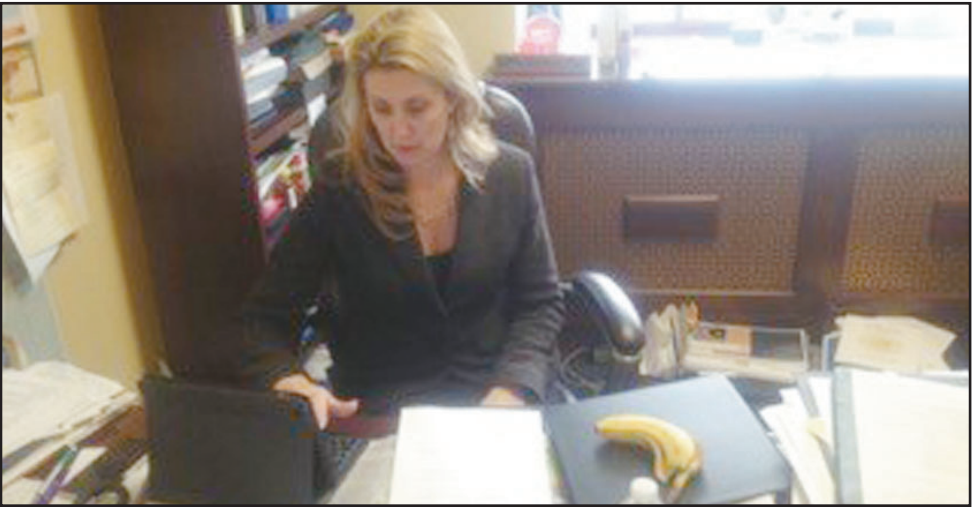
OHIO COUNTY



Members of Ohio County Association of School Employees have breakfast prior to meeting their northern panhandle representatives.



They OCARSE group was introduced to the House of Delegates by Delegate Storch and Delegate Fluharty.



OSCARES members met with Senator Ryan Ferns and Senator Ryan Weld. They also met with House Delegate Mike Ferro and House Delegate Erikka Storch.

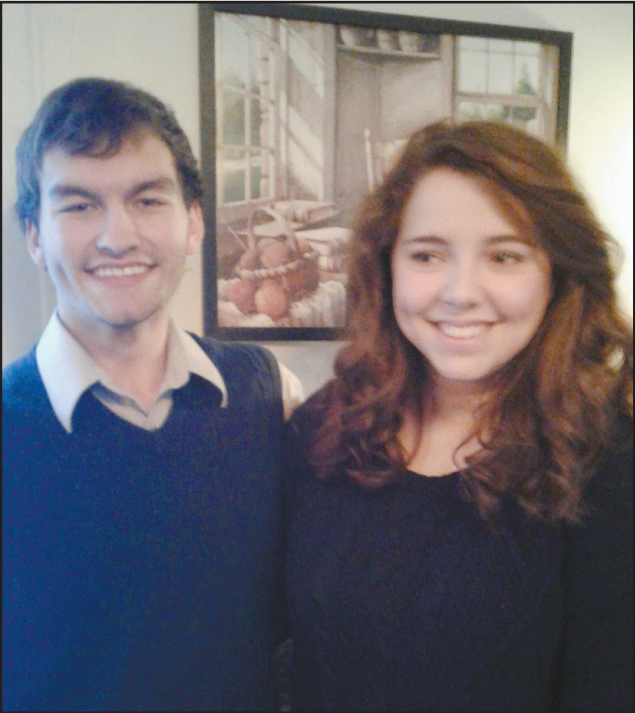
WIRT COUNTY

Unit helps elementary teachers restock supplies



Wirt County Association of Retired School Employees presented school supplies to first and second grade teachers to restock their supply during the second half of the school year.

BOONE COUNTY



The Boone County Association of Retired School Employees welcomed two Scott High Students to the December 14, 2016 Meeting. The duet entertained members with a rousing chorus of love songs and Christmas Carols. They did a wonderful job of owning the stage and our “youthful audience.” We applaud Kerry Matthews and Kaylea Egnor for their talent and kindness. They truly elevated the Christmas Season. Our future is in good hands when youth like these lead the way.

MORGAN COUNTY

Morgan County was busy in November having their annual scholarship auction. Beulah Millner, wife of member, Richard Millner baked this lovely and delicious pumpkin pie. Members generously donate very nice items to raise funds for two scholarships each year. In December, members Sythia Gloyd, Julia Linaweaver, Lucretia Eaves, June Redick, and Vicki Risinger met at the president, Kathy Yost's home to write Christmas and thank you letters to the eastern pan-handle state legislators and the newly elected governor. In February and March members have been busy making personal contact with our legislators asking for support of our goals.



SUMMERS COUNTY



Above-left: In September the Summers County Commission presented the SCARSE a proclamation declaring September 26-30, 2016 as SCARSE week. Those attending the official presentation are: (Left to right) Wayne Harvey, President of SCARSE; Commissioner Bill Lightner; Commissioner Tony Williams; Jack David Woodrum, Commission President; and association members, Pete Tabor, Doris Yates and Pam Lyons. The photo was taken by Mary Beth Merritt, Clerk of the Summers County Commission.

Above-right: Summers County Association of Retired School Employees held a "Meet the Candidate" program in October. The meeting was held at the Hinton Senior Center and was open to the public. Each of the candidates was given 3 minutes to introduce themselves and briefly discuss their platform. The remainder of the meeting was opened up for questions from the floor. Refreshments were served. Pictured in the back row are: Garry Wheeler, Kenny Mann, Amy Mann, Stephen Baldwin, and Mike Tabor. Front Row: Kristin Cook, Oswald Yates, Margaret Woodrum, David Perry, and Roy Cooper.

Right: The guest speaker for the September meeting of the Summers County ARSE was Sandy Turner. Mrs. Turner is the Director of Camp Summers (4-H Camp). The camp was devastated by the flood in June. Mrs. Turner had a slide presentation of the damage done to the camp and the clean-up. Mrs. Turner did a wonderful job with her presentation. Mr. Wayne Harvey (President of SCARSE) presented Mrs. Turner with a donation for Camp Summers from SCARSE.



DATES TO REMEMBER

The board will be represented at the regional meetings as follows: Regions I and II – WVARSE President Jo Ann Harman. Regions III and VI – WVARSE President-Elect Mary Ann Ferris. Regions IV and V – WVARSE Executive Director Bill Milam

- April 26**
Leadership Training Conference, Flatwoods (registration begins at 9:30 A.M. and program begins at 10:00 A.M.)
- May 10**
Deadline for sending Volunteer Hours to Unit Chairs
- May 15**
Membership determination for Annual Council delegates
- May 25**
Deadline for sending Volunteer Hours to Regional Chairs
- June 1**
Deadline for sending Volunteer Hours to State Chair
- June 1**
Deadline for sending list of deceased to Regional I & P Chairs

REGIONAL MEETINGS

- Region I — June 13**
East Fairmont High School,
Fairmont, Marion Co., Registration 8:30 a.m.
- Region II — June 14**
Clarksburg First United Methodist Church
- Region III — June 7**
(Cedar Lakes), Fairplain – Meet in cafeteria
- Region IV — June 6**
1st Church of God/ 2401 Jefferson Ave.
Pt Pleasant
- Region V — June 5**
Mining Academy, Beckley. Will start at 9:30 and end around 2:30. You must have a picture ID to get into the mine academy now even if not the driver. A light breakfast and complete lunch will be served to all participants for \$8. This should be paid by county association.
- Region VI — June 12**
Cacapon Resort State Park, Morgan County

- July 1**
Delegate letters mailed to County Presidents
- July 15**
Deadline for Summer Newsletter
- July 15**
Honor Points Checklist due to Executive Director
- July 15**
Annual Council Delegates list due to Membership Clerk
- August 21**
Deadline for sending list of members attending Annual Council to Executive Director
- August 21**
Deadline for sending Banquet count to Executive Director
- August 30 & 31**
Annual Council, Flatwoods (registration begins at 10:00 A.M.)
- Sept. 25-29**
WVARSE week

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– Fredericka H., SilverSneakers member

SilverSneakers was a New Year’s resolution that stuck! I got my cholesterol down from 211 to 165 and have made lots of new friends. I’m still doing it, but thanks to the benefits I’ve already gained from it, I’m also doing Body Pump, an intense weight program. At 68 I feel better than I ever have. Thanks!

– Priscilla O., SilverSneakers member

SilverSneakers is social networking in its truest form – real people with common interests who get together to talk about what matters and help each other out. We love our SilverSneakers class instructors and appreciate the chance to stay fit through our retirement years.

– Dorothy and Frank W., SilverSneakers members

CABELL COUNTY

Cabell Unit gets legal advice

The March 14, 2017 meeting of the Cabell County Association of Retired School Employees was one in which much legal advice was presented to membership. Guests for this meeting were an estate planning attorney and a tax consultant. The members present learned from the tax consultant what is and isn’t legal for tax deduc-

tions. The estate planning attorney advised what we should include or exclude from our wills and other end of life documents. The program was followed by a very stimulating question and answer time.

This was also the meeting to elect officers for the 2017-2018 year. Officers for the 2017-2018 year include: Irvin Scarberry,

President; Barbara Bias, Vice-President; Mary Gill, Secretary; and Warren Smith, Treasurer. Committee chairs on the board: Peggy Saunders, Dennis Chapman, Carolyn Ciavarella, Linda Forinash, Nancy Hanger, and Linda Midkiff.

The meeting attendance was very good in spite of the cold and a threat of snow.

As usual, those present enjoyed a time of great food and fellowship.

Cabell County Association of Retired School Employees meets six times a year: September, October, December, March, April, and May. All the meetings are at the New Baptist Church, Huntington, WV, and all are luncheon meetings.

WAYNE COUNTY

Wayne unit plans White Elephant Sale

The Wayne County Association of Retired School Employees met Saturday, March 11, at the Ceredo United Bank for a short business meeting. Their primary concern was their upcoming

“White Elephant Sale” in the month of April. Funds raised at this “sale” are often donated to the WVARSE scholarship fund. The Wayne ARSE also donates to The Stepping Stone Home for

Boys and The Golden Girls Home of Ceredo. This year a sum of \$100 was given to each home. Following refreshments provided by hostess Vivian Atkinson, a brief business session, and

the selection of hosts/hostesses for the April meeting, adjournment took place. As attendees left the building, the sun shined brightly down upon the Wayne retired school employees.

Coming Soon: New WVARSE website
On April 17, 2017, the new WVARSE website will be launched.

~ In Memoriam ~

BARBOUR Melba Rinehart	Margaret Stacks -Life Goldie Tessner -Life
BERKELEY Mary Brannon Margaret Tabler	MORGAN Stanley Ehlenbeck Bernice Sirbaugh
BOONE Fredrick Harrison, Jr. Jewell Mae Peal Sharlette J Smith -Life	OHIO Lila Lee Blankenship Earnest L. Bommer Harry Chorpenning -Life James Cooper Linda Morrison Mark Nardone
HARRISON Terry McCloud - Life Wather Pritchard	PRESTON Jean Fortney-Life Walter Gerasomovich -Life
JACKSON David Bourgeois Wilma Richardson -Life	PUTNAM Lola Asbury Raymond Ortega -Life
JEFFERSON Eleanor Ann Shirley -Life	RALIEGH Mazella Virginia Riner
KANAWHA Freda M. Burdette -Life Nancy M.J. Doneghy -Life Marjorie S. Greer -Life Averill G. Howard- Life Emogene N. McMillian Bonnie M. R. Sneed -Life	RANDOLPH Martha Mero -Life
LEWIS Helen Lucille Garrett -Life	ROANE Donald Ray Owens
MARION Patty Kuhn -Life Domenick Muto -Life Sharon Warder	SUMMERS Virginia E. Boyd Albert Lively -Life
MARSHALL Betty Kinsey -Life Patricia Owens -Life	TAYLOR Velma Adlington -Life Ruth Breedlove -Life Doris C. Stout -Life
MASON Denise Buchanan Ada Burge	TUCKER Mildred Loraline Bennett
MCDOWELL Oren Jennings -Life	WIRT Carolyn S. Corbett
	WOOD J. Reed Belasco

Newsletter deadline: July 15, 2017

WVARSE Membership Report

Thursday, March 30, 2017 Processed for Year Ending 6/30/2017

REGION I	Last Yr	Current	Potential
BROOKE	169	163	477
FAIRMONT	17	14	154
HANCOCK	224	233	575
MARION	239	228	917
MARSHALL	193	207	687
MONONGALIA	156	146	921
OHIO	314	321	645
PLEASANTS	86	84	177
TYLER	60	54	163
W. LIBERTY	1	1	51
WETZEL	65	82	360
WVU	27	30	681
TOTAL	1551	1563	5808

REGION II	Last Yr	Current	Potential
BARBOUR	105	106	299
BRAXTON	83	92	305
DODDRIDGE	20	9	163
GILMER	42	54	140
GLENVILLE	13	18	98
HARRISON	338	343	1212
LEWIS	107	104	304
PRESTON	161	148	530
RANDOLPH	181	193	490
TAYLOR	144	124	273
TUCKER	57	55	145
UPSHUR	262	256	448
WEBSTER	69	53	244
TOTAL	1582	1555	4651

REGION III	Last Yr	Current	Potential
BOONE	228	234	514
CALHOUN	21	11	163
CLAY	15	18	226
JACKSON	137	140	468
KANAWHA	388	359	3397
RITCHIE	30	31	189
ROANE	57	59	275
STATE DEPT	36	32	396
WIRT	61	73	111
WOOD	343	322	1546
WVS	5	5	72
TOTAL	1321	1284	7357

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REGION IV	Last Yr	Current	Potential
CABELL	183	187	1508
LINCOLN	114	115	455
LOGAN	33	38	785
MASON	58	64	469
MINGO	28	29	697
MU	6	6	246
PUTNAM	151	136	785
WAYNE	150	141	835
TOTAL	723	716	5780

REGION V	Last Yr	Current	Potential
BLUEFIELD	1	1	31
CONCORD	3	1	77
FAYETTE	159	159	893
GREENBRIER	132	123	665
MCDOWELL	153	151	771
MERCER	241	261	1208
MONROE	16	17	234
NICHOLAS	110	112	535
POCAHONTAS	100	80	172
RALEIGH	172	164	1410
SUMMERS	110	117	256
WVIT	3	3	5
WYOMING	95	98	603
TOTAL	1295	1287	6860

REGION VI	Last Yr	Current	Potential
BERKELEY	174	177	949
DEAF & BLIND	35	31	171
GRANT	63	74	220
HAMPSHIRE	69	66	284
HARDY	33	45	201
JEFFERSON	123	123	511
MINERAL	125	137	461
MORGAN	82	84	210
PENDLETON	54	49	169
POTOMAC	5	7	11
SHEPHERD	5	4	37
TOTAL	768	797	3224

Total Members	Last Yr	Current	Potential
	7240	7202	33680

A	221
AN	48
D	79
L	2783
N	412
NL	192
R	3143
RN	324
Total	7202

If you are an active, annual state member, you can convert to a state life membership for only \$90. Your membership must be received by the WVARSE Membership Clerk by June 15. PLUS, your local unit will get a \$5 rebate.

Life membership — \$100
Life members — Remember to update your address and pay county membership dues

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please send any change of address (including Patriot Act) to the Executive Director at 200 Elizabeth Street, Charleston WV 25311 or by email bmilam@suddenlink.net. Don't forget PEIA and Retirement Board.

WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ENROLLMENT FORM

DUES FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 20__ - JUNE 30, 20__

STATE LIFE MEMBER PAYING	
COUNTY DUES ONLY	\$ 5.00
SUPPLEMENTAL DUES	\$
TOTAL LIFE/COUNTY DUES	\$

STATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP	\$ 100.00
PLUS ANNUAL COUNTY DUES	\$ 5.00
SUPPLEMENTAL DUES	\$
TOTAL LIFE/COUNTY DUES	\$
COUNTY LIFE MEMBERSHIP	\$

ANNUAL STATE DUES	\$ 10.00
ANNUAL COUNTY DUES	\$ 5.00
SUPPLEMENTAL DUES	\$
TOTAL ANNUAL DUES	\$

PLEASE PRINT: (Name as it appears on your retirement check)

Associate () Life ()

NAME _____ DATE _____

Renewal () New ()

ADDRESS _____ OLD ADDRESS _____

IF CHANGED

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

RETIRED FROM _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____
(NAME OF COUNTY, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OTHER)

Send to YOUR COUNTY:
both forms & check payable to your County.

For info: contact www.WVARSE.org for County Membership Chairman
Or call: Rita Hammond, WVARSE Membership Clerk 304-623-0929

"Dues are not tax deductible"

Members receive Newsletters, Insurance/ Travel Opportunities & representation at the legislature.



CORPE Day at the Legislature

WVARSE members joined with other members of CORPE at the annual CORPE day on March 2, 2017. A total of 148, including legislators, were in attendance. Several legislators spoke to the group and members had an opportunity to meet with their legislators. Some were introduced in both the Senate and the House.

Senate Resolution 29 was read before the Senate and presented to president-elect Mary Ann Ferris.

Following is the text of the resolution: Recognizing the West Virginia As-

sociation of Retired School Employees for its dedicated service.

Whereas, the West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees has members from all areas of education including teachers, cooks, bus drivers, custodians, secretaries, school nurses, administrators, and aides with members in all 55 counties in West Virginia; and

Whereas, the West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees promotes the professional, economic, intellectual and social well-being of its members and encourages volunteer

opportunities throughout West Virginia; and

Whereas, during the 2015-2016 year, the West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees served 1.4 million unpaid hours of volunteer service to the state; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate hereby recognizes the West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees for its dedicated public service; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Senate acknowledges the contributions of the

West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees to our counties and state, and expresses its sincere gratitude to the association for its services; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees.

This resolution was sponsored by Senators Miller, Stollings, Plymale, Romano, Unger, Facemire, and Cline and adopted by the Senate March 2, 2017.

LOOKING FOR OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee will be developing a slate for election of Regions I, III and V directors. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact Darlene Milam bmilam@suddenlink.net.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Send your list of officers and Leadership Conference reservation form to Bill Milam. Go to wvarse.org and click on (1) 2017 Leadership Conference and (2) Unit Officers. Complete the forms and click Submit.

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ORDER ENROLLMENT FORMS AND RECORD CARDS TODAY

Please order your enrollment membership forms or record cards for next year now. Use any forms you now have on hand. Take an inventory and request the number for the 2017-2018 year by phoning Rita Hammond, Membership Clerk, at 304-623-0929 or email: billandritah@gmail.com. To save postage these will be distributed at the Leadership Conference on April 26 at Flatwoods. The 2016-2017 year is not over until June 30, 2017. This means we have 3 months to try to increase our membership for this year. Please make every effort by calling individuals who have not joined to get them "on board."