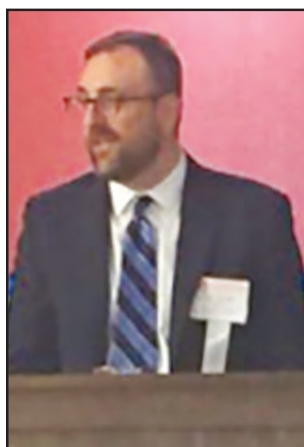




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Leadership Conference: May 8, 2019



Tom Nicholls

The 2019 Leadership conference will be a one-day meeting at Day Hotel Flatwoods beginning with registration at 9:30 AM and

the meeting at 10:00 AM. A \$15 registration fee will be collected at registration. Lunch will be provided by WVARSE. Short presentations will be made by Humana/PEIA, AMBA and AARP followed by our keynote speaker. After lunch will be training sessions for presidents and regional committee chairs, followed by regional meetings. Registration forms will be posted on the website in early April.

Our keynote speaker will be Tom Nicholls, Senior Legislative Representative for NRTA: AARP's Educator Community. Tom works on public policy and

advocacy issues for America's retired teachers. Prior to joining NRTA in 2013, Tom served for 5 years in AARP's Federal Government Affairs department as a lead lobbyist and policy expert on Social Security and other retirement issues. Tom also served for 6 years as a staffer in the United States House of Representatives for Congressman Paul Kanjorski of Pennsylvania and Congressman Eliot Engel of New York. Tom holds a B.S. in Quantitative Business Analysis from the Pennsylvania State University and an M.A. in Political Management from George Washington University.

Legislative Report

By John Taylor, WVARSE Legislative Chair

This Legislative session was a success for our organization. PEIA has been supported with at least 100 million dollars and we successfully worked HB 3095, the Minimum Pension Bill to passage. HB 3095 will increase the minimum pension for school employees and state employees with at least 25 years of service from \$500 to \$750 per month. I can only imagine some 90 some year-old pensioner being surprised this sum-

mer with an increase in his/her monthly check. I would love to know some of the beneficiaries of this bill.

That being said, there are a number of people I would like to thank for our success. As I worked the bill, I usually had at my side one of several "side-kicks": Mary Ann Ferris, our President; Irvin Scarberry, our President-elect; Danny Gray, one of our Past Presidents; and Rich Stonestreet, AARP State President. All of these are

part of the AARP Advocacy Team. There are several other WVARSE members on that team as well. We all go down to Charleston once a week for a day or two, sometimes three, during the Legislative session. AARP covers all of our expenses. It is usual to start the second week of the session. Irvin and I started the first week. WVARSE paid our expenses that week and we got a lot of

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From Your President

As I begin this message, the sun is shining and, even though it's cold, it's beginning to look as if spring is finally on its way. I hope that your holidays were enjoyable and filled with much good food, family, friends and love. I also hope that you managed to survive and flourish throughout this past winter. As has become normal for us in West Virginia, this past winter brought us many surprises and much snow and ice throughout the state. It has been a very busy time for me as I allowed myself to be persuaded to cover the maternity leave for the French teacher at Robert C. Byrd. I began that on January 14—immediately after AARP Advocacy training—and finished on March 1.

During that time, I managed to join the Advocacy team in Charleston to help lobby for their and our Senior issues: broadband expansion to provide better internet service in rural areas; protection from financial exploitation of the elderly; and exemption of Social Security pensions from state income taxes. At the same time, the WVARSE members of the Advocacy team lobbied for the WVARSE legislative goal of raising the minimum monthly pension for West Virginia retirees from \$500 a month to \$750 for those who had been retired 20 years or longer. This would affect only a few older retirees, but it helps those who worked at a time when salaries were at their lowest. I am very happy to say that all of these efforts were successful. Early in the Legislative session Governor Justice announced that he had brokered a deal to increase broadband services in rural areas. This will help some of our retirees whose doctors are part of the WVU program because all their records will be accessible through the internet if they wish. The financial exploitation bill addresses the very real need to prevent anyone from taking the financial assets of the elderly or incapacitated. With this bill, someone who suspects financial exploitation can present evidence in Magistrate court to get an immediate temporary injunction to freeze bank accounts of the aged or incapacitated person until the matter can be addressed in circuit court. The

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MARY ANN FERRIS
WVARSE President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

From the Executive Director



William G. 'Bill' Milam
Executive Director

Legislature is over and WVARSE was successful in getting the minimum monthly pension increased from \$500 per month to \$750. WVARSE state Legislative Chair John Taylor, along with his legislative team, was successful in getting HB 3095 (minimum Pension Bill) introduced and passed out of the finance committees of both chambers. There were no negative votes in either chamber. Thanks to John and his team (including all of you who made contacts with your legislators), more than 600 retirees 90 years and older with 25 years' experience, will receive an increase in their pension check beginning July, 2019. Thanks to John, Irvin Scarberry, Danny Gray and Rich Stonestreet who spent many hours traversing the

halls of the capitol in pursuit of this victory. Also, thanks to our President Mary Ann Ferris for the time she spent at the Capitol working for WVARSE.

Five bills were passed which affect PEIA during the 2019 Legislative session. **HB 2351** requires and regulates electronic prior authorization forms and practices. **SB 489** regulates contracts with pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs); requires reporting by PBMs and PEIA. **SB 587** PEIA air ambulance reimbursement. **HB 3139** provides funding flexibility to the PEIA plan; creates new PEIA Rainy Day Fund. **HB 2665** appropriates \$105,000,000 to the new PEIA Rainy Day Fund. The task force established by Governor Justice during the 2018 session has not yet completed its

assignment and reported to the Governor.

Therefore, no legislation was introduced to arrange permanent funding for PEIA. With present funding, it is predicted that additional funding will not be needed until 2021, at which time an additional 50 to 80 million dollars will be needed. Increase in premiums nor changes in benefits are not anticipated until 2021-22.

I encourage all Presidents and Regional Chairs to attend the Annual Leadership Conference May 8, 2019. 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 registration form will be posted on the website

the first week of April. NRTA representative, Tom Nicholls will be the keynote speaker. 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 of email addresses with us would be most helpful. Many of my email addresses are not valid. If you have changed your email address or have not sent your email, please send me an email at bmilam@suddenlink.net so that I can update my files.

To Register for Leadership Conference: Go to wvarse.org and click on *Presidents Chairs - Register Now! Leadership Conference May 8, 2019*

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President

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Social Security bill finally passed both the House and Senate in the Senate's final version, i.e. a phase-in over three years. The first year 35% of any amount over \$8000 would be exempt; the second year 65% over \$8000 would be exempt; the third and final year all social security over \$8000 would be exempt. All of these bills are now awaiting Governor Justice's signature before they become law.

Now that the legislative session is over, we begin to gear up for the seven Educational Forums that are being held throughout the state to elicit public input on the best ways to address the needs for educational reform before the special session Governor Justice called for Education. Some of the WVARSE Board members approached me to ask if we should take a public stance on Senate Bill 451 (the Education Bill tabled in the House). Right or wrong, I made an executive decision that WVARSE would not take a public stance on this matter because John Taylor WVARSE Legislative chair

had already approached Senate President Carmichael and House Speaker Hanshaw about our pension bill. Without firmly committing to anything, both had indicated that they were favorable to the bill. Both had also expressed strong support for charter schools. Fearing that our public support of the teachers in defeating SB 451 would cause our bill to be "lost in the shuffle" of all the bills introduced, I made my decision. However, now that our bill has passed both houses, we can take a public stance at these Educational Forums. The WVARSE officers have prepared some talking points for use at these meetings. As you read this, the meetings may be over; hopefully WVARSE has been represented at each of the seven. I am registered for the one in Clarksburg and the one in Wheeling on April 1&2 respectively. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our Legislative chair John Taylor, our President-Elect Irvin Scarberry, Danny Gray, Bob and Nellie Orsburn, AARP president Rich Stonestreet and AARP Legislative Liaison Angela Vance for the countless

hours they devoted to securing our bill's passage. I also want to thank all of you who contacted your legislators when the call went out from John. With all our efforts WVARSE has prevailed in this matter!

Now onto our next important matters. WVARSE deadlines are fast approaching. While all of these are listed in your red notebook, I'm going to list them here as a reminder. They are: April 1- county officers list to executive director AND Regional Director; April 25- list of members attending Leadership Conference to executive director; May 8- Leadership Conference (President [or designee], Community Service, Membership, I&P and Legislative chairs are expected to attend.); May 10- volunteer hours to county Community Service Chair; May 15- membership determination for Annual Council; May 25- county Community Service chairs submit volunteer hours to the Regional chairs; June 1- Regional Community Service chairs submit volunteer hours to the WVARSE chair; June 1- county I&P chairs submit lists of de-

ceased to the Regional I&P chair; June 15- Regional I&P chairs submit lists of deceased to the WVARSE I&P chair. Regional meetings will be held throughout the state from June 3 to June 12. Your Regional Director will be getting you the information about the where and when for your group in the near future.

AS I conclude this, I want leave you with some levity from my friend Leigh Merrifield, editor of the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal. She wrote, "A young couple had just moved into a new neighborhood. While eating breakfast one of the ladies in the neighborhood noticed the newest neighbor hanging her laundry out to dry, and she commented that the laundry wasn't very clean. After about a month of this lady's constant disapproving laundry critiques, she surprised her husband by commenting that someone must have taught the newcomer how to get her laundry clean. Her husband then replied, 'No, Dear, I got up early this morning and cleaned OUR filthy window so you'd get a better view.'" Until next time.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE WVARSE STATE CONSTITUTION CHANGE IN LIFE DUES

The WVARSE state budget is written each year based on the services provided and the income from membership dues. In order to balance the budget, the Executive Board voted at their November 7, 2018 meeting to increase life dues from \$100 to \$150.

Below is our constitution as of this date, followed by the proposed change.

ARTICLE I DUES

Section 1. Beginning July 1, 2018, the annual dues of the Association shall be as follows:

A. Active and Associate membership: \$20.00 for each member to be divided as follows: \$15.00 per member for the state organization and \$5.00 for the local (county) organization.

B. Life membership (State Active and Associate): \$100.00

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

April 1	County Officer lists due to WVARSE Regional Directors & Executive Director
April 25	Deadline for List of members attending Leadership Conference due to Executive Director
May 8	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 — Tuesday, June 11, 2019 Elm Grove United Methodist Church 125 Kruger St, Wheeling, WV 26003 (304) 242-1206 Registration: 9:00-9:30

Region II — Wednesday, June 12, 2019 First United Methodist Church, 117 N 2nd St, Clarksburg, WV 26301 9:00 AM.

Region III — Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley at 8:30am-2:00pm.

Region IV — Tuesday, June 4, 2019 New Baptist Church, 610 28th Street, Huntington, WV 25702 9:00 registration / continental breakfast. Meeting begins at 10:00.

Region V — Monday, June 3, 2019 U.S. Mining Academy in Daniels, WV from 10:30-2:00. Registration will begin at 10:00 A light breakfast and lunch will be served while there.

Region VI — June 10., 2019 at Fountain Ruritan Building 28 Villa Street - just off Rt 46 east of Keyser. We will begin at 9:30 with registration followed by the meeting at 10:00.

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 28 & 29	Annual Council, Flatwoods (registration begins at 10:00 A.M.)
September 23 -27	WVARSE week

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work done for their dime. All the rest of our lobbying work was done while we were down working for AARP. We would do things for AARP and in between would work for WVARSE. There wasn't a

single week of the session that we didn't get at least something accomplished on our bill. Angela Vance, AARP Associate Director for Advocacy was a great help to our effort. I constantly talked with her and got advice as to how

we should proceed. One suggestion particularly was after our bill had passed the House. She suggested that we make contact to see if we could get the bill referred to only the Finance Committee instead of going back to Pensions first. Danny Gray

made that contact since I was not in Charleston that day. Rich Stonestreet went with him. That saved us two, maybe three, critical days near the end of the session and just may have saved the bill. Another thing that was

important was the effort from home. I tried to keep the WVARSE Leadership up-to-date on where we were with the bill and asked them to have contacts made with Legislators on the committees involved. I kept hearing from Legisla-

tors that they had already heard about our bill. When I went to see them in their office they had already heard from home. That helped. Thank you for your efforts, and get ready to do the same thing, only even better next year.

CABELL COUNTY

CCARSE Continues to Help Students After Retirement

The Cabell County Association of Retired School Employees (CCARSE) is giving support to Cabell Midland High School's Renaissance music style, costumed ensemble, Collegium Musicum, to help finance their concert trip to Ireland in the Spring of 2019. "Collegium Musicum will travel and perform in several historic venues as well as visit historical sites in Ireland," explains Ed Harkless, music teacher and director of the group. Irvin Scarberry, CCARSE's president states, "We may not be in the

schools every day as we once were, but we still know the tremendous need of some of our students." CCARSE is made up of retired Cabell County teachers, administrators, secretaries, bus driver, cooks and custodians. "We wanted to help assure that all members of this award-winning ensemble have the opportunity to participate in this educational experience," said Linda Fornash, CCARSE Board member. Contributions toward this trip can be made to CMHS Choir Boosters at Cabell Midland High School.



Pictured: Jadon Hayes, student; Krystin Oehlers, student; Barbara Bias, CCARSE Vice President; Linda Fornash, CCARSE Board member; Ed Harkless, ensemble director; Ethan Nieberall, student; Macy Music, student; Lloyd McGuffin, Cabell Midland Principal

DUES DEDUCTIBLE FROM RETIREMENT

Want to pay membership dues monthly instead of paying once a year? We are working with Teacher Retirement to establish a "Dues Deductible" method of paying membership dues. A membership enrollment form will be provided that will allow members to notify the retirement system to deduct a monthly amount from their retirement to pay dues. This will be applicable as long as the member does not redraw permission.

HB 3095 PROVIDES A MINIMUM PENSION

Thanks to legislative chair John Taylor and his committee who did an outstanding job at the legislature this year. The main WVARSE legislative goal was to increase the minimum monthly pension to \$750 for retirees with 25+ years experience. HB 3095 was successfully introduced and passed without opposition in both chambers of legislature. This affects about 600 retirees who are 90+ years old. Congratulations for a job well done.

MORGAN COUNTY

Morgan County Association of Retired School Employees

The Morgan County Association of Retired School Employees Unit has been busy at their meetings beginning with their Back to School picnic in August. Picnic guests were Morgan County Teacher of the Year, Summer McClintock and her family. Summer, a Pleasant View Elementary School

Teacher was one of the finalists for the WV Teacher of the Year. President Kathy Yost recognized her and presented her with a framed certificate.

At the Morgan County September meeting, Melody Stotler, daughter of member Vicki Jenkins presented an eye-opening presentation about

addiction problems in Morgan County. Melody is one of the founders of "Life or Drugs", a support group for drug users, recovering addicts and their families. At the October breakfast meeting, held at War Memorial Hospital, David Crittendon, director of physical therapy and a physical therapist with Valley

Health, spoke about the importance of physical activity and physical therapy after surgery and other medical conditions. A Silent Auction was held at the November meeting to support the scholarship fund. The March 19 meeting featured Fred Widmeyer who spoke about the Shriner's Hospital.



Melody Stotler



David Crittendon



Summer McClintock and husband Brian with their daughter and Kathy Yost.

NRTA – WITH OUR YOUTH

"It's time to celebrate and reward retired educator volunteers! NRTA is collecting submissions for the 19th Annual **With Our Youth!** awards program. We need your assistance to help us recognize the exceptional work of volunteers in your association — individual volunteers or groups. **What's New in 2019!** 1. The submission process is now online only; 2. One first prize winner will receive a \$250 grant; 3. Second and third prize winners will receive a Red Wagon, along with a plaque; and 4. All participants will receive a plaque and certificate of award to honor your service. **We believe in the tremendous potential of our youth.** Children are a positive, creative force in our society. They make our lives richer and more fulfilling and are also the future of our world. Because retired educators and our associations believe in the tremendous potential of youth to be a positive influence in our society today, we commit ourselves to take action to ensure all children have the resources they need in order to be, and become, the best they can be. **The Pledge - With Our Youth!** is inspired by America's Promise Alliance and its five promises to youth. NRTA and the retired educator network pledges to provide children with: The five key resources:

1. **Caring adults in their lives:** we serve as guides, caretakers and advisers who give positive and productive guidance throughout a child's (and/or children's) development.
2. **Safe places to learn and grow:** we provide safe places—environments that support and encourage inquiry, exploration and play without fear of harm.
3. **A healthy start in life:** we provide access to proper nutrition and exercise habits.
4. **An effective education:** we provide meaningful educational and life-skills support to young people.
5. **An opportunity to serve in their communities:** we teach young people the value of service, the meaning of community and the self-respect that comes with making a contribution.

How to submit a nomination? Submit your nomination online to: www.aarp.org/nrta/woy or email to NRTAWOY@aarp.org "Any submission received via mail or fax will not be accepted." How will the award recipients be notified? The first prize winner will be notified via phone call. All participants will be notified via email as to when they can expect their certificate and plaque and those receiving red wagon awards. A press release and web copy will also be provided for promotional purposes. We look forward to reading the inspiring nominations this year! **Deadline to submit Friday, June 14, 2019.**

MERCER COUNTY

Mercer County Association of Retired School Employees

Should any WVARSE groups be looking for interesting and educational programs, the members of the Mercer County Association of Retired School Employees would be happy to share contact information for three outstanding programs others may enjoy learning about: Alzheimer's, by Mr. Hunter, WV Alzheimer's Association; Drive for the Deployed, a locally birthed, nationally recognized program by Elise Bowling, Wayne Dillon, and Cathy Saddler; and The Changing Needs of Today's College Students: Concord University's Food Pantry and Gap Fund by Dr Sarah Beasley.



Top photo: T.J. Hunter, WV Alzheimer's Assoc, whose delivery of info was both informative and outstanding.

Bottom left photo: Spokesperson Elise Bowling, Wayne Dillon, and Cathy Saddler, Drive for the Deployed, a locally grown and nationally recognized program.

Right bottom: Dr. Sarah Beasley, CU, speaking about the Changing Needs of College Going Students: The Creation of a Food Pantry & Gap Fund.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Send your list of officers and Leadership Conference form to Bill Milam. Go to www.WVARSE.org and click on "about". On the "drop down", select Unit Officers. Click on "Presidents Chairs - Register Now! Leadership Conference May 8, 2019. Complete forms and Click "submit".

BARBOUR COUNTY



More than 120 seniors in Barbour County depend on the Barbour County Senior Centers for daily home-delivered meals to meet nutritional needs. The Barbour County Association of Retired School Employees (BCARSE) provided Blizzard Boxes to give each of those seniors an emergency food supply when inclement weather prevents normal food delivery. After mem-

bers of BCARSE donated food and cash to purchase additional food, they met at the Philippi Senior Center where they and staff from the Center assembled and filled the boxes for delivery by the Meals on Wheels drivers in Belington and Philippi. West Virginia AARP provides the lunch size cardboard boxes used for this project.

LOOKING FOR OFFICERS

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

Thanks to AMBA rep Rick Billeaud, membership has increased by 15 the first three months of 2019.

SUMMERS COUNTY



Susan Richmond and Faron Young



Candidates for elected offices

Members of the Summers County Retirees hosted candidates for elected offices at their October meeting. AMBA Associate, Rick Billeaud, presented an informative program concerning Donorchoose.org. At the December meeting a Christmas program was presented by singers Susan Richmond and Faron Young.

WIRT COUNTY



Wirt County Retirees supplied rotation teachers at Wirt County Primary Center with supplies needed this time of year. Their January meeting saw twenty attendees, which is an excellent turnout.

TAYLOR COUNTY

Members of the Taylor County Association of Retired School Employees and their Senators visited after the CORPE Breakfast.



Left to right were, Diana Swisher, Senator Dave Sypolt, Carolyn Harrison, John Taylor, Senator Randy Smith, and Sue Murphy

Red Coats at the Legislature



WVARSE President, Mary Ann Farris, WVARSE Legislative Chair John Taylor, and WVARSE Parliamentarian Danny Gray representing WVARSE and AARP at the Legislature.

GILMER COUNTY

Brenda Kay McCartney, a member and I & P Chair of GCRSE, was recently honored by the Women of Martha and Mary's.

The women of Martha and Mary's, an ecumenical group of Gilmer County women representing 13 Gilmer County churches, were pleased to present Brenda with the 2018 Helping Hands Award.

Brenda's "Helping Hands" in her community include: the Little Kanawha Drive Community Educa-

tional Outreach Service Club (president, vice-president, and currently secretary); Board of Directors of Gilmer County Senior Citizens Center (secretary); and Glenville Lions Club (assistant secretary/treasurer). Brenda and Jack, her husband, help with the annual Lions Club carnival and the West Virginia State Folk Festival (Committee secretary) in Glenville.

In addition, Brenda helps the local Cancer Society make peanut butter Easter eggs for sale. In the fall, she helps

with the Cancer Society Salad Lunch at the Methodist church. Brenda volunteers her time helping local 4-H. She reads to children doing the summer as volunteer for Energy Express program and assists with Tanner Satellite trash pick-up for Adopt a Highway program.

In the past, Brenda was a member of the WV Extension Service Committee and the Gilmer County Board of Health. She was presented with the Volunteer Person of the Year Award from the CEOS Club.



Pictured is Brenda Kay McCartney

~ In Memoriam ~

BOONE
William J. (Bill) Linville
Judith Ann Turley
Harold Ray (Tony) Ball
Phyllis Turley

GILMER
Pearl Gaston
Virginia Yeager

GREENBRIER
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Bruce Mosa

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L. Joan Rypkema

PLEASANTS
Virginia Tennant
Hazel Louise Wherry

RALEIGH
Dr. Patra Ellen Janney
Clyde D Peters

WOOD
Earl Lucas

WVARSE Membership Report

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 Processed for Year Ending 6/30/2019

	Last Yr	Current	Potential
UTA	0	1	0
TOTAL	0	1	0

REGION I	Last Yr	Current	Potential
BROOKE	169	176	463
FAIRMONT	17	13	122
HANCOCK	224	183	559
MARION	239	209	884
MARSHALL	193	133	674
MONONGALIA	156	97	909
OHIO	314	302	594
PLEASANTS	86	75	172
TYLER	60	64	165
W. LIBERTY	1	1	42
WETZEL	65	40	346
WVU	27	25	556
TOTAL	1551	1318	5486

REGION II	Last Yr	Current	Potential
BARBOUR	105	101	289
BRAXTON	83	66	291
DODDRIDGE	20	7	141
GILMER	42	44	136
GLENVILLE	13	15	80
HARRISON	338	332	1145
LEWIS	107	76	294
PRESTON	161	127	510
RANDOLPH	181	168	470
TAYLOR	144	121	258
TUCKER	57	60	140
UPSHUR	262	248	435
WEBSTER	69	52	233
TOTAL	1582	1417	4422

REGION III	Last Yr	Current	Potential
BOONE	228	217	518
CALHOUN	21	7	157
CLAY	15	15	218
JACKSON	137	127	460
KANAWHA	388	347	3281
RITCHIE	30	30	173
ROANE	57	66	265
STATE DEPT	36	29	396
WIRT	61	62	111
WOOD	343	260	1530
WVS	5	5	72
TOTAL	1321	1165	7181

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

Membership Year
July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

REGION IV	Last Yr	Current	Potential
CABELL	183	162	1456
LINCOLN	114	106	435
LOGAN	33	35	741
MASON	58	53	447
MINGO	28	26	664
MU	6	6	223
PUTNAM	151	129	786
WAYNE	150	114	808
TOTAL	723	631	5560

REGION V	Last Yr	Current	Potential
CONCORD	3	1	65
FAYETTE	159	145	836
GREENBRIER	132	117	643
MCDOWELL	153	140	697
MERCER	241	231	1201
MONROE	16	13	226
NICHOLAS	110	115	518
POCAHONTAS	100	78	168
RALEIGH	172	127	1351
SUMMERS	110	100	235
WVIT	3	3	5
WYOMING	95	83	580
TOTAL	1294	1153	6525

REGION VI	Last Yr	Current	Potential
BERKELEY	174	177	952
DEAF & BLIND	35	26	175
GRANT	63	108	214
HAMPSHIRE	69	65	281
HARDY	33	23	199
JEFFERSON	123	106	516
MINERAL	125	134	442
MORGAN	82	73	211
PENDLETON	54	47	162
POTOMAC	5	4	7
SHEPHERD	5	4	29
TOTAL	768	767	3188

	Last Yr	Current	Potential
Total Members	7239	6452	32362

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you can convert to a state life membership for
only \$85. Your membership must be received
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DUES FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

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 STATED DUES	\$ 15.00
ANNUAL COUNTY DUES	\$ 5.00
SUPPLEMENTAL DUES	\$
TOTAL ANNUAL DUES	\$

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

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The WVARSE Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2018-2019 School Year.



Anna Malone

A 2015 graduate of Robert C Byrd High School (Harrison County), Anna's ambition was to be pharmacist or an artist – never a teacher. The youngest of three, Anna looked up to her older siblings and mimicked their interests and thoughts. Her siblings were her first friends and role models. When they started school, she asked her parents for a report card just like theirs. She credits her strong foundation of family as motivation for her fondness of school and learning. As a result of doing well in school, her teachers often asked her to tutor peers. From these experiences, she realized that she enjoyed helping others. She often heard the remark "Oh, you should be a teacher!" At this time in her life, teaching was not her choice of careers. Through time spent in prayer, counsel with her parents,

and discussion with mentor educators, she realized that elementary education encompassed all of her passions: helping others, working with children, lifelong learning, leadership, organization and the arts. After graduating from high school, she enrolled in West Liberty University to pursue a degree in elementary education and special education. While at West Liberty, Anna has had the opportunity to work with students with disabilities in serving as chair of the Fitness and Fun Day Committee through the Student Council for Exceptional Children for five semesters. She is presently doing her student teaching in second grade at West Liberty Elementary in Ohio County. She plans to teach in WV in either Harrison or Ohio counties, but not until she completes her doctoral degree. She plans to continue her education for an advanced degree at West Liberty.



Corey Cox

A 2014 graduate of Greenbrier West High School (Greenbrier County), Corey was influenced to go into teaching by his aunt who is a kindergarten teacher. He was deeply involved in sports from grade 2 to his senior year. He performed well in school, even with the stress of being in sports. During his senior year, he volunteered in elementary schools where he read to kids while wearing his football/ basketball jersey. During the summers, Corey worked for AmeriCorps, a summer school program for children who had fallen behind in regular school. As a mentor and community coordinator, he helped kids develop their reading

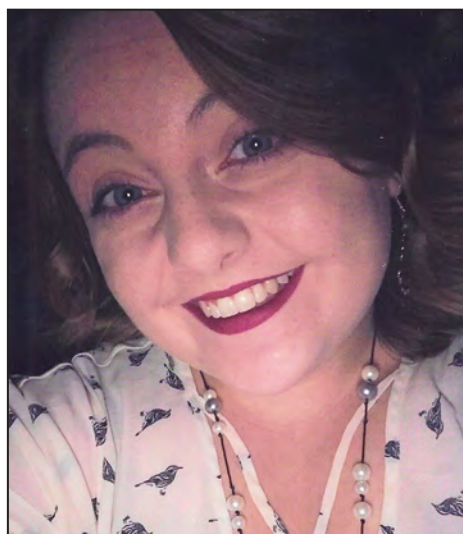
skills and involved people in the community to volunteer to read to kids. Corey decided to attend Marshall University to train to be a physical therapist. During his junior year, he switched his major to wellness and set his goal to be a physical education and health teacher. This increased his time as a student into year five. Corey has been on the Marshall Dean's list for five consecutive semesters and is projected to graduate as an honor student. He is presently doing his student teaching in PE and Health at Huntington Middle and Cabell Midland High School. He hopes to be employed in the Greenbrier County School system. Corey and his wife, Kelsey reside in Huntington.



Brooke Young

A 2015 graduate of Riverside High School (Kanawha County), Brooke was born in Charleston WV. At an early age, she moved to Fort Stewart, Georgia where she began her early school years (kindergarten to second grade). During this time, she was doing well in school and was attending gifted classes. Due to major family problems, she was moved back to WV to live with her maternal grandmother. For a short time, she was not attending any school. She began her third year of school being behind in her work and had to struggle to catch up. She

was assigned to the resource room for needed help in reading and mathematics. She was pleased with the utmost support she received from teachers and staff. During her sixth-grade year, she knew she wanted to become a teacher. As she entered high school, Brooke was able to transition into honor classes. This was major step in which she took extreme pride. She and her classmates endured something no student should have to. Within six months, four classmates died in tragic accidents. Seeing how counselors and teachers were always available to lend a helping hand farther exemplified her reason for wanting to become a teacher. After graduation, she enrolled in West Virginia State University, with a major in elementary education. She is presently doing her student teaching in first grade at Point Harmony Elementary School in Kanawha County. It is her hope to be employed by Kanawha County Schools.



Emily Hicks

A 2015 graduate of Mount View High School (McDowell County), Emily has lived her entire life in a small town, Capels. Beginning in the eighth grade, she became involved in HSTA (Health Sciences and Technology Academy) based on her GPA and hard work. Her ambition was to have a career in the medical field. During high school, her interest and experiences expanded. She was a member of Beta club, continued her HSTA journey, attended HOBY leadership, Rhododendron Girls State, and College Summit. Through

HSTA, she was able to volunteer in the local hospital and attend summer camps that guided her in the direction of what she wanted her career to be. After being a part of the biomed camp at WVU and dealing with bodies and medical procedures, she soon realized her career was not to be in the medical field. Looking into other careers, she found her true calling, teaching. During her eleventh-grade year, she became involved in a program called Reconnecting McDowell: Broader Horizons. This program was sponsored by AFT (American Federation of Teachers) and AT&T. she was able to go to Charleston and job shadow WV first lady Gayle Manchin. She spoke at a press conference in front of many professionals which went so well that she was asked to speak in Los Angeles, California to a group of 4,000 on behalf of Reconnecting McDowell and Broader Horizons. She graduated from Mount View as an honor student, third in her class. She enrolled in Bluefield State College and will graduate with a degree in Elementary Education K-6 with an endorsement in Special Education and Autism. She is presently doing her student teaching in first and third grade at Kimball Elementary in McDowell County where she hopes to be employed after graduation.