

**Northern Fairfield County Retired Teachers' Association
Spring Luncheon
May 2, 2017**

The spring luncheon of the Northern Fairfield County Retired Teachers' Association was held at Anthony's Lake Club on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 11:30AM.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Rona Rothhouse at 11:45AM.

President's Remarks

Rona welcomed everyone to the meeting, including all of those members who have returned from Florida and those who have recently retired and were attending our luncheon for the first time. She also talked about the importance of joining ARTC because of all the work they do for us.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Libby Kasimer reported that \$805.00 was contributed to our Scholarship Fund by retirees attending today's luncheon. The donations were sent in along with payment for their luncheon reservations. The Scholarship Fund now totals \$18,824.77 and our checking account balance is \$8,875.91. However, this amount doesn't reflect payment for today's luncheon.

Libby said that due to the expense involved in preparing and mailing out our spring and fall luncheon letters, we will send out the luncheon letters via e-mail. To that end, a complete list of e-mail addresses prepared by Joretta Kilcourse was circulated so it could be updated and necessary changes made. Those members who do not have e-mail will receive their letters by mail.

She also gave details about an upcoming AAUW meeting at which Connecticut authors will be appearing.

Membership Report

Membership Chairperson June Jones reported on the success of the Community Concerns Committee which was introduced at our fall luncheon. Cards were placed on each table and several members signed up for her Membership Committee. Twelve to fourteen people agreed to help her with various tasks and several members came to help her with our recent mailing. Formation of various other committees is still going on and cards were once again placed on the tables.

June also commented on the need for ARTC membership and the importance of belonging to the organization.

She also welcomed recently retired teachers who were attending as guests of our association. Rona asked them to stand so they could be recognized.

June mentioned House Bill 1205, the Social Security Fairness Act, which legislators should be encouraged to support.

Luncheon

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 while lunch was served.

Resumption of Meeting: 1:15PM

Loretta Kilcourse, our Webmaster, as well as Chairman of the Community Concerns Committee, reiterated the goals of the committee and also mentioned the cards on the tables. In addition to the sign-up cards, flyers were on all of the tables listing community service opportunities in the Danbury area. including the LVA School, CRIS Radio and the Lions' Vision Project.

Guest Speaker

Harvey Center, retired Danbury teacher, was our guest speaker. He discussed his work at the LVA Center. The mission of the center is to enable a diverse population of adults to improve their English language and other academic skills needed to realize their full potential as successful community members. He encouraged retirees to volunteer at the center.

At the conclusion of his speech, Rona asked guests who volunteer at various agencies to stand and mention the agency they were helping. Mentioned were the Soup Kitchen, Hospice, Quilts for Care, Reading Partners with the Danbury School System, Thrift Mart, New Milford, which donates over \$100.000 to the community each year; Special Olympics, Danbury Museum Fabric Friends Program, which makes quilts for patients at Danbury Hospital, and the Women's Center.

Raffle

A total of \$150.00 was collected for the raffle. It was won by one of new retirees who was a guest of the association.

New Vice President

Rona was very happy to announce that Sharon Cook has volunteered to serve as our new Vice President.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julianne Gallagher
Recording Secretary

