

**Northern Fairfield County Retired Teachers' Association  
Fall Luncheon  
October 25, 2016**

The fall luncheon of the NFCRTA was held at 11:00AM on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at Anthony's Lake Club.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:35AM by President Rona Rothhouse.

**President's Remarks**

Rona welcomed everyone to the meeting. She discussed the importance of belonging to ARTC and encouraged attendees to join the association. She also mentioned the ARTC spring and fall luncheons, held in Southington, and how informative they are for retirees.

**Webmaster Joretta Kilcourse**

At the suggestion of June Jones, Membership Chairperson, Joretta had prepared 8 committee sign-up cards for each table. She gave a brief overview of each committee and encouraged attendees to volunteer to help the committee Chairpersons.

Danbury Museum: Joretta discussed upcoming programs at the Danbury Museum, including a new quilting group.

**Membership Chairperson June Jones**

June delivered the following remarks:

Volunteering to help our Executive Board run NFCRTA:

Sign up to help Membership:

1. Those who like computer work could help with posting data., checking for change of address, e-mail, etc.
2. Those who enjoy writing could help compose letters to our membership.
3. Stuffing envelopes: This is a twice a year job of 2 - 3 hours. The work is done at June's house.
4. Please sign up and include your name, phone number or e-mail address.

June and Rose Paonessa, Newsletter Chairperson, are looking for creative people to help them design a pamphlet to send to newly retired teachers. Other affiliates of ARTC do this and we are trying to catch up.

32 of our NFCRTA membership have joined ARTC. Membership forms were placed on each table. ARTC needs to be strengthened in order to continue our initiatives before the state legislature, especially the continuation of lessening our CT. State Tax burden. 9 newly retired teachers have recently joined our association and our total membership roster is 325. 180 have paid their dues.

**Legislative Chairperson Bill Murray**

As of January 1, our dental plan will be administered by Cigna. The cost will be less.

This is a popular plan. Also, the deductible for our prescription drug plan has been reduced to \$400 per year. Mr. Murray also mentioned the very small Social Security cola being offered to retirees in January.

Lobby Day, which is held in April, was also discussed. He said that many legislators attended last April and he felt that more retirees should try to go to Lobby Day next April. The importance of voting in the upcoming election was stressed and he said that a list of endorsed candidates is on the ARTC website.

### **Adjournment for Lunch - 12:00**

### **Resumption of Meeting**

The meeting resumed at 1:25PM. Libby Kasimer, our Treasurer, drew the winning 50/50 raffle ticket. \$340.00 was collected and the raffle winner was Judy Schlemmer, who won \$140.

### **Guest Speaker Eric Frede**

Libby introduced our guest speaker, Eric Frede. He grew up in Danbury, attended Danbury public schools and graduated from Ithaca College. He has had a long career in sports broadcasting and entertained us with stories about working for the Boston Red Sox during their World Series win. He even passed around his World Series ring commemorating that event. At the present time, he is working at SNY doing play by play for the UConn Women's Basketball team. A question and answer session followed his talk.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Julianne Gallagher  
Recording Secretary