

**NFCRTA**  
**Fall Luncheon October 27, 2015**

The Fall meeting of the Northern Fairfield County Retired Teachers' Association was held at Anthony's Lake Club on October 27, 2015 at 11:30am.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:45am by President Rona Rothhouse. She had a moment of silence for long-time member and Past President Earl Smith, whose funeral was being held on the same day as our luncheon meeting.

**President's Remarks**

President Rothhouse read a letter from Senator Chris Murphy's office. He expressed the hope of being our guest speaker in 2016 and he wished our organization well. President Rothhouse then introduced the new retirees who were our guests at the luncheon.

**Joretta Kilcourse Remarks**

Our webmaster, Joretta Kilcourse, spoke about a city property tax rebate for those who qualify. She also discussed coming events at the Danbury Museum.

**Scholarship Chairperson Report**

Kay Santuro, Scholarship Chair, read thank you notes from our two Newtown High School recipients.

**Legislative Chairperson Report**

Bill Murray, Legislative Chair, gave an update on issues related to retirees. There will be no COLA in 2016 for those teachers who retired after 1992. We are tied into Social Security as far as COLA action is concerned.

**Membership Chairperson Report**

June Jones, Membership Chair, has attended ARTC meetings and continues to do intense work on increasing membership in both NFCRTA and ARTC.

**Raffle**

Libby Kasimer, our Treasurer, conducted a 50/50 raffle which made \$142.00 for the Scholarship Fund.

**Guest Speaker**

After the meal, President Rothhouse introduced our guest speaker, Pam Chapman, the Principal of Bethel Middle School. Her topic was all of the changes that have recently occurred in the teaching profession. Not only have teaching methods changed, but a whole new list of buzz words and acronyms now prevail, as well as cameras in hallways and classrooms. Computers and iPads dominate. She gave an example of one type of instruction called "Learning Walks". The assignment might be "I want to get a penguin for a pet." The student would then do his/her research. Applying knowledge is the major goal, as well as developing stamina and perseverance. She left us with one final point: there is no hiding in education any more.

**Adjournment**

President Rothhouse thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Acting Secretary Kay Santuro