

The spring meeting of the Northern Fairfield County Retired Teachers Association was held at 11:30AM on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at Anthony's Lake Club.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:55AM by Acting President Rick Cassar.

Invocation

The invocation was given by Rick Cassar.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rick led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Raffle

Rick announced that Libby Kasimer, our Treasurer, was conducting a 50/50 raffle, with half of the proceeds going to our Scholarship Fund.

Awarding of Scholarships

Kay Santoro, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, awarded the following scholarships:

- The Mary Edgett Scholarship of \$1500 was awarded to Danbury High School senior Allison Vas, who will attend Western Connecticut State University in the fall.
- The NFCRTA Memorial Scholarship of \$1000 was awarded to Bethel High School senior Kathryn Wichman,, who will also attend Westconn in the fall.
- The Earl Smith Scholarship Award of \$1000 in memory of Past Presidents Joseph Tarrant, Norman Kabak, Al Ciprioni and Louis DePaul was given to Henry Abbott Technical School senior Timothy Carbacik.

Kay thanked the members of her committee and also thanked our webmaster, Joretta Kilcourse, for posting the scholarship applications on our website.

Introduction of Officers

Rick introduced the members of the Executive Committee.

Lunch

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting resumed at 1:20PM.

By-Laws

Attendees were given copies of the newly revised By-Laws for their perusal. Rick pointed out

several additions/changes that were made. A motion to accept the By-Laws was made and seconded. All in favor. The motion was passed.

E-mail Addresses

Rick asked that members give their e-mail addresses to Joretta Kilcourse, Webmaster, or June Jones, Membership Chairperson, so that information regarding issues affecting retirees can be sent in a timely manner.

Important Websites

Rick shared web addresses for sites that have up to date information regarding issues before the legislature pertaining to retired teachers. The addresses: www.artct.org www.ctcapitolreport.com www.ctnewsjunkie.com and www.ctmirror.org

Guest Speaker

The guest speaker was Roz Schoonmaker, who is a member of the ARTC Insurance Committee. She discussed all of the ramifications regarding the funding of our insurance plans. She urged everyone to contact their legislators and the governor's office to let them know about the hardships teachers will face if proposed actions are taken to alter the way our insurance is funded. The HIPA account will be out of money by 2016 if monies are continuously drained from it.

Raffle

Libby Kasimer reported a sum of \$400 was raised. The winner of \$200 was Dawn Tomaino. Libby also reported that we have \$10,000 in our treasury. There were 80 people at the luncheon.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julianne Gallagher
Recording Secretary