



## Leadership Conference: May 2, 2018

The Leadership Conference, scheduled for May 2, 2018, will feature an NRTA representative, Mary Beth Dixon. Mary Beth will talk about membership using an AARP program called Chocolate & Younger Members.

Mary Beth creates NRTA sustainability by strengthening efforts on member engagement and volunteer development. Her expertise includes working with multicultural populations, public education, group organizing, and health policy. Before joining NRTA, she worked as an ASD for the New Jersey State Office and held interim assignments supporting AARP's ACA education campaign, the Enterprise Community Pilot, efforts in Manchester, New Hampshire and two of Los Angeles H/L communities. Mary Beth was the recipient of the 2012 Maureen McKoy Excellence in Service Award; she holds a BS in Dietetics and MSW in Social and Economic Development from Washington University. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW).

### Chocolate & Younger Members

AARP recently utilized a design and innovation firm to explore ways to create more inspiring member "experiences" that appeal to those aged 50 to 64 – the same group many REAs are targeting for membership growth. Younger members seek a community and membership experience that provides for more conversation and participation than what organizations have traditionally offered. "Please join us as we examine how to adapt efforts to be more appealing to younger members. While you enjoy a chocolate tasting, we will explore why recruitment and retention feel challenging. We will then explore how to design more engaging experiences. We will review two models that will show how to make every experience more engaging and fun, resulting in more members who join and stay with your chapter, local unit or organization!"

Registration forms will be posted on the Web in early April.



Mary Beth Dixon

## Membership Chair reflects on 2018 Legislative Session

By John Riddle

As your Membership Chair, I want to applaud the recent events in Charleston during the 2018 Legisla-

tive session, as education personnel "united" to create an atmosphere that required our state legislators and governor to hear their needs. All 55 counties had

representation in Charleston to ask questions about much needed pay raises and underfunded, rising costs of PEIA.

They got the attention of

our legislators and also the general public was sympathetic to their needs. I start my article on this note, to

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## From Your President

I want to thank each of you who travelled to Charleston on January 30th for CORPE Legislative Day, and thanks to each of you who made additional trips to Charleston. I applaud you for each contact made with our legislators. I appreciate immensely all of the efforts made by many for the



JO ANN HARMAN  
WVARE President

legislative training, both the presenters and the attendees. Our bill, Senate Bill 413, which was sponsored by Senators Dave Sypolt and Randy Smith, was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Energy, Industry, and Mining Committee and then to the Finance Committee. Although we were not successful in the passage of the bill, we definitely centered attention on our proposed sources for funding PEIA. Our Legislative Goals were:

- That WVARSE will promote legislation to continue and maintain the quality of PEIA coverage, without increases in co-pays or reduction in benefits.
- That WVARSE will promote legislation to establish ½ of 1 percent tax on Marcellus, Utica,

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

# From the Executive Director



**William G. 'Bill' Milam**  
Executive Director

Legislature is over and for the first time since the 1980's, the state budget was passed during the regular session. The budget did not take money out of the Rainy Day Fund, and it appropriates \$29 million to the Public Employees Insurance Agency Stability Fund. It also includes a 5 percent raise for teachers, school service personnel, State Police, and state employees. School personnel, with the support of their county superintendents

were successful in staging a work stoppage until they were successful in getting a 5% pay raise and the establishment of a PEIA Task Force by the Governor with a promise of "fixing" PEIA funding. Many retirees recall the strike of 1990 which lasted fewer days than the work stoppage of 2018. There were thousands of school employees (Professional and service) in attendance daily at the capitol. All 55 counties were involved, and their superintendents were very supportive of their cause. Retirees will not benefit from the raises awarded to public employees, but whatever results from the task force will benefit retirees. We are

proud of the West Virginia teachers, service personnel, superintendents, and school board members for stepping out and standing strong for wage increases that public employees deserve.

Due to a law passed last year that re-defined PEIA Board members, I terminated my role as a lobbyist. This was the first legislative session in 15 years that I did not lobby. I prepared the bill which became SB 513 and gave it to John Taylor, Region II Director. John did an admirable job of securing sponsors and getting the bill introduced. The bill was introduced January 29, 2018 assigned to the Senate committee, Energy, Industry and Mining, where it sat without action the remainder of the

session. SB 513, if passed, would have established a funding source for retired public employees. It was designed to collect .5% severance tax on deep sand gases. This seemed to be the subject of other interested parties and may be a part of the solution to PEIA funding. No severance tax was acted upon. John's hard work and time is very much appreciated.

I encourage all Presidents and Regional Chairs to attend the Annual Leadership Conference May 2, 2018. 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 attend-

ing the conference. NRTA representative Mary Beth Dixon will be discussing membership using a program called "**Chocolate & Younger Members**". 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 email addresses with us would be most helpful. We prefer that you share your address with your unit and they will, in turn, share it with me. That way all concerned will have access. Many of my email addresses are not valid. If you have changed your email address, please send me an email at [bmilam@suddenlink.net](mailto:bmilam@suddenlink.net) so that I can update my files.

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## President

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and other lower sand gases together with ½ of 1 percent severance tax on any future cracker plants as a funding source for state public employees' retiree benefits.

My teaching career was accentuated with field trips which were closely associated with curriculum. Each year we read classics and travelled to Washington DC for performances such as Phantom of the Opera, Cats, and Les Misérables. We studied the classics in class and were prepared to see the magnificent productions at Kennedy Theatre or National Theatre. My favorite was Les Misérables. My English students (honor and gifted), read an excerpt of the classic in English; my upper level French students read an excerpt in French. This work is 900+ pages, so an excerpt was appropriate. The highlight of the unit was the magnificent stage pro-

duction! The lyrics are the most stirring messages that I have ever heard. These are the words which have resonated constantly in my mind as we have struggled to voice our issues and concerns.

Early in the show we hear, "There was a time when men were kind, when their voices were soft, and their words inviting..... When hope was high and life worth living.... But there are dreams that cannot be and there are storms we cannot weather." We cannot lose hope. We must persist in making our issues heard! As we observed the work stoppage organized by public school employees, it was obvious that they were uniting with other public employees. We must do the same. Our Bill 413 stated that we were including all public retirees in the benefits which we sought. Les

Misérables continues with "Do you hear the people sing ..... It is a music of the people who are climbing to the light .... There is a flame that never ends." Finally, we hear, "Will you join in our crusade? Who will be strong and stand with me? .... Is there a world you long to see? Do you hear the people sing? Say, do you hear the distant drums? It is the future that they bring when tomorrow comes!"

We must ask every retired school employee, "Who will be strong and stand with me?" We must contact all retired public retirees and offer associate membership to them for mutual benefits: they would have a voice, and our efforts would be enhanced by their input. Ask them, "Will you join in our crusade?" Remind all of them that, "It is the future that they bring when tomorrow comes!"

The PEIA Task Force formed by the Governor plans to have meetings and hearings which will be open for public attendance. I contacted the Governor's office and requested that our association be represented on the task force. I was encouraged, but we were not included. We must be present and heard at these events. We must wear **red** and speak! Les Misérables makes references to **red**: "**Red** – the blood of angry men!" and "**Red** – a world about to dawn!" The freeze on PEIA is temporary. We must emphasize that retirees have had no raises for a long time, even though costs for insurance have increased considerably. Our anger and anxiety must inspire us to work and hope for a world about to dawn. I encourage as many members, who can, attend these meetings.

## LOOKING FOR OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee will be developing a slate for election of President Elect, Secretary and Directors for Regions II, IV, & VI. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact Darlene Milam [bmilam@suddenlink.net](mailto:bmilam@suddenlink.net).

## IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Send your list of officers and Leadership Conference reservation form to Bill Milam.

Go to [wvase.org](http://wvase.org) and click on "about". On the "drop down" select (1) Unit Officers and (2) 2017 Leadership Conference. Complete the forms and click Submit.



CABELL COUNTY



Barbara Bias, CCARSE Vice President; Mary Beth Svingos, Instructional Guide Explorer Academy; Nancy Hanger, CCARSE Community Service Chair; Irvin Scarberry, CCARSE President

School Employees Continue To Help Students Even After Retirement

The Cabell County Association of Retired School Employees (CCARSE) initiated a project several years ago to provide new clothing for elementary school’s “clothes pantries.” The organization, made up of retired teachers, administrators, secretaries, bus driver, cooks and custodians, contacts participating elementary schools and ask for lists of needed clothing. CCARSE then buys requested new clothing with money donated by members. “We may not be in the schools every day as we were, but we still know the tremendous need of some of our students,” said Irvin Scarberry, CCARSE’s president. The organization has provided help to five Cabell County Elementary Schools, according to Nancy Hander, CCARSE Community Service Chair.

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 III and IV – WVARSE President Jo Ann Harman. Regions V and VI – WVARSE President-Elect Mary Ann Ferris.

- 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 2 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 12, 2018 St. Johns Catholic Church 622 Main Street Benwood, WV 26031 304-232-6455 Registration: 9:00-9:30 After the meeting, anyone interested may take a tour of the famous WV Penitentiary at Moundsville for a discounted fee of \$7.00. Built in 1866, this is considered one of the most haunted prisons in the United States. Please call Charmel Radcliff, 304-684-2133 if you are interested in taking this tour.

Region II — June 13, 2018 First United Methodist Church, Clarksburg, WV 9:00 AM.

Region III — June 6, 2018 at Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Fairplain – Meet in cafeteria beginning at 8:30am-2:00pm.

Region IV — June 5 1st Church of God/ 2401 Jefferson Ave. Pt Pleasant registration beginning at 9:30 AM. Call to order at 10:00

Region V — June 7 Mining Academy, Beckley. Registration will begin at 10:00 A light breakfast and lunch will be served while there. The program will contain info about the association, legislature, insurance, benefits and fraud. You must have a picture ID to get into the mine academy now even if not the driver.

Region VI — June 11 at the Foreman Community Center located in Lahmansville, WV. We will begin at 9:30 with registration followed by the meeting at 10:00. Our meal will be catered by Puttin’ On The Ritz and we are thrilled to have Denis Chapman for our entertainment.

- 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 29 & 30 Annual Council, Flatwoods (registration begins at 10:00 A.M.)
- September 24 -28 WVARSE week

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only bring attention to what “united numbers” in an organization or group can do! I also want to recognize the fact that many retired educators and service personnel attended these sessions at the Legislature. Thank you and I hope that

you carried your message back to your local WVARSE membership.

Now, let us talk about WVARSE membership and what it can bring to our members. I would like to say our membership is growing, that is not the case; in fact, we are only staying about even each year as we look at growth. There

are presently over 33,000 retired potential members, yet we are less than 7500 in membership. We are the largest single group of state retirees! I can only imagine what would happen if our potential membership decided to come to the legislature. Your voice, joining ours, is needed now more than ever. Retired school

employees are facing rising costs of living with NO pension increases. Social Security only gives small increases which are usually needed to meet raised costs. At the federal level, there are rumors of attacks on our Social Security and Medicare benefits. An organization is only as strong as its membership numbers and their

active participation. WVARSE is the “voice” of retired school personnel. Our organization is the only one which represents ALL retired school employees. We also have associate spouse or others to join and participate with us. Contact your county president to review your county’s po-

tential membership. Contact colleagues that are not members or who have stopped attending. I remind you that our website (www.wvarse.org) has valuable information on goals, membership, contacts, etc.. NOW is the time to become a member of WVARSE and have your voice heard in Charleston.

# KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES

## Election Day – May 8, 2018

Primary election day is May 8, 2018. Provided in this article are the certified candidates for all 117 legislative positions to be filled in the November election. Each of you should look at the voting records of the incumbents and what each of the other candidates stand for before making your decisions in the primary election. As we proceed into the November General election, use this information in choosing Legislators who will be supportive of school personnel and funding for PEIA. Incumbents are **Bold**.

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(D) **ISAAC SPONAUGLE**

**56th Delegate District**  
(R) CHARLES VON HAGEL  
(R) **GARY G. HOWELL**  
(R) LUKE MCKENZIE  
(D) TIMOTHY RYAN  
(D) WILL SKEHAN

**57th Delegate District**  
(R) **RUTH ROWAN**

**58th Delegate District**  
(R) **DARYL E. COWLES**  
(D) BIBI HAHN

**59th Delegate District**  
(R) LARRY D. KUMP  
(R) TALLY RANELS REED  
(D) JOHN ISNER

**60th Delegate District**  
(R) LARRY W FAIRCLOTH SR.  
(R) **S. MARSHALL WILSON**

**61st Delegate District**  
(R) ANTHONY J VITALE  
(D) **JASON BARRETI**

**62nd Delegate District**  
(R) KEVIN R. BOLEN  
(R) TOM BIBBY  
(D) CYNTHIA TODDLE

**63rd Delegate District**  
(R) DAVY JONES  
(R) JOHN HARDY  
(R) PAM BRUSH  
(R) SAMSON WRIGHT  
(D) SAM BROWN

**64th Delegate District**  
(R) **ERIC LEE HOUSEHOLDER**  
(R) WENDY J.G. BIRD

**65th Delegate District**  
(R) **JILL UPSON**  
(D) SAMMI BROWN

**66th Delegate District**  
(R) **PAUL ESPINOSA**  
(R) REESE CLABAUGH  
(D) DAVID M. DINGES

**67th Delegate District**  
(R) DAN SWISHER  
(R) **RILEY MOORE**  
(D) JOHN DOYLE

**State Senator**  
**1st Senatorial District**  
(R) **RYAN FERNS**  
(D) WILLIAM IHLENFELD

**2nd Senatorial District**  
(R) **CHARLES CLEMENTS**  
(D) CARLA J. JONES  
(D) DENNY LONGWELL

**3rd Senatorial District**  
(R) **MIKE AZINGER**  
(D) JIM LEACH  
(D) SIMON HARGUS

**4th Senatorial District**  
(R) ERICJ. TARR  
(R) **MARK DRENNAN**  
(D) BRIAN PRIM

**5th Senatorial District**  
(R) LARRY BROOKE LUNSFORD  
(D) **MIKE WOELFEL**

**6th Senatorial District**  
(R) **MARK R. MAYNARD**  
(R) WESLEY BLANKENSHIP  
(D) CHARLES E. SAMMONS

**7th Senatorial District**  
(R) GARY L JOHNGRASS  
(R) JASON STEPHENS  
(D) **RON STOLLINGS**

**8th Senatorial District**  
(R) **ED GAUNCH**  
(D) MARK HUNT  
(D) RICHARD LINDSAY

**9th Senatorial District**  
(R) **LYNNE CARDEN ARVON**  
(R) ROLLAN A. ROBERTS  
(D) JOHN QUESENBERRY  
(D) STEVE DAVIS  
(D) WAYNE WILLIAMS  
(D) WILLIAM R. “BILL” WOOTON

**10th Senatorial District**  
(R) DAN HILL  
(R) GEORGE BOOGIE AMBLER  
(D) **STEPHEN BALDWIN**

**11th Senatorial District**  
(R) BILL HAMILTON  
(R) **ROBERT LEE KARNES**  
(D) LAURA M. FINCH  
(D) MARGARET KERR BECKWITH

**12th Senatorial District**  
(R) WAYMOND CORK II  
(D) **MIKE ROMANO**

**13th Senatorial District**  
(R) MIKE OLIVERIO  
(D) **BOB BEACH**

**14th Senatorial District**  
(R) **DAVE SYPOLT**  
(D) STEPHANIE ZUCKER

**15th Senatorial District**  
(R) **CHARLES S TRUMP IV**

**16th Senatorial District**  
(R) MICHAEL CRAIG FOLK  
(D) **JOHN UNGER**

**17th Senatorial District**  
(R) **TOM TAKUBO**  
(D) JUSTIN “DICK” SAUSBURY  
(D) MARY ANN ROEBUCK  
CLAYTOR  
(D) TERRELL ELLIS

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Wednesday May 2, 2018

“TO SERVE AND NOT TO BE SERVED”  
**9:30 am Registration (\$15 per person)**

Region III — Carol Williams, Director

**10:00 am First General Session**

Conference Rooms D&E

For the comfort of members who have difficulty hearing or seeing, please take a seat in front of room  
**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**

\* Presiding — JoAnn Harman, President

\* Devotions and Flag Salute — Julia Ann Pauley, Mercer County

\* Introductions and Program Overview — JoAnn Harman (5)

\* Humana/PEIA — Scott Rogers

\* AMBA — Rick Billeaud

\* Speaker — Mary Beth Dixon  
NRTA, “Chocolate & Younger Members”

**10:45 am BREAK**

11:00 am Speaker — Mary Beth Dixon Continue

**12:00 Noon Luncheon & Social Time**

Provided by WVARSE. Conference Room A

**1:00 pm- 2:00pm**

**President’s Training Session**

Conference Room D

**Committee Training Sessions**

\* Community Services, Chair Liz Bradford — Room Beckley

\* Informative & Protective Services, Chair Irvin Scarberry — Room Braxton

\* Legislative, Chair Bill Hammond — Room Lewisburg

\* Membership, Chair John Riddle — Room Wheeling

**2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Regional caucuses**

\* Region I Charmel Radcliff, Director — Room Beckley

\* Region II John Taylor, Director — Room D

\* Region III Carol Williams, Director — Room Lewisburg

\* Region IV Rick White, Director — Room Wheeling

\* Region V Steve Bailey, Director — Room Bridgeport

\* Region VI Patty Adkins, Director — Room Braxton

**3:00 Reports**

(Brief synopsis of the important information shared. No more than 2 to 3 minutes)

**3:30 Adjournment**

Thanks to AMBA rep  
Rick Billeaud membership  
has increased by 20 the  
first three months of 2018.

Effective July 1, 2018, state  
annual dues will increase to \$15.

Newsletter Editor:  
Darlene Milam  
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Newsletter deadline: July 15, 2018



# TAYLOR COUNTY

Members of Taylor County Association of Retired School Employees (TCARSE) traveled to Charleston for CORPE Rally Day to meet with legislators to encourage them to find support from gas severance taxes as a funding source for state public employees retiree benefits.



Names for picture TCARSE Charleston Trip 1-2018 Sypolt & Smith L-R John Harrison, Mary Slaton, Carolyn Harrison, Mary Jane Hall, Senator Randy Smith, Senator Dave Sypolt, John Taylor, Curtis Hilderbrandt



Names for picture TCARSE Charleston Legislature 2018 Summers L-R John Harrison, Curtis Hilderbrandt, John Taylor, Taylor Delegate Amy Summers, Mary Slaton, Mary Jane Hall, Carolyn Harrison

# GRANT COUNTY



John Moyers Grant President , Jo Ann Harman WVARSE President and Kanette Petrey Attorney General Office

# Grant County seeks to keep members informed

Grant County Association of Retired School Employees held fall meetings organized to keep members informed of pertinent information affecting them, including information on preventing identity theft and protection from frauds. Mrs. Petrey gave great tips on what to do if you are a victim and how to avoid becoming a victim. (The enclosed photo is from this meeting.)

Before the December Christmas get-together, House of Delegate members Allen Evans and Bill Hamilton met with the group to answer questions about upcoming legislative matters related to retirees.

At every meeting Jo Ann Harman, President of WVARSE, Patty Adkins, Region VI Director and David Adkins, legislative chair from Region VI and GCARSE keep members informed about what is happening in Charleston and how members can help by contacting senators and Delegates.

# MORGAN COUNTY

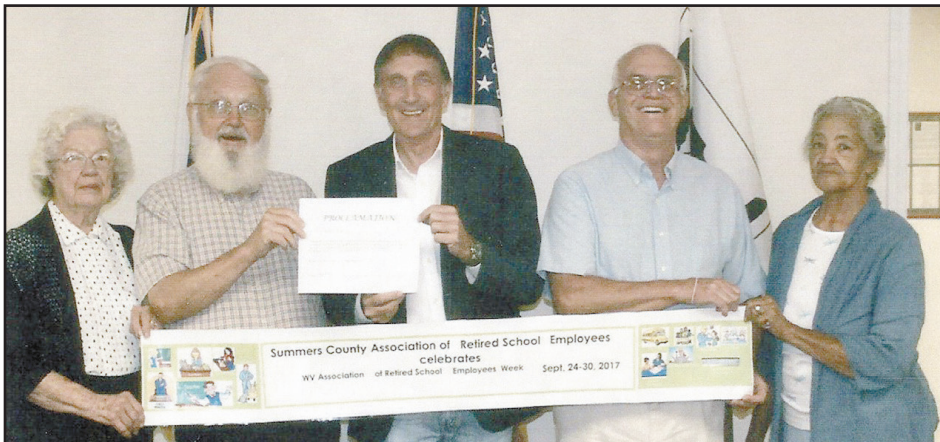


On December 7, members of the Morgan County ARSE were invited to a delicious TEA prepared by the ProStart class at Berkeley Springs High School. Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, Amy Golden Litten led the students in this endeavor. Amy had been a student of the Morgan County School System. Many of the parents of the students in the class, MCARSE members knew from their days in their schools! Such FUN!

# SUMMERS COUNTY

The Summers County Association of Retired School Employees held their regular meeting on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at the Hinton Senior Center. The meeting was well attended and after concluding the business portion of the meeting, an excellent Christmas musical program was presented by the Bluestone Trio. An outstanding covered dish luncheon was enjoyed by all.

The mayor of Hinton presented the Summers County Association of Retired School Employees a proclamation recognizing WVARSE Week.



L to R: Doris Yates, Treasurer; Douglas Wayne Harvey, President; Joe Blankenship, Mayor of Hinton; Vaden Tabor, Vice President and Margaret Nelson, unit member



~ In Memoriam ~

**BOONE**  
Robert “Bob” Peal — Life

**CABELL**  
Joan M. Fox

Ruth Hemp

Ouida Pearson

Elizabeth Sharp

Ruth Thornton

**GLENVILLE**  
Neva Lynn Gainer

**GRANT**  
Mary Catherine Barr

**HAMPSHIRE**  
Dorothy Hott

**HARRISON**  
Randy Cochran

Michael Ann Gainer

Carolyn Rutherford George

Leonora Jean Maxwell

Gail Colleen Richards

Charlotte Loretta Rose

Shirley Zirkle Satterfield

**JACKSON**  
Connie Ann Hinkle -Life

**JEFFERSON**  
Susan Heflebower

Lorna Frye - Life

Emma S. Locke- Life

**KANAWHA**  
Phyllis Joann Burgess—Life

Patricia R. Melton – Life

**LEWIS**  
Richard Lee Bonnett

John Howard Reeder

**MCDOWELL**  
Charles Glass

**MORGAN**  
Elmer E. Weber

**PLEASANTS**  
Dr. Harold Carl

Edwin A. Davis

Leona Eddy

Otis Leggett

Anna Mary Thacker

**PUTNAM**  
Charles Beckett

**RALEIGH**  
Lorena Farley – Life

Ruth Larew – Life

Robert E Lilly – Life

**RANDOLPH**  
Luther Cutright

Jean Lawrence

Mary Margaret Morrison

Bayard Swecker

**SUMMERS**  
James Thornton Huffman

James Marion Richmond

**TUCKER**  
Helen Jean Newbrough

**WIRT**  
Francis “Sally” Compton

WVARSE Membership Report

Tuesday, March 20, 2018      Processed for Year Ending 6/30/2018

Membership Year  
July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

REGION I	Last Yr	Current	Potential
BROOKE	169	172	463
FAIRMONT	17	14	122
HANCOCK	224	207	559
MARION	239	219	884
MARSHALL	193	188	674
MONONGALIA	156	147	909
OHIO	314	297	594
PLEASANTS	86	83	172
TYLER	60	63	165
W. LIBERTY	1	1	42
WETZEL	65	81	346
WVU	27	26	556
TOTAL	1551	1498	5486

REGION II	Last Yr	Current	Potential
BARBOUR	105	97	289
BRAXTON	83	85	291
DODDRIDGE	20	7	141
GILMER	42	56	136
GLENVILLE	13	15	80
HARRISON	338	326	1145
LEWIS	107	101	294
PRESTON	161	149	510
RANDOLPH	181	186	470
TAYLOR	144	103	258
TUCKER	57	58	140
UPSHUR	262	251	435
WEBSTER	69	59	233
TOTAL	1582	1493	4422

REGION III	Last Yr	Current	Potential
BOONE	228	230	518
CALHOUN	21	9	157
CLAY	15	15	218
JACKSON	137	132	460
KANAWHA	388	331	3281
RITCHIE	30	31	173
ROANE	57	60	265
STATE DEPT	36	33	396
WIRT	61	75	111
WOOD	343	296	1530
WVS	5	5	72
TOTAL	1321	1217	7181

REGION IV	Last Yr	Current	Potential
CABELL	183	168	1456
LINCOLN	114	109	435
LOGAN	33	36	741
MASON	58	64	447
MINGO	28	26	664
MU	6	6	223
PUTNAM	151	139	786
WAYNE	150	129	808
TOTAL	723	677	5560

REGION V	Last Yr	Current	Potential
CONCORD	3	1	65
FAYETTE	159	159	836
GREENBRIER	132	130	643
MCDOWELL	153	149	697
MERCER	241	253	1201
MONROE	16	15	226
NICHOLAS	110	110	518
POCAHONTAS	100	83	168
RALEIGH	172	158	1351
SUMMERS	110	111	235
WVIT	3	3	5
WYOMING	95	92	580
TOTAL	1294	1264	6525

REGION VI	Last Yr	Current	Potential
BERKELEY	174	187	952
DEAF & BLIND	35	27	175
GRANT	63	94	214
HAMPSHIRE	69	63	281
HARDY	33	38	199
JEFFERSON	123	120	516
MINERAL	125	137	442
MORGAN	82	75	211
PENDLETON	54	44	162
POTOMAC	5	7	7
SHEPHERD	5	4	29
TOTAL	768	796	3188

**Total Members**      **Last Yr** 7239      **Current** 6948      **Potential** 32362

Effective July 1, 2018, state annual dues will increase to \$15.

If you are an active, annual state member, you can convert to a state life membership for only \$90. Your membership must be received by the WVARSE Membership Clerk by June 15. PLUS, your local unit will get a \$5 rebate.

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

A	201
AN	45
D	55
L	2950
N	303
NL	171
R	2955
RN	267
Total	6948

ORDER ENROLLMENT FORMS AND RECORD CARDS TODAY

Please order your enrollment membership forms or record cards for next year now. Use any forms you now have on hand. Take an inventory and request the number for the 2018-2019 year by phoning Rita Hammond, Membership Clerk, at 304-623-0929 or email: billandritah@gmail.com. To save postage these will be distributed at the Leadership Conference on May 2 at Flatwoods. The 2017- 2018 year is not over until June 30, 2018. This means we have 3 months to try to increase our membership for this year. Please make every effort by calling individuals who have not joined to get them “on board.” **Effective July 1, 2018, state annual dues will increase to \$15.**

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WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ENROLLMENT FORM

DUES FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

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)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Associate ( ) Life ( )  
Last First Middle Renewal ( ) New ( )  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ OLD ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ IF CHANGED -  
RETIRED FROM \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF COUNTY, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OTHER)

Send to YOUR COUNTY:  
both forms & check payable to your County.

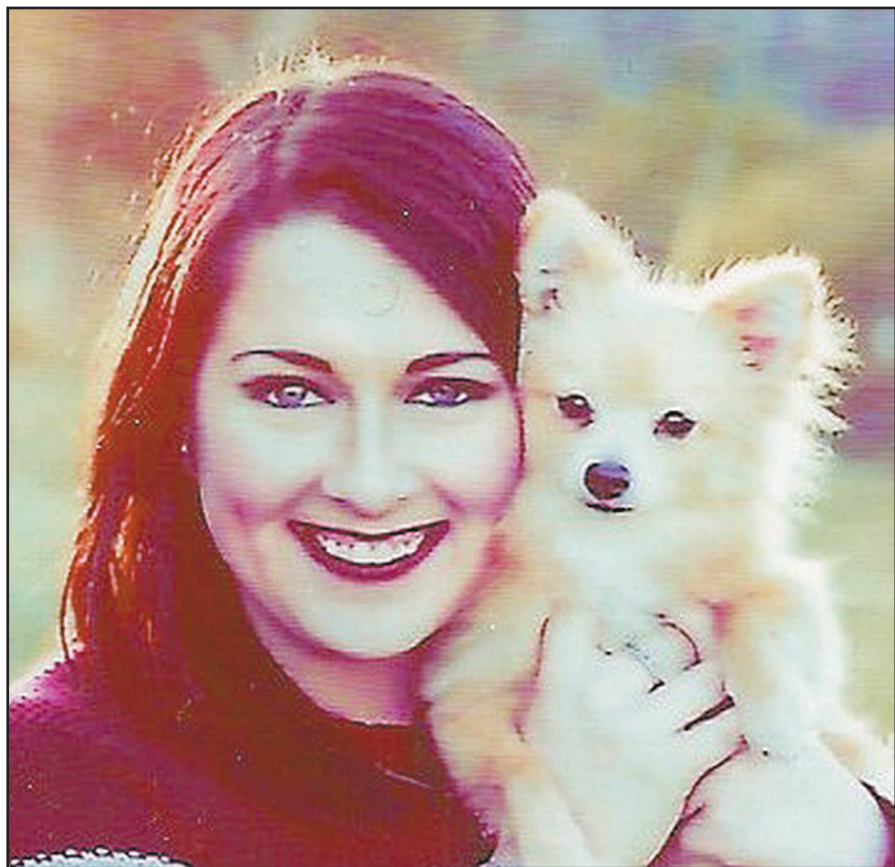
For info: contact [www.WVARSE.org](http://www.WVARSE.org) for County Membership Chairman  
Or call: Rita Hammond, WVARSE Membership Clerk 304-623-0929

“Dues are not tax deductible”

Members receive Newsletters, Insurance/ Travel Opportunities & representation at the legislature.



# Scholarship Winners 2018



## *Courtney Samples*

Courtney Samples, a 2014 Winfield High School Graduate is completing her teaching degree in Elementary Education at West Virginia State University. She has always known she had an affinity for teaching – attracted to more than just the perks of the profession, she has learned the import of influencing lives and encouraging children to strive for their goals.

Courtney's family has experienced many financial setbacks, but she has remained focused on her ultimate goal and learned many life lessons about the importance of establishing priorities and hard work which she hopes to share with her students. In spite of her family's financial hardships, Courtney has remained determined and positive, traits which have allowed her to achieve her finest accomplishment to date, seven consecutive semesters on the Deans list with a 4.0 GPA. She is anxious to begin her student teaching having already forged connections with the 3rd graders from Point Harmony Elementary School. Already, she is looking to the future, preparing to return to school and completing a Master's Degree.



## *Madison Cunningham*

Madison Cunningham is completing her teaching degree in Elementary and Multi-Categorical Special Education. She is completing her degree at Glenville State College and plans to return for a master's degree in special education. Madison has been inspired by two things in her journey to become a teacher; her sister and her position as a tutor for the past six years. She originally believed she would move to Key West to become a radiologist, but her acceptance in high school as a tutor with Energy Express and her subsequent return engagements since that time. Once she determined she enjoyed teaching children, she settled in special education, in deference to the struggles her own sister experienced as a result of her learning disabilities and developmental delays.

Madison, a graduate of Ritchie County HS ultimately wants to be a teacher in rural Ritchie Co.- believing that teachers "can be one of the biggest role models in a student's life" and that her calling is to make a difference in the lives of her students while remaining close to home.

# Legislative Report

**By Bill Hamond**  
**With input from John Taylor**

We spent at least 2 days each week at the legislature. It was a very interesting, but tiring experience. Our bill, SB 413 asking for a new tax on deep sand gas was sponsored by Senators Dave Sypolt and Randy Smith. It was introduced January 29, 2018, assigned to Energy, Industry and Mining committee, and sat there the whole session without being reviewed by the committee. There were some suggested amendments to the bill, which may be considered when it is introduced next year. The PEIA Stability Task Force containing 29 members, appointed by the Governor and chaired by Mike Hall, the Governor's Chief of Staff, held their first meeting at the Governor's office March 13. John Taylor, Bill, Rita and Chuck Hammond, along with AARP President Rich Stonestreet, represented WVARSE. The next meeting will be held

at the Culture Center on Saturday, April 10. At that meeting, Ted Cheatham, Director of PEIA will make a presentation on PEIA.

The Task Force consists of three committees: 1. Coverage and Plan Review which will study the current plan and possible cost savings; 2. Cost and Review which will study PEIA costs and possible revenue sources; 3. Legislative and Public Outreach which will hold public meetings and inform the public. There will be at least four regional meetings.

We encourage members to attend these meetings and deliver the same message – Retirees get no raises to fund increases in co-pays, deductions, out-of-pocket expenses, or premiums. All of these have increased in recent years. Inflation has eaten away at pensions for long time retirees. This indicates that costs to retirees should not only be frozen, but rolled back.

The web site for the PEIA Task Force is: [peiataskforce.wv.gov](http://peiataskforce.wv.gov)



Justice administration Chief of Staff Mike Hall leads the discussion during the first meeting of the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency stability task force. The 29-member group is charged with finding solutions to rising health premiums and lower benefits for state workers.