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NARSP Scholarship Recipients Named

The recipients of the 2022-2023 NARSP Active Educator Scholarship are: Alisa Burggraff who is a 7-8 middle school art teacher in the Fremont Public Schools and Angela Rae Embretson who is a pre-school teacher within the Falls City Public Schools at North Elementary. Ms. Burggraff is pursuing a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Art Education from the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Ms. Embretson is enrolled in the Curriculum and Instruction Trauma and Resilience Master's Program at Concordia University, Nebraska.

The scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each are awarded annually to an active educator working toward an advanced degree or endorsement in a related field of education. By offering the scholarships to active educators in the field, NARSP members have an opportunity to “maintain professional contacts and to develop new ones” with the district, schools, and educators in and around the communities of the local units.

The NARSP Executive Board received eight quality semi-finalist applications this year for review.

Alisa Burggraff has been an educator for seven years. She is a member of NEA and NSEA. She created an Art Club that is offered weekly after school. The art students participate in the annual K-12 art show in downtown Fremont. Alisa is involved in her church and has been a CCD teacher for grade school students.

In her application Alisa stated, “...one of my favorite classes, art for students



with diverse needs, taught me about differentiated instruction and how important that is to help teach every student where they are at in the learning process and how they learn...from this course my classroom has changed...I have made more step-by-step handouts for art projects, and created tiering levels for students so they could create and art project at the appropriate level.”

One of Alisa's references indicated, “Alisa is very passionate about the role that art education has in the development of the whole child and is also a master of her content and a very talented artist. She is also able to use these skills to challenge students with high abilities while also using these skills to motivate the students who claim to not like art or claim to have no artistic ability. The combination of her relationships with students and her passion for art allows her to keep students engaged and to push them beyond what many students think they are unable to do.”

A colleague shared the following about Alisa, “I have seen how she interacts with all of her students. As you can imagine, students have a wide range of interests when it comes to art. Whether they love it, hate it, or have a mild enthusiasm, Alisa is able to engage students with her own creative talent and passion for art. It's contagious! Alisa is motivating to her students. Perhaps it's by suggesting another way to accomplish a technique or by offering words of encouragement.”

The Fremont Area Unit submitted Alisa's semi-finalist application.

Angela Rae Embretson has been an educator for thirty years. She is a member of NEA, NSEA, and FCEA. Committee involvement in the school/district has included “Family Engagement” and “Circle of Friends”. She has been active in her church and its related education programs. Polka Dancing was also noted as a community

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Officer Elections

Officer positions up for election at the Annual Board of Directors' Meeting this coming fall are President and Vice-President. Both positions are for a two-year term (2022-2024).

As of this writing, the Nomination Committee is working on developing a slate.

The Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, September 15 in Lincoln!



Wauneta's Notes

The Lincoln Park and Recreation Department had a nice Grand Rededication on Thursday, June 2, 2022 of the Teacher's Cascade Fountain. Several people purchased a brick with the name of their favorite teacher inscribed on them. This is a lovely setting to sit and visit and enjoy the flowers and fountain.

NARSP received eight applications for the teacher scholarships. Congratulations! to Angela Rae Emberstson of Falls City and Alisa Burggraff of Fremont. The scholarships will be awarded at the fall conference.

The Scottsbluff Unit has disbanded. We now have nine active Units.

NARSP is still in need of an Executive Director. If you know of someone that is interested or you are interested, please call 402-483-1649.

Hope you are all staying well, keep walking and stay cool.

Wauneta Peterson
NARSP President



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activity.

In her application Angela noted, "As I study for this degree, I am hoping to gather fresh information about the topic of trauma in families especially in regard to the education of children. The additional topic of resilience that is added into this degree will help as I learn more about how to help young children and their families move

forward in positive ways for a better future."

A reference stated, "Ms. Embretson is a professional teacher that is always looking to continue to learn and grow. She prepares lessons that stimulate student interest. Ms. Embretson is a valuable

asset to me professionally as she sees the big picture and is willing to embrace school initiatives, help move other staff members forward, and speaks positively about change that she feels will impact our students positively."

A school patron noted the following about Angela, "Angela puts her heart and soul into her personal and professional life. We as a family appreciated her patience, guidance, and understanding of each situation that arises. Our children go through a variety of situations: separation, bullying, lack of self-esteem, fears, and many more obstacles. We are certain that she is capable of caring for our children through this and more."

The Southeast Nebraska Area Unit submitted Angela's semi-finalist application.

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Nebraska Association of Retired School Personnel
Financial Report
February 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022

Checkbook Balance February 1, 2022 \$ 15,234.62

Income		
Dues	\$ 210.00	
Online dues	\$ <u>926.90</u>	
Total Income	\$ 1,136.90	\$ <u>1,136.90</u>
		\$ 16,371.52

Expenditure		
Postmaster	\$ 572.10	
Supplies	\$ 34.58	
Photos	\$ 31.35	
Copy Cat	\$1,581.42	
NationWide	\$ 100.00	
ASRTE	\$ 100.00	
Refund	\$ <u>15.00</u>	
Total Expenditures	\$2,434.45	\$ 2,434.45

Checkbook Balance June 30, 2022 \$ 13,937.07

Other Monies			
US Bank		Original	Current
CD (4411) matures 01-07-2021	\$ 6,009.35	\$ 6,476.50	1.49%
CD (7901) matures 04-20-2003	\$10,380.30	\$12,079.76	2.47%
CD (0631) matures 01-16-2021	\$10,000.00	\$10,776.01	1.49%
CD (0649) matures 01-16-2021	\$10,000.00	\$10,776.01	1.49%
State Farm moved to US Bank			
CD (1159) mature 01-06-2023	\$ 9,280.18	\$10,425.74	2.27%
			\$51,097.44

Checkbook Balance and Other Monies June 30, 2022 \$ 65,034.51

CD's Feb 1, 2022 Total = \$ 50,534.02 & June 30, 2022 Total = \$51,097.44 = + \$ 563.42

Have you joined us on Facebook yet?

If not, you are missing out. On this page you will find postings such as:

- Local area meetings (contact wanda.samson@gmail.com with information for your unit)
- Posts that are informative for retired individuals
- Humorous posts
- and much more

Do you need help getting on? Contact wanda.samson@gmail.com to get help.

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Unicameral Notes

• The second session of the 107th Legislature adjourned on April 20th. This was a 60-day session.

• Thirteen senators will be departing the Legislature this year due to term limits.

• LB 825 introduced by Senator Brett Lindstrom to exempt all Social Security income from state income taxation in increments by tax year 2025 became a part of LB873 - Change provisions relating to corporate and individual income taxes, taxation of social security benefits, and property tax credits. This allowed for 825 to be continued in debate and not die in the final weeks of the session. The Final Reading vote on 873 was Yes-43, No-0, and Excused, Not Voting-6. LB 873 was signed into law by Governor Ricketts.

• Senator Lindstrom had worked on legislation to exempt state taxation of our Social Security income benefits for eight years.

• The first session of the 108th Legislature is scheduled to convene January 4, 2023. This will be a 90-day session.

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Looking for ways to save money in 2022?

When is the last time you checked your Medicare supplement rates?



SECTION 5

Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap)

How does Medigap work?

Original Medicare pays for much, but not all, of the cost for covered health care services and supplies. Medicare Supplement Insurance (**Medigap**) policies sold by private companies, can help pay some of the remaining health care costs for covered services and supplies, like **copayments**, **coinsurance**, and **deductibles**.

Some Medigap policies also offer coverage for services that Original Medicare doesn't cover, like medical care when you travel outside the U.S. Generally, Medigap doesn't cover long-term care (like care in a nursing home), vision or dental services, hearing aids, eyeglasses, or private-duty nursing.

Medigap plans are standardized

Medigap must follow federal and state laws designed to protect you, and they must be clearly identified as "Medicare Supplement Insurance." Insurance companies can sell you only a "standardized" plan, identified in most states as plans A - D, F, G, and K - N. All plans offer the same basic benefits, but some offer additional benefits so you can choose which one meets your needs. In Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, Medigap plans are standardized in a different way. If you live in one of these states and want more information, visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov) or [Medicare.gov/publications](https://www.Medicare.gov/publications) to view the booklet, "Choosing a Medigap Policy: A Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare."

You will be happy to know that NARSP is partnered with AMBA to provide 1st class benefits and discounts. All of the Medicare Supplement providers have an AM Best rating of A for excellent and have been serving Nebraska retirees for many years, some of the provide available to you are Mutual of Omaha, Cigna, and Aetna.

SECTION 5: Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap)

What else should I know about Medigap?

- Before you can buy Medicare Supplement Insurance (**Medigap**), you must have Part A and Part B.
- You pay the private insurance company a monthly **premium** for Medigap in addition to the monthly Part B premium you pay to Medicare. Also, if you buy Medigap and a separate Medicare drug plan from the same company, you may need to make 2 separate premium payments. Contact the company to find out how to pay your premiums.
- A Medigap policy only covers one person. Spouses must buy separate coverage.
- You can't have drug coverage in both Medigap and your Medicare drug plan. See page 89.
- It's important to compare Medigap policies since the costs can vary between policies for exactly the same coverage, and may go up as you get older. Some states limit Medigap premium costs.
- In some states, you may be able to buy another type of Medigap policy called Medicare SELECT. Medicare SELECT is a type of Medigap policy sold in some states that requires you to use hospitals and, in some cases, doctors within its network to be eligible for full insurance benefits (except in an emergency). If you buy Medicare SELECT, you have rights to change your mind within 12 months and switch to standard Medigap.

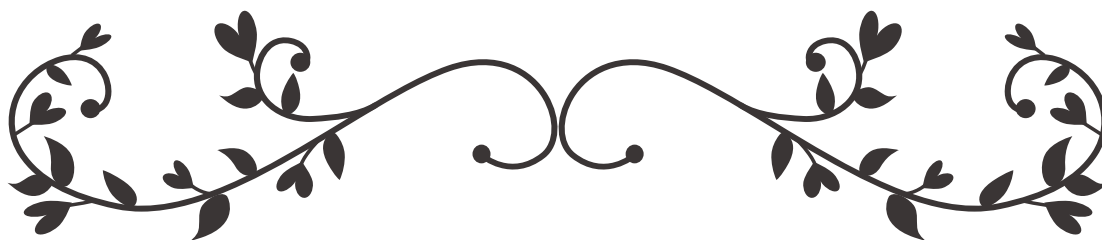
Note: Medigap plans sold to people who are new to Medicare on or after January 1, 2020 aren't allowed to cover the Part B **deductible**. Because of this, Plans C and F are no longer available to people new to Medicare on or after January 1, 2020.

Take a picture/scan the QR code or call Kell Smalley at 913-912-2157 to compare your rates.



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“Remember the Spotlight”

Do you have a centenarian in your local Unit that is a member of NARSP or a member that will be reaching that milestone in the very near future? Plan to submit an article about that individual along with their picture to Robert Bussmann for inclusion in a future issue of the NARSP Newsletter so the “Spotlight on a 100-Year-Old Member” can be turned on!

**The news articles for
the Spring Issue of the
NARSP Newsletter are
due by Friday,
February 10, 2023.**

NARSP Membership Information

Membership with NARSP gives you representation in the community and legislature, fellowship with other retired school personnel, and access to many member benefits.

All retired teachers, administrators, school personnel and support staff are invited to join our organization as active members.

Associate membership is available to a spouse of an active member; to any individual who is interested in and subscribes to the purposes of NARSP; and to active school personnel within three years of retirement.

Yearly dues are \$15.00 for both active and associate members. The membership year is from September 1 to August 31.

There are a number of options available for payment of your dues. Unit members will continue to pay your annual NARSP through your local treasurer. There are three options that can be found on the NARSP website www.narsp.org -- download and complete the membership form and mail your check to the address noted below; by credit card for your annual membership; and by credit card with automatic annual renewal at your original date of joining.

If you would have further questions about your membership, please feel free to contact Nancy Johnson, NARSP Treasurer and Membership Chair at 12777 “A” Street, Omaha, NE 68144 (E-mail – nancy.johnson5@cox.net)

"A Look Back In Time"
NRTA Celebrates 75 Years
1947-2022

Biography of AARP's Founder, Ethel Percy Andrus

In 1944, while driving to a faculty meeting at the Los Angeles high school where she'd served as principal for almost three decades, Ethel Percy Andrus made a decision that surprised even her. She decided to retire and leave the school she loved in order to take care of her mother, Lucretia, who had been in poor health.

That decision, wrapped in a simple act of human kindness, resulted in the founding of two organizations that have made life better for millions of people — the National Retired Teachers Association and AARP.

The Early Years

Ethel Percy Andrus was born in San Francisco in 1884, but spent most of her childhood in Chicago. After earning a Bachelor of Philosophy degree from the University of Chicago, she began teaching. At night, she conducted classes for residents of two pioneering settlement houses — Hull House and Chicago Commons.

After her family returned to California, Andrus taught in Los Angeles at Santa Paula High School and Manual Arts High School. In 1916, she moved to East Los Angeles High School and soon was appointed principal — making her, at age 32, California's first female high school principal. She changed the name of the school to Abraham Lincoln High School, hoping to inspire its large (2,500) and ethnically diverse student body.

She set high academic standards and established innovative community-involvement programs that developed the students' character and skills while breaking down cultural barriers between them. She also offered night-school programs for parents, and continued her own education, culminating in a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from the University of Southern California.

Standing Up for Retired Teachers

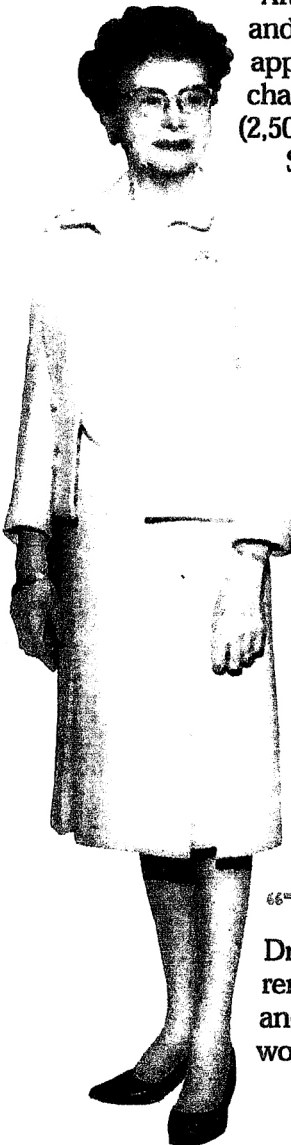
Following her many years in education and nursing her mother back to health, Dr. Andrus turned her attention to the needs of people in the second half of their lives. She volunteered time with the California Retired Teachers Association and its committee for retired teachers' welfare. Shocked to learn that so many retired educators had no health insurance and inadequate pensions, Dr. Andrus founded the National Retired Teachers Association in 1947 to give them a national voice.

Until Medicare was created in 1965, there was no national program of health care for people over age 65. Even after dozens of insurance companies turned down her pleas to offer group health insurance to retired educators, she persisted until a company agreed to develop a health plan for NRTA members. The offering became so popular that non-educators sought to purchase it. Dr. Andrus established AARP (then known as the American Association of Retired Persons), in 1958 to meet their needs.

Throughout her life and career, Dr. Andrus sought to foster stronger ties between the generations and encouraged all to view aging as an achievement to be celebrated.

"To Serve, Not to Be Served"

Dr. Andrus, who died in July 1967, lived her life by the motto, "To serve, not to be served," which remains AARP's motto. She founded AARP on the principles of collective purpose, collective voice and collective purchasing power. Nearly 50 years later, AARP still champions these principles in a world that is rapidly changing — all in the spirit of its spirited founder, Ethel Percy Andrus.

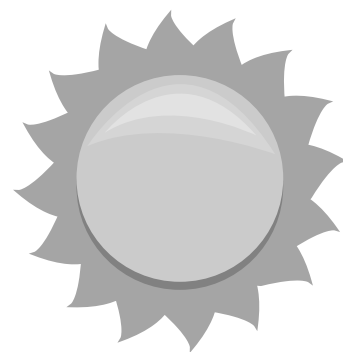




Cascade Fountain Rededication

Thursday, June 2, 2022

- Standing Room only with an estimated attendance of 350+
- Attendees looking down at the Cascade Honor Roll for the brick honoring or paying tribute to educators and school staff from across the state...one could hear phrases such as "I found mine" - "Mine is over here" - "I taught with that teacher" - "I'm still looking for mine" - "Would you take a picture of my brick" and much more



- Welcome and Remarks were shared by dignitaries with each person sharing something about a favorite teacher from their past
- Three bronze mounted plaques stand at the south end of the plaza - in the center is the Cascade Fountain History - the original Dedication is on the right side - the 2022 Dedication is on the left side listing Donors and Educators Honored by Friends and Relatives...donations of \$1,000 or more are noted on this plaque...included are Grand Island Area Retired School Personnel, Lincoln Area Retired School Personnel, and Nebraska Association of Retired School Personnel

- Closing Remarks included a countdown from "15 to 1" with water beginning to flow from the Cascade Fountain from the top to the pool below

- Conversation among the attendees continued along with photo opportunities and yes, searching for that special brick



THE BICENTENNIAL CASCADE FOUNTAIN

Dedicated to the Nebraska State Retired Teachers

Here stands the fountain, bold and strong and tall,
A thing of ageless beauty, to enthrall
All those whose souls to loveliness respond,
And those who seek a respite from life's bond.

Its clean white forms like giant stepping stones
Invite the soul to climb to higher planes.
And as your eye climbs up each massive step
You spy at last the ever-flowing spring.



And what a glorious sight it is to see
The morning sun held fast in ev'ry drop
Of spray as it cascades from top to pool —
A tumbling, sparkling, splashing, laughing show!

The teachers, too, are fountains — stalwart, strong —
Whose wisdom, like the water, endless flows.
And how the lives of children shine and glow
When some new truth their active minds discover!

The pioneering teachers fully knew
That in this ever shifting, changing world,
They must teach truths and concepts and beliefs
That would endure as long as time shall last.

And so they stressed with never-flagging zeal
The 3R's first, and then the Golden Rule.
Yet still the greatest heritage they left
Are these great, changeless and eternal Truths:

The joy of Service	— it is the heart of life;
The sublimity of Sacrifice	— it points to lofty goals;
The strength of Purity	— it gives design for living;
The magic of Beauty	— it lifts the heart and soul;
The worth of Work	— it gives to life full meaning;
The force of Love	— it drew from heav'n God's Son;
The pow'r of Truth	— it gives to life moral strength;
The lamp of Wisdom	— it lights the path of life;
The pow'r of Faith	— it overcomes the world;
And then Above all else	— a trust in God!



And thus flows on their heritage of Wisdom.
Like water from an ever-flowing Fountain.

Julius A. Humann



Project of Nebraska State Retired Teachers and Lincoln Area Retired Teachers.
Dedicated August 27, 1978.



"Fall Back!"

Daylight Savings Time
ends on
Sunday, November 6th

Do you have questions regarding your pension benefits?
Do you need additional information or need to
schedule an appointment about your pension benefits?
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**Tuesday,
November 8
Remember to
VOTE!**



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cently you could have seen the
following items that were posted:

- Who, What, When, Where for local area meetings
- Posts that are informative for retired individuals
- Stories that bring back memories
 - Pictures
- and much more

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If you don't want to connect with
anyone else, don't "friend" them
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of course!

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NARSP Annual Board of Directors' Meeting

The Annual Board of Directors' Meeting will take place on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at Sheridan Lutheran Church, South 70th Street & Old Cheney Road, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

- A box lunch will be provided each attendee
 - Each Unit is allotted two representatives (President & Vice-President; Co-Presidents; President & another Unit Officer/Committee Chair/or/Member)
 - More information and registration will be sent to the Unit Presidents in August
- Tentative meeting agenda items of consideration will include:

- Memorial Service for Departed Members
 - Presentations and Reports
 - Selection of members (from the Board) for the 2023 NARSP Nominating Committee
 - Election of NARSP President and Vice-President for 2022-2023 (Installation of the same)
 - Approval of the proposed 2022-2023 NARSP Budget
 - Awards
- There is the potential of additional items being added to the agenda between the printing of the Newsletter and holding the annual meeting date.



REMINDER

It would be appreciated if local Units and individuals would regularly notify Nancy Johnson, NARSP Treasurer, of the name(s) of NARSP members who have changed addresses or passed away. This will help with keeping an updated membership/ mailing list as well as a listing of the necrology for the 2021-22 Memorial Service Program. **If you have not already done so, names of members who have passed since the last memorial service need to be submitted to Nancy by Wednesday, August 31 to be included in the memorial program.**

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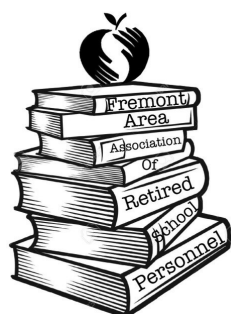

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UNIT REPORTS



Active Units include...Beatrice Area, Fremont Area, Hastings Area, Lincoln Area, McCook Area, Norfolk Area, Omaha Area, Scottsbluff Area, Southeast Nebraska Area, and Wayne Area



The Fremont Area Association of Retired School Personnel unveiled their first ever logo. The logo is just another way to show our pride and remind people in our communities who we are.

~ FREMONT AREA ~

Our July 13th meeting was held at Trinity Lutheran Church at 12:00. The membership was served a salad luncheon which is always good. Split the pot was won by Wendy Brenner while the free lunch was won by Vernelle Werblow. Vernelle donated her winnings back to the Holiday Meals program.

There was no speaker at this meeting as this was our awards luncheon. FAARSP awarded three \$1,000 scholarships at

the meeting. Wanda Samson presented the winners after reading information about each. The winners were Madelyn Gaughen of North Bend Central, Sydney Emanuel of North Bend Central and Nathan Limbach of Fremont High.

June 1st was the deadline to have any nominations in for FAARSP Outstanding Service Award. President Register turns over all nominations sight unseen to the nominating committee who makes the selection. This years winner was Wanda Samson. Wanda was presented a certificate with \$100 award. Fifty dollars went to Wanda and

fifty went to the scholarship fund in her honor.

Several members were presented a certificate for service of answering the call. Marilyn Shanks for over 25 years working at the Eco Fair. Theresa Muhle, Kris Olson, Rhoda Holstine and Rosanne Placek answered the call to serve on the nominating committee. Shonda Shirley brought us another year for our ninth increase in a row bringing in \$17,048 for CHAD (combined health agencies drive) donations.

Ruth Register presented the State of the Association address. Minutes were presented by Linda Betkie and financial report by Wanda Samson. Both were approved.

Committee chairs updated the membership. Norma Register presented Holiday Meals donations of \$600, Shonda Shirley with CHAD reported this years giving campaign will begin in September and the Kidney Screening will be October 6th at the United Methodist Church between 4:00-7:00. Members need to get their paperwork in. DAV Christmas bags still need deodorant and chapstick. Linda Betkie and committee working on 50th anniversary activities.

Members began signing up for School Treats. They are delivered between September and completed by the end of March. Twenty four schools will be covered this year. Next Drive Thru will be August 10th from 3:00-4:30 at Norma's house. Items are canned vegetables and creamed soups.

Next years Outstanding Service Award committee will be Rosanne Placek, Rhoda Holstine, BarbaraKay Royuk and Cathy Chapman. Thanks ladies for answering the call.



Rosanne Placek with committee members Theresa Muhle and Rhoda Holstine present Wanda Samson (front right), with the FAARSP Outstanding Service Award for 2022. Wanda received her award and \$100 of which \$50 is donated to the scholarship fund in her name and the other \$50 the winner keeps.



Ruth Register, president of the Fremont Area Association of Retired School Personnel presents a \$400 check to Laura England-Biggs to purchase an engraved brick as a fundraiser for the Keene Memorial Library expansion project.



Before leaving their July meeting, members stopped for a quick photograph in honor of another successful year. We are all stars and we all shine. That's what we do everyday.

September 14th general meeting will be at the Congregational Church at 12:00. Cost of lunches will now be \$8 because of rising costs of servers. Low Income item will be school supplies.

We are all stars and we all shine. That's what we do everyday.

Submitted by Ruth Register, President-FAARSP

~ HASTINGS AREA ~

The Hastings Area Retired School Personnel (HARSP) meets every other month and enjoys wonderful programs, fellowship, and, of course, treats.



Wendy Keele presents a program to HARSP members about her work with teen parents.

Wendy Keele was the speaker at our March meeting. She spoke to us about her work with teen parents at Hastings High School. In May, members heard from Jason Stoddard, a teacher at the Hastings Middle School, about the community garden at HMS. We look forward to hearing from Jeff Schneider, HPS Superintendent, and Craig Kautz, HPS Foundation Director, in September.

In July, we always enjoy a luncheon where new retirees are our guests. Our two scholarship winners are also invited to speak about their future plans in the field of education at the luncheon.

Many members have signed up to help



President Karen Myers (center) installed new officers for the 2022-2023 year. They are President, LaVila VanBoening (left) and Vice President, Sue Phinney (right).

LaVila VanBoening was presented the Chapter & REA Unit Community Service Award by Cathy Morgan. As Vice President, LaVila has arranged many interesting programs for several years.



in the Extension Food Booth at the Adams County Fair. The stipend received from this work helps to build our scholarship fund.

~ LINCOLN AREA ~

The Lincoln branch of NARSP canceled their February meeting because of Covid. We continued with a phone conference for our board meeting.

Philanthropy presentations were made by Bob Bussmann in March. Checks of \$300 were presented to: Phil Yates of "I've Got A Name", Paige Piper from "Child Advocacy Center", Pam Dineen representing "Mourning Hope", and Willie Shaffer from "Willie's Underwear Project." Checks were sent to Deb Rasmussen from "LEA Harvest of Books" and Bill Michener of "The Lighthouse" who were unable to attend.



(L to R) Paul Yates, "I've Got a Name"; Paige Piper, Child Advocacy Center; Jan Stamper, LARSP Co-President; Pam Dinneen, Mourning Hope; Pam Ford, LARSP Co-President; Willie Shafer, "Willie's Underwear Project"

Lynne Nelson-Dixon was honored at our Community Service meeting in April. Gretchen Terpsma, the 2021 recipient, presented the award.

For the spring service project LARSP collected 1,519 nutrition bars that were donated to North Star High School.

Eight members were memorialized at Our Necrology service



(L to R) Lynne Nelson-Dixon, Gretchen Terpsma

in May. They were: JoAnn Schleiger, Lillian Lemon, Lynn Nickol, Donna Bannell, Edythe Cascini, Patricia Heerman, Arlene Heimer, and Keith Watt.

Golden Apple recipients were Luci Prier and Sherry Lighter for their service in the Quilting

Outreach project.

Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each were awarded to graduating seniors Rodrigo Munoz and Allie Kietges. Both plan to focus their studies in the field of education. We wish them well in their endeavors.

Jan Stamper and Pam Ford are retiring as co-presidents after serving two terms. Lynne Nelson-Dixon will be serving as president for the 2022 -24 term. Gretchen Terpsma will continue as Vice-President.

~ NORFOLK AREA ~

After not meeting during much of the Pandemic, members of Norfolk Retired School Personnel were glad to be back together again. Since the last report to the NARSP News, school supplies and rolls for the teachers were delivered to Elkhorn Valley Elementary School in September of 2021. All of the Norfolk Public Elementary Schools have received them in the past.

Gift items were donated to 27 residents of the Norfolk Veterans Home in December of 2021. The staff at the home indicated the residents who did not have family who would provide Christmas gifts.

After the March 2022 meeting, members joined several members of the Theta Phi Alpha Sorority of Wayne State College to pack Mercy Meals in Norfolk. Sixteen boxes of meals were packed; that will be meals for 3,456 children delivered around the world by Orphan Grain Train of Norfolk.

A very informative program was presented at the May 2022 meeting by Sandy Duncan of the Area Office on Aging, who spoke of services available through the Office.

Ms. Donna Rector

~ OMAHA AREA ~

Our February 24th meeting featured Clarissa Love, author of Have a Voice, who shared her artwork and the biographies of four



Clarissa Love with her artwork.

Black Women Leaders: Ida B. Wells (Journalist, Educator, Civil Rights Activist, Founder of NAACP), Mary Jane Patterson (First African American Woman to earn B.A. Degree in 1862, Educator, Organizer), Shirley A. Chisholm (Educator, Politician, First Afri-



President Connie Hill with our donations.

can American Woman elected to Congress), and Stacey Abrams (Politician, Lawyer, Voting Rights Activist).

Roger Rea, OARSEA member, also updated us on the progress being made to transfer the management of our retirement system to the state pension program and on the progress of Senator Lindstrom's legislative bill that would shorten the timeline of elimination of taxation on social security.

We also collected donations for Partnership 4 Hope, an organization that works with young adults who have aged out of foster care, but is not limited to just those individuals. Partnership provides mentoring, food, clothing, a quilt, and the furniture needed



Mary Moberg, Isabella's mother, scholarship winner Isabella Manhart, and President Connie Hill



Michael Murphy with his guitar and Native American flute.

to establish a home. David James, Executive Director, spoke at our October meeting.

Mary Moberg presented a certificate to our \$1,000 Scholarship winner, Isabella Manhart. At the time, she was a senior at Central High School participating in the Baccalaureate program and planned to enroll at UNO this fall.

Michael Murphy, a Native American flautist and story teller, entertained and

enlightened the group before our meal and after.

Roger Rea again informed us about the transfer of the management of our pension fund, and he reported that the social security tax elimination bill had passed as part of a larger tax package and had been signed by the governor.

Linda Hammer, Secretary of OARSEA

~ SCOTTSBLUFF AREA ~

Although we are no longer meeting as a group, there is still a feeling of family among our members. On June 11, 2022 we lost one of our longtime members. Harold Richard O'Neal, better known as Dick, passed away in his sleep. Dick was just four months short of his one hundredth birthday. One of the last things we did before we disbanded was sign a 100th birthday card for Dick that Jim McDermott had brought to our group. Hopefully he enjoyed our early celebration!



Dick was a coach, teacher, counselor and principal. He graduated in 1948 from Hastings College and obtained a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Wyoming. He retired from the Scottsbluff Public School system after 23 years there in 1987. Other schools Dick taught at were Valentine, Kimball, and Holdrege.

Dick served in the army in WWII and

was interned on June 20 with military honors. Dick was active in NARSP until well into his nineties. He served as treasurer for many of those years. We are thankful for Dick and the blessing he was in our lives and organization.

Submitted by Twila Griffiths

[Editorial Comment — Thanks for putting the "Spotlight" on Dick and his many contributions to the Scottsbluff Unit and be-

yond! Thanks is also extended to the Scottsbluff Unit, which has chosen to disband, for the many contributions made and service provided over the years to the Scottsbluff community and the surrounding area of Western Nebraska. The Scottsbluff Unit was organized in 1973 and has been a "voice from the central Panhandle" just short of 50 years. They are wished nothing but the best!]

~ SOUTHEAST NE AREA ~

Happy Summer from the Southeast Nebraska Association of Retired School Personnel! We are excited to report that we currently have 27 members and were able to hold 3 meetings so far in 2022. It is great to be able to gather in person. These members accumulated a total of over 2200 volunteer hours for the 2021-2022 year!

During our April meeting we had a guest speaker from the local SENCA office. It was amazing to learn about all the ways this agency assists members of the community with food, housing, transportation, financial and health needs. We were excited to donate to this worthy cause.



SNARSP scholarship members and winner: from left to right: Jan Thompson, Abigail Boatright, Trudy Fankhauser

We had many high school seniors apply for our annual Educator Scholarship. It was a tough decision and was finally granted to senior Abigail Boatright of Falls City High School. Ms. Boatright will attend Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri with a major in Spanish and Education.

We look forward to our next meeting in September! Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Submitted by Debra Harris

~ WAYNE AREA ~

The Wayne Area Retired School Personnel group met on July 5th for their annual picnic. This year's picnic took place at the Wayne Senior Center, and the picnic meal was a delicious brunch



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enjoyed by all. Eight members and one guest attended.

Before the picnic, the group was honored to have Charles Maier, a member, give a patriotic program. The program was entitled, "America's Freedom to 1865. Then! Now!".

Many dates and facts were given about the formation of our country. Charles recited from memory, Paul Revere's Ride by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow — appropriately placed among the dates and facts. He also added a song that was sung by school children almost 100 years ago that many members remembered singing. Charles is 93 years old, and his memory skills are very inspirational.

The Wayne area group meets in March, May, July, September, and November each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Wayne Senior Center in Wayne, Nebraska. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

