

Waterbury Retired Teachers Association

Spring 2010 Newsletter

SPRING MEETING & LUNCHEON

The Spring Meeting of your WRTA will be held on Tuesday, March 30, at the Farmingbury Inn, Wolcott. Our guest speaker will be Edie Reynolds of the John Bale Bookstore, who will be discussing the history of Waterbury and her books. There will be a special mailing with complete details and reservation form.

Annual Memorial Celebration

On June 17, 2010, our Fourteenth Annual Memorial service will be held at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. At that time retirees who passed away since the last Memorial will be remembered and honored. Luncheon will follow at The Hills Restaurant.. There will be a special mailing later in the Spring with details and further information.

IN MEMORY

Since the last newsletter we have learned of the passing of these retirees
9-14-09 Lucian Mannello*, 9-17-09 Catherine Flood*, 10-10-09 Marceline Smith, 11-6-09 Julia Flynn,
11-7-09 Francis Creto*, 11-11-09 Joseph Halloran*, 11-23-09 George Chubba, 11-29-09 Ralph DeRienze
11-29-09 Thelma Zackin, 12-7-09 Sylvia Holmes*, 12-10-09 Francis Werzinger*, 2-25-10 Olive Kiely*
*WRTA Members

WRTA SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, your Association presents an individual scholarship to one student in each of the city's high schools in the amount of \$2,000 each. The awards are made to seniors who intend to pursue a career in education. Individual donations to the Scholarship Fund are always needed and gratefully welcomed. Our goal each year is \$8,000 Please consider making a deductible contribution to this worthy cause. Your WRTA is now administering the privately funded **Claire A. Desmarais Scholarship**, to be awarded to a Crosby senior who plans to pursue a degree in education. The five awards will be presented at the annual **Scholarship Luncheon** on May 20, 2010, at Junipers Restaurant. Watch for a special mailing with details.

SAVE THESE DATES

March 30, 2010 (Luncheon Meeting) and May 20, 2010 (Scholarship Luncheon).
The Annual Memorial Service will be held On June 17, 2010.

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

The following retirees are residents of nursing homes:
Judith Divino (Abbott Terrace); Dolores Tamburini (Abbot Terrace)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership dues are collected in the Fall of each year. The membership year is concurrent with the school year. If you are not sure you have paid your dues for the current year, 2009-2010, please contact Membership Chairman Michael Capozzi at (203)758-2576 or you may reach him by email at rfcmj@aol.com

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State Teachers' Retirement Board

Robert Blake, our Legislative Chair, has notified us that in order to reduce the state budget \$61,000,000 has been cut from the Health Insurance Premium Account. The budget office has assured us that the account will remain stable despite the cut. Mr. Blake tells us that the State Teachers' Retirement Board has been cut from 36 to 22 members. Also terminated was the Board's insurance consultant. The Board's telephone system remains outmoded, making telephone contact with the Board difficult.

City of Waterbury Retirement Benefits Reminder

Retirees who receive a pension from the City of Waterbury, and who had opted to pay an additional amount while still employed in order to provide a portion of your pension to your surviving spouse should be sure that your spouse is aware of this provision and knows how to claim it. Surviving spouses may also be entitled to a life insurance payment, as well as a continuation of your health insurance benefits.

Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut

ARTC's Spring Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at the Aqua Turf. Speakers will include candidates for governor of Connecticut. Details will be coming in the mail. The ARTC Political Action Committee is requesting donations to protect your benefits. You may have received this request by now, so please consider a making a contribution.

WRTA Special Interest Groups

Book Club: Bob Blake reminds us that this group meets on the last Tuesday of each month at the Village at East Farms, off Scott Road, in Waterbury at 10:30 AM. Recent books under discussion are "The Lost Symbol", "Blood and Thunder" and "Queen of the Desert", "The Help", and "Pirate Latitudes". Mr. Blake can be contacted at (860)283-1656 or email: robert-ellen@att.net for further information.

Dining Club: Kathi Blair reports that this special interest club is in its fifth year of monthly get-togethers. Examples of dining venues recently enjoyed are the East Side Bavarian, and Carmen Anthony's-Woodbury. Future plans include @ The Corner, The Silo, Bear and Grill, New Britain Museum of American Art, and Leon's. New diners are always welcome. For information, or to join the group, please contact Kathi Blair at (860)585-0719, or by email at kathigio@att.net.

Opera Club: Michael Ieronimo announces that the next meeting is March 18 at the Village at East Farms at 1:00 PM at which time "I Due Foscari" will be shown. The snow date for that meeting will be March 25. On April 22 "Thais" will be shown. For further information about the Club, contact Mr. Ieronimo: Opera11@comcast.net