

Fall/
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2023

New Hampshire Retired Educators Newsletter

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ANNUAL Fall MEETING

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Susan N. McClane Audubon Center
84 Silk Farm Road
Concord, NH
(directions on page 4)

Luncheon catered by Washington Street Cafe

Fall Meeting Buffet Lunch Menu

Buffet (no pre-selection required)

Garden Salad, rolls and butter, Classic Chicken Cacciatore, Vegetable Stir Fry
Assorted Dessert Tray

Beverage station w/water, coffee and soda selections

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE AND PLACE ON YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO
ATTEND. *YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!*

10:00-10:30a.m.- Registration / coffee, tea, and water

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.- BUSINESS MEETING

President Sandra Amlaw presiding

11:30.m.-12:30 p.m.- PROGRAM

12:30 P.M. BUFFET LUNCHEON

Cost \$25.00 per person*

See reservation form. Reservation deadline Sept. 15, 2023

Seating limited to 100*

*If member is not staying for lunch there will be a \$5.00 registration fee to cover cost of materials, coffee

Cancellations must be sent Ann Kalasky 603-512-3435 afiftybill@comcast.net

Opportunities

CASA volunteers

Continue making a difference for children by becoming a CASA Advocate in your retirement. CASAs work directly with children who've experienced abuse or neglect. They provide valuable information to Family Court judges, so they can make informed decisions about these children's futures. Join an information session to learn more, or volunteer today at www.casanh.org/volunteer

We are recruiting for volunteer educators for our fall school programs.

For information contact:

Melissa Brogle

Volunteer Coordinator

Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
NH Fish & Game

89 Depot Rd, Greenland NH 03840
www.greatbay.org 603-778-0015

Great Bay Discovery Center

Great Bay Discover Center is a small organization focused on education, research, land protection, and community outreach. We are located in Greenland NH. We rely on volunteers to help us connect the public of all ages to Great Bay!

President's Message

by Sandy Amlaw, NHREA President

I am very excited about resuming NHREA's annual meetings. It has been a long hiatus due to the pandemic. We are hoping that the early October meeting will be well attended by both old and new friends.

Despite not meeting for the past 2 years the leadership team continues to work on behalf of the association. We have a new chair of the Scholarship Committee and plan on awarding 3 scholarships to New Hampshire graduates in 2024 based on their eligibility.

Our treasurer continues to invest our funds in the best interest- bearing accounts possible. These funds are used to support the scholarship awards as well as other commitments.

NHREA leadership works closely with both NEA-New Hampshire and AARP to protect retirement benefits.

On the legislative front there is some good news in spite of the bill to include a 1 1/2% COLA not lasting through the session. A version of it was included in House Bill 2. It grants a one-time payment of \$500 in 2024 for those meeting all of the following:

The member's retirement date is on or before July 1, 2018.

The member retired with at least 20 years of credible service.

The annual retirement benefit paid to the member or beneficiary as of July 30, 2023 is not greater than \$40,000.

This one-time payment will be issued after March, 2024.

Another bill included in House Bill 2 is to modify the recalculation for Group 1 members (state, county, municipal employees and teachers) who retired on or after July 1, 2023. The change defers the recalculation to the member's full retirement age under the federal Social Security System instead of at age 65.

I hope to see you at the general membership meeting in October!



Sandy Amlaw
President NHREA

I have been active in NHREA since I retired in 2004. I first served as vice-president, then president elect. It has been my honor to serve as your president since 2010.

I have lived in Hudson in the southern part of the state for 50 years. My daughter and son attended the public schools in Hudson.

Before retiring in 2004, I taught for 35 years in Pelham, NH. I taught 1st, 3rd, and 4th grades, even looping with one 3rd grade class to 4th grade.

While teaching I served as President of the local union. I also served on the NEA-New Hampshire Executive Board first as a regional representative, then as the retired representative.

I have traveled extensively since retirement. Sometimes lobbying for educators' rights and other times leisure travel with friends and family. Some of my favorite trips include safaris in Africa, European trips, family trips to St. John as well as an Alaskan cruise.

My favorite pastime is spending time with my 7 grandchildren, attending activities they are involved in. We also do "memory trips" every summer and leave their parents home to relax.



Ann Kalasky
Vice President, Scholarship Chair

Hi, I'm Ann Kalasky! I've been an educator for all of my professional life, including 23 years in the Manchester School District. During my years in Manchester, I served as an Executive Board member at both the state and local level. I recently retired and now fill my time with travel, wine tasting, and enjoying the company of family & friends. I am so excited to be your vice president and can't wait to help our retiree membership!



Barbara S. DiVenuti
NHREA Treasurer

I have been serving as Treasurer of NHREA since January, 2019.

In 2006, after 38 years of teaching, I retired from the Manchester School District being dual certified in Comprehensive Business and Marketing Education. I had the opportunity to teach at all three of Manchester's high schools and the

Manchester School of Technology. I currently serve as the President of the Manchester Area Retired Educators Association.

I received my Bachelor of Education degree from Plymouth State College and my Master of Science degree from Southern New Hampshire University. I have also been a NH licensed real estate agent for the past 21 years. My hobby is sailing, and I have been a member of the Massabesic Yacht Club for 23 years.

I enjoy family, friends, and being a grandmother to triplet boys.



Candy Bailey
Newsletter Editor

I live near the Seacoast and worked in the Rochester school system for close to 30 years. I started as a paraprofessional and worked my way up to administration (also known as "The Dark Side"). I worked mostly at the elementary level but did some speech assistant work at the

high school level. After I retired I became interested in stained glass and have set up a workshop in my house. I love the sun shining through colored glass! I am also fortunate to live with a daughter that is a gardening whiz. This year's garden is wonderful.



Diana Griffin
Representative to the AARP-NH Council

I was born in Dublin, Ireland. I have lived in the United States for 40 years and became an American citizen in 1999.

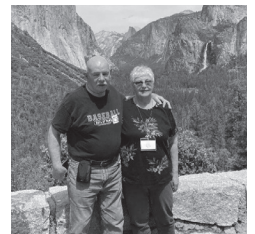
I was a Physical Educator for 49 years, 11 years at high school in Ireland, 3 years teaching Adapted PE and 35 years teaching elementary PE in Manchester and New Ipswich.

I have served on the Government Relations Committee, Human and Civil Rights Committee and the Scott McGilvray Childrens Fund Committee for NEA-NH.

I currently serve on the Executive Council for AARP NH.

Cynthia and Bob Mills
Co-Leaders of the Metallak unit

Cynthia and Robert are co-leaders of the Metallak unit of the NHREA. Both Cynthia and Robert have extensive careers in education both as teachers and in Robert's case as an administrator.



Cynthia Mills:

1. Current President of the Metallak Retired Educators based in Colebrook, NH.
2. 32 years in education.
3. 3 years as a Consumer Science Teacher in Canaan, VT
4. 14 years as the K-12 School Counselor in Canaan, VT.
5. 15 years as the School Counselor at Colebrook Academy in Colebrook, NH.

Robert Mills:

1. 45 years in education.
2. 17 High School Principal at Colebrook Academy in Colebrook, NH.
3. 4 years as Superintendent of Schools in SAU 58.
4. 17 years as Superintendent of Schools in SAY 7.
5. President of the NH Administrators Association during the 2013-2014 year.

Norma Gray
Membership Secretary

For many years I have been the membership person for the NHREA.

My home is in Kittery, Maine. I spent a great deal of my summer in Canaan, Vermont, the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. Both my husband and I come from West Stewartstown, NH located just across the CT River from Canaan.

Plymouth State University is where I earned a degree in teaching. The master's degree was earned from Lesley University.

I taught for thirty-six years in Portsmouth, NH. After retiring from Portsmouth, I took year-long teaching positions in Las Vegas, Rochester, NH, and lastly a Title One position in my hometown of West Stewartstown. All three of those positions offered life learning and personal growth experiences.

Being a membership person has offered the opportunity to meet many NH retirees. The retirees are interesting, and all have "stories." I feel honored to have heard some of these stories.

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RESERVATION FORM

Luncheon is \$25 per person

Reservations must be received by Friday, September 15, 2023

Please complete this form and return with a check for \$25 per person to:

Ann Kalasky, 14 Rosewood Lane, Manchester, NH 03103

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I (we) plan to attend the luncheon.

I am enclosing \_\_\_\_\_ to cover \_\_\_\_ reservations

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OR

Email Ann Kalasky at afiftybill@comcast.net

State the number of people that will be attending

Pay with check or cash at the door when you arrive at the meeting

NHREA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Please circle the amount enclosed.

Dues: 1yr. = \$25, 3 yrs. = \$60

Lifetime (up to 74 years old) = \$200

Lifetime (75-89 years old) = \$100

90 years & older = FREE

Please mail the dues with a check
payable to NHREA to:

Norma Gray
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Take Care

As teachers we took the role of surrogate parents in many instances. We made sure that our students were fed, clothed and taken care of, frequently going above and beyond the call of the job that we signed up for.

For years we have used this space to suggest donations to local food pantries to help those who may be in need. Now is the time to look after ourselves. If you or any of your friends are in need of food, housing or emotional support please reach out. There is no shame in admitting that you need help. Call 211 for help to direct you to the assistance you need.

Spring 2024 News Deadline

The NHREA newsletter is far less
interesting without your news.

Candy Bailey
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DEADLINE is March 15, 2024

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Hope to See You

This October we will meet again in one room, together for the first time in three years. For the first time we can hear each other laughing and see each other smiling. We can share experiences and talk about new hobbies and interests. We will miss old friends whose lives ended during those Covid times. This will be a time to remember them fondly and share memories. Hopefully there will be new members attending also. "Younger" retirees are important to us. They will be the ones that will keep this organization alive. They will be making the connections and decisions that are so important. Younger members will bring new skills and new expectations to the organization.

The general membership meeting is a time for each member to be heard. Please attend. Set a challenge for yourself. Introduce yourself to at least one person that you don't know. Let's share our stories. Let's keep the NHREA strong!

Directions to Audubon Center

Drive to Concord

1. Take I -93 South to I-89
2. Take I-89 in Concord to Exit 2 for Clinton Street/Route 13.
3. Go left off ramp. (Same direction for both ramps)
4. Turn right at first blinking light, onto Silk Farm Road.
5. Entrance to Center and Sanctuary is on the left. See sign.