



Diane K. Kline Memorial Scholarship Fund

Diane Kline was a career educator of 37 years. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education at Belknap College in 1973. She went on to earn a Master of Education degree at Plymouth State College in 1997.

Diane Kline taught in Gilford, Laconia and Plymouth school districts challenging the minds of pre-school through grade 6 students.

She also co-founded and co-directed the Cotton-Tail College preschool in Center Harbor from 1982-1990.

Diane seemed to work magic with

children. She easily related to children and made them comfortable in their learning environment. She was able to get children to challenge themselves. By utilizing her glowing personality and nurturing skills, students enjoyed their learning experiences. Her educational goal was to establish a base from which students would become lifelong learners.

This fund was established in 2010 shortly after Diane passed away due to cancer. It has been made available to young people in the Lakes Region communities who are seeking to en-

hance their lives through educational experiences. Specifically, scholarships are awarded to students attending school in SAU Districts 2, 45 and 48. The intent is to build a self-sustaining fund so future generations of young people can benefit.

It is the goal of the Diane K. Kline Memorial Scholarship Fund to support young people on their journey to becoming lifelong learners.

Donations to the fund may be made to:

Diane K. Kline Memorial
Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 526
Center Harbor, NH 03226

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Sandra Amlaw, NHREA President

Teacher, cafeteria worker, bus driver, secretary, paraprofessional, administrator, psychologist, counselor, coach, custodian, and so many more. These are titles that NHREA members wore as badges of honor while employed and still proudly reflect upon and value in retirement.

Another title we all have is "member". We are all members of a community of retired school personnel with a long history and a bright future. That successful past and bright future is because of you, our NHREA members. 'Member' is the most important title in our organization. We are grateful for your membership whether you are a first-year member or a 30-year member. (and we do have some 30-year members!).

Your membership is why we fight along with other retirement groups to protect retirement benefits and work to enhance those benefits.

On a more personal note, it has become increasingly difficult to contact new retirees and explain all the benefits of joining our association. If you know someone who has retired within the



photo by Peter Desautels

past few years or is looking forward to retirement this year, please let them know about NHREA. You can also send them my contact information. I enjoy talking to folks about the benefits of a membership in our association. Let's continue to grow this important statewide community of retirees.

Thank you for being a member.
Stay safe.

Fall 2022 News Deadline

All news and articles
should be sent to:

Candy Bailey
candy3499@aol.com

Deadline is October 8, 2022



The newsletter is More interesting with
Your News and Information.

Introducing Our New AARP Liaison!

By Diane Griffin

I would like to introduce myself: I was elected to the Executive Council of AARP in August filling a vacancy left by Martha LeFleur who had completed her six-year term on the Council.

What is an Executive Council Member?

An Executive Council member is part of a team of leadership volunteers who, under the guidance of the State President and the State Director, carry out AARP's strategic priorities within the state.

Like most organizations, AARP has had to make significant changes to their meeting policies etc. due to the Pandemic. I attended my first AARP/NH Zoom meeting in September.

From the outset, the President of AARP-NH, Marc Boyd – has been incredibly supportive and helpful educating me about the "world" of AARP. Although I have been a member of AARP ever since turning 50 (reluctantly at first I have to admit!) I knew very little about the organization. Wow! Have I learned a lot since September!

In addition to Marc's support, I have been assigned a mentor and she has been terrific, sharing so much information about AARP. I am very appreciative of all the support I have been shown since becoming a member of the Executive Council.

What Does AARP Offer?

AARP offers many resources for persons 50+. The organization offers far more than simply a way to get discounts on hotel rooms or a free donut at DD with a coffee! Some of the offerings, links to which may be found on the website (aarp.org/nh) include Fighting Scams and Fraud; ways to Enhance your Quality of Life; Free Tax help; Information about Family Caregivers and Advice about your Money. There are many more resources in addition to those I have mentioned.

I have joined a volunteer group within AARP called the Speakers Bureau. I have yet to make a presentation as I'm still in the learning phase, but hope to feel sufficiently confident to make a presentation soon. I look forward to in-person, rather than Zoom presentations starting again, hopefully in the Fall. AARP New Hampshire's Speakers Bureau is helping residents across the state connect, without leaving the comfort and safety of their homes. Speakers can address a variety of topics, such as fraud, caregiving, brain health, downsizing, and sorting fact from fiction online.

The Speakers Bureau has collaborated with libraries, senior centers, veterans' groups and multicultural organizations. AARP recruits and trains volunteer speakers for the presentations, which are FREE and ideal for groups of 10 or more. Talks run 30 to 60 minutes depending on the topic you select and currently are delivered to your audience via Zoom.

I encourage everyone to join AARP and check out the website. You will be

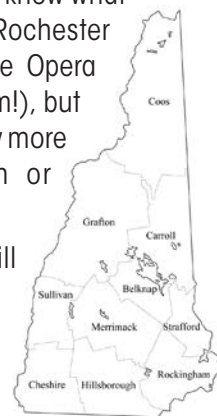
What's Going On?

Candy Bailey, Newsletter Editor

The lilacs and daffodils are blooming, the black flies are biting, the lawn needs mowing, and the wind has finally stopped, started again. Nope now it's done! Spring has arrived in New Hampshire.....for a while. Assembling this newsletter is a very rewarding endeavor. To make it even more rewarding I would like to hear from our NHREA members. You are the ones that know what is happening in your region of the state.

Many of our local units have disbanded. That doesn't mean that the members are no longer active and interested. Our members live in towns with schools and businesses and local governments. I may know what is happening in Rochester (come and see the Opera House! What a gem!), but I would love to know more about Allenstown or Lancaster.

The newsletter will be far more topical and interesting with input from our members.



amazed at the many resources you will find as you explore the website. It is a wonderful organization which is all about helping people in the 50+ age group. The membership fee for one year is only \$12.00 and well worth every penny in my opinion.

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IN MEMORIUM



Beautiful memories silently kept
of ones that we loved and will never forget.

Annie Ruth Charleston passed away on April 2, 2022 in Durham, North Carolina. Friends from New Hampshire may remember her from her years teaching in Goffstown, NH.



2022 Legislative Report

Between the House and the Senate, 15 retirement bills were introduced in the 2022 session. Many have passed out of committee and voted on by the full House or Senate before Crossover Day.

NHREA and the other Coalition members closely follow the status of these bills. Many members testify or send in written testimony at the hearings. Coalition members closely follow the status of these bills.

Here is a recap of the 15 bills.

HB1079: relative to part-time employment of retirement system retirees.

HB1257-FN: relative to requiring the retirement system to divest from investment in companies located in China.

HB1318-FN-L: relative to penalties for employer noncompliance with retirement system requirements.

HB1417-FN-L: relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers.

HB1497-FN: relative to optional allowances in the retirement system.

HB1535-FN: relative to cost of living adjustments for retirees in the state retirement system.

HB1549: relative to special duty hours worked by retired police members in the retirement system.

HB1557: relative to survivor benefit optional allowances under the retirement system.

HB1563-FN: requiring state employees to be enrolled in the deferred compensation plan.

HB1587-FN-A: relative to determination of average final compensation under the retirement system and making an appropriation therefor.

HB1590: relative to municipalities withdrawing from the retirement system.

SB356: relative to medical benefits paid by state retirees.

SB363-FN: relative to service credit for certain group II retirement eligibility.

SB411-FN: relative to critical incident stress management for emergency services providers, and establishing a violent act injury disability retirement for public safety employees.

SB434-FN: relative to the reduction in the calculation of state retirement annuities at age 65.

NHREA Leadership Meeting

by Sandra Amlaw, NHREA President

The NHREA leadership team met on April 28, 2022 to discuss issues that have arisen since the pandemic forced the cancellation of general membership meetings. The following agenda items were discussed:

Membership- membership has continued to decline. There is the continuing problem of not being able to contact newly retired educators and discuss the benefits of joining NHREA. Many school districts will not share our information with their members. Efforts will be made to contact current members to get their assistance in contacting retirees in their area.

Budget- because of declining membership, less money is coming in. Efforts will be made to contact members about paying their dues. The team is reviewing the current budget to adjust it.

Scholarships- because of the restrictions of Covid, scholarships were not awarded this year. The scholarships will resume next year. Any NHREA member who is interested in serving on the scholarship committee, is asked to contact Sandy Amlaw.

Legislation- NHREA continues to work with the New Hampshire Retirement Security Coalition to protect retirees' benefits and attempt to increase them. There is currently a bill in the Legislature (HB 1535) that would grant a one-time stipend to certain retirees. The NHREA president testified on this bill.

Newsletter- the newsletter will continue to be published. Members are always encouraged to submit either personal or regional interest articles. Anyone with news items that they want to share with retirees throughout the state should contact newsletter editor Candy Bailey.

Meetings- there will be an executive Board Meeting in September. More information will be forthcoming on that. General membership meetings will resume in the spring of 2023.

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Although Covid restrictions are easing we are not holding general membership meetings. While we are not collecting funds for food pantries, we strongly encourage everyone to do what they can to help those who are food insecure. If you find yourself facing these challenges please reach out to NHREA. Thank you retired educators for your generosity to those who may be facing difficult times.

EDUCATION LEGISLATION

by Sandy Amlaw, NHREA President

We have all served in some capacity in various schools throughout the state and beyond. It is important to constantly be aware of the legislation that affects our fellow educators still in the classroom and the students they serve.

The following bills are being introduced this year.

HB1671 removed Art, Health and Physical Education, Engineering, Computer Science, Digital Literacy, and World Languages from core academics. The ED&A Committee adopted an amendment which kept all these and added logic and rhetoric to core learning.

HB1255 addressed teacher loyalty. It was defeated by the ED&A Committee.

HB1131 would prohibit a school from EVER adopting a required mask policy.

HB1393 would allow school districts to adopt a budget cap that could only be overridden by a 3/5 vote. This could handcuff districts that could face unforeseen emergency situations.

HB1071 would allow school board members and budget committee members access to school facilities and documents with no exceptions.

HB1431 would put students at risk and punish educators with criminal sanctions if students confide in them.

You can receive more information on these and other education bills by logging onto www.gencourt.state.nh.us and click on legislation.