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*SEASON'S GREETINGS
TO ALL OUR MEMBERS*



Plan to attend Annual Meeting May 5, 2017

Mark your calendar and plan to join your colleagues for a fun-filled, informative day at the 29th AEA-Retired Annual Meeting, which will be held for the second year at the Scottsdale Resort in Scottsdale on Friday, May 5, 2017. For those who wish to be delegates, the AEA Delegate Assembly will follow, beginning at 6 PM on May 5 and continuing Saturday, May 7.

All AEA-Retired members and guests are invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Members who wish to also be delegates with voting rights to elect officers and Board members, will be delegates to the AEA Delegate Assembly as well. All delegates will be funded for half the cost of a double-occupancy room for the night of May 5th, and be reimbursed for mileage that exceeds 100 miles one way.

Included in this issue on page 10 is a nomination form to be a delegate or to be a nominee for an AEA-Retired office. Attendees must be delegates in order to participate in the election of AEA-Retired officers and Board openings. Delegates will be electing a President, Treasurer, and six Representatives At-Large for the AEA-Retired Board.

AEA-Retired will be allotted 86 Delegates, making us the largest "local"

delegation, and a major player, at the AEA Delegate Assembly. If fewer nominations are received than our allotted number, all nominees will automatically be delegates. If more than 86 nominees are received, then voting will take place electronically in February and March. The deadline for submission is February 14th.

Join your colleagues May 5 for a great day of entertaining activities, wonderful companionship and important information. Watch for more details and a registration form in the March issue of *The Conduit*.

Nominate a fellow member for the Les Reynolds Award

On page 11 is a nomination form for the Les Reynolds Distinguished Senior Service Award, one of the highlights at each Annual Meeting. This prestigious honor is given annually to an AEA-Retired member who has provided outstanding service to AEA-Retired and the community. Please take the time to nominate someone who you believe deserves this award. The deadline for submission is February 14th.



AEA Retired Calendar

December 13—AEA-Retired Board Meeting, AEA HQ

January 9—First day of Legislative Session

January 10—AEA-Retired Board Meeting, AEA HQ

February 14—Delegate/Officer nominations & Les Reynolds nomination forms due

February 14—AEA-Retired Board Meeting, AEA HQ

February 21—MORE Social, Phoenix

February 22—MORE Social, Tucson

ASRS UPDATE

BY STEVE RAMOS



Our other retirement system needs your attention

In July 2008, the George W. Bush presidency was coming to an end and the Arizona State Retirement System Plan was worth about \$26 billion. In the fall the stock market crashed and by the time Obama settled into the White House the fund had bottomed out at \$17 billion. Eight years later the ASRS Plan is worth more than \$35 billion dollars. As a new president awaits inauguration, we can only wait and see what happens to the financial markets. Because ASRS is a defined contribution plan, current retirees will continue to receive full benefits no matter what happens with the market, and those benefits will help stimulate our local and national economies.

Today, I want to talk about another part of our retirement strategy, Social Security. Without a real cost of living adjustment, ASRS retirees can only sit and watch the buying power of their benefit checks go down as the years go by. Fortunately, retirees can count on Social Security, a government investment plan that has been working well for retirees for over 80 years and Medicare, a single payer health care plan helping Americans with medical care for over 50 years.

New Presidents take office and typically have only a short “honeymoon period” to implement their ideas before Congress feels less beholden to the President and more interested in pleasing their own constituents. President-elect Trump, did not make his views on Social Security and Medicare clear during the campaign, but leaders of his party who see Trump’s victory as a “mandate”, want to push forward with their plans to cut what they call “entitlements”, Social Security and Medicare. Republican Representative Paul Ryan wants to reform and privatize Medicare and Social Security.

Ryan recently argued that, “because of Obamacare, Medicare is going broke.” This is false. In fact, it’s the complete opposite of the truth. The Medicare trust fund has been extended 11 years as a result of the passage of Obamacare. In June he proposed raising the eligibility age for Medicare to 67 and capping overall government spending on the program, leaving seniors on the hook for future cost growth. Retirees would get a fixed voucher, which they could use to buy Medicare insurance. Ryan also proposes raising the Social Security age for full benefits to as high as 69 or 70, a backdoor benefit cut for future retirees.

Currently the Social Security Trust Fund has a surplus of \$2.8 trillion.

Today, the vast majority of retirees have no company pensions. And many Americans are now so saddled with debt that they find it hard to accumulate personal savings for retirement. For many people, Social Security is the only remaining source of certain retirement income.

I am asking you to contact your members of Congress. Remind them that Social Security works. Congress should be working to support, protect and strengthen Social Security, not turning it over to Wall Street money managers. Newly elected Tom O’Halloran and Andy Biggs take office on January 3rd 2017 at noon.

Find your Representative at the capitol switchboard, 202-224-3121 or Online at <http://www.house.gov/> or <http://www.senate.gov/>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JULIE HORWIN



Retired will rise to the challenge to protect our future

I am reminded by your emails and your wise social media comments that progress is not solely dependent on the outcome of one election. That any leadership needs to be supported by organizing, facing obstacles head-on, protecting justice, protesting, advocacy work, and other social justice work. Your words are inspiring and give me great hope.

AEA and NEA are nonpartisan, and we recommend candidates based on our Education and Social Justice values, in a transparent, grassroots process. I am proud of the way that we supported our candidates, while not losing the right to vote the way we chose for our own families and concerns.

We must give regards to Donald Trump and work with him on behalf of our country, and state. I hope that he will be a president for all of our country, our students, and education retirees.

We now have two choices: become complacent or become more determined to rise to the challenges that lie ahead and become vigilant in our work to protect our retirement security and create great public schools for all students. Knowing you as I do, I believe you'll rise to the challenges.

You joined AEA-Retired/NEA-Retired because you knew that our state and our country, while being the best democracy, are not perfect. And I know that you understand – and lived throughout your career – the value of organizing. Thankfully we live in a country that affords us the right to participate in associations of this nature. So while we may be facing some significant challenges to our retirement security ahead, please...please...do not lose your optimism and commitment to positive change for all.

Never before has the NEA and AEA been more important. You are our leaders. You showed that in your volunteerism for your candidate(s), and in your incredibly high voting rate. You are our today. You are our future. I believe with my full heart that through AEA-Retired and the relationships you create here, the learning you achieve thanks to your chapter participation (hats off to our Chapter Chairs for organizing such great experiences) and other AEA-Retired opportunities such as M.O.R.E, the Valley Wide Mixer, and Political Action trainings, you will be prepared to rise to the challenges that lie ahead not only tomorrow but in 5-10 years to come.

The fight to have equal learning opportunities for all, no matter what race, was not easy. The fight to get a civil rights bill into law was not fast or easy. The fight to pass Medicare and Social Security was not fast or easy. The fight to pass same-sex marriage was not fast or easy. And while the fight to safeguard these policies will continue, the movement that we built throughout our careers and now in retirement, will be in place to continue our work.

Please join me and AEA-Retired in continuing our work with optimism... and let's remain strong in our commitment to and building an enduring movement for a great education, a secure retirement and social justice for all.

Win a car from Cal Casualty

Our partners at California Casualty Insurance announced exciting news that they are ***giving away a new car in 2017!!*** This contest is for all members, both policyholders and non-policyholders. There are no strings attached to entering the contest. Simply go to the following website and enter. If you desire a quote on auto and/or home insurance, there is an option to request a quote after entering.



Here is the link to enter the contest entitled ***Driving Focused—2017 Ford Focus Contest.***

<http://www.drivingfocused.com/>

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Barbara Matteson



Regroup, revitalize, engage! Now more than ever be involved!

Now more than ever, it is not a time to sit back and disengage from the political process or from being an advocate for public education and senior issues. Many of us had hoped we would have a person as president who valued quality public education for all students, regardless of the zip code in which they live. Instead we have elected a president who has said he wants a private voucher education system and is in favor of ending due process for teachers. And we have a Congress which seems intent on privatizing Social Security and Medicare (see page 2).

In 2017 and beyond, we will need to work harder than ever to guarantee that all of Arizona's students receive a quality public education. Remember that our schools were denied the money owed to them, even after winning a lawsuit ordering payment.

After the successful passage of Proposition 123, Governor Ducey said that it "was only the first step." However, so far, he has not presented a "second step". This means we will have to keep pressure on both the Governor and the Legislature to properly fund our public schools. Fortunately the public agrees that our schools are in desperate need of additional funds and voted to approve over 85% of the overrides and bond elections for districts all across the state.

Research has demonstrated that a highly educated populace equals a strong economy and a stable workforce

ready for the future. One need only look at states like Connecticut, Minnesota and Massachusetts as proof that proper funding of public schools results in a strong, vibrant and successful economy

Our President Elect says he will make America great again. We need to remind him that America is already great, and an educated populace will only make America greater. The proper leadership can make that happen.

Arizona's public school students, and the employees who serve them, deserve to have the opportunity to succeed in an atmosphere of dignity and respect regardless of gender, ethnicity, race, income, or zip code.

We must not stand by and allow any individual's rights to be violated. As AEA-Retired members, we must work together, stay active and stay informed.

We want to thank all of you who worked so hard for our recommended candidates from school board to the president. As an AEA-Retired member, we ask that you respond with action to all NEA, AEA, and AEA-Retired Legislative Alerts. Your action is essential to our success. **It is never the wrong time to do the right thing.**

NOW LET'S GET TO WORK!

Words of wisdom to help us through troubling times

Robert A. Emmons, PhD wrote in his book, "IN THANKS! HOW THE NEW SCIENCE OF GRATITUDE CAN MAKE YOU HAPPIER" (Houghton Mifflin):

Individuals who approach life with an attitude that all of life is a gift will be more likely to find the good in bad life circumstances. They are more likely to..move forward following a catastrophe. In fact, they may be more likely to label such an event a gift.

AEA-Retired & NEA-Retired members meet to Mobilize, Organize, Recruit and Engage in Phoenix & Tucson



Eighty-four AEA-Retired members and NEA-Retired members, who retired from other states but now live in Arizona, gather at the AEA Headquarters for a day of fun activities and learning on October 19th.

October was a busy time for the M.O.R.E teams in Tucson and Phoenix! The AEA-Retired M.O.R.E (Mobilize, Organize, Recruit, Engage) Project is funded by a grant from NEA. AEA-Retired Vice President Suzan Austin submitted the grant for 2015-2016, and she has now been informed that her submission for continuing the M.O.R.E. Project for a second year has been granted for \$4222.50.

On October 18 in Tucson, 38 NEA-Retired and AEA-Retired members attended the second M.O.R.E social held at the YWCA. Representative Dr. Randall Friese was the guest speaker and he gave a fascinating history of his entry into politics and vowed to remain an advocate for public education. President Julie Horwin gave a wonderful presentation on values messaging. Fifteen retirees signed up to volunteer for federal, state, and local candidates. Three retirees signed up to support the New Educator Project (January), completed the M.O.R.E. survey, and signed up for campaign phone banking through the general election.

On October 19 at AEA Headquarters in Phoenix, 77 NEA-Retired and AEA-Retired members attended the M.O.R.E. social. The guest speaker was The Honorable Carolyn Warner who entranced the crowd and received a standing ovation. President Julie Horwin gave the presentation on values messaging again, and one attendee claimed it was "the best presentation I ever heard!"

Seventy retirees completed surveys for engagement activities, 7 signed up for the New Educator Project, 22 signed up to volunteer for Hillary for America (HFA) or to phone bank for state and local candidates including school board elections.

AEA President Joe Thomas and AEA Vice President Marisol Garcia spoke at the meeting and thanked retired members for all their outstanding efforts this election..

Twenty-three retirees attended the M.O.R.E. Leadership Development Training facilitated by President Julie Horwin and C4O Organizing Specialist Todd Crenshaw on October 20 in Phoenix. The five-hour training walked participants through the Levers of Change Analysis and Power Mapping. All 23 signed up to work for HFA, state or local candidates, and agreed to take leadership positions to help sustain growth and foster activism in AEA-Retired.

Future M.O.R.E. Socials are scheduled for February 21st in Phoenix, and February 22nd in Tucson, and will focus on preserving and enhancing Social Security and Medicare. Leadership Development Training is scheduled for March 15th in Phoenix. Come join the fun!

Please take the M.O.R.E. survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ArizonaMORE>. The more members involved, the merrier!

Photo gallery of the M.O.R.E meetings



Left: Phoenix attendees listen intently to Carolyn Warner. Above: Kitty McGaffic expresses her thoughts



Above: Attendees at the Tucson MORE Social;
Left: Carolyn Warner shares a moment of laughter with Jan Nichols;
Right: Michele Smith makes a point during the Leadership Training; Below: Phoenix attendees enjoy Carolyn Warner's presentation.



Beware of “Smart Spam” in your emails!

How many e-mail messages would you guess are sent every day? 100 million, 500 million, 1.5 billion, 200 billion or 400 billion. As astonishing as it is, 400 billion is the answer. Even more amazing, or maybe frightening, is the majority of that traffic is SPAM. The good news is that sophisticated technology blocks 99 percent of the junk headed your way. The success of this technological roadblock has forced the cyber thieves to go from targeting untold thousands around the world for money for the suffering (a fat cat kicking back in luxury) to targeting a much more limited audience with profitable opportunities via what seems to be your bank, insurance company, health care provider, or other familiar, trustworthy entity.

These new e-mail messages are carefully crafted and are sent to only a few thousand recipients. According to John Wilson of the cybersecurity firm Agari, the more e-mails sent by one party, the greater the chance they will be interrupted by the filters. While there are fewer targets, Wilson says the response chances are increased because the messages are written with information from data breaches and hacks of corporate systems. Thus, according to Wilson, “People who went to a certain medical clinic may get a bill with their names, account numbers and dates of treatment.” All of the information looks authentic, so they pay the bill - \$\$\$s in the crooks’ pockets.

In addition to these antics, crooks take advantage by collecting personal details via LinkedIn and other social media sites. “Or they send you malware-infected links in emails that seem to come from Facebook friends. By clicking on a link, “every keystroke typed is sent to the criminal...including when you go to your online accounts and enter your name and password.”

Average email users are not the only victims. “Corporate email systems are also targets...The FBI estimates that companies have lost at least \$2.3 billion through scam emails sent to employees...and appearing to come from the CEO.


So, what can you do about some or any of this? Look beyond the sender’s name. Check the address of the message. “A long series of letters or words after “.com” suggests evil intent. When dealing with links, put on your Sherlock Holmes hat; updates and company remedy emails as a rule do not include links but direct you to their website. When a friend sends a message saying “check this out,” call and verify the veracity of it. “E-mails pretending to be from credit card companies often cite the


beginning numbers of an account; legitimate messages more likely cite the last few numbers. Like phone numbers, many credit cards start with the same digits.”

Once your personal information is gathered by the crooks, it compounds the problems. It is wise to think about placing a security freeze on your credit file. The thieves switch tactics and are now focusing on opening fraudulent credit accounts rather than tapping into existing ones. Originally security freezes were for victims of identity theft. Consumer protection experts now recommend most, if not all, Americans get them – even before information is stolen. Once in place it prevents potential creditors from reviewing your credit file.

There are short-comings to a credit freeze. Unless you have been a victim of fraud, an opening fee (usually less than ten dollars) may apply. A freeze remains in place until you request the company temporarily or permanently lift it; each request can cost up to ten dollars. These freezes do not prevent all fraudulent activity, but they make a serious difference. A young man that I know has become quite knowledgeable about freezes, because someone attempted a \$225,000 loan using his name and personal information. Yikes!

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Want to stretch your retirement dollars? Check out all the NEA Member Benefits provided for AEA-Retired members.

Retirees often are not aware of the fact that maintaining their membership through AEA-Retired ensures them of continuing to have access to an array of benefits available through NEA Member Benefits. There are a multitude of different categories. More information can be found at NEA Member Benefits, online at online@neamb.com/learnmore, or by phone at 1-800-637-4636.

One of the most popular features of the benefit program is **discount shopping**. This exclusive shopping feature offers savings on brand name merchandise such as clothing, electronics, restaurants, jewelry, movie tickets, travel, and more. Other savings include hearing aids, tax preparation, magazines, wholesale club memberships, ID theft protection, cell phone service, and extended auto warranties. In order to take advantage of this service, just register online at **NEA Click & Save**. Invite up to 5 friends or family after registering by clicking "Invite a Friend"

The **travel feature of Click & Save** offers options such as discount savings on hotels, motel chains, cruise lines & resorts. At Red Roof Inn save 20%. Theme parks are included as well as car rentals; Hertz, Alamo, Enterprise, National. Join Trafalgar & receive additional 10% savings on over 230 guided vacations to Europe, North & South America, Asia, Australia, New Zealand. G Adventures explore the world with small group travel. NEA members & up to three companions can receive 15% discount off their next trip OR any single G Adventure offer, whichever is greater.

NEA Auto Buying Program guarantees savings on new cars, as well as discounts on used cars at dealerships nationwide. Members save an average of \$3,078 off MSRP.

Credit and Loan savings: NEA credit cards offer great rewards and competitive rates. The NEA Cash Rewards Card can earn 1% cash back on purchases everywhere, every time. Grocery stores 2%, and 3% on gas for the first \$1,500 in combined purchases each quarter.

NEA Home Financing Program simplifies all manner of home financing and refinancing.

NEA Retirement Income Calculator can calculate an accurate picture of details of personal pension plans & whether a particular savings plan is enough.

Kiplinger's Retirement Report FREE every month.

NEA's Tax-Deferred Retirement Savings Program provides an ideal opportunity to supplement retirement income.

Life Insurance through NEA Members Insurance Trust provides valuable coverage. Term life insurance, AD & D and Premium Term Life Insurance are available.

NEA Retiree Health Program helps retired members save with lower rates. It's provided by NEA Members Insurance Trust and is underwritten by United American Insurance Company.

Other affordable insurances available are: **Hospital Care, Long-Term Care, Disability, Pet Insurance, Dental & Vision insurance.**

Auto and Home Insurance provided by California Casualty offers greater savings.

The **NEA Academy Degree & Continuing Education Program** offers hundreds of continuing education courses — all online to update skills, and keep current. Save 5%-10% on tuition & fees and scholarships are available to members.

A good source to find an after-retirement job is at **Teachers-Teachers.com**. Some 2,000 jobs are listed at the present time.

What I learned from attending a healthcare informational meeting at ASRS

By Jean Stephenson

Since I am not yet Medicare eligible, I had many choices for my insurance coverage through ASRS and many options. I decided to attend one of the meetings that were offered by ASRS to its members to help them make these difficult decisions. I learned a great deal and wanted to share some of the more interesting items with you.



***United Healthcare offers an app for our phones called Health4Me. I put the app on my phone and found it easy to see my personal medical claim spending as well as pharmacy spending. I could see the discounts United Healthcare has contracted for me. Under the menu there are several other points to discover in this app.

***By logging into www.myuhc.com we can access an estimator of healthcare costs. This was suggested for individuals with deductibles in order to check on the price of an upcoming procedure. We have the ability to be proactive about knowing whether we are about to pay below average, average, or above average for our medical care. We may even have the ability to “shop” for a lower price. The healthcare cost estimator was also talked about within the bigger picture of healthcare costs. Imagine many of us “shopping” for the lower cost procedures. An example given at the meeting was an MRI performed at a hospital for \$2500 or an MRI performed at a free standing business for \$500. Now imagine that lowering the amount we collectively spend could eventually lower premiums.

***One more interesting benefit that I didn't realize we

have is the Virtual Visit at no charge. I had in the past spoken to a nurse on the phone; “Nurse Chat”. But did you know we can video chat with a doctor without leaving home? Depending on the reason for the virtual doctor visit, we can even get a prescription filled.

Letters to the Editor

(Send us your letters at aea.retired@arizonaaea.org; we want to hear from you.)

On the evening of November 8, I watched with interest, and some disbelief, as America's voters changed course from something which we understood to something none of us, with certainty, can predict.

We can complain or celebrate, depending on how we cast our vote, but frankly, I don't think we have time to do either. The issue now is how to invest our considerable political energy over the next 2-4 years.

One thing is certain. Arizona's public schools, and the children with whom they are entrusted, need our uninterrupted attention. The need was true last year, and it will also be true the upcoming year.

I am reminded of a personal story which I believe can put this election cycle into perspective. For many of my 33 teaching years I was Association Representative for the Paradise Valley Education Association at Paradise Valley High School. Each year, I was asked to say a few words to newly hired teachers.

This is what I usually said to them after my opening NEA/ AEA/PVEA pitch. “I have worked for over 24 administrators in my teaching career. The glue that has held this rapidly growing district together has not been who was superintendent, principal or assistant principal, but rather, who has been the secretary, janitor, bus driver or classroom teacher. In the long run, leadership, by nature, continues to change for better or for worse. However, we, in our specific areas of expertise, continue to teach regardless of those changes. This is why we must be dedicated, efficiently organized and totally responsible to each other.”

The 2,200+ members of AEA-Retired have the expertise, regardless of administrative changes, to lobby for quality public education. We owe it to our profession and the children with whom they have been entrusted to dedicate part of our talent and time to maintaining and improving public education in Arizona.

Respectfully Yours,
Larry Wittig, AEA-Retired, Political Action Co-chair



AEA RETIRED ELECTIONS 2017

Pursuant to Article V and VI of the Association's Constitution, AEA-Retired is currently accepting nominations for the following positions: AEA-Retired President, Treasurer, and 6 At-Large Representatives. The election will be held during the AEA-Retired Annual Meeting that is scheduled for Friday, May 5, 2017, at the Scottsdale Resort in Scottsdale. **Nominations must be received by February 14, 2017.**

NOMINATION FORM FOR AEA RETIRED EXECUTIVE BOARD

-You may self-nominate for only ONE of the vacant offices.

-If you nominate someone other than yourself, you must have his or her signed permission.

NOMINEE _____ PHONE _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Signature of Nominator: _____ Signature of Candidate:(Candidate must sign)_____

Check the office you seek: ___AEA-Retired President ___AEA-Retired Treasurer ___Representative at Large (6 to be elected). All terms are for three years. **NOTE: Please mail nomination forms, postmarked by February 14, 2017 to: AEA-Retired Elections Committee, 345 E. Palm Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85004**

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NOMINATION FORM FOR AEA RETIRED DELEGATES TO AEA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Concurrent with officer and board nominations, we want and need you to run as a delegate to the AEA-Retired Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly. We need a minimum of 86 delegates nominated. You may nominate yourself. AEA Retired delegates are required to attend both the AEA-Retired Annual Meeting on Friday, May 5, 2017, and the AEA Delegate Assembly on the evening of May 5 and the day of May 6, 2017. This is a great opportunity to meet with long-time friends, be updated on happenings around the state, and be part of the decision making for AEA & AEA-Retired. The deadline for the return of nomination forms is February 14, 2017. If you submit your name, chances are high you will be a delegate, due to the fact that over the last few years an election of delegates has not been necessary when fewer nominations have been submitted than seats allotted. If an election is necessary, it will be held electronically in February & March.

Only Delegates are eligible to vote in AEA-Retired elections during the AEA-Retired Annual Meeting on Friday, May 5.

NOMINATION FORM FOR AEA-RETIRED DELEGATES TO AEA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

CANDIDATE _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ Signature of Nominator _____

Signature of Candidate (Candidate must sign) _____

NOTE: Nomination forms are due by February 14, 2017; please mail by February 10, 2017. Mail to: AEA Retired Elections Committee, 345 E. Palm Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85004

THE LES REYNOLDS DISTINGUISHED SENIOR SERVICE AWARD

The LES REYNOLDS DISTINGUISHED SENIOR SERVICE AWARD is named for Les Reynolds, the first president of AEA-Retired. The award is presented annually to a member of our association in appreciation for outstanding service to our Association, public education, and the community. Previous recipients are: Robert Bloom, Bertha Myers, John Campbell, Ralph Lara, Barbara Matteson, Marion Pickens, Mary Bishop, Connie Wittig, Kathy Campbell, Frank Bing, Frank Sacco and Linda Somo.

Please take time to nominate a member you believe meets these criteria. Be specific in completing the form, either in typewritten or word-processor form. You may attach additional information. The committee will not consider partially completed forms.

LES REYNOLDS DISTINGUISHED SENIOR SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____ Phone (_____) - _____

Nominator's Name _____ Phone _____

Nominee Information: Please use this format and use a typewriter or word processor. Attach an additional page, if necessary. There is a two page maximum.

1. Number of years as an AEA-Retired member: _____

2. Association positions held at the local, state, and national levels:

3. Positions held in other professional and/or social organizations:

4. Community service:

5. List and describe the nominee's involvement in activities that were beneficial to AEA-Retired, education and/or his/her community:

6. Other relevant information:

Please return a completed form to Connie Wittig at AEA-Retired, 345 E. Palm Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85004 by February 14, 2017.

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AEA-Retired Chapter News

Chapters are an attempt to bring AEA-Retired closer to members. All AEA-Retired members are eligible to join a chapter where they worked or currently live. Meetings usually include an information program, business meeting, lunch or dinner, and time for socializing with friends and colleagues. Anyone interested in forming a new chapter should contact Chapter Coordinators **Susan Sommer**, ssommer114@aol.com or **Suzan Austin** at (480) 947-2089 suzanaustin@cox.net.

Glendale/West Valley Chapter- All members are welcome at our meetings. We meet at the Iron Works Restaurant, 17233 N. 45th Avenue, Phoenix, and we're looking for additional members who live west of I-17. Meetings are bi-monthly on Thursdays at 4:00 PM. The next meeting will be in January. For more information call **Susie Sommer** at 623-628-1935 or e-mail ssommer114@aol.com.

Mesa / East Valley Chapter: Chapter members met Wednesday, November 9, at the Mesa Public Schools Bldg., 63 E. Main Street in Mesa. Guest speaker was from New Pathways for Youth. Future meetings are scheduled for Jan.11, March 8, and May 10. Contact **Janie Hydrick** at Hydrick@aol.com or (480) 963-1848 for more information

Greater Tucson Area Chapter: Meetings are the third Tues. of Sept.—May, at 10:00 AM, and alternating sites between the TEA office and the Southern Region office. Go to <http://www.azedretired.com/TUCSON/index.html> for more information, or contact Chapter Chair **Marilyn Calhoun** at 520-744-0399 or marilyn13148@q.com.

Phoenix Chapter: Meets at the Beatitudes in Phoenix, 1610 W. Glendale Ave. Future meetings are scheduled for Jan., March, & May at 10:30 AM. For more information or to RSVP your attendance, contact Chapter Chair **Michele Smith** at 602-463-1624 or mms7997@msn.com.

Yavapai Chapter: Contact new Chairperson **Rob Johan** at johanlea31@gmail.com or 602-971-1702 for information about future meetings.

Scottsdale/Paradise Valley Chapter: Met at Denny's Restaurant on Mayo Blvd, and Scottsdale Rd. on November 21. After lunch, our speaker talked to us about the CASA program, a volunteer opportunity to help and monitor foster children. Many school districts are represented by our group so if you're looking for a chapter in the north Valley, please join with us. Our next meeting is Monday, January 16. Additional meetings for this year are scheduled for March 20, and May 15 from 11 AM—1 PM for lunch at Denny's on 7000 Mayo Blvd., Scottsdale. For information contact **Nancy Riley**, 480-600-8559, rileyfam@cox.net, or **Ann Myers** 480-510-8098, azann@mac.com

Southeast Arizona Chapter: Met on November 15, and will meet next in January. Contact **Sally Rosen** at 520-459-0430 or azcatsally@aol.com for more information.

Kyrene/Tempe Chapter: Met on Nov. 16th. Guest speaker Jan Nichols spoke about Charter Schools and Funding in light of the recent election. Everyone who is eligible for AEA-Retired membership, and their guests, are welcome to the meetings. Contact **Ellie Feldner** at teachgift@gmail.com, for more information and future meeting dates.

Flagstaff Chapter: Meetings are held monthly at 10 AM at the Federated Church in Flagstaff. For more information on future meeting dates and to RSVP, contact **Tricia Roach** at trrteach6@mac.com or call 928-525-1997.

New Yuma Chapter: The newest chapter has just formed. Contact Chapter Co-Chairs **Ricki & Jim Gribble** at rickigribble@msn.com or call 928-344-1157 for information about how you can participate in this new chapter.