

Report of the NSEA-Retired Committee
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NSEA-Retired continues to provide both fall and spring conferences free to retired members and at a minimal cost to guests.

Last fall, the conference was held in Kearney and featured many presenters informing the guests on the NET Platte River project, the trail followed by Standing Bear, travel adventures, and scam alerts. The spring conference was just held at Mahoney State Park. Guest speakers included Neil Clayburn sharing Boy Scout adventures and Dr. Maital Neta on the positive nature of the aging brain plus several breakout sessions.

Many retired members served on committees to help recommended candidates succeed in the fall elections. This was followed by the February Lobby Day which continues to be an important opportunity for members to visit with state senators. Omaha Sen. Brett Lindstrom was the guest luncheon speaker.

A \$6,000 grant from NEA-Retired assisted our continuing work with the Call on Retired Educators (CORE) program. The Retireds have presented materials and given support for Student Education Association of Nebraska (SEAN) activities (including travel to their annual national meeting), assisted at existing NSEA activities, supported new educators, and worked with the Educators Rising group. A subcommittee created the new form and rubric for an Educators Rising scholarship. The major focus is to assist with already existing events and programs.

There are some new things that have happened this year. NSEA-Retired provided funding for the flagpole that is now outside the NSEA building. We have revised our connections to the fall BlueCross BlueShield presentations on the Medicare Plan and reconstructed the retirement seminars. The fall presentations by BlueCross BlueShield were attended by approximately 1,000 individuals, possibly due in part to a new available Plan G in what is now called the Educator's Medicare Supplement Plan.

This is a very good time to join NEA and NSEA Retired as a lifetime member. If joining before June 1, 2019, new members will receive \$100 back from NSEA Retired. Joining before September 1, 2019, also beats the \$50 increase in NEA Retired lifetime cost.

We continue with our monthly "Retired Corner" in *The Voice* and our three annual newsletters called *The Advocate*, which informs readers of various things including activities and stories from retired members across the state.

It is available online as well as distributed to members. The website for NSEA-Retired has been updated thanks to the workings of NSEA webmaster Kristi Capek and retired members Arlene Rea, Margie Nowak and Marty Peregoy.