Missouri NEA Retired
35th Anniversary

CELEBRATING OUR PAST
FOCUSED ON OUR FUTURE
Missouri NEA-Retired is an affiliate of the Missouri National Education Association.

MNEA-R has 7 regional chapters across the state that frequently meet and provide members with opportunities for learning, advocating for public schools and networking with colleagues.

MNEA-R is proud of our legacy and of our members who continue to prove that MNEA-Retired is “Something Better” for retired educators of Missouri.
We believe in the importance of a national organization

- One of the differences between MNEA-Retired and other organizations is that we’re a part of a national organization.
- That means that we have a voice at the national level on important issues such as the Reauthorization of ESEA and GPO/WEP.
- It also means that national resources are available for training and networking - and those resources strengthen our ability to advocate at the state and local levels.
Retired Regional Groups provide an array of social activities and opportunities to support public education. You can attend one event or all of them – it is totally up to you.

Take actions to protect our pensions
Visit local wineries
Luncheons/Meetings
Participate in Capitol Action Days
Holiday Parties
Tour of a sports stadium
Participate in "Read On Missouri"
Chocolate Factory tour
Contacting Legislators
Volunteer work
Variety of Speakers
Offer Scholarships

Come join your Regional Group where you'll interact with other education retirees who have a lot of fun while making valuable contributions.

See page 2 for Regional Contact Information

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Retired Regional Dues
Most of the regional groups have annual dues of $10.00. A few offer the choice of Life regional dues. These funds are used to defray the costs of activities, provide new member incentives, and to make charitable donations.

Connect
Please visit the MNEA-Retired Facebook page for all upcoming regional events!
Facebook.com/mneaRetired

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The new MNEA-Retired Flyer
MNEA-Retired Presidents:

- Ruth Keeling 1987-1990
- Marie Theerman 1990-1994
- Shep Woolford 1998-2001
- Martha Karlovetz 2001-2007
- C.T Sharp 2007-2013
- Carol Weatherford 2013-2018
- Terry Reger 2018-Present
MNEA-Retired Executive Council
2021-2022

- Terry Reger, President
- Georgia Brady, Vice President
- Carol Weatherford, Past President
- Joyce Bluett, Secretary
- Janet Leachman, Historian
- JoWanda Bozeman, Budget Chair
- Holly Garrett, Communications
- Bill Stewart, At-Large Member
- Sonja Marie Burks, At-Large Member
- Jan McClennenahan, At-Large Member
- Randy Weith, At-Large Member
- Susan McClintic, At-Large Member
- Lisa Kickbusch, At-Large Member
- Beth Ann Roland, At-Large Member
- Kassie Payne, At-Large Member
- Linda Innes, MNEA-R Board of Director's Representative
MNEA-Retired 35th Anniversary Committee Members

- Terry Reger
- JoWanda Bozeman
- Janet Leachman
- Carol Weatherford
- Georgia Brady
- Martha Karlovetz
- Bill Stewart
- Beth Ann Roland
- Chastity Young
- Olivia Compton
“CHEER” (Caring Help for Education Endeavors by Retirees) Fund

The “CHEER” Fund was established by MNEA-Retired members to enhance learning conditions for Missouri’s public school students. CHEER Funds provide opportunities for MNEA-R member to reach out to public school district employees and provide needed supplies for classroom instruction and the enhancement of instruction.
## Congratulations to the 21-22 Cheer Grant Recipients!

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Share a Story Submissions
First major accomplishment by MNEA-Retired in 1987
Submitted by Laverne Copeland

I recall the heated meetings as MNEA-Retired, led by Ruth Keeling, debated funding from MNEA for their new local. Dues were set and the first project was getting legislation passed that required school districts to provide health insurance to allow retired teachers to remain on their district health insurance plan.

When teachers retired in the 1960’s, 1970’s and 1980’s, a large number of them did not have enough social security quarters to qualify for Medicare, which left them totally uninsured. SB 264 was passed in 1987 under the leadership of our Southwest Missouri retired teachers working with MNEA to get this legislation passed.

Now, 35 years later, teachers are indebted to this group for their efforts to make sure that all teachers will be able to have healthcare after retirement.
Caring Help for Educational Endeavors by Retirees began with then President Carol Weatherford and committee chair Janet Leachman.

The first contributor was Mary Parten, who graduated high school from Aurora and held her first teaching position in Cole Camp. She was 93 years young in 2014 when she sent a $100 donation to MNEA-Retired to be used for a good purpose. We didn’t know what to do with it at the time and so we saved it until we came up with a plan.

We named that plan CHEER, a non-profit fund to assist active educators with supplies and projects for their classrooms and students. Carol Weatherford made a visit to see Mary in September 2014 and shared with her that her $100 seed money had grown into this worthy project and that we already had $1000 in the CHEER account from generous contributors.
Happy Birthday, MNEA-R!
Submitted by Randy Weith

My most memorable memory about MNEA-R is when Southeast Missouri was asked to charter ten years ago in 2012. Since then, it has been a rewarding experience filled with meeting new people, going places, and being involved.

Happy Birthday MNEA-R!!
The Joy of Conferring a Cheer Grant - Dr. Pickett Lema, MNEA-R

It was my distinct pleasure to apply for and deliver a Cheer Grant to Lisa Watkins, an excellent reading specialist at Ritenour Middle school in April 2019! I supervised Reading Specialists for many years in the Pattonville School District, and as a specialist myself, I tend to readily identify excellence in that area. I found some!

I learned at my church of the investment of this teacher in her students. She has been searching for funding sources for sets of books for group study, “Go Fund Me”, etc. In this photo, I am presenting her the check for such a set of books as seen here. Students, necessarily covering their faces (needed permissions for externally shared photos), were very excited about their new books and learning opportunities!

Reading specialists receive supplies generally for individual, leveled intervention at the middle school level. Specialists are seldom provided multiple copies of the same book of high interest but readability for delayed middle school students who are scheduled in larger groupings. As a retiree, I too was thrilled to have this new opportunity. I visited with the principal, the teacher and the students.

It was JOY all around!!
The Joy of Conferring a Cheer Grant - Dr. Pickett Lema, MNEA-R
Recent MNEA-Retired Events
Virtual RA, November, 2020
GKC
May 13th, 2021
Jefferson County
June 13, 2021
STL Metro Events
Mid-Mo Picnic
MNEA-Retired Fall Luncheon
November 19, 2021
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Celebrating Our Past
Marie Theerman, Metro STL MNEA-R, was one of the founders of Missouri NEA-Retired, and the second president of our organization.
From Marie Theerman, Second President of MNEA-Retired

"I am so proud of this organization. It is everything Ruth Keeling and I envisioned so many years ago."
Retired Delegates - 2009
Celebrating Our Past
Southeast MNEA-Retired members, along with members from across the state, worked to defeat the dangerous Amendment #3 in 2015.
MNEA-R members Sandy Van Wagner and Henry Grubb “stepped up” and ran for the legislature in 2014. Sandy ran again in 2016.
MNEA-Retired members have worked side-by-side with active members to support pro-public education candidates
Missouri House Candidate and GKC Member Henry Grubb, with East Central/St. Charles MNEA-R member Bill Guinther
MNEA-R member and former House of Representatives Member Margo McNeil speaking at a Metro-St. Louis picnic.
Retired Independence Teacher and MNEA-R Member Ira Anders now serves in the Missouri Legislature
MNEA-R members attend Capitol Action Days
Many thanks to our members who remain politically active!
In 2015, at the invitation of the Speaker of the House, Carol Weatherford and Nancy Copenhaver were present for the official dedication of the latest addition to the Hall of a Famous Missourians -- women's suffrage activist Virginia Minor.
In 2015, Representatives McNeil and Anders (both members of MNEA-Retired), presented a Proclamation to Pat O’Brien, MNEA’s First President
Metro STL MNEA-R members attending a St. Louis Legislative Brunch
Greater Kansas City MNEA-R members attending a Legislative Brunch
St. Charles MNEA-R members attending a Legislative Dinner
PAC Fundraiser at the MNEA-R Annual Meeting
Mary Patton donated the first $100 that was “seed” money for the CHEER Fund
PSRS/PEERS Staff Maria Walden and Dearld Snider are always welcome friends at the MNEA-R Annual Meetings.
Janet Leachman, 2014 Volunteer of the Year for MNEA-Retired
Kay Coen presenting Representative Margo McNeil with the 2014 “Jim Coen Silver Citizenship Award”
MNEA-Retired has been recognized for achieving the Leila Medley Quality Local Association Award
At the 2014 Spring RA, MNEA’s First President Pat O’Brien received the “Friend of Education” Award
MNEA-R Past President Cecil Sharp received the 2014 Lorna Bottger Political Action Award
At the RA, MNEA-Retired members have opportunities to talk with active members about the benefits of joining
MNEA-R Leaders attend the NEA’s Organizing Conferences
Past and present MNEA-R leaders return from NEA training opportunities energized and ready to face the challenges of leadership.
Student NEA members and MNEA-R members at the RA in Denver - an opportunity to learn and work together!
2014 Annual NEA-R Meeting, Denver, Colorado
NEA-R Annual Meeting, June 2014
Denver, Colorado
MNEA-R and Student NEA members worked together on the “Outreach to Teach” rehab of a school in Denver
MNEA-R members who participated in “Outreach to Teach” in Denver
MNEA-Retired members are elected to attend the NEA Representative Assembly. Because of membership growth, we’ll now send 6 delegates to the RA!
Alan Weatherford at the RA mic, speaking to 8,000+ of his closest friends!
MNEA-R meets Florida NEA-R!
Alan and Carol Weatherford at NEA’s Human & Civil Rights dinner, an evening that celebrates social justice warriors
Carol Weatherford and NEA Past-President Mary Hatwood-Futrell
St. Charles Regional MNEA-R members enjoying the fall weather at Montel Winery
St. Charles MNEA-Retired
St. Charles MNEA-Retired Picnic
St. Charles MNEA-R members on a tour of the beautiful St. Louis Public Library
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East-Central MNEA-Retired
East-Central Presentation of the Harold Austin Good Teaching Award

Matt Agee, Recipient
East-Central Presentation of the Harold Austin Good Teaching Award

- Recipient: Elizabeth Hobbs
East Central MNEA-R visited the St. Louis Public Library
East Central enjoyed a Trolley Tour around St. Louis
... and then they enjoyed visiting and lunch after their trolley ride
East-Central MNEA-Retired
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- Frank Rogan
- Tom Smith
East-Central MNEA-Retired
East-Central MNEA-Retired members registering East-Central CC students to vote!
Retired Teachers Group Organizes

The East Central Missouri NEA Retired Teachers held an organizational meeting Wednesday, March 15, at Richard’s on the Riverfront. The group has been formed to provide support for retired educators in Franklin County and neighboring counties and support issues that will assist area schools. Several Missouri National Education Association officials were present to assist in the formation of the group. Harold Austin of New Haven, seated at left, is the acting president.

Submitted Photo
Presentation of a HOPE Fund check to Augusta Elementary following a library fire. Ruth Ann Smith, East Central MNEA-Retired member, applied for the funding to help the school library.
Greater Kansas City MNEA-R
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MNEA’s First President, Pat O’Brien, speaking at a Greater Kansas City MNEA-R Luncheon.
Greater Kansas City MNEA-Retired
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Greater KC MNEA-Retired Holiday Celebration
Greater Kansas City MNEA-Retired
GKC MNEA-Retired members Bonnie Leonard and Kay Coen help prepare the luncheon!
Greater Kansas City MNEA-R Program
Southwest MNEA-R is organizing!
Leila Medley, Southwest MNEA-R, gearing up for MNEA-R organizing.
Southwest MNEA-Retired
Southwest MNEA-R
The Metro St. Louis Retired “not-back-to-school” picnic
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The Metro St. Louis Retired “not-back-to-school” picnic is a highlight of the year! Just ask Evail and Marie!
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Mid-Missouri MNEA-R members Dorothy Whitten (Boonville) and Jackie Settlage (Kirksville), both MNEA members since MNEA affiliated as an NEA organization in 1973 (44 years!)
Mid-Mo MNEA-Retired members were joined by leaders from Pattonville MNEA for a very interesting tour of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.
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Mid-MO Luncheon on the MU campus
The Mid-Missouri chapter of MNEA-R sold “Raise Your Hand for Public Education” T-shirts as a fundraiser.
The Southeast Regional “Not Back to School” Breakfast Crowd
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Springfield NEA-Retired “field trip” to a one-room schoolhouse.
MNEA-R member Joan Shields, raising the flag at the one-room schoolhouse visited by Springfield MNEA-R members
Springfield NEA-Retired sponsored a “behind-the-scenes” tour of the Springfield Cardinals stadium.
The Tower Club in Springfield offers a beautiful location for a members’ luncheon.
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Certificate of Achievement

This certificate is awarded to

Jefferson County

for demonstrating Regional Excellence.

Carol Westendorf, MNEA Retired President
Date: 4-8-16

Terry Riggs, MNEA Retired Vice President
Date: 4-8-16
Past Missouri NEA Presidents Martha Karlovetz and Greg Jung now live in Florida and held a membership drive for NEA-Retired there!
Celebrating Our Past
Chuck King, Betty Graham, C. Whitten, M. Karlovetz, Dorothy Staley
Roberta Sanderson,
Beverly Byas,
Sherry Leeds
Dallas Sanderson, Ken Curtis, Cecil Sharp, Shep Woolford, Jim Coen
Happy Birthday!!
MNEA
MNEA-R - Executive Council - January 26th, 2001
Ruthann Phillips, Kathy Bray, Chris Fox, Bud Byrd,
Judy Belike, Jim Coen, Dorothy Whitter, Sherry Leads
MNEA-R - 10th Anniversary 1994
Ken McCully, Dallas Sanderson, Marie Theerman
MNEA-R - 25th Anniversary - 1998
Dallas and Roberta Sandman, Richard Brown, Chris Fox, Shep Woolard, Sherry Leaks
October 26th, 2000
MNEA-R - Dallas Sandman, Jim Coen, Cecil Sharp, Beverly Byrd
October 26th, 2000
MNEA-R - Democratic Candidates on Capitol Steps - October 26th, 2000
Dorothy Staley, Shep Woolfard, Roberta Sandman
MNEA-R - Executive Council on Capitol Steps
October 26th, 2000
MNEA-R - January 26th, 2001
Ruthann Phillips, Kathy Bray, Chris Fox
MNEA-R - Lunch with E.C. Walker, Richard Brown, Shep Woolford
July 27th, 2000
MNEA-R - October 26th, 2000
Dallas Sanderson, Jim Coen, Cecil Sharp, Beverly Byrd
October 26th, 2000 - R. Gaier, Judy Bedake, Ruthanne Phillips, Martha R.
MNEA-R - President Clinton Addressing the Crowd - October 28th, 1996
The Business Session
Shep Woolford presiding
MNEA-R Annual Meeting - 1998
General Session
MNEA-R Regional Meeting - Salt Lake City - April 1998