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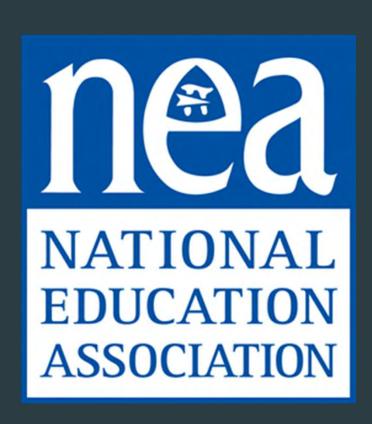


Missouri NEA-Retired is an affiliate of the Missouri National Education Association.

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

MNEA-Retired Regional Groups Flyer



"Retired from our position but not from our profession"

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



Regional Groups

East Central

Frank Rogan, President frankrogan@charger.net 636-257-4523

Greater Kansas City Kassie Payne, President paynekassie@sbcglobal.net 816-694-8652

Jefferson County Nancy Bohle, President m.bohle@sbeglobal.net 636-274-3333

Metro St. Louis Alice Ault, President aault1090@att.net 314-961-1090

Wid-WO

Susan McClintic, President mnearmidmo@gmail.com 573-268-9590

Southeast

Sharon Giesler, President sgiesler77@gmail.com

Springfield

Gerald Clary, President gclary@aol.com 417-883-2107

St. Charles

Christine Guinther christine.guinther@gmail.com 636-398-4581

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 apceming regional
events?
facebook.com/mnearetired

Questions!

If you have any questions about membership, please contact your regional President or contact:

Georgia Brady

MNEA-Retired

Vice-President
1gsb5169@gmail.com
816-686-5122

The new MNEA-Retired Flyer



Your passion for helping students doesn't end when you retire. Joining MNEA-Retired keeps you engaged with other educators, affords opportunities to continue your support for students and great neighborhood schools, and gives you a voice to advocate for the things that matter for public education retirees.

BIG IMPACT

MNEA-Retired members continue to play a valuable role in

- · Improve public education through mentoring, literacy and intergenerational programs and activities.
- Preserve, protect and improve retirement pensions and health benefits, including state pensions, Social Security and Medicare.
- Advocate for legislative and political action to support public education and educators.
- Participate in intergenerational programs that link retired educators with young people in need of help.
 Continue involvement with MNEA and enjoy activities
- with other public education retirees. Learn more about membership, complete a membership

form or print out a mail-in membership form at www.mnea.org/retired.





on your screen

"Joining MNEA-Retired before leaving the profession means you will always stay active and engaged with your colleagues. MNEA-Retired is the best way for you to continue to play an important role in public education for students



MNEA-RETIRED JOIN AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

Your MNEA-Retired membership provides most of the same benefits you appreciate before retirement, and if you want to substitute teach, you will want the coverage (up to 550 hours a year). Most retirees love taking advantage of all the NEA and MNEA Member Benefits discounts or currently have discounted insurance policies that require membership to maintain. The main reason folks join or continue their membership after retirement, however, is to stay connected, involved and informed.

We want to make your transition into MNEA-Retired as easy as possible and offer several convenient payment options.

Pre-Retired Life or Retired Life

You can join Pre-Retired Life at any time, even while you are still receiving a paycheck from your school district. If you prepay for your MNEA Lifetime Retired membership while still working. once you retire you will automatically become an MNEA-Retired

- · You can join as a Pre-Retired Life or Retired Life member now for a one-time payment of \$500 by check, credit card or bank draft.
- You can also break up that payment into 10 payments of If you prefer a two-year payment plan by credit card or bank. draft, you pay 10 payments of \$30 for the first year and 10 payments of \$20 the second year.

Annual Retired Membershin

You can join as an Annual Retired member for 575. The membership year runs Sept. 1 through Aug. 31.



Learn more about MNEA-Retired at www.mnea.org/retired.

MNEA-Retired Presidents:

- Ruth Keeling 1987-1990
- * Marie Theerman 1990-1994
- Betty Graham 1994-1998
- 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 McClenahan, 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

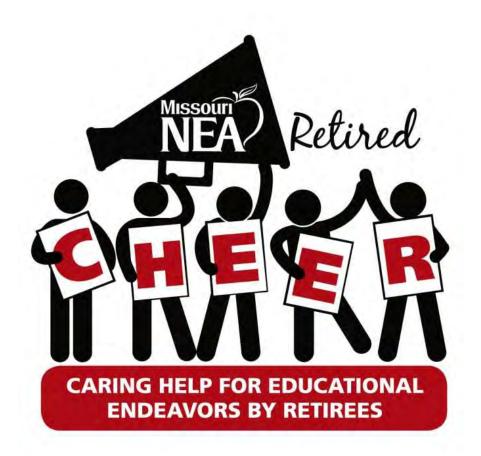
MNEA-Retired 35th Anniversary Committee Members

- 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!

Applicant	School District	Sponsor
Jesse Hentges	Blair Oaks R-II	Carol Weatherford
Mary Blackwell	Lindbergh	Dianne Wallace
Caroline Eberle	Mehlville	Jean Driver
Francine Hill	Francis Howell	Grace Clifford
Katie Aubrey	North Kansas City	Denice Ash
Jessica Tarka	Francis Howell	Monica Jefferson
Heather Knopfel	Francis Howell	Monica Jefferson
Susan Doering	Francis Howell	Monica Jefferson
Alexandria Libby	Lindbergh	Kathleen Libby
Erica Yawitz	Francis Howell	Grace Clifford
Kristen Burkemper	Columbia	Susan McClintic
Ashley Gettinger	Ste. Genevieve	Sharon Giesler
Michelle Delaney	Platte County	Kassie Payne
Joe O'Neal	Raymore-Peculiar	Julia Todd
Madeline Harrington	Raytown	Mary Gorman

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.

CHEER fund created in 2014 Submitted by Laverne Copeland

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.

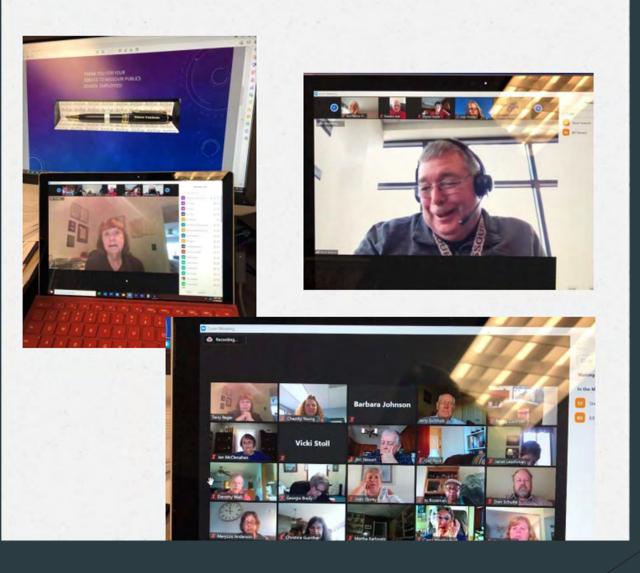
It was JOY all around!!

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Recent MNEA-Retired Events

Virtual RA, November, 2020





GKC May 13th, 2021



Jefferson County June 13, 2021









STL Metro Events

Mid-Mo Picnic





















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."

NEA Retired Meeting - 2009

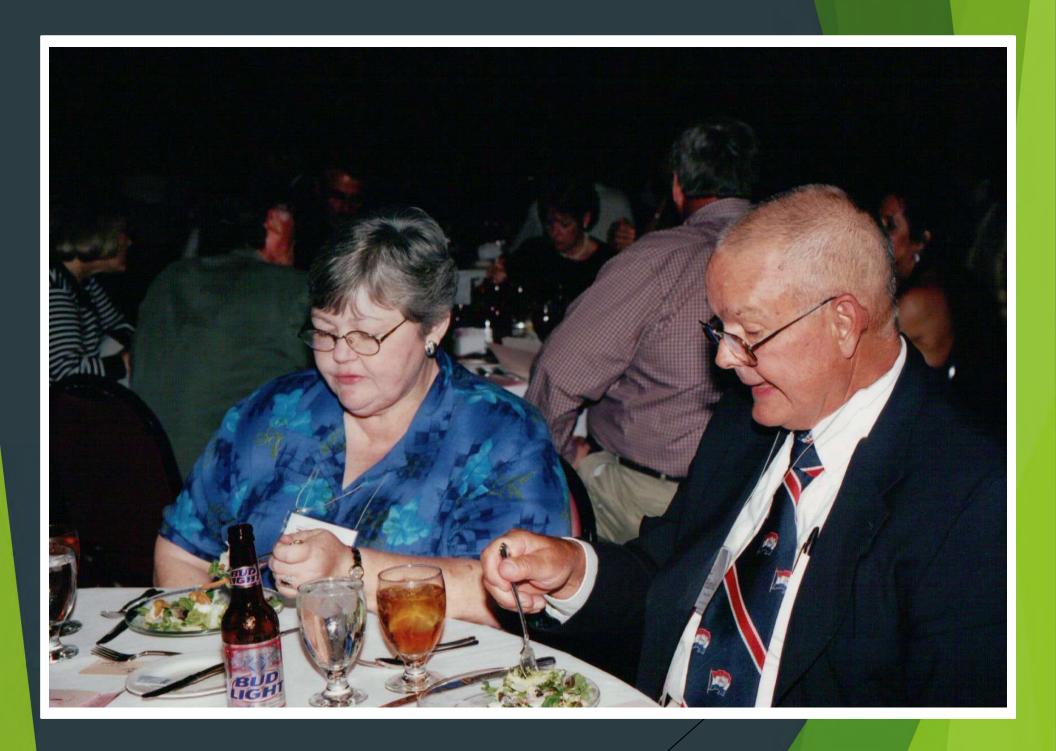




Retired Delegates - 2009







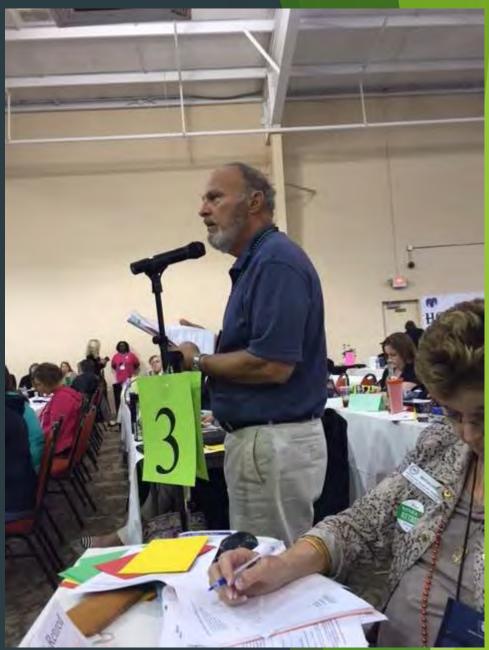




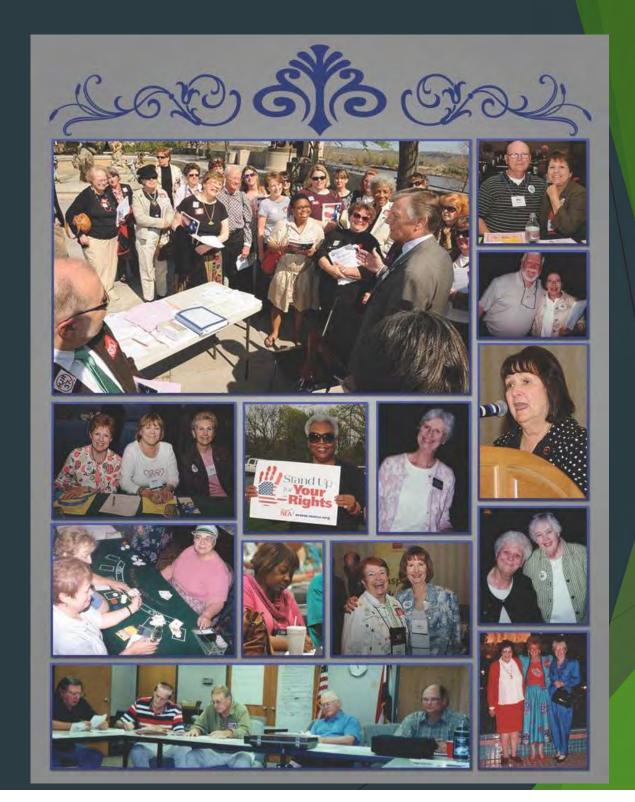




























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Southeast MNEA-Retired members, along with members from across the state, worked to defeat the dangerous Amendment #3 in 2015















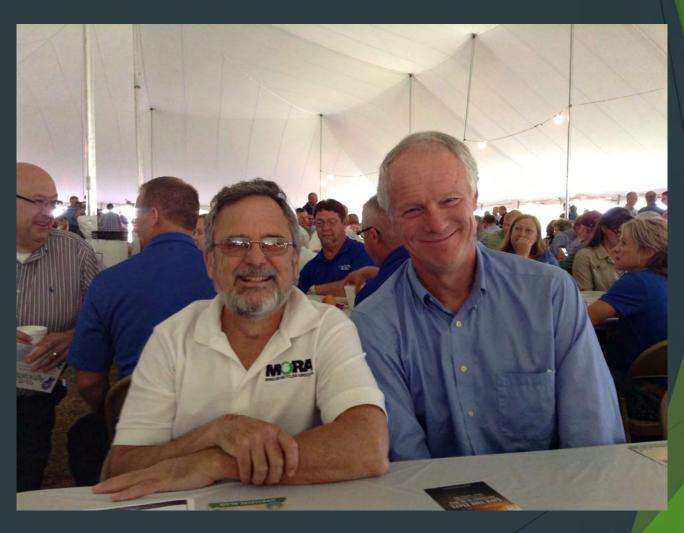
MNEA-R members Sandy Van Wagner and Henry Grubb "stepped up" and ran for the legislature in 2014. Sandy ran again in 2016.



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



East Central MNEA-R's 2014 Legislative Candidates: Tom Smith, Bobbie Bollmann, Lloyd Klinedinst. Tom ran again in 2016.



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





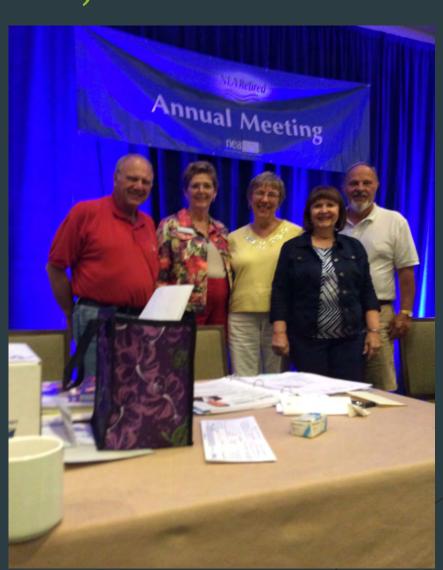
Past and present MNEA-R leaders return from NEA training opportunities energized and ready to face the challenges of leadership.



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



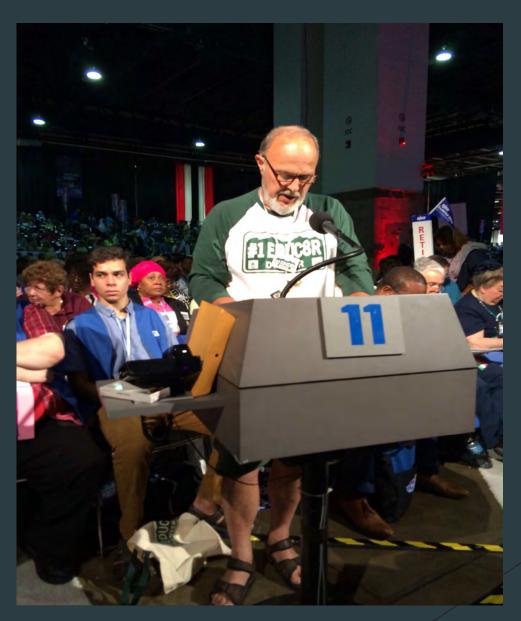
MNEA-R members who participated in "Outreach to Teach" in Denver



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 Picnic



St. Charles MNEA-R members on a tour of the beautiful St. Louis Public Library











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







- Frank Rogan
- ► Tom Smith





East-Central MNEA-Retired members registering East-Central CC students to vote!



FIRST MEETING OF

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

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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.

EAST CENTRAL MNEA-RETIRED

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.













MNEA's First President, Pat O'Brien, speaking at a Greater Kansas City MNEA-R Luncheon.



Greater Kansas City MNEA-Retired



Greater Kansas City MNEA-Retired



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



St. Louis Metro MNEA-Retired



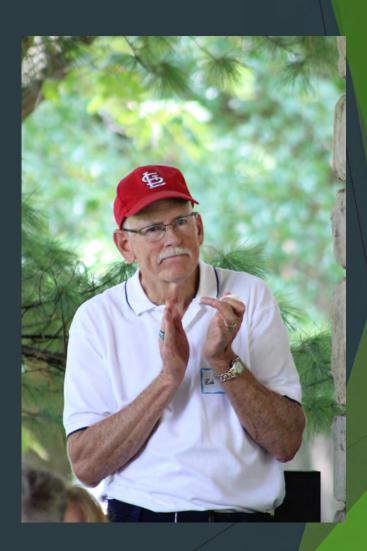
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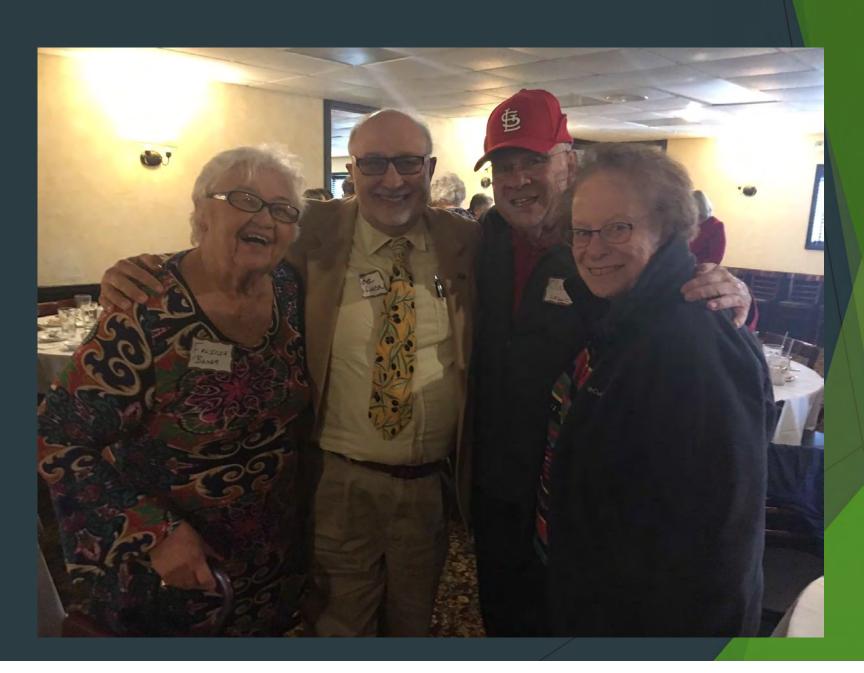




The Metro St. Louis Retired "not-back-to-school" picnic is a highlight of the year! Just ask Evail and Marie!

















Metro St. Louis MNEA-Retired



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.



















Mid-MO MNEA-R Sponsored at tour of the James Kirkpatrick Building. Attendees learned much about our state's rich history!



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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

















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















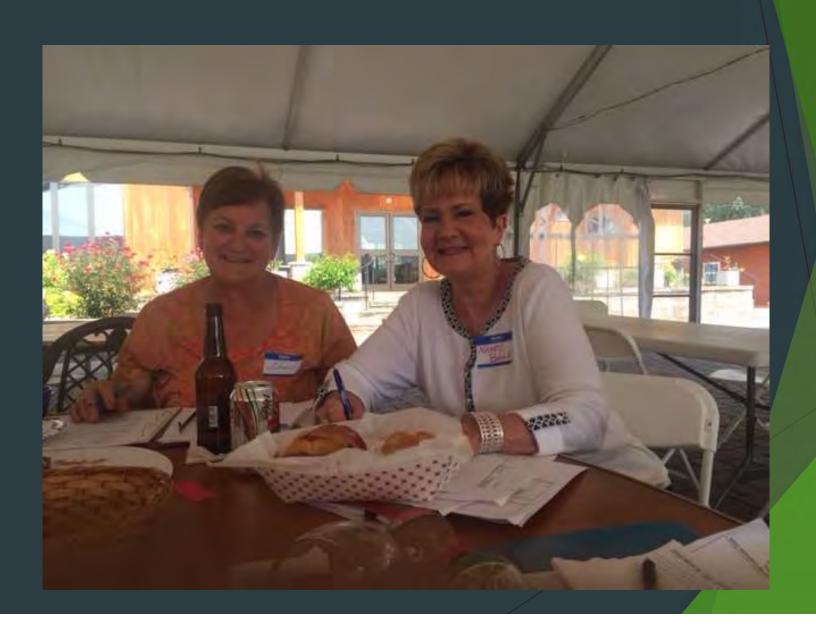




Jefferson County MNEA-





















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





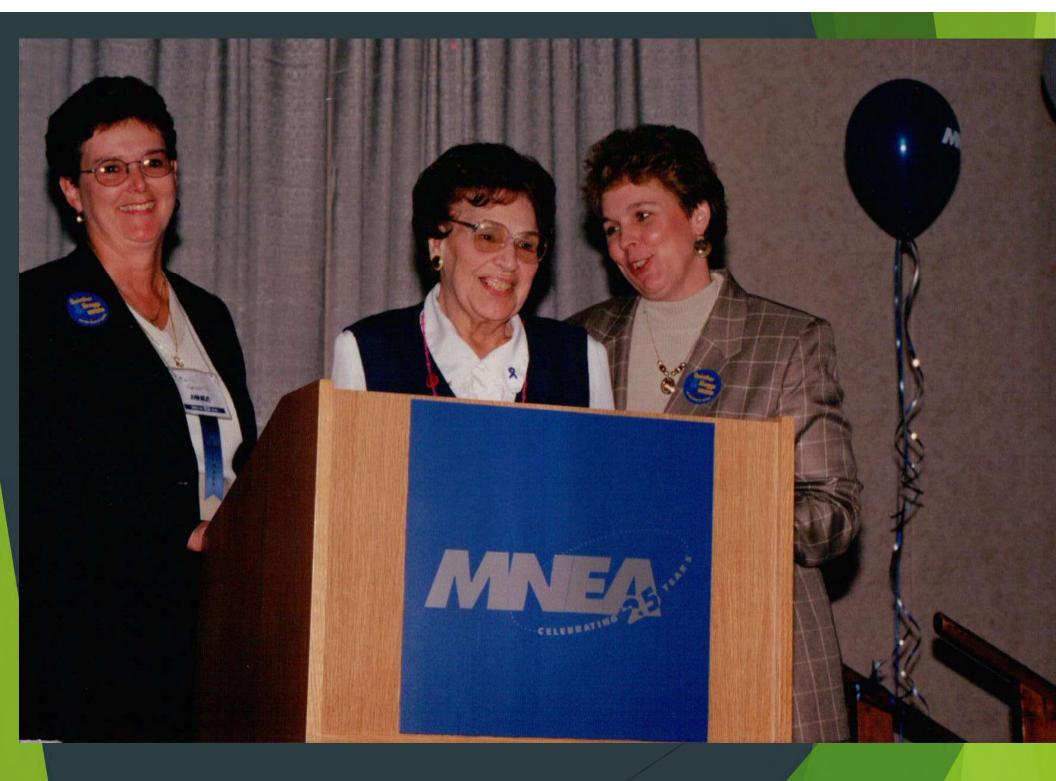


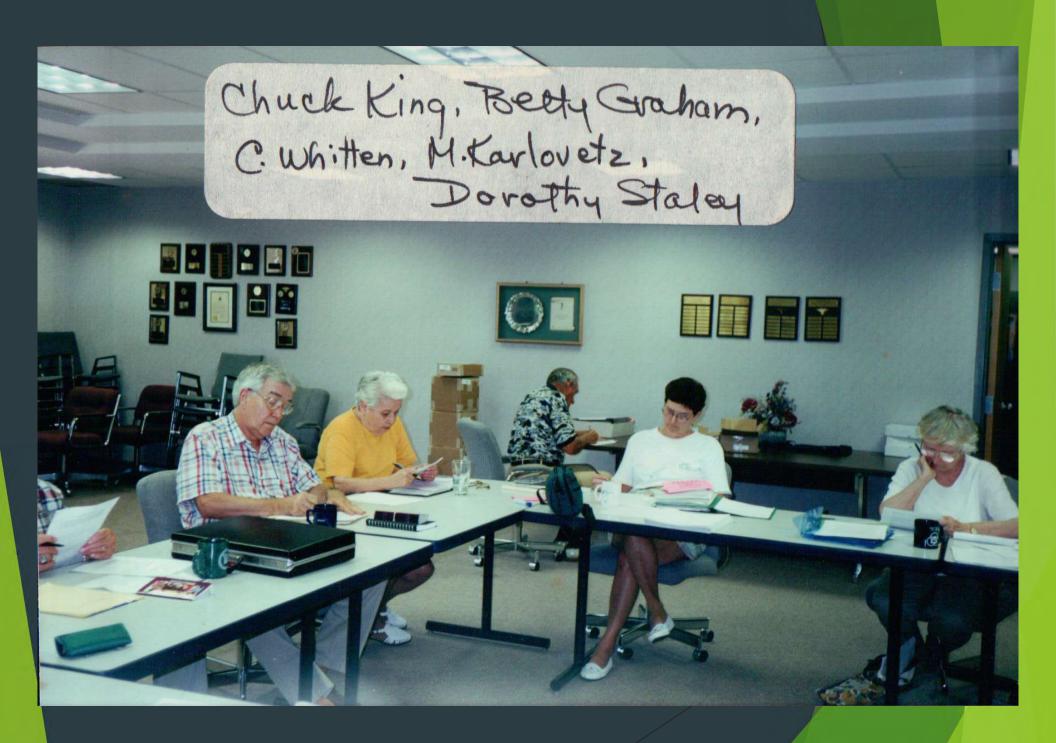


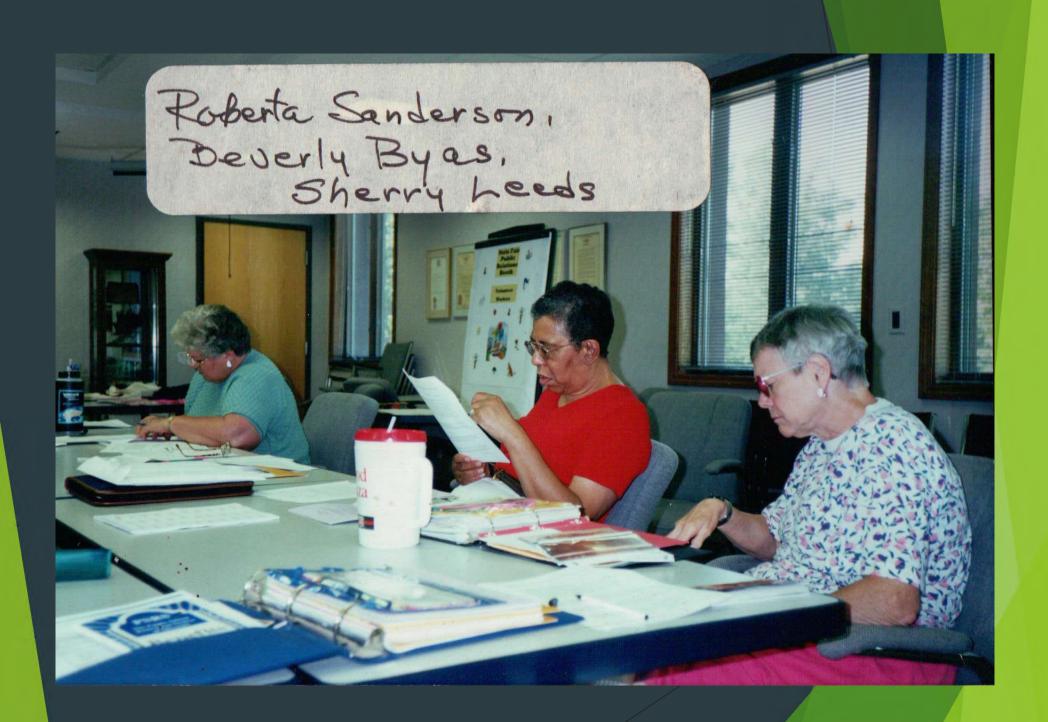










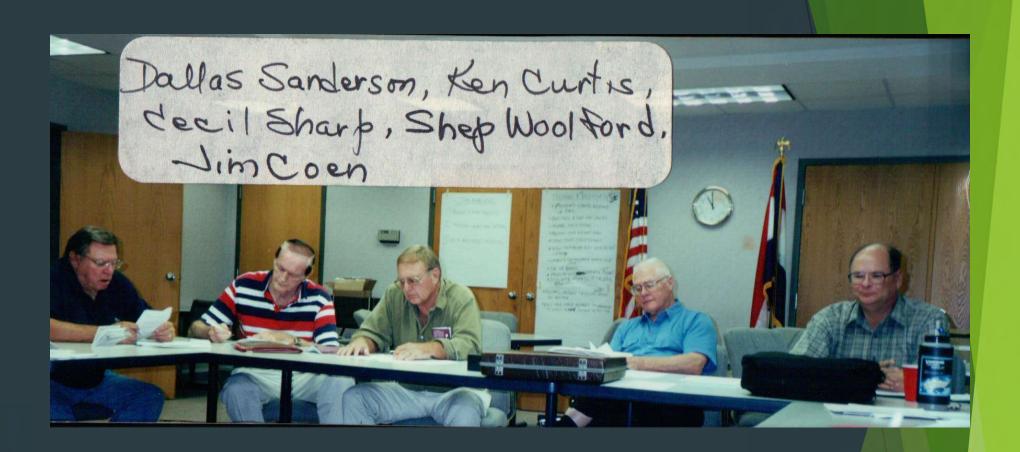




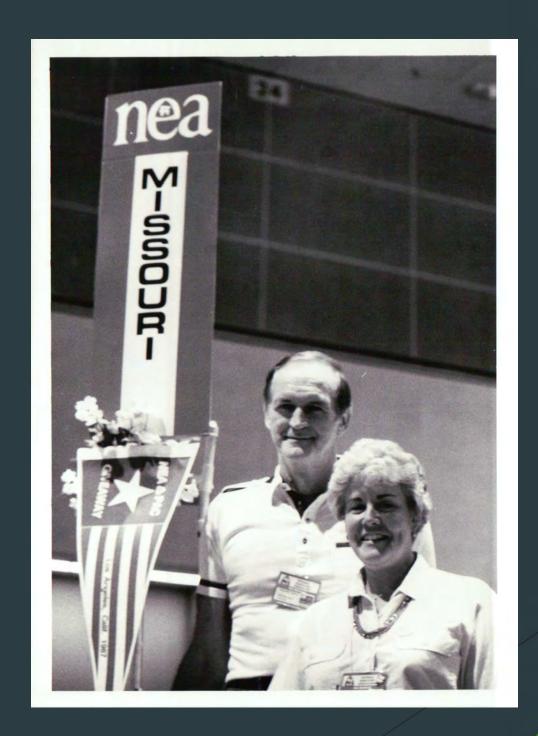


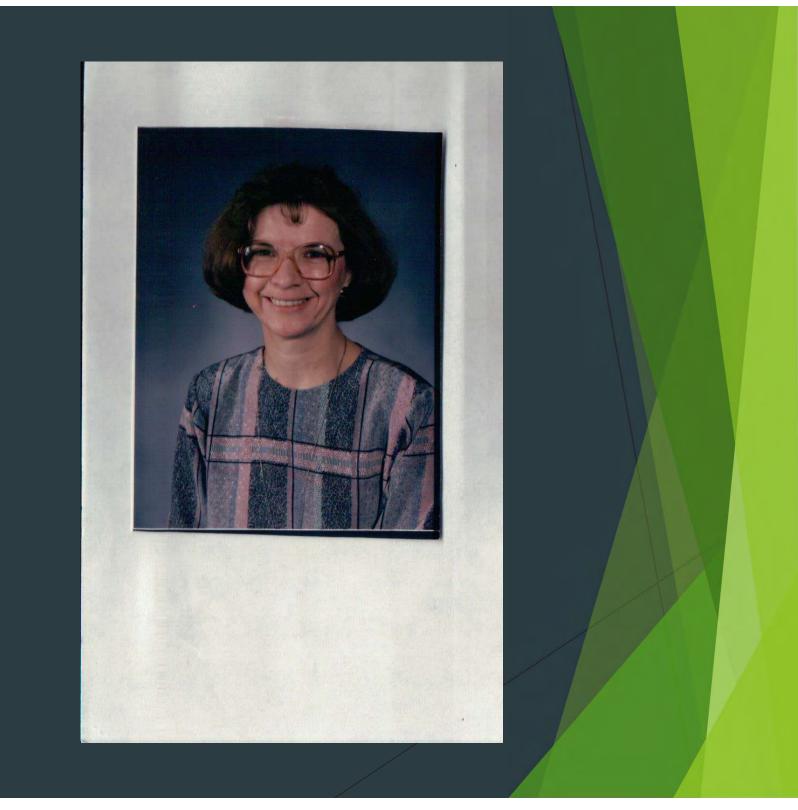


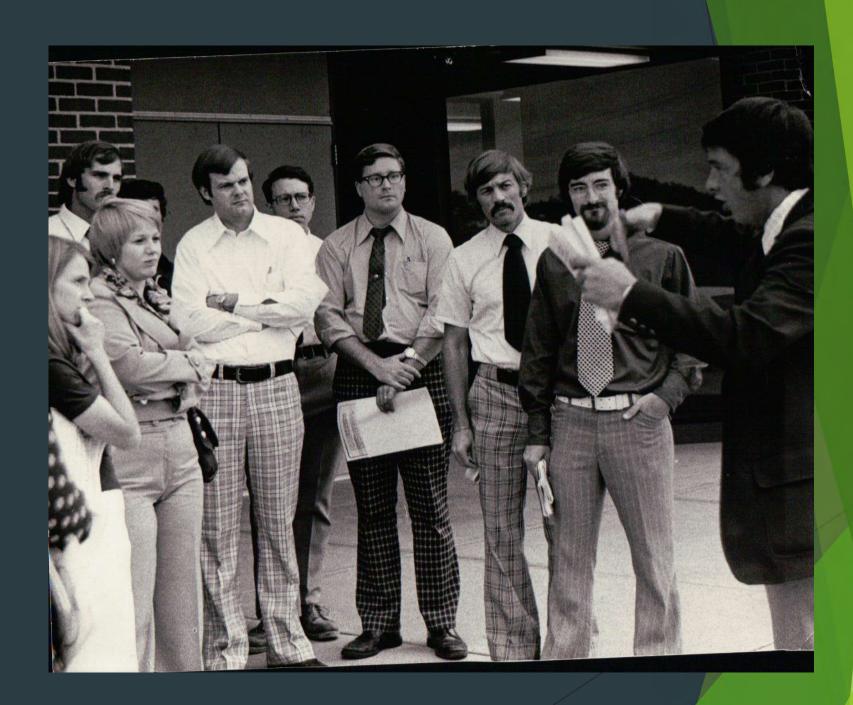




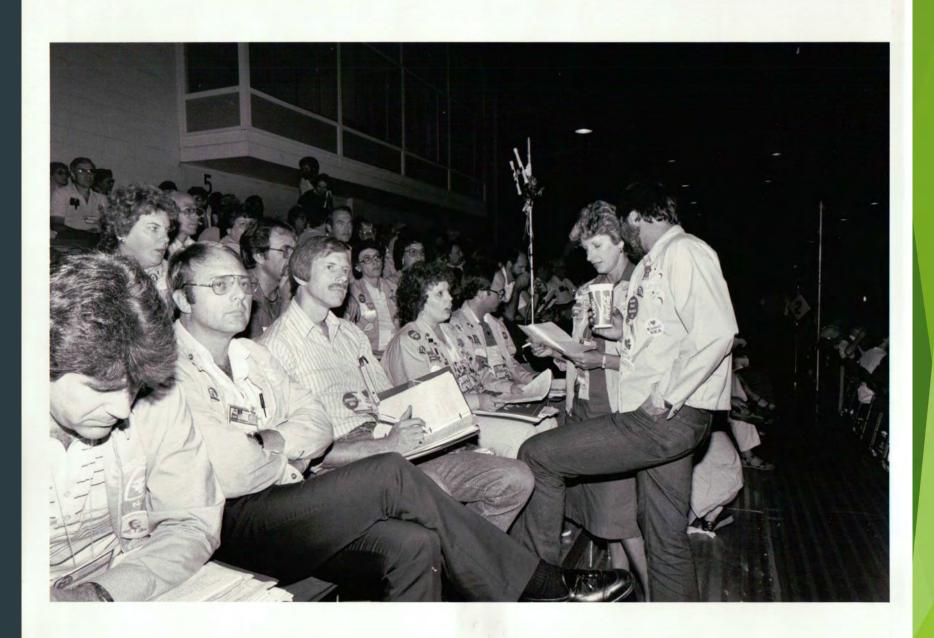


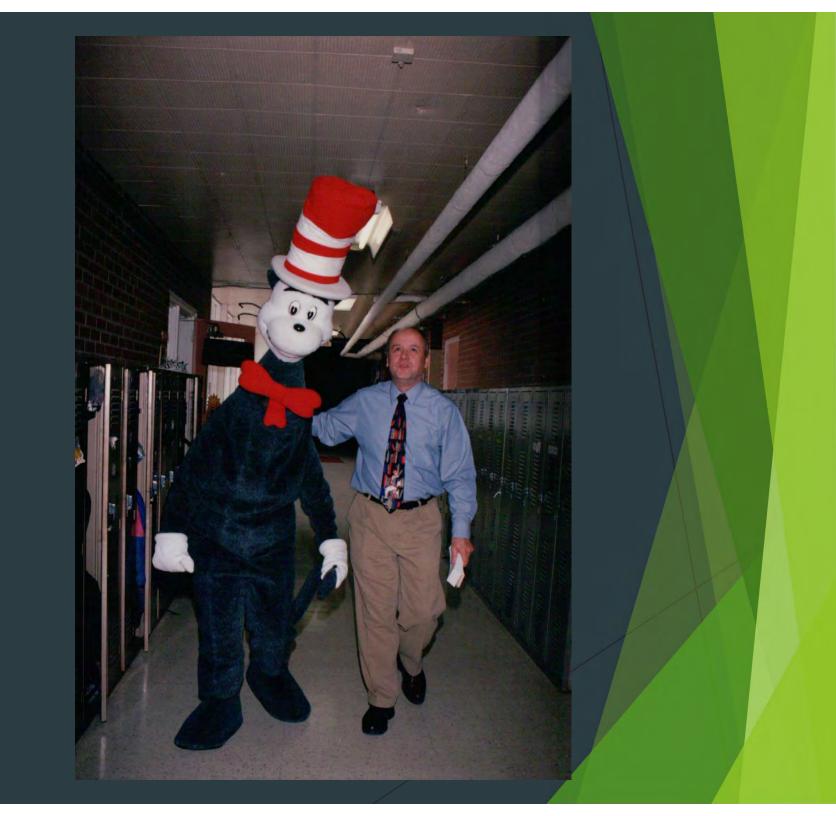


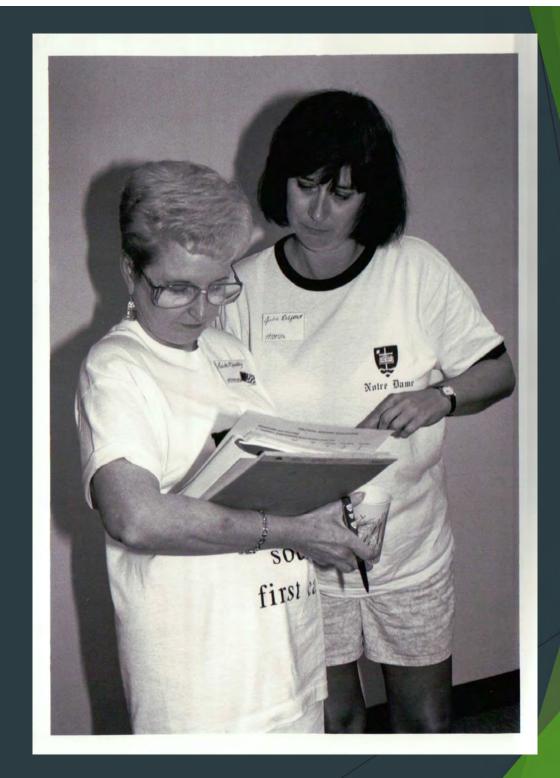








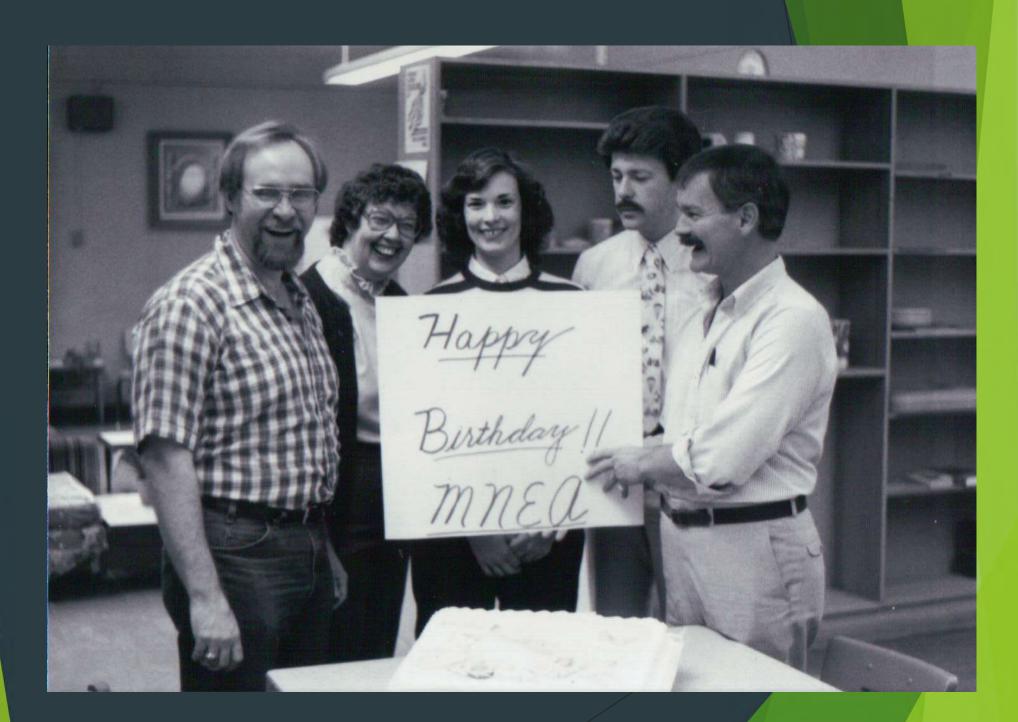








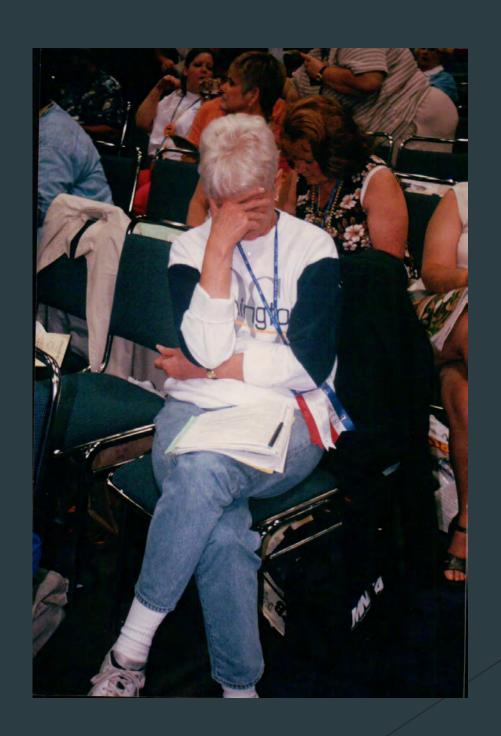


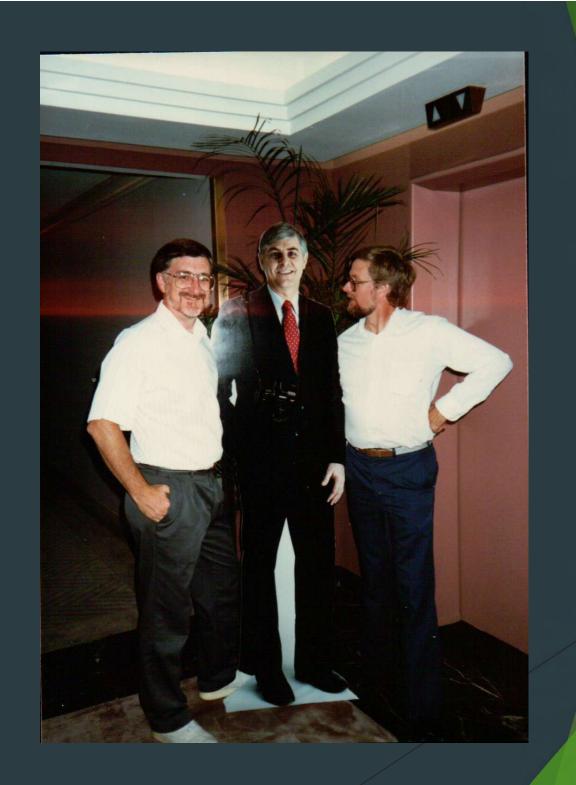


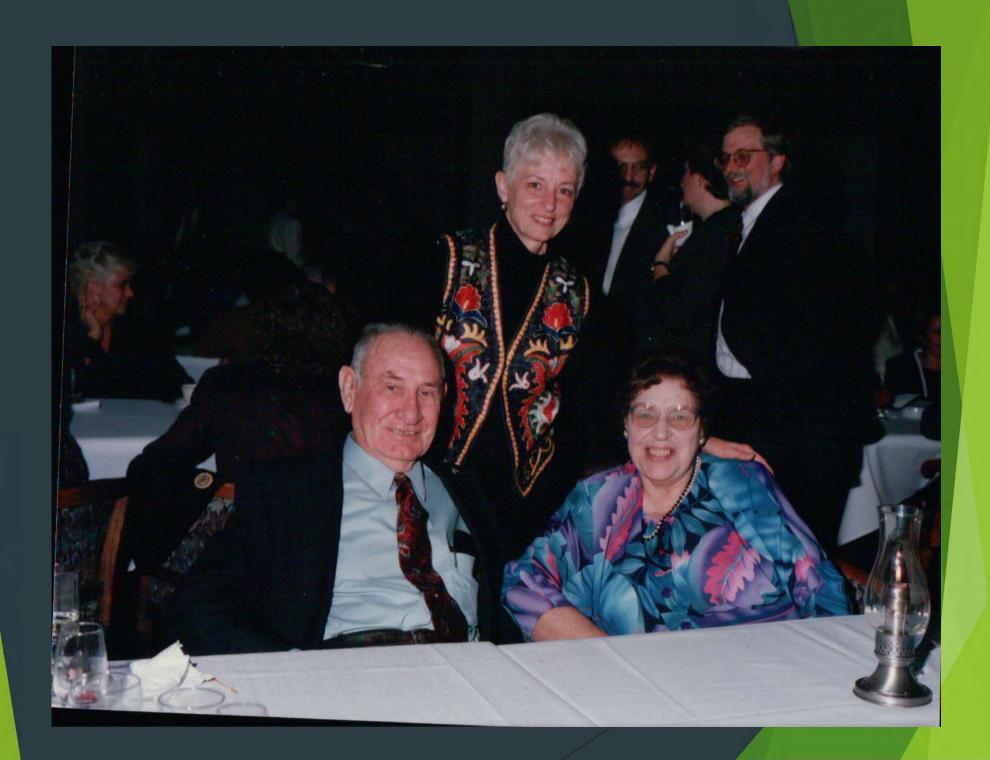








































MNEA-R - Executive Council - January 26th, 2001 Ruthann Phillips, Kathy Bray, Chris Fox, Bud Byrd, Judy Belike, Jim Coen, Dorothy Whitter, Sherry Leads



MNEA-R - 10th Anniversary 1994 Ken McCully, Dallas Sanderson, Marie Theerman



MNEA-R - 25th Anniversary - 1998



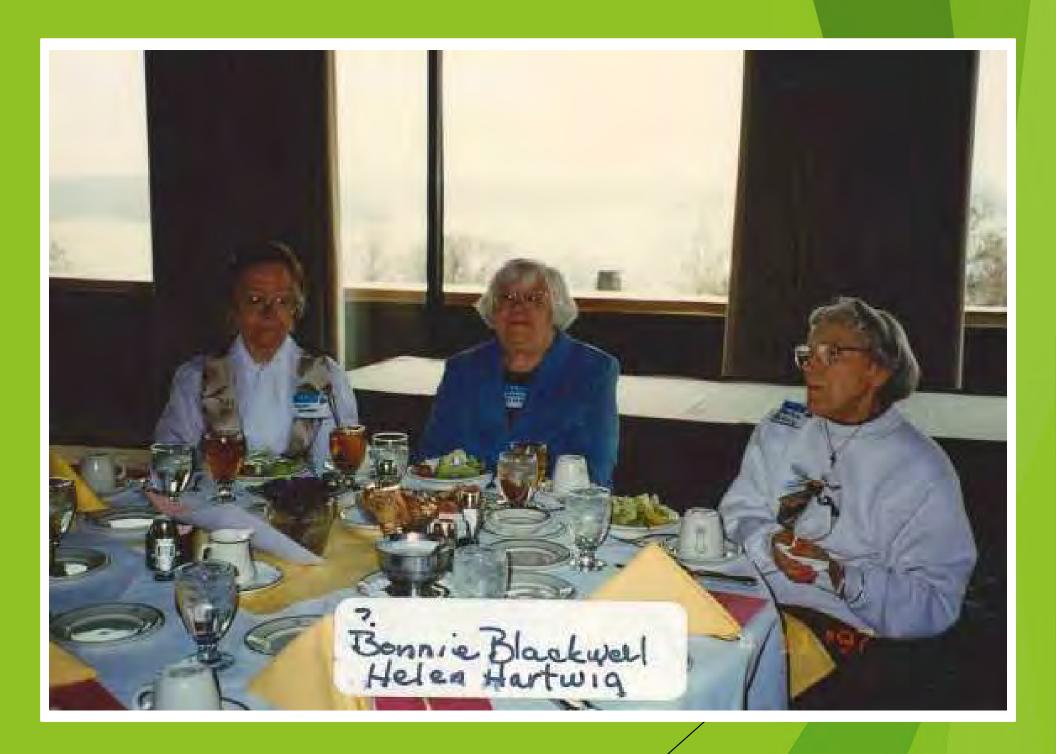
MNEA-R - 25th Anniversary - 1998



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Bob and Betty Graham - 1998





MNEA-R - Capitol Steps in Jefferson City, MO - October 26th, 2000





Dallas and Roberta Sandman, Richard Brown, Chris Fox, Shep Woolard, Sherry Leaks October 26th, 2000



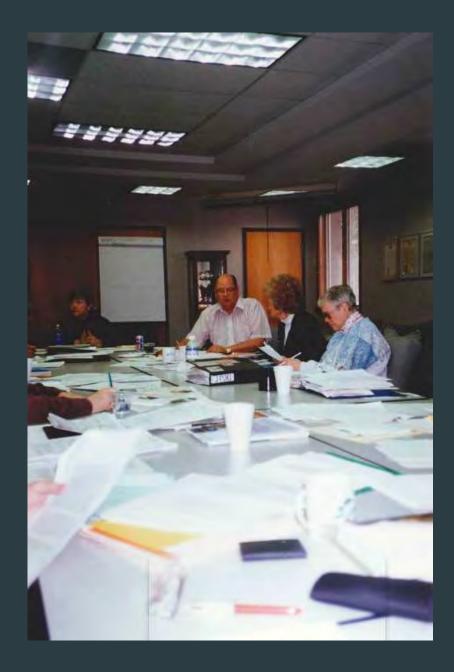
MNEA-R - Dallas Sandman, Jim Coen, Cecil Sharp, Beverly Byrd October 26th, 2000



MNEA-R - Democratic Candidates on Capitol Steps - October 26th, 2000



MNEA-R - Executive Council - January 26th, 2001 - Beverly Byzel



MNEA-R - Executive Council Meeting
Judy Belinke, Jim Coen, Dorothy Whether, Sherry Leads



MNEA-R - Executive Council Meeting - October 26th, 2000 Dorothy Staley, Shep Woolfard, Roberta Sandman



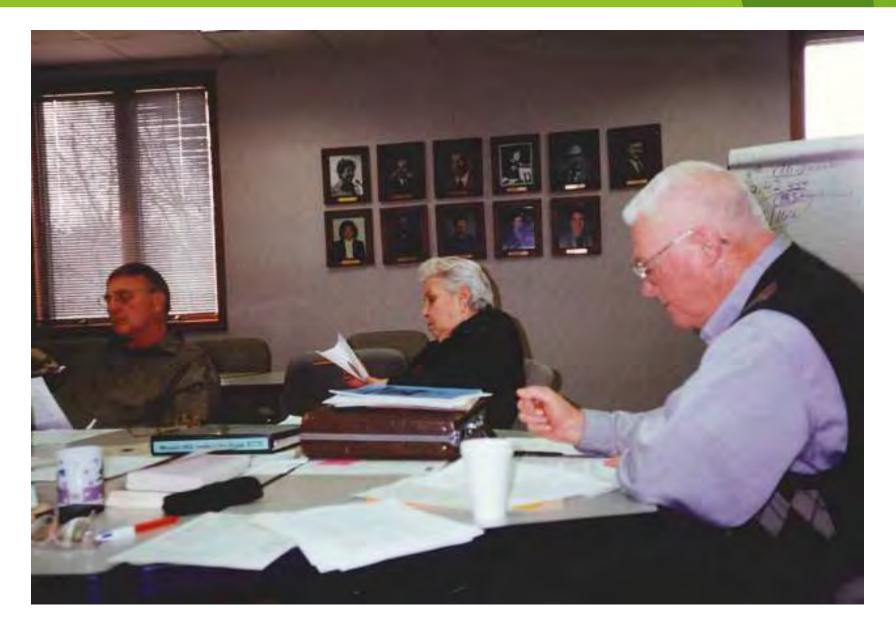
MNEA-R - Executive Council Meeting -Shep Woolard, Dorothy Staley



MNEA-R - Executive Council on Capitol Steps October 26th, 2000



MNEA-R - Executive Council on Capitol Steps October 26th, 2000



MNEA-R - January 26th 2001 - Cecil Sharp, Betty G. and Shep Woolford



MNEA-R - January 26th, 2001 Ruthann Phillips, Kathy Bray, Chris Fox



MNEA-R - Jim Garrison, E.C. Walker - October 26th, 2000



MNEA-R - Lunch with E.C. Walker, Richard Brown, Shep Woolford July 27th, 2000



Marie Theerman Historian April 7th, 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.

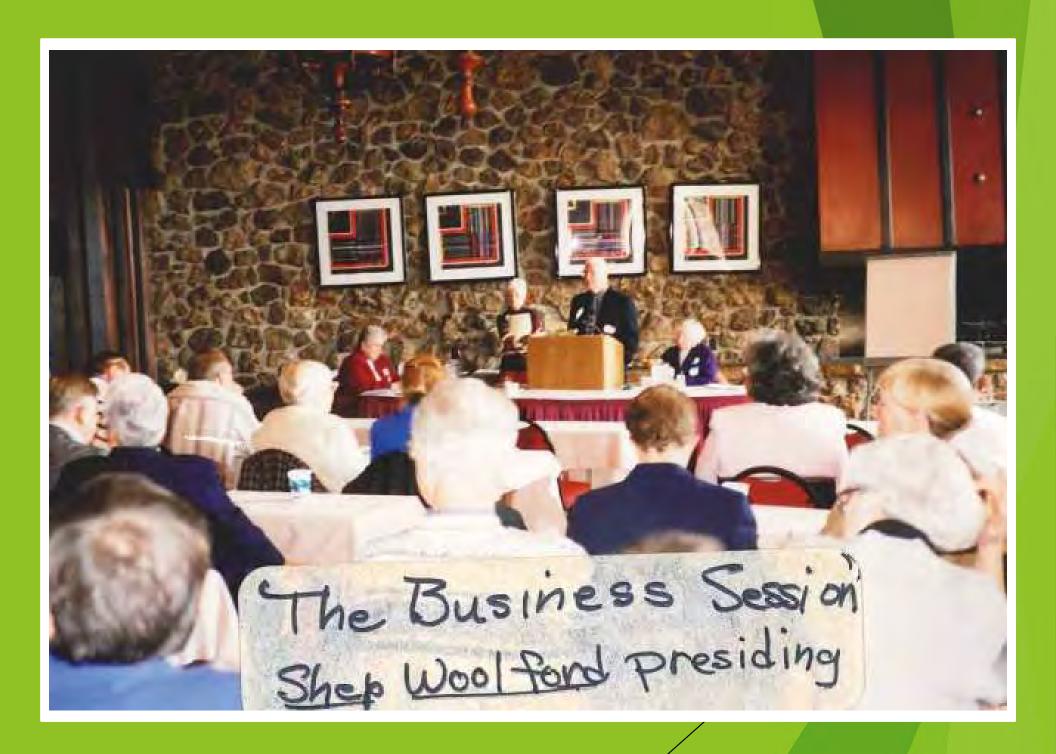


MNEA-R - President Clinton Addressing the Crowd - October 28th, 1996



MNEA-R - President Clinton Addressing the Crowd - October 28th, 1996





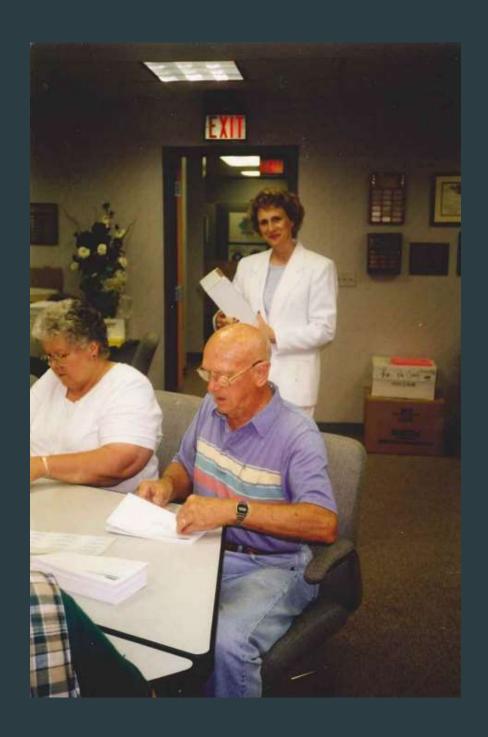


MNEA-R Annual Meeting - 1998





MNEA-R Regional Meeting - Salt Lake City - April 1998



MNEA-R Work Session
July 1998
Roberta Sanderson
Harold Theerman
Gaye Blackmore