

Northwest News

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
NORTHWEST WAYNE COUNTY CHAPTER - AREA 25

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SERVING RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES LIVING IN OR RETIRED FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF CLARENCEVILLE, LIVONIA, NORTHVILLE, PLYMOUTH-CANTON, REDFORD UNION, SOUTH REDFORD, SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE AND OTHER INTERESTED SCHOOL RETIREES

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Our chapter started off the year with two very good programs as well as very good meals. Our average attendance was 150+ members. If you haven't attended a luncheon recently please consider joining us and meet some friends that you made while working or some interesting people from other school systems. As usual the December meeting will focus on enjoying the holiday season. January will be our annual food drive for Gleaners. There will also be our healthcare insurance presentation.

Recently I was reviewing the chapter membership list for active and inactive members, and currently the active membership is around 1270. The inactive list that covers the last 10 years is around 750 members. There is no way of knowing exactly why some members have not rejoined the chapter. But it is important that we try to reach out to previous members, as well as to those who will be retiring soon. We need to let them know what MARSP is about and how it works to try and protect our pension benefits. 'One to one' contact is the most successful process, so if you are talking to fellow school personnel, let them know who we are and what MARSP does. Many think of our organization as just for "older retirees," but remind them that when they retire they will be drawing their benefits from the same pool of

dollars as those of us that are older. For those that are not retired yet, there is an associate membership that will give them access to information from MARSP.

You are probably fully aware that on November 3rd the state legislature passed a road repair bill. All of us that own state licensed vehicles will see an increase in registration fees of 20% and an increase in fuel taxes. Part of the legislation includes the use of around \$600 million from the general fund that has been unspecified at this time. The MARSP Legislative Committee will be watching this area to see if any of this money will have an effect on school budgets and if it may therefore; have some effect on the MPSERS system. Keep in mind that school budgets and our pension system are bound together financially. The full effect of this bill will not be implemented until 2022, so watch out for the potholes that never seem to go away.

The chapter board and I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoyable holiday season that follows.

Don Quashnie, President
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PROGRAM~CALENDAR

**N.B. Starting time 11:00
AM**

St. Mary's Cultural Center
18100 Merriman Road
Livonia MI 48152

December 9, 2015

"Classical Bells"
Seasonal Music
(Beef Stroganoff)

January 13, 2016

**BCBSM Insurance
Presentation**
(Chicken Piccata)
Holiday Food Drive

February 2016

No Meeting

Nancy Shaw Program Chair
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**John Marcowitz
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*****RIP*****

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**Chapter Recommendations for
Awards**

State Service Award,
Dale Collier
Chapter Service Award,
Sharon Lang

**Holiday Food Drive
January Meeting**

Again, we will be gathering food, but rather than during the busy month of December, our collection will take place in January. This will help the draught that occurs after the holidays. You may bring nonperishable food or a cash donation.

If you choose to make a cash donation, we will gather your checks at the January meeting and submit them to **Gleaners Community Food Bank**. These donations are tax deductible.

++Free Lunch Winners++

9/9/15

Judy Costa
Diane Flees
Carol Baker

10/21/15

Maureen Worden
Fran Dent
Bill Springer

11/11/15

Don Ross
Mary Murphy
Roberta Rosenberger

+++50/50 Winners+++

9/9/15

Carolyn Jackson \$100

10/21/15

Joyce Galenda \$100

11/11/15

Julie Collins \$100

THANK A UNION: 36 WAYS UNIONS HAVE IMPROVED YOUR LIFE

Summary TheNewDeal100

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**Weekends
Paid Vacation
FMLA
Sick Leave
Social Security
Minimum Wage
8-Hour Work Day
Child Labor Laws
40 Hour Work Week
Unemployment Insurance
Pensions
Overtime Pay
Sexual Harassment Laws
Holiday Pay
Privacy Rights
Military Leave
The Right to Strike
Wrongful Termination Laws
All Breaks at Work, including your lunch Break
Workplace Safety Standards and Regulations
Employer Health Care Insurance
Collective Bargaining Rights for Employees
Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967
Civil Rights Act/Title VII
Whistleblower Protection Laws
Occupational Safety & Health Act (OSHA)
Worker's Compensation
Laws Ending Sweatshops in the United States
Employee Polygraph Protection Act
Veteran's Employment and Training Services (VETS)
Compensation increases and Evaluations (Raises)
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
Employer Dental, Life and Vision Insurance
Pregnancy and Parental Leave
Public Education for Children
Equal Pay Acts of 1963 & 2011**

An Impressive List!!

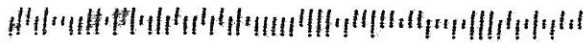
MARY BUDA COMPUTER LAB

On Tuesday, October 27, 2015, there was a memorial dedication of the B3 Computer Lab to her memory.

Her time at LPS....

Mary combined her love for children and love for mathematics into her career as a mathematics teacher. She taught for 39 years at Livonia Public Schools. She began her career at Franklin High School for four years, and the remaining 35 years were at Churchill High School. During her tenure as a teacher, she was math department chair, MSC (math, science, computer) program facilitator, Livonia Education Association negotiator, Students Against Destructive Decisions adviser, Pep Club adviser, and sophomore and junior class adviser. Mary was chaperone at countless proms and worked at many graduation ceremonies. She assisted the athletic department for over 20 years of her career by running the clock and score board for basketball and volleyball games.

Mary loved cars, and particularly enjoyed the Grand Prix she purchased when she began her career. She was an avid reader, a member of multiple book clubs. She enjoyed knitting, swimming, and attending performances of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. She loved traveling, she ventured to France, Australia, and the Caribbean, and went on many road trips around the United States. Mary enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was famous for her Polish Christmas Eve dinner that she cooked for them each year. She was a devoted daughter, sister, aunt, godmother and friend.



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LIVONIA STEVENTSON HIGH SCHOOL TURNS 50

The weekend of October 23-24, 2015, was the celebration for Adlai E., Stevenson High School in Livonia. Thousands of alumni, faculty, and staff were present for the events. The event was spearheaded by retired principal, Jim Gibbons. "Our events will commemorate Stevenson High School's unique and high profile beginning as the first high school in the country to be named after Adlai E. Stevenson and to one of a few, if not the only high school, to be dedicated by the sitting Vice President, Hubert H. Humphrey." Stated by Gibbons.

"it's a really exciting opportunity to be able to take a look back at a half century of history at a place that I have been associated with for over half my life, between being a teacher and a student." Stated by Craig Barker, SHS '96.

The event was kicked on Thursday, with a commemorative dedication ceremony. Friday was the annual Churchill and Stevenson football game and Homecoming activities. Saturday held class reunion activities in the Field House and school building.

For more information visit [Livonia Stevenson 50th Web Page](#) .

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