WOEA-R CHAIR REPORT – January-March 2020

2019-20 is the 30th Anniversary of WOEA-R. Members plan to focus on using "30" when making donations to Artemis (30 pencils, 30 notebooks,\$30 gift cards etc), donating books for the Read Across America project, FCPE contributions, members attending events.

CANCELED: Marge Punter encourages members to bring items for Artemis for each meeting. School, personal items and gift cards are needed. March 18, 2020 11:00 Jimmy's Ladder 11 936 Brown Street Dayton 45409 Speaker from Artemis Center. Bring those 30 items you have saved during January and February AND March.

WOEA-R members have been very generous in contributions to FCPE since September - \$700!!!!

Wayne Wlodarski is accepting newsletter articles for the May-June Newsline. Deadline is April 17 for articles. Leadership Uniserv Council meetings assignments in WOEA: Sandy Dobberstein: Far West, Western, Miami A&B; Jane Rahn: Greene County and Happy Trails; Phil A. Long: Grand Lake and Grand Old River. The response has been very positive. The cooperation and support of the LRCs is greatly appreciated. WOEA-R has been reaching out to young educators. WOEA-R will support the Montgomery County ESC Special Olympics. Several members have donated to this event.

Join at any time during your employment: WOEA/OEA/NEA-Retired. For WOEA-R contact Emmy Brudzynski or Jane Rahn. Then fill out form and mail in with your check. Annette Johnson is our newest pre-retired member.

Val Roldan, chair for Read Across America, had several members volunteer to read for March 2, 2020. WOEA-R collected over 400 books. Thank you to Debbie Owens for putting WOEA-R bookplates in the books.

WOEA-R co-sponsored a Pre Retirement Workshops with WOEA on March 11 in Fort Loramie. We had around 50 participants and everyone seemed to appreciate the opportunity. Hopefully the next one will happen on April 7 in Beavercreek. These workshops will be specifically for those with 5 years or less, but any WOEA member is welcome.

WOEA-R voted to join the Dayton NAACP as sponsoring members. Members feel there is a strong need to support social justice and the NAACP is their efforts to encourage youth with scholarships and public education. Contact Willie Terrell if you would like to become an individual member. Members at the October meeting voted to have a WOEA-R representative (other than a current NAACP member) at each meeting.

Changes: Phil A. Long was elected OEA-R vice chair at the December OEA-R Advisory Board meeting and will be a candidate for that position this Spring. That created a vacancy for a WOEA-R representative to the OEA-R Advisory Board. Sandy Coe was appointed to fill that position and then elected by acclamation until 2022. Jane Rahn is on the OEA-R ballot for Representative At-Large. Candidates for NEA-R from WOEA-R: Willie Terrell, Jane Rahn, Phil A. Long.

Nominations will be needed for WOEA-R officers 2020-21. Please consider serving WOEA-R.

We lost a dear member, Rosa Turpin.

See you April 15, 2020 at MCL Cafeteria at 11:00 for "Little Sure Shot" by Debe Dockins.

Keep all WOEA-R members in your thoughts during this trying time, but we are strong!!!!

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