Westminster Retired School Employees Association

# WRSEA Newsletter

**Westminster, Colorado** **Winter 2026**

## Scholarship Fund *Honor Roll*

Contributions for the 2025-26 membership year **so far**:

Ashton, Bonnie
Banning, Anita
Benigno, Clara
Bishop, Merrillyn
Brand, Judy
Brown, Kathy
Burnside, Gwen
Cargal, Peggy
Carillo, Cynthia
Clymer, John
Crawford, Carolyn
Cull, Betty, The Estate of
Culp. Julie
Davis, Malcolm
Davison, Frances and Ross
Dellebovi, Sabrina
Diaz, Karen
Dunn, Karen
Eicher, Diane
Flachman, Dr. Marilyn
Flowers, James
Frauenfeld, Susan
George, Violet
Giebel, Anna
Gillis, Marie
Gomez, Lora
Gutierrez, Lillian
Hacker, Donna
Hansen, Carol
Henwood, Karen

Hewson, Melanie
Johnson, Dennis
Johnson, Kendra
Kahler, Greg
Kasson, Diana
Kennedy, Mary
Kilburn, Chris
Kinderdick, Betty
Lewis, Linda
Leitner, Cathy
Lynch, Tom and Joyce
Maaske, Kay
Medina, Sharon
Morgan, Betty
Morrow, Jan
Padilla, Dolores
Palermo, Don
Peniston, Cherylin and W.J.
Peters, Dr. Carol
Piburn, Wendy
Pierpont, Barbara
Ranum, Valdene
Rauchenecker, Lyla
Sims, Donna
Simons, Shirley
Stevens, Janet
Sullivan, Martha
VanGorp, Sylvia and Harold
Vigil, Jeri

***Donations To date***: 70 people have given to our scholarship fund. We have written a check for $5947.50….adding to the $1052.5 that we have already provided. In addition to this $7000, we have provided $2000 from our CSPERA account. This will fund our 2 scholarships; $5000 to a 4 year recipient and $4,000 to the 2 year recipient..

Regardless of the amount contributed, you are making a difference! We are continuing to "do good".

## Feb. 18 Lunch Information

**Site: Robert Landgraf Center**
**3453 W. 72nd Ave., Westminster**
****Parking:** 55 parking spaces (4 handicapped), ramp on the east side. Overflow parking at the History Center or Hidden Lake-across the street.
**Pay table-East Entrance**

**Menu:** "Italian Chicken" (roasted breast marinated In Italian dressing…salad..bread..pasta with garlic, oil, herb and cheese sause…dessert

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

**Cost: $13.00 per person, tax included**

*** Program: Legendary Ladies - 11:30-12:00 Starting Promptly!**
**Costumed characterizations of Maud Nelson, Elaine Eastman, and Hedy Lamarr-**

***Holiday Donation- Gratitude Expressed!***

Thank you to everyone who brought food, paper products or toiletry items for the Westminster Christian Church. They also received some monetary donations for items like hats, ,gloves and scarves. The Church greatly appreciates these donations.

Although our hearts and wallets are focused on the holiday season, the need is all year long. If you want to bring items for the Church at any WRSEA lunch, please do so. Frances, Greg or Bonnie will see that the donations get to the church.

## Condolences

**Condolences to the family and friends of :**

***Elayne Jacobson***, a Club 90 Member, who passed 12/19/25. Elayne taught at Baker, Orchard Court, and Westminster Hills for more than 25 years. ***For contact, Elayne's son provided an address of 2040 Garland st., Lakewood, CO 80215***

## Get Well Wishes

Kathy Zook is awaiting a knee replacement slated for 1/28/26. Keep her in your thoughts.

## Special Request

Marissa Suarez, Hodgkins teacher and former scholarship winner, is requesting members continue to save items for classroom rewards. Any items can be given to a board member.

## **CHANGES**

**Please add or fix these entries in your copy of the Directory to reflect this new information:**

**Directory Changes:**

Cathy Leitner-remove land line of 303-427-3365 retain cell phone **only303-913-6784**

Request to drop membership by Henrietta Gilbreath-Miller.

Elayne Jacobson-passed away

***NEXT BOARD MEETING***

**The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at the MAC, 3295 W. 72nd, at 9:00 a.m. Members welcome!**

## Current WRSEA Board

**OFFICERS:**

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Jim Flowers & Diana Kasson, Co-Newsletter . . . . see emails above
Ross Davison, Membership . . . . . email above
Program . . . . . Vacancy
Gayle Anderson, Hospitality. . . . . g.anderson87@live.com
Carol Anthony, Legislative . . . . . .CA1066@aol.com

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Jan, Feb, March

### January

**6 - Sharon Gorman**
**6 - Terlyn Shaw**
**13 - John Clymer**
**14 - Mary Joan Borowski**
**31 - **Doris Southworth**

### February

**4 - Karen Diaz**
**4 - Shirley Schreiber**
**4 - Loretta Carriola (Assoc.)**
**7 - Kendra Johnson**
**9 - Lyla Rauchenecker**
**10 - ** Pat Carberry**
**16 - Sharon Medina**
**17 - Cheryl Osborn**
**20 - Melanie Hewson**
**20 - **Betty Morgan**
**22 - Anita (Roberts) Banning**
**22 - Larry Pace**
**24 - Lorraine Rears**

### March

**2 - Kathi Dowling**
**2 - Mary Morris**
**3 - Cherylin Peniston**
**6 - Bonnie Ashton**
**7 - Marcia Briggs**
**7 - Marilyn Flachman**
**18 -** Phyllis Sanders**
**20 - Estelle Pinsky**
**21 - Sue Frauenfeld**
**21 - Anna Giebel**
**21 - Sylvia Van Gorp**

Next Newsletter will have birthdays from April 1-July 31 Please provide your birthdate if you want to be listed.

****= Club 90 member**

Our continued thanks to WPS Educational Services for facilitating WRSEA needs: **Dr. Jen Gotti** and the **School Board** for budgeting and paying for our printing , mailing, and meeting sites needs! … **Kristen Hernandez** for arranging for the sites for our luncheons and board meetings …. **Ryan McCoy** for serving as our liaison for all things WRSEA…. **Stephanie Baer** and Thomas Hernandez of the WPS Foundation for seeing that so many of graduating WPS student receive scholarships … the **Purchasing Dept.** for arranging for Newsletter printings by **Pachello's Printing**… and the **Mailing Department** for mailing the Newsletters. We greatly appreciate all of your support and help!

# Nov. 19, 2024, Luncheon Meeting Recap

**Table of the Day:** Val Ranum, Lorraine Rears, Kay Maaske, Mary Kennedy,Kendra Johnson Jane Cheuvront

**Door prize winners:** Lorie Gomez, Cherylin Peniston, Mary Morris, Val Ranum, Sylvia Van Gorp

***WEA Presidents-Present/Past***
Larry Pace visiting with Melissa Duran WEA President and Cherylin Peniston, past president.

Guess attendee: Tate Gomez DuBay with Lorie Gomez and Wendy Piburn

**1) Jim opened** the lunch by introducing his daughter Lorie Gomez and his granddaughter, Tatum Gomez DuBay.
**2) Ross gave the Treasurer's report**. Two members, requesting a tax slip contributed $1052.50 written directly to the Westminster Foundation's Fund. WRSEA is **not** a non-profit so the Foundation directly took the donations and sent a tax slip to the members. WRSEA will present a check today for $5,947.50 which will make a total donation to the Foundation of $7,000. We paid $28 for new checks. This leaves a balance in checking of $1,138. The savings account has a balance of $6,948.50 which includes a $500 donation from Betty Cull's Estate. After withdrawing the scholarship money, the savings account will have a balance of $1,001. Our CSPERA member funding will provide an additional $2,000 in January. Therefore, we are giving $5,000 to the four-year **Betty Cull Legacy Scholarship**, and $4,000 for a two-year scholarship.
**3) Diana explained that the Colorado Gives** website is up and running. In the future anyone needing a tax slip for a WRSEA donation should make it online on Colorado Gives. Designate the money for WRSEA. A tax slip will be automatically generated.
**4) For the membership report Frances** reported that there are 58 paid members, 2 free members,7 paid associates and 17 Club 90 members for a total of 88 members.
***Announcements***:
- Please pay your dues if you haven't already.
-) Please take a 2022-2026 directory or membership card from the back table.
- People needing positive thoughts:
  - Judy Brand as she continues her treatment for cancer
  - Deanna Stenson who is still recovering from a spinal fracture
  - Dr. Swanson on the death of her mother.
  - Nadine Kline on the death of her husband.

**- Malcome Davis, a new member, announced the 2026 NEA conference will start June 30 and goes through July 7 at the Denver Convention Center. If you want to sign up as a volunteer, please contact Frances or Jim to receive a link for the volunteer request.**
- The newsletter will vary between 4 and 6 pages in length.
- Jim, Diana and Merrillyn want to cycle off as president, vice president and head caller, respectively, after many years of service. All three will mentor replacements for the next year to help with the transition. Please consider serving your organization in one of these roles.
- Ryan McCoy is offering a tour of Ranum to our members. Twelve to 15 people expressed interest in a tour on April 15 th (the date of our Easter lunch). Frances is coordinating with Ryan on next steps- **See Page 4 note.**
- Melissa Duran shared more information on the closing of Shaw Heights, which will take place in May of 2026. All students from Flynn will join the students at Shaw, which will become a Pre-K-8. Flynn will undergo a $40 million dollar renovation and will reopen in the fall of 2028. Much about this transition has yet to be determined – including a new name for the school.
- Bonnie read the prayer before lunch.
- Dino served a delicious lunch of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, grilled vegetables, Jello salad and pumpkin pie with whipped cream. Outstanding!
- The door prize winners (pumpkin pies) were Cherylin Peniston, Val Ranum, Lorie Gomez, Mary Morris and Sylvia Van Gorp.

**Next Meeting February 18, 2026**

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****King Soopers Rewards Program****

**Support our Scholarship Fund by enrolling in this program on line. Use your loyalty card when shopping (phone #) Participation does not affect your regular credit card rewards.**

**Thanks to Merrillyn Bishop (chairperson) and all of the callers on her committee:**r, Mary Joan Borowski, Gwen Burnside, Jane Cheuvront, Virginia Corbett, Karen Diaz, Chriss Kilburn, Mary Morris, Rita Pirkl, Valdene Ranum, and Barbara Williams.

Willing to reduce phone calls? Inform Merrillyn and we will text message or email luncheon contacts for added convenience.

**To stay informed about what is happening in WPS, you can sign up for the "What's Up WPS" newsletter. Go to the WPS website (http://www.westminsterpublicschools.org), click on "news" and there's a place to sign up. It's free and gets emailed to you!**

**Ranum Tour Arranged!**

Ryan McCoyand Lottie Wilson are setting up a special Ranum tour for us on April 15th at 1:30. This is immediately after our April Luncheon.
Ranum is accessible via elevator if stairs are too daunting. Please consider joining us to see the new programs. Additionally at our April meeting Ryan or James Duffy will be reviewing the **Forward Together Facilities Initiative (FTFI).**