Westminster Retired School Employees Association

WRSEA Newsletter

Westminster, Colorado **Fall 2026**

Scholarship Fund *Honor Roll* (27-28 Scholarships)

Anderson, Gayle
Ashton, Bonnie
Banning, Anita
Bishop, Merrillyn
Brand, Judy
Brown, Kathy
Clymer, John
Culp, Julie
Davis, Malcolm
Davison, Ross & Frances
Dellebovi, Sabrina
Diaz, Karen
Dunn, Karen
Evans, Carla
Fisher, Judi
Dr. Flachman, Marilyn
Flowers, Jim
Frauenfeld, Susan
George, Violet
Giebel, Anna
Gomez, Lora
Gutierrez, Lillian
Hansen, Carol
Heimer, Jan
Henwood, Rev. Karen
Johnson, Kendra
Kahler, Greg
Kennedy, Mary
Kilburn, Chriss
Kinderdick, Betty
Leitner, Cathy
Lewis, Linda
Lynch, Tom & Joyce
McCoy, Ryan
Medina, Sharon
Morgan, Betty
Morrow. Jan
Pace, Lary & Loretta
Palermo, Don
Peniston, Cherylin & W.J.
Piburn, Wendy
Pierpoint, Barbara
Ranum, Valdene
Rauchenecker, Lyla
Romeo, Lisa
Simons, Shirley
Stenson, Deanna
Valente, Dino
VanGorp. Sylvia & Harold
Vigil, Jeri
Zukowski, Ginger

At the November luncheon, WRSEA will be providing a check for our 27-28 year scholarships.. It isn't too late to contribute to this year's scholarships. You may send additional donations *payable to WRSEA*, c/o Ross Davison, WRSEA Treasurer, 1495 Russell St., Golden, CO 80401. Alternatively, donate at **Colorado Gives** as described in the previous issue, where the QR code was provided.

November 18th Lunch Information

Site: **Robert Landgraf Center**
3453 W. 72nd Ave., Westminster

****Parking:** 55 parking spaces, (4 handicapped), ramp is on the East side. Overflow parking at the History Center or Hidden Lake. **"pay table" East entrance.**

Menu: "Pre-Thanksgiving Feast"
Turkey, Mashed Potatoes,
Dressing, Gravy, Rolls, Butter,
Cranberry Jello, and
Pumpkin pie with whipped cream
YUM!

Time: 11:00 a.m.

****Cost: $17.00** (tax included)**

Program: A representative of MEDRIDE will share the services they provide for seniors

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE:

Westminster Christian Church sets up 5 tables each Thursday for their food bank: 1) snacks, breads and desserts, 2) produce, 3) pasta, cereal and tuna, 4) fruits/vegetables, and a 5th table for paper products. Many are unaware that food stamps can only be used for food items and not other necessities. Consequently the food bank has a large need for items for hygiene and paper products. Because of the large need the church must limit the number of items provided to individuals. If you wish to help with this on-going need, the items listed below are suggested for contributions.

1)Tuna/meat in easy open containers, 2)-peanut butter, 3) jelly, 4)fruit, 5) spaghetti and sauce, 6) Soap pods that they can be dispensed in baggies, paper products including hygiene products including but not limited to tooth paste, tooth brushes, chap-stick, baby diapers, bar soap, hair conditioner/shampoo.

Condolences

Tim Woodruff-Non-member but known to many as a long time Elementary PE teacher in WPS, most recently at Hodgkins. He passed in early October but no obituary noted.

Dori Walters-passing on September 12, 2026 after 31 years in multiple elementary schools. Dori was active in WRSEA until health issues curtailed her activities. She was an honorary member.

Ron Vega-Passed away 4/18/26. A long time WRSEA member teaching secondary math and serving as assistant middle school principal. He retired in 1997.

Roger Frieze-Passed on 8/25/26. Roger was an elementary PE teacher and Westminster HS baseball coach. He retired in 1996.

Keep these Members in your Thoughts

Ross Davison-continued rehab for broken leg
Judy Brand-continued recovery from a lingering illness
Jan Stevenson-while going through knee replacement surgery
Cindy Carillo-while going through knee replacement surgery
Merrillyn Bishop-recovering from a fall and broken elbow.
Mark Whitney-*Non-member* well known former elementary and middle school principal recovering from a stroke in North Dakota.

Please let Frances, Leona, or another board member know of anyone who should be mentioned in the Get Well or Obit sections. If we don't know, we can't share the information..

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday-January 27, 2027
The MAC, 3295 W. 72nd ave -9:00 am
All members welcome to attend!

Current WRSEA Board

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Judy Fisher . . . .judith.fisher@ymail.com

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Program . . . . . **Vacancy**
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Legislative. . . . . **Vacancy**

Directory Changes: New addresses, phone, Members

Gayle Anderson-only phone 720-205-6791
Dr. Marilyn Flachman mflachman7@gmail.com 303-905-4070
J. Vigil- remove email address
K. Johnson-new address 8771 Yates Dr. Westminster, 80031
V. Grant- new phone 720-667-2566
K. Maaske-new cell 303-887-5530
M. Davis-PO Box 35, Rosser, TX 75157
Peggy Cargal-11180 Irving Drive # 303 Westminster, CO 80031
Karen Diaz-10161 Zenobia Circle Westminster, CO 80031
Mary Kennedy-3010 Village Vista Dr. Unit 111, Erie, CO 80516
Val Ranum-new phone-720-272-3139
Bob Cargal-membership dropped
Donna Hacker-new landline-720-695-8524 dmhhacker@comast.net
Cheryl Osborn-Honorary Member-
Larry Pace+Loretta Ciarriola-9225 Tennyson St. Westminster, 80031
Cindy Carillo-dropped membership because of scheduling issues
Jane Cheuvront-transferred to Honorary Member

New Members:
Ryan McCoy (associate) rmmcoy@wps.org 7002 Raleigh Westminster CO 80030 303-519-0708
Steve Lawless(associate) Partner of Leona (same contact info))
James Sullivan (associate)Partner of Martha (same contact info)
Norma Wright-6857 Miller St. Arvada, CO 80004
Colleen Price-6598 Zang Ct. Arvada, CO 80004 303-903-8286

Editor's Note: As an alternative to making changes to your 20-26 directory, remember that a 2027 directory is planned and will provide all changes reported to us. Thus, be diligent in keeping us informed of new information.
February 2027 is "just around the corner" !

Secretary's Session

We had an unusual situation occur with our 2026 scholarship winners. Julian Loma and Harmony Gillyard each won a 2-year scholarship from WRSEA in May of 2026. Both Julian and Harmony *did not attend* the summer bridge program to prepare them for the transition from high school to college. They both *did not respond* to repeated communications from Thomas Hernandez about releasing funds for their first semester. Thomas contacted the board to ask permission to give their funds to Kaitlyn Nguyen who is struggling to pay her first semester's tuition. The board approved that transfer. We don't know what Julian and Harmony have planned for their second semester.

Is there any other feedback for the new shortened Membership Application? There was one comment that the payee for the checks was too small to read and another two comments that the address the application was to be sent to was too small. This will be corrected.

Fifteen people have yet to pay dues for this year. Please pay these as you can. If you need assistance in any way, please contact Frances at 720-296-1855.

Ryan McCoy has graciously offered to do another Ranum tour if there is interest. A possible date would be February 17 th or April 14 th – both following our lunches. We will ask for a show of hands at the November lunch to see who is interested.

September 17 Luncheon's Highlights & Photos

Treasurer's Report (Ross)
- Checking balance $1104
- Last lunch proceeds $595
- Additional lunch money and dues $151
- Dino paid $549
- Returned check for $13
- Stamps purchased for membership $78
- Savings Account balance $ $2,350
- Two donations received for a total of $280
- Two Kroger checks totaling $88 received

Membership Report (Frances)
- Total membership currently – 68. Paid members 39,
- Paid associates 5, Club 90 18, Honorary 6
- New members – Ryan McCoy, James Sullivan (assoc), Steve Lawless (assoc), Colleen Price, Norma Wright Lyn Veretta
- Dropped members – Chris Dittman (deceased) Jane Chevraunt (maybe an Honorary member)

Announcements:
- Healing thoughts to Ross Davison and Judy Brand
- Door prizes purchased by Leona Lawless and Ryan McCoy, donation of 4 passes to the DMNS given by the Davisons
- Tax slip needed? Use the QR code on the application
- Bring items for the Westminster Christian Church to the next lunch Program
- Amanda Webb from VOA on Falls and Exercise Bingo
- Bingo Winners: Val Carberry, Norma Wright, Diana Kasson

Lunch and Closing
- Pizza, salad, Spumoni, Old Time Soda
- Door Prize winners – Mary Sue Powell, Thomas Hernandez, Judith Fisher, Virginia Corbett, Kendra Johnson, Rita Pirkl
- Winner of DMNS tickets: Ginger Zukowski



Door Prize Winners: Rita Pirkl, Kendra Johnson, Mary Sue Powell, Judy Fisher, Thomas Hernandez, Virginia Corbett



Dino and helpers serving a delicious lunch of pizza, soft drinks and ice cream.



Table of the Day: Kathy Brown, Gwen Burnside, Tom Klinger, Linda Lewis, Andy Hartman (WEA President)



2nd table of day! Judy Fisher, Mary Kennedy, Jonathan Ramsey (WPS Communications Dir.)

Amanda Webb-VOA
Falls & Exercise
Great presentation providing a game of bingo with lessons on balance and movement skills for seniors…and cool prizes!



Happy Birthday to . . . .





OCTOBER:
2 - Cathy Leitner
3 - Diana Kasson
3- Joyce Heffernan
4 - Carla Evans
5- Gene Nielsen
6- Mikie Wall
8 - Evelyn Rapier (Club 90)
8- Virginia Corbett
17- Donna Hacker
19 - Judy Brand
25 - Ann Wall
31 - Gwen Burnside (Club 90)

NOVEMBER:
4-Diane Eicher
8-Pat McIntire (club 90)
10-Barb Williams
13-Shirley Bales (Club 90)
17-Lisa Romeo
22-Mary Kennedy
25-Violet George (Club 90)
28-Lillian Gutierrez

DECEMBER:
3-Marie Gillis
8-Jan Morrow
9-Carol Hansen
18-Barbara Pierpoint
18-Cindy Carillo
30-Linda Lewis

JANUARY:
6-Sharon Gorman
6-Terlyn Shaw
13-John Clymer
14-Mary Joan Borowski
31-Doris Southworth (Club 90)

Members reporting from the West Coast: "*Jim, We are losing many of US. Tell those still around, California is still out here. I keep saying I'll come and visit but just don't make it. I'm making 94 this November, didn't KNOW people get this OLD. I even have 2 GREAT ,GREAT grandchildren. Must be the California sun or cheap wine. Just wanted to say hi to the old timers. Really enjoy WRSEA news .Shirley Bales 27 years Kdg. By the way, PERA is GREAT* !!"
And from Anita Banning *reporting in from Washington with a shoutout to her friends in Colorado. Anita is a former special educator and president of WRSEA. She specifically wanted to say "Hi" to Dino.*

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Reminder: Don't forget items for the Westminster Food Bank supported by the local Christian Church. Pastor Matt with help from his friends will take any donated items from our luncheon. These items continue to be a major need for families in our area. See suggested items on page 1 but feel free to bring whatever you wish to share.

Thank-you to Mary Morris (chairperson) and all of the callers on her committee: Val Ranum, Karen Diaz, Chriss Kilburn, Rita Pirkl, Rita Pirkl, Barbara Williams and Gwen Burnside. **Backup callers**: Merrillyn Bishop , Virginia Corbett.

For those who prefer luncheon notifications by text or *email messages please inform* M*ary.* If you choose this contact method, it is **imperative** that you respond back in a timely fashion in order to provide Dino with an accurate lunch count.

King Soopers Rewards Program

Support our Scholarship Fund by enrolling on line. Use your loyalty card when shopping. Participation does not affect your regular credit card rewards and in 2025 earned us approximately $150 for scholarships.

Our continued thanks to the WPS Educational Services for facilitating WRSEA needs: new Supt. **Dr. Jeni Gotto**, and the **School Board** for budgeting and paying for our printing , mailing, and meeting sites needs! … **Lora Davidek** for reserving the Landgraf Center for our luncheons … **Ryan McCoy** for being our invaluable "go-to for all WPS requests… **Stephanie Baer** and **Thomas Hernandez** of the WPS Foundation for their support in the WPS scholarship processs … 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!

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 a free site emailed directly to you!