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1. FEA to Hold Annual Meeting this Month. FEA will hold its *Annual Meeting* from 7 to 9 am ET on Monday, June 29, and Tuesday, June 30. The meeting will be online. For retired members who wish to participate, they **must** register for the event by June 20th. Meeting information and reports will be posted on NEA 360. For clear directions on how to participate in this important event and access information, visit:

<https://forms.gle/FREqwpt8KTtBGQAw9>

2. FEA Retired Members Forum. FEA will host a “Retired Members Forum” at the close of the *FEA Annual Meeting* on Tuesday, June 30. Retired members, who are participating in the annual meeting, will only need to remain connected to the virtual forum. During this forum, there will be an update on information related to retirees’ issues. Also, this will be an opportunity for retired members to share their visions, goals, questions, and concerns for FEA-Retired.

3. And the survey says . . . FEA-Retired is conducting a very short “needs-assessment” survey in order to prepare for this year’s annual meeting. Please take a few minutes to respond to the survey and let us know what you think.

<https://forms.gle/Ed5wRiH1pGbbSzFe7>

4. Your financial support is critical. Every year, the NEA works hard to fight for legislation that ensure quality education

and support for educational employees, active and retirees. Our FEA members have been the leaders every year in giving sacrificially to the *Fund for Children and Public Education*, the main way NEA supports electing pro-education candidates. NEA has been critical in helping FEA members get tax relief last year when the Federal government started taxing the cost of a PCS-move when educators retired. As FEA continues to fight for fair contracts, our political allies are needed now more than ever. Please consider giving what you can. Giving is done at: www.neafund.org Be sure to list “Federal Education Association” as your *state affiliate*, and list “retiree” as your *contributor type*.

5. NEA Member Benefits Webinar on Retirement. Aaron Warner from NEA Member Benefits will partner with an NEA Retirement Specialist to hold a question and answer session for members. Planning for retirement can be frustrating and confusing and this session aims to help ease the anxiety around the subjects related to retirement. The session is scheduled for Thursday, June 11th, at 1 pm, eastern time. Join the Zoom meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/729246633>

Meeting ID: 729 246 633

6. The DoDDS Reunion Update. Due to corona-virus pandemic and ongoing health concerns, a decision was made to cancel this year’s reunion. This was a very difficult decision to make, a disappointment we all understand. FEA-Retired appreciates all the hard work that Harry Stine and the organizing committee has given to this endeavor. We look forward to re-connecting in 2021.

7. Helping One Another During the Pandemic. Last month we asked members to share ideas on how to improve our lives during the pandemic. Here are some of the ideas submitted:

- While public libraries may be closed, one may be able use their library card to access audible books and videos online. Check your local library’s website.
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- Some members have found ways to learn how to line dance (an activity for one or more) through YouTube videos.
- Some members are also using YouTube training videos to learn how to cut and/or style their own hair. (We would love to share photos of the end-product of those artistic endeavors.)
- *NEA Today Retired* even caught the work of FEA retired member Trudy Pollard working on face masks to help others.

What's working for you? Let us know at retiredfea@gmail.com
