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***Navigate the June meetings.** At the end of the academic school year, there are 3 important virtual meetings that involve FEA-Retired members. Our State Association will hold their annual meeting (see #1 below). Second, there will be a special meeting just for FEA-retired members (#2). Finally, our National Association-Retired will hold an annual conference (#3).

1. FEA to Hold *Annual Meeting* this Month. FEA will hold its *Annual Meeting* from 7 to 9 am EDT on Monday, June 28, and Tuesday, June 29. The meeting will be online. For retired members who wish to participate, they **must** register for the event by June 12th. 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/tW25unSQ5aD8pNa89>

2. FEA Retired Members VIRTUAL Forum. FEA will host a “Retired Members Forum” on Wednesday, June 16th from 1 to 2 pm (EDT). This will be a time for FEA retired members to get an update from FEA President, Brian Chance, on information related to our issues. Also, this will be an opportunity for retired members to share their visions, questions, and concerns for FEA-Retired. To join the virtual meeting, on June 16th, 1 pm (EDT), visit:

https://teams.microsoft.com/dl/launcher/launcher.html?url=%2F%20%23%2F%20%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%3Ameeting_MDqxYzNINjUtN2VkZS00OGVjLTliYTktMDkyYTEXZDZiNjhl%40thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257b%2522Tid%2522%253a%2522edf34a00-1176-43b0-a80e-9562ffe76a36%2522%252c%2522Oid%2522%253a%2522e3f5c827-ebce-4fbe-a120-b909c5a2df52%2522%257d%26anon%3Dtrue&type=meetup-join&deeplinkId=48133905-6199-41f2-8f0e-

[79a1998777d8&directDI=true&msLaunch=true&enableMobilePage=true&suppressPrompt=true](https://www.nea.org/ra)

3. NEA-Retired Annual Meeting. Every summer, “NEA-Retired” holds their Annual 2-Day meeting just before the NEA-Representative Assembly. This year’s virtual meeting will be open to all NEA retired members (not just the RA-delegates). The Annual Meetings will be on Wednesday/Thursday (June 23/24) from 1:30 to 6 pm (EDT)--on both days. As of this printing, registration has not yet opened. When it does, the link to register will be at:

<https://www.nea.org/ra> (If you want a personal reminder when it is posted, let us know at retiredFEA@gmail.com)

4. FEA-Retired Annual Survey. FEA-Retired is again conducting a very short “needs-assessment” survey in order to prepare for this year’s annual meeting and to plan for 2021-2022. Please take a few minutes to respond to the survey and let us know what you think.

<https://forms.gle/VcTgsgMWeoBthipX7>

5. Your financial support is critical...and get your very own NEA backpack! Every year, the NEA works hard to fight for legislation that ensures quality education and support for educational employees, active and retired members. 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 continues to fight for political allies to:

- repeal GPO/WEP,
- provide a more realistic/fair way in determining cost of living raises for Social Security
- ensure that educational employees are able to have fairly negotiated contracts

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*. (FEA has a limited number of “NEA Educators for Democracy” backpacks to be distributed to retired members who donate this summer (on a first come—first served basis). To see this

backpack visit: <http://feaonline.org/members/retired/links.htm> and click on “NEA Educators for Democracy Back Pack.”

6. The DoDDS Reunion Update. After waiting 2 years to meet again, the DoDDS Reunion is currently scheduled to take place again this summer in Jacksonville, Florida. This event is always well attended and allows time for retirees to re-connect with former colleagues. The event will be held July 14-18, 2021. The Registration Fee is \$105 through June 30. For additional information, and to see who’s going, visit: <https://www.mydoddsreunion.com/>

7. Retired Members’ Pictures Wanted. FEA is seeking a select few pictures to include on the FEA website to illustrate the concept of what it means to be a retired educator/FEA member. We want to show how our members enjoy their hard-earned retirement. Do you love traveling, or gardening, or cycling? Show us! Great pictures will be spotlighted on the Retired page of the revamped FEA website. Put on your creative caps and send pictures to us at rforristal@nea.org. All pictures submitted become the property of Federal Education Association and may be used on the FEA web site as well as in any other FEA/NEA publications or materials, print or online.
