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1. Navigate the June Meetings. This month there are several meetings (both virtual and in-person) that you may wish to attend. Be sure to mark your calendar.

- a) **June 8—FEA Retired Members Virtual Forum.** FEA will again this year host a virtual forum for our FEA retired members on Wednesday, June 8, at 1 pm EDT. Brian Chance, FEA President, will be our guest speaker. He will share a “state of the union” address, filling us in on all that is going on in DoDEA, the schools and contract negotiations. So this Wednesday, just log in to this link with Microsoft Teams:

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#) (then click “continue on this browser)

Or call in (audio only)

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- b) **June 29/30—NEA Retired Business Meeting.** NEA-R will be hosting its in-person business meeting in Chicago at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel. Because of the COVID pandemic, the meetings will be for delegates only. (There will be limited access for guests, but they must seek prior approval from NEA to attend.) Visit www.nea.org/retired for more information.
- c) **June 30/July 1—FEA Annual Meeting.** FEA will hold its *Annual Meeting* at the Lowe’s Hotel in Chicago. (The NEA-RA will take place July 2-6. Non-delegates will not be able to attend the RA in person this year.) There will be limited capacity for guests at the FEA Annual Meeting. Check with Gary Hritz (GHritz@nea.org) to see if space is available. Be advised that all visitors are required to comply with all local and state protocols regarding COVID-19, along with the requirements put in place by NEA (<https://www.nea.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/COVID-19%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions.pdf>)

2. NEA’s Organized Program to Repeal GPO/WEP. Last month, NEA organized a coordinated effort to lobby Congress on the repeal of GPO/WEP which has unfairly hurt a number of our retirees. A key component of this plan is for NEA/FEA members, especially those affected by this law (or who know someone who is) to contact the staff person in their Representative’s Congressional office; and set up a

meeting. The meeting can either be on the phone or virtually. If you would be willing to do this, give us your name and zip code and we will provide you with your Congressional staff liaison's contact information, along with the "toolkit" that will guide you through the process and give you additional talking points. Let us know, at retiredFEA@gmail.com

3. Your financial support is critical! 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*.

You can also make a donation (and have a bit of fun), by participating in the NEA-R online auction. Take a look at some of the fun items that others have donated, make a bid, and support pro-education lawmakers. The auction will be open for viewing on June 13, and bidding begins on June 20. Watch www.nea.org/retired for more information.

4. The Jack Kinnaman Fund. Thanks to the generosity of many NEA/FEA-Retired members, five Jack Kinnaman scholarships will be awarded this summer. Each \$3500 scholarship is a significant contribution toward an Aspiring Educator's higher education costs. From the first \$1,000 award to one recipient in 2002, this program has grown significantly and now has awarded a total of over \$90,000 in scholarship money to 46 Aspiring Educators. For more information on how you can support this program, visit: <https://www.nea.org/resource-library/jack-kinnaman-scholarship>

5. Sending our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Reg Weaver, past President of NEA.

Former Illinois EA and NEA President Reg Weaver had a recent stroke. Reg is currently in a rehabilitation facility for therapy and is continuing to move in a positive direction. Please do not call Reg - however, feel free to send prayers, good thoughts, and positive energy as he recovers. Let our beloved former President know you are thinking of him.

Cards can be sent to –Reg Weaver, 10040 S Charles, Chicago, IL 60643.
