

Welfare Committee

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With the cancellation of the May meeting, the Welfare Committee will not be able to present the program, *In Memoriam*, to honor those who have passed from May 2019 to April 2020. This article is in place of the program.

We are in a life-changing situation today. Educators are helping children from home and online. My grandson was so sad when they shut down the schools! He misses his friends, lunchtime fun and his TEACHERS. They are the key. The teachers miss their routine as we all do. At the end of last year when my grandson went on to his intermediate school for 5th grade, my daughter and he drove past his elementary school. He spotted his fourth grade teacher's car and asked her to pull in to the parking lot. Surprise! His teacher was coming out and he got to hug her.

Thank you to the teachers, secretaries, principals, school nurses, librarians, custodians, cooks, monitors, school counselors that touch our children's lives each day. All of them are important to our children. Many times they don't ask for a thank you. They do it because they love it and want to, just like we retirees did when we were working with children.

Be kind, be honest,
be loving, be true,
and all of these things
will come back to you

School employees make a difference! Just remember that. We made a difference. And we will continue to make a difference through SCRTA!

SCRTA is an amazing organization. We offer scholarships to help students entering the field of education. We will soon help current teachers with classroom grants to offer special programs to students. Our luncheons and programs connect retired teachers through fellowship and information. Our "Cookie Caper" remembers retirees in nursing homes and assisted living facilities with cookies, lotions, and friendly visits. We clock up many volunteer hours helping others. That seems to be the way it is: *Even in retirement, teachers tend to think of others.*

Please honor and remember the following members whom we have lost this year. Amen.



Janet Edel ~ May 14, 2019

Mary E. Glaros ~ July 3, 2019

Jane Wentz Woodie ~ July, 16, 2019

Donna Louis Brandon ~ August 8, 2019

Jane K. Simile RN ~ August 20, 2019

Gene F. Feucht ~ October 14, 2019

Frank A. Sweterlitsch ~ December 18, 2019

Gail Zickefoose ~ December 25, 2019

W. Edward Welker ~ December 26, 2019

Frances R. Layton ~ December 26, 2019

Nancy Taylor ~ December 27, 2019

George G. Dey ~ January 24, 2020

Donald J. Rice ~ February 1, 2020

Jack D. Peterson ~ February 6, 2020

Mary F. "Cookie" McCoy ~ March 26, 2020