

## **Region 7 Chapter Reports**

### **East Oakland County MEA Retired**

Our first meeting was held on March 24, 2021. It was a virtual meeting that was well attended. Nominations were taken for officers to serve the 2020-2021 to 2021-2022 membership years. A budget was presented to members and a vote to approve was taken.

Twice monthly emails to members kept them apprised of election issues and other happenings in MEA Retired.

Larry Smartt, President  
EOC MEA Retired

### **South Oakland County MEA Retired**

We started the year with a new leadership team: Marcia Rauschendorfer, Vice President; Betty Ong, Treasurer; Marty Sauer, Secretary and Sid Kardon, President. All of the officers were in leadership positions in the Royal Oak Education Association as actives. The transition was a smooth one thanks to the efforts of former chapter president, Bill Williams, who served in that capacity for 18 years and former treasurer, Dick Dengate.

Our first chapter meeting was held on December 21<sup>st</sup>. It was a virtual meeting using MEA's Zoom account which was set up for us by Lisa Fox. The main topic of the meeting was the impending Georgia Senate elections. NEA Retired Board of Directors member, Barb Schram, was our guest speaker. Barb discussed the importance of the Georgia elections and encouraged our members to support NEA recommended candidates Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff.

Submitted by Sid Kardon  
January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### **West Oakland County Education Association - Retired**

The West Oakland County Education Association - Retired cancelled its March and May meetings for 2020 due to the onset of the pandemic. Using Zoom, we had a virtual chapter meeting in 2020 last November. We held a second virtual meeting in January 2021 and plan additional virtual meetings for February and March.

The focus of our meetings has included discussions of MPSERS updates, obtaining Corona Virus vaccine shots, appreciating the scale of American deaths from COVID-19 (greater than American military deaths in WWII), and how K-12 schools and school employees have been coping with events. We also examined some data regarding the potential effects of the pandemic, especially a bump in new retirements, on MPSERS. Finally, we also reviewed a simple way of spotting and neutralizing some dangerous emails that have become extremely common in recent weeks.

Jim Pearson, President  
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