

A message from Rita Vater Darnton Pres. of GLEA-R

This message to you is the same message you have heard from so many. Prayers that 2021 will bring peace, respect and an end to this pandemic. It is hard to believe that since March we have had little or no contact physically with family or friends. It hard to believe that this year holidays were something many of us did not look forward to...but, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. We are soon going to hear that it is our turn to get vaccinated against this nightmare. For once being a SENIOR has its perks!

The MEA Offices all around Michigan will remain closed until further notification. All meetings, if any, will be held via Zoom. Directions were sent out on how to sign in by desk top, lap top or phone. If we are able to see you, a camera is necessary. NOTIFICATION OF ANY MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE SENT TO YOU BY EMAIL/HARD COPY.

ZOOM, FACETIME, HOUSEPARTY have become our life line. We had our first membership meeting Jan. 27th. Yes, it is Zoom. Yes, it was just a social hour...no business. I hope those of you who were able to join us, enjoyed not only having a conversation, but enjoying visual communication with members you have had little or no contact with. I received phone calls from some of the participant thanking me for putting this together.

Everyone that is a member received information about their insurance via letters and emails. If you did not go to the site which was available for a month, you will need to contact your carrier from the phone numbers on your individual cards.

If you wanted to be a part of the MEA-RETIRED ANNUAL MEETING which will be held virtually on Tuesday, April 6th, 2021, I needed to receive your forms by January 31st in order for me to get them to Lansing by Feb. 8th. I have already been notified by Dan Rudd, Secretary/Treasurer of the number of submitted names accepted to attend.

PLEASE, PLEASE go on line and vote for our GLEA-RETIRED running for positions on the NEA Representative Assembly, NEA Retired Annual Meeting, MEA Representative Assembly & Region Directors. VOTING TAKES PLACE on line between 8:00 a.m. Feb. 8th2021 until 4:00 p.m. Feb. 19th, 2021.

As so many of us look forward to recapturing things we once took for granted, let us move forward with more empathy towards all those we come in contact with. Be safe! Wear your mask! Let us all be a part of the solution...not the problem.

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