PRESIDENT BOWEN’S MESSAGE

Our Annual Meeting on April 17th focused on the PERA bill SB 200. Amie Baca-Oehlert and Lynea Hansen talked about the amendments made in the House and their hope that the Senate would approve the bill. By the time the bill went to committee, more changes were made. It was passed in the eleventh-hour of the legislative session without CEA support. Check out the chart on page two which compares current PERA rules and the SB 200 final version courtesy of Secure PERA.

As Kerrie Dallman, CEA President, said in her email to members on 5/10/18, “SB-200 is a very unfortunate lesson in politics, reminding us that those in power who represent the people can still be tone deaf to their constituents…” It is up to us to use our collective and individual voices in the coming months. Primaries will be held in June and the general election in November. We need to turn the Senate to re-address some of the issues in SB 200. We need to turn up the volume, so we can be heard!

As you enjoy your summer, know that CEA is continuing to dialogue with legislators about PERA and school funding. The battle may have been lost, but the war continues! Keep informed and get involved.
### PERA & SB 200

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JCEA-R made a donation to JCEA to help cover the buses to the RED FOR ED rally on April 26th. Despite the large turn-out, conservative legislators did not support us.

**Important websites:**
- coloradoea.org
- govotecolorado.com
- jceacoloradoea.org
- nea.org
- lilyblackboard.org
- t2tsale.com
- copera.org
- securepera.org
AMENDMENT 93

JCEA R members are encouraged to sign a petition which is being circulated to get Amendment 93 on the ballot to help solve the school funding issue. **Great Schools Thriving Communities** is leading the campaign in support of this initiative to expand educational opportunities for Colorado students. It proposes funding these opportunities through tax increments on income earned above $150,000 and on corporations and ensures that decisions about how to use those new funds are made at the local level. To provide sustainable support for schools for years to come, it stabilizes the volatile local share of education funding by first lowering property tax rates and then freezing the rates, which are third lowest in the nation. Both rural and urban schools will benefit from these changes. To learn more, go to [http://www.greatschoolsthivingcommunities.org/endorsements](http://www.greatschoolsthivingcommunities.org/endorsements)

THE COLORADO PRIMARY by Karen Colman, Political/Legislative Chair

Primary elections will be held in Colorado on June 26, 2018, in order to select the party's candidates for Colorado's 2018 elections, including all seven of the state's seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, governor and lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and state legislative elections. For the first time the state's 1.2 million unaffiliated voters will be allowed to help choose the Democratic and Republican nominee for several offices in this year's Primary. Unless a person proactively asks for a particular party's ballot from the Secretary of State's office, each independent voter will be mailed a ballot for both parties in the weeks before the June 26 Primary, though they can only choose one or their vote won't count. These new rules came after voters in 2016 passed a statewide ballot initiative called Prop 108.

CEA is endorsing Cary Kennedy for Governor. Kennedy has made universal access to preschool and full day kindergarten and increasing teacher pay a key part of her education platform.

For State Treasurer, CEA is endorsing Dave Young, a teacher for 24 years and former President of the Greeley Education Association. He wants to fight for a fix to Tabor and Gallagher so that we can increase public education funding that will give all kids a shot at a great education.

These candidates would really appreciate your support. You can find out more about them on their websites.
April 27-28, 2018, was CEA’s Delegate Assembly. This is CEA’s official policy making body and meets annually. This year about 44 CEA-R delegates joined with about 450 active CEA members.

Bylaw amendments were debated and voted on. New business items were debated, some were amended, and all were voted on.

Elections were held. **Amie Baca-Oehlert** was elected President; **Kevin Vick** was elected Vice-President. **Kevin LaDuke** was elected NEA Director. **Christina Medina** was elected Equity Council Director.

The delegates heard great speeches from Teacher of the Year Christina Randle, Colorado Governor candidate Cary Kennedy; and Kerrie Dallman’s last speech as CEA President. The delegates also heard reports from other officers and the Executive Director. The meeting was interesting.

All of you should think about attending next year. Self-nominate yourself in November/December. Some retirees believe only active CEA members should attend Delegate Assembly. If that were true, then retirees would not have a say in who the elected leaders would be. They also would not have a say in bylaw changes or new business items that apply to all classes of membership, including retirees. Besides, some active members have expressed they appreciate our support.

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**Get Involved in Our Community**

**Make a difference -- drive for seniors!**

This volunteer opportunity is available through Seniors’ Resource Center. Volunteer drivers do so much more than provide a ride for seniors in the community; they build friendships, and rewards go both ways. Even if it’s just for an hour or two, the gesture speaks volumes.

If you’d like to volunteer, or know someone else who would, please contact Pat Pierson at 303.332.3840 or PPierson@SRCaging.org

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*Bob Zachman and CEA President Kerrie Dallman, at the CEA Awards Luncheon -- Bob is the John Chase Political Action Award winner.*
PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINAR

by Diana Bliss

On Saturday, April 7th JCEA-R hosted another Pre-Retirement Seminar. We had a great turn-out of 36 participates. Their years of experience ranged from 4-32 years in education, mostly averaging in the early twenties. We had the two highest number of years in Jeffco was 32 and 30 years. Not everyone coming to the seminar were retiring right away. They were there to get information from financial planning, estate planning and wills, and PERA and NEA benefits. It’s great information for a cheap $10 price. We welcomed several new speakers this year to cover NEA, estate planning, and one new volunteer. We continue to get good evaluations on the seminar and people find it helpful. I will also be open to training someone next year in the hopes that they will carry on as coordinator. Thanks to our speakers and volunteers—Nick Morris, Jason Long, Robert Holland, Rick Chase, Lou Ann Elliot, Lorraine Bowen, Sue Riach, Susan Niles, and Jessica Glenson. We will be presenting another seminar next spring so watch for the new date and spread the word.

READ ACROSS AMERICA

On March 2, 2018 JCEA-R members read to students in eleven schools. Many thanks to all our volunteers. You make it all possible! We also want to thank the Book Bar, 4280 Tennyson Street, Denver, CO 80212, for giving us a 40% discount on the books we gave out to schools. Be sure to check out this independent bookstore. If you would like to help plan next year’s event, contact Lorraine Bowen, bassbros@msn.com.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Lou Ann Elliott

As of May 20, 2018, we have 506 members. This fiscal year we have so far welcomed seven new Life members and one annual member. We have had 42 annual renewals. Sadly, we have lost three of our members due to death. The end of our Membership year and fiscal year is the end of July; I am hoping to have several more new members by that time.

At our recent Board and Committee meeting, we discussed attracting participation of old and new members by forming monthly mini-clubs, such as scrapbooking, book club, knitting, and other inexpensive activities. Do you have an idea of what YOU would enjoy? Contact one of the officers or newsletter editor with your ideas.

GET SOCIAL!

WOMEN’S HISTORY MUSEUM TOUR

by Melinda Reed

Did you know there is a new Women’s History Museum in Denver? It’s the Center for Colorado Women’s History and it’s located in the Byers-Evans House Museum in the shadow of the Denver Art Museum at the corner of 13th and Bannock. So it’s a “twofer” --- women’s history and a lovely old Denver mansion.

JCEA-R members have a tour reserved at the Museum on Tuesday, June 26, at 11:30. Following the half hour tour we can browse in the gift shop and then head over to Pints Pub (221 W. 13th Ave.) for lunch. Parking for both is available at the Denver Art Museum lot (entrance on 12th Ave. just west of Broadway) or some private lots.

Cost of the tour (which is the only way to see the museum) is a real bargain: $4. We’re asking for a $10 check to be sent to reserve your spot as “earnest money” so we aren’t embarrassed by no shows. It will be refunded to you at the museum. To save your spot, send your $10 check to Melinda Reed, 3671 Ward Rd., Wheat Ridge 80033 by Thursday, June 21. Please indicate your email address and note if you do NOT plan to stay for lunch.

We hope you will join us to learn about the diversity of women who have shaped our state and enjoy a peek at where some of Denver’s “movers and shakers” lived in the early 20th Century.
Boulder Dinner Theater Stage

Come join fellow retirees from JCEA-R and C.A.R.E. (Central Adams Retired Educators) at the BDT Stage (Boulder Dinner Theater) next season. All shows are Sunday matinees.

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<td>A Christmas Story</td>
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If you are interested in tickets send your $40 check payable to C.A.R.E. to Pat Baker, 1040 Kearney, Denver, CO 80220-4528, before each deadline. For questions, call 303-322-2176 or email Pat at triciabake@gmail.com

Having fun at Conundrum’s Escape Room on March 28th.

FUN 
We’d love to see you!

Iceland’s Magical Northern Lights Oct. 27 — Nov. 2, 2018
This destination is the most popular one going, according to our good partners, Collette Vacations! Space is limited so get your deposit in now to hold your spot! Carma Hilliard and Davina Plate, Group Travel Specialists, 970-593-8754.

Watching the step dancers at Clancy’s on March 13th when JCEA-R celebrated St. Paddy’s Day.
**DATES TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR**

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Contact for more information on consigning and volunteering (both open on-line now)