

Androscoggin Retired Educators Meeting

April 8, 2026

10:30 a.m. – D. Wing, President, called the meeting to order

P. LeBlanc – Discussed the notebook that was put together and is available to members. This is a place to put all important documents. She also introduced the speaker: Marty McIntyre, representing 100+ Women Who Care. She was also the Women of Achievement recipient from 100+ Women Who Care of Androscoggin. This group meets four times a year. She worked for 34 years for Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services. The donations from the women of the 100 Women Who Care, go directly to the organization that they are sponsoring to make a bigger impact. So far they have given \$74,000. To the community. They also have a grant to assist them. They will be meeting again on May 4th at 6 p.m. at Kirk Hall Auditorium at CMCC. They also have an online donation portal. Marty provided flyers for us to take and also membership forms. There is also a national organization. They hold 4 meetings with \$50. each. If you join, you commit to those donations.

11:03 a.m – the meeting commenced.

Treasurer – G. Fuller - stated that the Treasurer's report was on the table. She explained it. She also stated that she had sad news – Grace Keene was sick right now. She also wanted to respect dietary needs as to the food being served. Birthday chocolates had been given out. Birthday wishes were given.

Community Service – J. Bucciantini - totaled the volunteer and physical fitness times.

Scholarship – J. Roy – We have 8 people who have applied for the scholarship.

Informational Services – R. Fuller – Thanked everyone for reading the Newsletter. Spoke about Fill the Plate Breakfast on May 15, from 7a.m – 9a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. All proceeds go to support Meals on Wheels.

Legislative – C. Ward – the state will continue to fund 55% of the scholarship cost. It varies with each school. Discussed the \$50,000. starting salary for teachers. She also stated that they were waiting for the 5% increase for retired teacher's insurance. They will also continue with the Community College program.

Leadership/Membership – S. Conklin – Welcome to 6 members that have agreed to be part of the Leadership Committee. This years award recipient is Gina Fuller.

D. Wing stated that AREA has about 50-60 people each meeting.

Ritter Grant – P. LeBlanc – The grant has been submitted.

Publishing – B. Bell

Mail in – S. Tymoczko

Convention – J. Dupal – all is fine

Raffle – S. and R. Cornelius – They are also collecting for the local food bank

Winners: Adriann Tucker, Crystal Ward, Ruben Cornelius, Shane McMahon, Sue Blais, Jean Roy, Judy Schram, Bob Dingle, Donna Whalen, Cindy Peters, and two more recipients.

Some received bags and not gift cards.

Necrology Report – C. Peters – delivered a meditation and named those that passed. S. McMahon sang Amazing Grace.

This is the last meeting of the year. J. Sturgiss brought in the Bates Men's Chorus – The Dean's Men – and they sang.

Lunch