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Utah Retired School Employees Association

BULLETIN

President's Message



Tom Nedreberg

Last November my wife and I booked a cruise to Alaska. We have looked forward to it all school year because my wife, who is still teaching, wanted a chance to relax, and I wanted to fulfil a bucket list item of finally setting foot in all 50 states. We just got back from the cruise, and it was everything we imagined. I was surprised at how many teachers, both current, who wanted to relax, or retired, who wanted adventure, were on the cruise. While on the cruise, I also reflected about a recent visit to my doctor about some serious health concerns that I've got to face sooner rather than later. There are still so many things I want to do with my family and with my life -- how everything could change in one moment?

Maybe this is a question we ask ourselves throughout our lives. It seems, though, that with retirement, we have an opportunity to think about it more, maybe because we can see an end. Still, it's just as important to be thoughtful in our decisions after retirement as we were before retirement. Are there things we still want to do? Are there still ways we can make the world better? Can we pass along, to a new generation, values that work looking forward? Can we give gratitude for what has been good in our past and hope for what the future may bring?

Finally, I wanted to say something about H.B. 267 and the referendum that will be placed on the ballot in the future. I've talked in the past couple of issues about this bill taking away the voice of public workers including teachers and their association. Well, it passed, despite many people writing and speaking against it. Protect Utah Workers, a coalition of 15 unions and associations, after needing 142 thousand signatures, got over 320 thousand, and the issue will be placed on the ballot in the future.

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I think that the people who signed the referendum understood that Utah is a "Right to Work" state, meaning you don't have to join a union. A person could bargain for themselves, but many people have found that belonging to an association gives them a larger voice which benefits everyone.

So the referendum will be on the ballot. Millions of dollars will be spent to persuade people to vote one way or another. There will be many ideas and opinions expressed, and I'm sure some predictions about how this or that if passed will destroy our state or solve a huge issue. I believe this was the state overreaching and will vote accordingly. There are more important things for the state to legislate than if workers can organize to negotiate for better wages, health care, and working environments. I believe in freedom of speech, the right to assemble, and belong to organizations that represent your desires and values. Limit an association or union, and who's to say a church or other organization is not next on the list to be limited.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Arthur Cox



Summer is finally in full swing. Trips, vacations, family reunions and lots of fun for kids and adults. After waiting for fall, winter and spring it's finally time to cram as much family fun into three short months as possible. No wonder many come back from vacation time with the need to relax and take a vacation from the family vacation. My family has been spending as much time as we can at our vacation cabin at Bear Lake, Utah. The drive is two and one half hours and for a senior citizen it is such a relief to finally arrive and relax. But, can we really relax at the cabin? So many things to do to open the cabin backup for the season. Once the cabin is finally opened and up and running then it is time to let the rest of the family arrive; adults, kids, grandkids and friends. Next, it is time to make sure there is enough food to last for everyone. Finally, once vacation time is over it will be time to close the cabin, return home and enjoy a basket full of memories to last until next summer.

Your Utah Retired School Employees Association board members have taken the summer off. We will be returning to our monthly meetings in September. We will meet and go over any legislative changes that have taken place that may affect current and retired educators in the state of Utah. It is what your organization has been created for and it is what we do. Looking out for members and how we can better serve you is our organizational reason to exist. If you have and questions or concerns please contact us. Tom Nedreberg president, thomas.nedreberg@gmail.com or Arthur Cox, Executive Director at acecox49@gmail.com. We wish you a wonderful, fun filled summer with family and friends.

URSEA PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This is one of my favorite times of year. I love how we are able to celebrate the fact that we live in the greatest county in the World. The United States of America.

Just recently on Monday, May 26, 2025, we celebrated Memorial Day. We were able to pay homage to all those brave men and women who have served (many giving their lives) to keep our Country free.

Over the years, many of our past and present leaders have referred to our Country has a Republic. Some of our Founding Fathers such as Thomas Jefferson and James Madison took a great deal of inspiration in this fact that political power rests with the people. Elected representatives move forward with programs that serve the needs of all Americans.

For my entire career, wonderful individuals have surrounded me. Having just completing forty-six years in education in various capacities, I have been impressed by custodians, electricians, plumbers, lunch workers, secretaries, aides, teachers, administrators, and the list goes on. It truly does take a caring village to educate our children and adults alike. Thank you URSEA members and those who will be entering our ranks very soon. I'm looking forward to Flag day on June 14, 2025, and to our Independence Day on July 4, 2025. God Bless America!

Regards, Dr. Larry Dean URSEA Past President



A PLEA FROM TREES



A flash of lighting,
A clap of thunder.
The gods are upset,
I've made a blunder.

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Email may have an error in it.

Many members have asked the URSEA Executive Board if there are ways that we can save on the use of paper products both in our Quarterly Newsletter and in our important information fliers that we mail out. Yes, we can promote URSEA going green. If you will provide us with your email address we will send you our Quarterly Newsletter and all important mailings to you by email. This will help us save paper products, get the information to you faster and save a considerable cost in printing and mailing. Each Quarterly Newsletter printed and mailed cost URSEA around $6000.00 each quarter. If you would like us to email you URSEA quarterly bulletin and any other important retirement issues please provide us with your information below and mail it to us. If we do not receive a request to provide information to you by email we will assume that you want to continue receiving information by letters and hard copies.

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Sarah Voigt, URSEA Scholarship Chair

Spring is on its way out and Summer is fast approaching!!!
Our Scholarship deadline is June 30th! I hope all the teachers seeking one of our scholarships have their scholarship applications turned in. If not - hurry to get them on their way!

We will be giving four elementary scholarships and four secondary scholarships of $1,250.00 each. We know this is just a "small help" on the journey - but, every little bit makes a difference toward the dream.

As Dr. Larry Dean (Past URSEA President and Scholarship Chair)
expressed in our last Bulletin: "Not only does furthering education help with increasing pay, but also it provides teachers with additional skills and knowledge to improve student success in the classroom. It truly is a win/win program." Well said!!

Thank you for the contributions made by our membership people and AMBA and AARP and other anonymous donors! We appreciate it so much - as do our recipients!!!!!
Have a good summer!

YOU CAN HELP TEACHERS ADVANCE THEIR EDUCATION

If you would like to donate to the URSEA TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP FUND please fill out the information below, with your donation and mail it to URSEA TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP FUND, Arthur Cox, Executive Director, 8931 Shady Meadow Drive, Sandy Utah, 84093 or to Sarah Voigt, Past President, 401 East 500 North, Kaysville, Utah,84037

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STATE OF THE UNITS

Mary Ann Bundy

Thank you dedicated local Units for your efforts to keep your members and new retirees informed and entertained.

ALPINE RSEA Next lunch meetings will be held Mondays at 1:15 pm at the Golden Coral on University Parkway: May 5th, August 4th, and November 3rd. We will be discussing the division of Alpine School District.

BOX ELDER RSEA Members enjoyed their lunch on March 31st at HugHess in Ogden. Calvin will keep you posted for future activity.

CACHE VALLEY RSEA Members enjoyed their Pizza Place lunch April 7th; the next lunch will be May 3rd at the same location. And the June luncheon will be held in DeLoy's back yard.

CARBON/EMERY RSEA The officers will let all know when they have another swim or lunch date. Kristine Story is the best person for information. 435-748-2809

COLOR COUNTRY RSEA Still working on organizing a group. In the meantime, Alpine RSEA would love you to take a road trip to Orem and join with them for lunch.

DAVIS RSEA Officers are planning some surprises for Springtime. Future activity soon to be announced.

GREATER SALT LAKE/WASATCH FRONT RSEA Members enjoy lunches the first Tuesday each month at Midvale Golden Coral at 1:00 pm. Check with your officers to learn of the book of the month for Book Club on the 3rd Wednesday.

OGDEN RSEA Luncheons are the last Monday of every odd month at noon at the Golden Coral-988 Washington Blvd. May, July, Sept. and November are next. Programs, projects and door prizes are great at each meeting.

WEBER RSEA Friends still meet at the "Prairie Schooner" the 3rd Monday of each month at noon. Next meetings are April 21st, May 19th and June 16th with Summer off.

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Wills and Estate Planning 101

Where: Online, Sign up at: https://virtualevents.aarp.org/Utah-University-Fall-Series-Wills-and-Trusts-101/en
When: August 5, 10AM
Description: It's important to have your estate planning affairs in order in any stage of life in order to protect yourself and your family. Whether you have questions about your existing plan or are in the preparation stages, this webinar will help inform you of your options and provide clarity around your most pressing issues.



Dispelling the Myths of the Aging Brain

Where: Online, Sign up at: https://virtualevents.aarp.org/AARP-Utah-University-Dispelling-the-Myths-of-the-Aging-Brain/en
When: September 2, 10AM
Description: Many people think that cognitive decline is inevitable as you age, but by implementing healthy behaviors you can reduce your risks across your lifespan. Get your questions answered by the expert in the live Q&A portion at the end.



WATCH PREVIOUS SPRING 2025 WEBINARS

Fraud Prevention: Don't Let It Happen To You

Where: Online, sign up at: https://virtualevents.aarp.org/Scams-Frauds/en to watch the recording.

Description: This presentation highlights common scams and red flags to watch out for to avoid falling for a scam. An expert from the Utah Division of Consumer Protection answered your questions during the live session.



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All hours for 2025 must be submitted no later than Dec. 31, 2025.
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URSEA has a group benefit package that gives our members sole access to a variety of insurances, travel perks, and computer discounts. Many of our members are using these benefits to enhance their retirement and make their retirement checks go just a little further.

The Utah Retired School Employees Association will be only as strong as the dedication and unity of its members. If you have any questions regarding the URSEA or this letter, please contact the URSEA Office at 1-801-561-4528

Your Local Unit and State Associations are working together for you. For more information on your area's local unit, please check our web page at www.ursea.org under the link, local units.

Please help us!! We are receiving checks for membership renewal from members that are also having $1 per month taken out of their retirement check.
Look at your name and address on this bulletin. Above your name is printed "RENEWAL DATE". If the letters CM appear next to that date, do not send a check to renew your membership. CM means that your membership automatically renews with the $1 per month from your Utah State retirement.

THANKS FOR BEING A MEMBER!!

UTAH RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

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