Ye Olde Educators' Party Line

Gem County Retired Educators

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Greetings from Your President



I'm especially excited to vote this year because I get to help elect a former Emmett student to the Idaho House. Megan is a dynamic young woman dedicated to early childhood education. Emmett teachers can be proud of their influence. I'm a little sad that I can't partake in the credit. Megan told me that she had signed up for one of my classes only to find out when arriving in the fall that I had retired during the summer. I know that having her in class would have been a joy.

It's an important election year! I urge you to vote early and to vote for the candidates who favor education!

Congratulations

Hey! Rita Montgomery won another donor drawing—she does have the luck at winning the big-ticket items, doesn't she? Who's in for some luxury this month?

Cheer Baskets

This month's featured cause is the traditional Christmas cheer basket drive. For many years we have partnered with GCEA to provide gifts and food for a number of families in need who have children in Gem County schools. In recent years we retired educators have donated generous amounts of cash so someone else can do the shopping and, also, a bag of Idaho potatoes for each family.

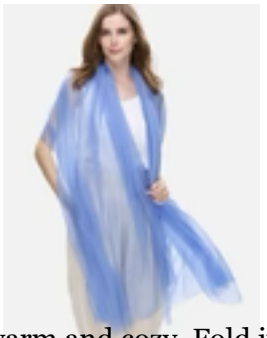
This year there is some doubt as to whether we'll be able to help those families. The Idaho legislature passed a law last year targeting IEA by forbidding any use of public school buildings or resources by the educators' union so the District Administrators and GCEA officers have to rethink and replan or perhaps cancel this long tradition of helping our community.

Lyn Haun is chair of our Cheer Basket committee. She will update us at the meeting. We may have to change . . .

This just goes to show that elections have unintended consequences. Be careful in your choices!

Donor Drawing

It's a scarf! It's a wrap! It could be the most luxurious piece of fabric you've ever owned. Woven from cashmere combed from pampered goats on a farm in Mongolia, this versatile piece can be worn in many ways. It is so fine that 200 meters of fiber only weigh 1 gram.







If you are a person who gets chilly in the theater, church, or restaurant, you could simply pull the little pouch from your purse, wrap up, and instantly be warm and cozy. Fold it up when you're warm again and you're ready. I won't mention that the package is so attractive, this cashmere would make a perfect gift. As Ovcio says, "Spoil your neck."

Photos taken from Ovcio's website.

Treasurers' Report
Twenty-nine people in attendance at Ola in Sept.

Money donated to the school pantry fund: $229.

Balance in general fund: $5072.42
Project funds in treasury: Cheer Baskets- $0;
Pantries- $0; Books for Schools- $0;
Nurses- $237; Grants- $998
State Convention: $383
Thank you, Nancy H. and Nancy D.



Not Attending Our Meetings?
We wish you could! We try to be fun and friendly, and Lillie's lunches are always delicious. If you can't attend, though, there are still ways you can be an active member.

- You can email the hours and money you give in service to the community to Sandi Baker.
- You can donate to any of our causes that all benefit Emmett students. Just mail a check to Nancy Hyslop. Be sure to designate which project you wish to help.
- You can encourage people to donate funeral memorials in the name of their loved one. Shirley Perry's family included us in the obituary, and the response was rewarding.



October Program
Meet some of the creative people in our community! Fresh from the Community Playhouse performance of the musical, *Cinderella,* some of the cast and crew will visit us to share their experiences in local theater. These people are talented artists who work hard to bring the arts to us locals—especially good for us folks who no longer like to drive to/in Boise at night.
Who knows? You might decide to join their fun next time!
Thanks to member Pam Walker for arranging this program.

Safety Tip
If someone online or on the phone insists that you pay with a gift card, don't do it!! Hang up immediately. It's a scam. Always.

Travel Tip
If you're planning a trip, check out the options on Collette. Their trips are highly recommended by members who have traveled with them.
If you reserve a travel package with them, be sure to tell them that you are a member of REA-I and give them Margaret Reimer's name as contact. Collette will donate funds to GCRE in return!

You simply must research the candidates' records and positions then

VOTE!