



Seward County Retired School Personnel members prepare valentines at the Liberal Senior Center for Meals on Wheels clients last month. The project is just one of many SCRSP performs throughout the year for the community. Courtesy photo

By ROBERT PIERCE • Leader & Times Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus founded NRTA: AARP's Educator Community (then known as the National Retired Teacher's Association) in 1947 to address the economic challenges and health insurance needs of educators in retirement.

The benefits she was able to provide retired teachers became so popular that non-educators sought the same member benefits. In 1958, Dr. Andrus reached out to a broader audience by founding the American Association of Retired Persons. NRTA and AARP shared many goals and collaborated in the development of countless programs and advocacy initiatives.

In 1982, the NRTA would merge with AARP with the former becoming a division of the latter, and in 1965, Seward County became a member of NRTA.

N.B. Mahuron and 11 fellow retired teachers composed what is now known as the Seward County Retired School Personnel group. There are now 41 members of the group, and in its nearly half century of existence, the organization has, on a monthly basis, given back to the people whom they have served for in local education facilities.

SCRSP members turned in more than 7,500 hours of service to the state in 2012 alone, and some of the projects over the years include:

- Providing school supplies for Garfield Elementary;

Retired group gives back to community

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to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the library's opening. Donations to the library are appreciated, and the group is currently accepting donations of quilts and other items for the library's collection.