Report of ROSE
Bonnie Luisi, Chair

Well, the Covid-19 epidemic has certainly affected our ROSE meetings this year, but we were able to continue our work from afar! Since all of our members are retired, many of us are in the “highly susceptible” age group that was encouraged to stay home and avoid unnecessary contact to stay safe. We did just that!

We were able to have two of our four meetings this year; one of which was a presentation from Eric Olson, the director of HELPS. HELPS is a nonprofit law firm that represents seniors and persons with disabilities. Eric gave us information on protecting our pensions from debt collections and discussed legal rights and how to exercise them. It was a good presentation and lots of information was given. If you know a senior or disabled person that has debt collection or other legal issues, you should visit www.HELPsishere.org to learn more.

Elections were held for chair and secretary/treasurer. Marie Wolfe will be secretary/treasurer and I will be continuing as ROSE chair. A big thank you goes to Jay Osborne who has been our secretary/treasurer for a long while. Jay has done an awesome job keeping up on our finances.

Merlene Martin and Jay Osborne and I as officers are automatic delegates to OSEA Conference 2020. Elected Conference delegates are Paula Kingsbury, Janet Anderson, Stephanie Heins-Mueller, Marilyn Moss, Kathryn Rieger, Deanna Chavez and Delores Piersol.

This year we also started a new ROSE Facebook page and have prepared documents to go on the OSEA webpage under the ROSE link. Look for those to appear soon.

Several members of the ROSE board have been helping chapters in various ways. Counting ballots, greeting members at back-to-school orientation, providing past practice and history, attending membership drives and providing support at school board meetings are just a few of the things ROSE members have provided.

We also have a very active group. Several ROSE members are on OSEA committees, belong to local CLCs, are on local boards and volunteer in their communities. We like to stay busy.

If you would like to use ROSE in your chapter, please contact either your ROSE zone coordinator or myself (bonluisi1972@gmail.com) and we will do what we can for you.

Be safe and take care of yourself and your loved ones.