



Happy New Year! From OEA-Retired

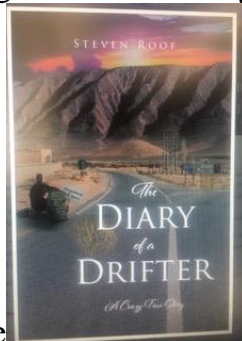
Read Across America 2023 is next month and the OEA-Retirees are REVE'd Up to participate using the theme "Read Locally, Read Globally."

You can access the OEA-Retired Read Across America library of educators reading books for school kids on OEA's website:

<https://www.ohea.org/resources/all/oear-read-across-america/>

If you have suggestions for an OEA/OEA-R or Ohio author, please send the name, title of the book, and contact information to Phil A. Long palciv13@gmail.com by January 15, 2023.

Last month, while eating breakfast in my Columbus hotel, I met a man that was hungry and looking for breakfast. By this chance meeting, I learned he was a "Drifter" that have drifted throughout the country the last 17 years. He told me that



he has written a book titled "The Diary of a Drifter" and was headed to Florida on the 6:45 a.m. bus to escape Ohio's winter, however, his parents still lives in Columbus. I will be reading a portion of his book for this year's RAA.

As a retired teacher, I enjoy remaining active by working on behalf of public education and educational issues. You are eligible to become a Pre-retired OEA/NEA member, especially at this point in your career. You'll be glad you joined! Visit our page in the Ohio Schools magazine to learn more!

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