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## 2015 NEA-RETIRED ANNUAL MEETING CONDUCTED IN ORLANDO By JANICE J. CHARLESWORTH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hundreds of retirees flocked to Orlando, Florida, not to go to Disney World, but to attend the 32nd NEA-Retired Annual Meeting from June 29-30, 2015. With over 300 attendees including delegates and non-delegates, this two-day agenda was filled with business, fund-raising and informative

or to the opening of the meeting, retirees were busy raising money. The amount raised, thanks to the generous support of silent and live auctions along with monetary donations, totaled \$32,000. Mr. Jansen thanked everyone for their financial support and reminded those present that, “Political stakes



*AERA Executive Director Janice Charlesworth, standing far right, joins AERA members at the 2015 NEA-Retired Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, June 29-30th.*

speakers along with a little fun.

Prior to the meeting on Sunday, June 28, an orientation was conducted for first-time delegates. Alabama’s 25 delegates were seasoned attendees and were very familiar with the process. The meeting was opened by *NEA-Retired President Tom Curran* and a welcome to Florida was given by *Marilyn Warner, president of the Florida Education Association-Retired.*

The NEA Fund for Children supports candidates who support public education. *NEA-Retired Vice President John Jensen* handled fund-raising efforts during the Annual Meeting. He announced that pri-

are huge. Public educators and retirees – this fund is what we need to protect our benefits.”

The election of officers, executive council, and resolutions committee were conducted next by *Martha Wood, NEA-Retired Elections Committee Chair.* She always relies on volunteers, and this year *AERA member Nancy Wilson* assisted, once again, with the election process. The only AERA member running for a NEA-Retired position was *AERA Board Member Martha Livingston*, who won a seat on the NEA Resolutions Committee for a sixth and

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