Prayers and blessing do work!

By now you’ve all heard the good news that Pat has successfully made it through her long surgery and is starting the recovery process from that. She still has several steps in the process to go. The hat parties, gift certificates, fruit baskets, flowers, cards and letters have all been greatly appreciated. Pat and her family will continue to benefit from our well wishes and other demonstrations of support and we continue to grow as a community as we come together to support the one who supports all of us these past few years.

Thankfully, adversity has that silver lining of bringing us all closer together when someone is in need. Pat is near and dear to our hearts and has always been positive for us, now is our chance to show her how positive and supportive we can be!

In the meantime, Lori Sensenbach has grabbed the reins for the union and is getting baptized by fire into the full spectrum of the day to day operations of our union. She stated that already she has learned so much! Maureen Doyle, one of the MS Building Reps, has graciously stepped up to fill in the Internal Vice President position to help Lori out. Beth Peters will continue as External Vice President.

Your team is here for you! Please remember that your building representatives are your first line of information and defense. Together we are a team and will keep ourselves strong until Pat’s return.

Enjoy your summer and know that you have truly earned it!

Welcome aboard!

WTA always has occasion to be proud of the leadership that is developed and springs forth among us here at Wayne. We’d like to give a special welcome aboard to the following officers:

♦ Maureen Doyle (MS) acting Internal Vice President,
♦ Tom Gentile (HS) Co—representative for York State Teachers Retirement System,
♦ Doug Casey (HS) Co—representative for York State Teachers Retirement System,
♦ Dan Harris, recently re-elected to serve as Melanie Stevenson’s replacement as an At-Large Negotiator.

We also have a cast of new and returning representatives to the district’s Professional Development Team:

♦ Theresa Lawrence, Pat Brennan, and Tom Seimbler from the HS,
♦ Jackie Siwicki, Faye Eaton, and Scott Partridge from the MS,
♦ Kathy Uerz and Jeanne Robillard from OE,
♦ Dan Keilon, Cheryl Fry, and Alex Balta from FE,
♦ Betsy Hennessy and Brenda Drexler representing OP.

Professional development and quality leadership is the primary concern of our union. This ensures an open channel of communication, high standards, and fair representation for all. We work together to advance the interest and welfare of our community, to reach the district goals, and uphold our vision of education for all of our students. We commend all of you who have step forward to serve and trust that we will be well lead!

Q: When does open enrollment for health benefits end?

A: This month! Call Mark Callahan or Judy Marino if you need help with what to do!
NO 3rd Thursday!!!!
We are DONE for 2004-05 school year!

Issues currently being explored:
♦ APPR committee to meet in the fall re: summative evaluation forms.
♦ Personal day issue.
♦ Timeliness of responses to inquiries at district office.
♦ Club stipends for overnight supervision.
♦ New teachers’ training and being able to set up in buildings with possible construction delays.

Issues acted upon/discussed:
♦ New and returning representatives for PDT team!
♦ Reversed a decision regarding a personal day in favor of the teacher.
♦ Reviewed a JUUL agreement for next year.
♦ Discuss proposed expanded day in schedule at MS & HS.
♦ Clarified question regarding the tapping of summative evaluations (not without your express permission).
♦ Clarified expectations regarding field trips.

Rule of thumb #23: Its good to embrace change—but discuss transfers with your union rep first!

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Summer Induction Days
New and Non–Tenured Staff must report Monday, August 29th—Wednesday, August 31!

Retirement Bliss!

Rumor has it that some former teachers may be spotted at Niagara on the Lake or around Vegas on September 1st, that first day of school for the 2005/06 school year! Hmmmmmm…..if I were retiring where would I go, what would I do—the possibilities are endless!

It’s hard to say goodbye to old friends, work partners, and second family! Yet we wish them all the best (and are slightly envious too). Here is the list of WTA members, who collectively gave over 300 years of experience to Wayne Central School District.

Nancy Driscoll—MS science, 16 years.
Carrie Stowe-FE and OE elementary education, 33 years!
Joanne Beach—OP elementary education, 34 years.
David Scott—HS English, 34 years.
Silva DonVito—FE elementary education, 31 years.
John Don Vito—HS Social Studies, 34 years,
Deb Wood—MS special education, 26 years.
Deb Adamo—FE elementary education, 33 years.
Jim Adamo—OE and FE elementary education, 30 years.
Ed Currier - MS science, 37 years!
Dick Galvin—MS & HS counselor, 24 years.

Along with over 300 years of service these teachers have represented us and lead our students in a myriad of ways. They have been department chairs, building representatives, club advisors, coaches, mentors, team leaders, committee members and committee chairs. They have spearheaded new initiatives, started new sports and clubs, brought home the trophies and endured the hardships and tears. Theirs are the shoulders that we stand on today.

WTA salutes you, thanks you, and wishes you all well on your new road to adventure as we know how adventurous teachers are!

Keep in touch and Bon Voyage!

WCSD Members participate in Corporate Challenge!
Kim Cox, Julie Green, Rick Vair, Marge Doyle, Bonny Manning, Julie Green, Melana LeBerth, Hailey Burns, Martha Hanley, Monica Spring, Lisa Marlowe, Patty Miller, and Sarah Lohr represented Wayne Central School District in this year’s Corporate Challenge. By running and/or walking in the 3.5 race that began at the RIT campus they raised money to benefit several local charities. Collectively they put in over 40 miles in this event. Over 8,400 people participated this year.

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