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President's Message

It's the final days of the 2009-2010 school year. It is amazing how fast the year zips by. The 2010-2011 school year is just 2 months away and as fast as the school year goes, unfortunately the summer months seems to go by even faster. In case you haven't heard, NYS Board of Regents just announced they will be cutting the 5th and 8th grade NYS social studies assessments. They are also considering eliminating the grade 8 second language proficiency, August administration of the algebra 2/trigonometry and chemistry exams, and high school foreign language Regents exams except for Spanish and French. Plans to imme-

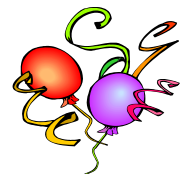
diately discontinue translating exams into Chinese, Haitian-Creole, Korean, Russian, and eliminate the January administration of Regents exams are unfolding as we write this newsletter! July 1st brings a new Superintendent, 2 new principals, and 1 new assistant principal the WCSD family. Next year also marks the start of the negotiation process for a new contract between the WTA and Wayne CSD.

Thank you to all who support the WTA throughout the year including our Rep & Exec Council members, Negotiators, WTA Committee Members, and everyone who volunteers in support of our many activities and functions. More

recently WTA participants in the second annual Wheels for Weisenreder bike ride raised \$621. On behalf of the Motts workers thank you for the \$275 additional dollars that were donated to their hardship fund. Perhaps the largest thanks goes out to Beth Peters for creating Wayne's World and writing this 75th issue, which is perhaps her last as Kim Schultz will be taking over as WTA External VP next year. Thank you Beth for bringing all 75 issues to our membership and helping to spread the good word of the WTA and keeping our members informed.

Sincerely,
 Jason Carter

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CELEBRATE !

Congratulations to:
 Our Corporate Challenge runners:
 OP: Tracey VanBuren, Donna Rizzo, and Heather Melnick
 FE: Marty Hanley and Monica Bays
 MS: Sylvia Hungerford
 DO: Kim Cox

Way to Go OP and others who raised \$2500 for little Emily through a Whiffle -ball game with Williamson. What a blast!

A hearty welcome goes out to our new administrators:
 Superintendent Renee Garrett
 FE Principal Donna Rizzo
 MS Principal Pamela Tatro

Fond Farewell to:
Michael Havens and Trooper Chapman! We hope excellent adventures await you both!

WTA Salutes:

Each year WTA recognizes WCSD's exemplary citizens. Senior Class citizenship scholarship winners were awarded \$500 each, while the HS, MS and elementary citizens are each awarded a \$50 savings bond. WTA salutes:

Seniors Class scholars:

- Hannah Cummings and Jade Thompson.
- HS citizens:** Andrew Kittle-son and Yamaris Phillips.
- MS citizens:** Michael Glanzel and Summer Howard
- OE citizens:** Zachary Pitcher and Emily Welch.
- FE Citizens:** Isabel Bremer and Joshua Wirth.
- OP citizens:** Sophia Chelini

and Alexander Groff.



5th Grader Isabel Bremer (F E) receives her award from WTA President Jason Carter. You may recognize Larry Ruth, retired WTA member and union activist, as one of the American Legion representatives!

Issues currently being discussed /explored:

- Duty free lunch and planning time during field trips
- Hiring and transfer process
- Timely return of Summatives
- Reading Recovery and possible compromises to program
- Administrative change at the HS

Issues Resolved:

- July / August health insurance for non-returning members.
- support given to the Motts plant

workers by donating to their hardship fund and picketing on NYSUT support day

Rule of thumb #63: "Get out there and goof around!" from B.P. your External VP

Dates to Remember:

- Summer Exec Council - **August 3**
- Summer Rep Council - **August 23**
- NYSUT Rep training - **August 24**
- New Teacher Training - **August 23, 24, 25**

Stay Up-to-Date! Check out the new fea-

tures on our website including:

"Defining Excellence" the NYSUT RA opening video with someone you may know in it!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=on-udpdIpj8> www.nysut.org

Motts workers RWDSU local 220 strike information and more picture of our support are posted at

<http://www.wayneta.org/storage/PoliticalAction/Mottsunion.htm>

For general access remember:

www.wayneta.org/webmail ID is your WCSU user name @wayneta.org, pass-

>>>>>> WTA in Action! >>>>>>

Corporate Challenge



Pictured above are the seven staff members who ran in the annual Corporate Challenge in Rochester. They are a dedicated group of WCSU athletes and fun(d) raisers!

Golf Tournament

What a good turn-out with 39 golfers participating in this year's golf tournament. The weather even cooperated! Next year we have to get a group photo before everyone leaves and have teams turn in their scorecards at the pro shop. Food afterwards, anyone? Everyone loves food, right?



Based on the cards that were given to Marty Hanley, the results are:

- Winning with 3 Under -Team Doran, Kneabel and Geesler!
- Closest to the Pin – Bob Doran , Good eye!
- Longest Drive – Pam Buddendeck - way to go!

A special thank you goes to Dick Galvin for donating the sleeves of balls for prizes.

Wheels for Weisenreder

Thanks to all who helped out with the 2010 annual Wheels for Weisenreder event. On Saturday, June 19, eight staff members participating in a 17 mile ride. Altogether they raised \$621 for the event. Through the Weisenre-

der Fund the WTA donates money to students and families in need or crisis. During the 2009-2010 school year \$2,500 was donated to local families— your support enables us to continue this support to families in need.

WTA /RWDSU Solidarity



Collectively, over \$375 was donated by WTA members to the hardship fund in support of the striking Motts workers(\$100 by Rep Council and \$275 in individual donations). Several WTA members walked the picket line during the NYSUT show of support on June 17th. Motts workers are out there 24/7 and still need our support!



As a William-son resident and school counselor, Lori knows our WCSD families! She joined the Wayne staff in 1990, and has spent the past 20 years as a school counselor! Before joining the Wayne family, she was a Primary Project Child

Associate and an English teacher. Lori honors and represents all. Even in the union—she was a building rep, VP and eventually WTA President! As a matter of fact she helped start Wayne’s World along with Pat Yates and Beth Peters in their first year as officers together. She loves books, kids, and adventure. She is known for keeping it together no matter what and being “super counselor!”

Now Lori will hopefully have more time to enjoy all those things she loves including her wonderful family and friend Dave. She has two sons - Michael and Benjamin, and a daughter Emily, who just had a baby boy, back in November. Congratulations Grandma Lori!

Word on the street is that she will be drinking wine, swimming, traveling, and trying to remember all those things she learned in kindergarten (since that’s all you need to really know anyway.).

We have one final wish for Lori — ”Adios, Amiga. ¡Via con Dias! We are Amigo’s— We love you -Ole’!

Michael J. Lester is now the confused Director of Bands at Wayne Central High School — he says he’s retiring, but . . . We figured we’d put him in the retirement section anyways. Next year he will be semi-retired (whatever that means...), as we are



fortunate to have him return to work with the Concert band and to teach Music History at the high school again!

Mike worked at Wayne from 1996-2010 where he has won several Superior and Excellent ratings with his Concert and Jazz Bands. He has an extensive history in the music world — you should ask him about it sometime. (No, really, it wasn’t going to fit in our newsletter; blame Beaker, Dr. L :-P) He has taught many students over the years and led them to distinguished music careers. His students will forever have an appreciation (or loathing) for Sousa marches. Currently, Mike is president of the Wayne County Music Educators Association (WCMEA), and he performs with the Rochester Area Music Educators Wind Band, the Newark Community Summer Band, and the For Dancers Only Big Band.

In retirement Mike will hopefully have more time to enjoy his three children: Kyle (daughter), Benjamin and Thomas and two grandchildren: Ava Rose and Virginia Michael. Besides working at Wayne, Mike also owns Dr. L Music Services, a recording business that he started in 2000. He also enjoys arranging various marches into new creations. March on Mike!



HAPPY RETIREMENT!



1970 was a good year for Ronnie Steele, as she began her teaching career as a Special Education teacher in the Rochester City School District. Although she stayed home from 1974 to 1992 to raise her family, she kept involved in education by substitute teaching and volunteering at Freewill

Elementary. Ronnie came to the Wayne high school and started Project SHOW in September of 1992. Project Show was relocated to the Marion School District in 1999, so she spent that year transitioning her program. She then returned to Wayne and taught the 15:1:1 class for Eagle Ventures from 2000-2003. Project SHOW returned to Wayne, and Ronnie has enjoyed working with the many dedicated and highly competent support staff individuals that have made Project SHOW the success it is today! This most excellent program not only teaches life and career skills, but also makes the high school smell great with their coffee and baked goods. Ronnie incorporates REAL LIFE into everything they do as they focus on personal adult outcomes for students. Her kids leave Project Show with the necessary soft and hard skills to keep their jobs. She has also led parent groups designed to meet the emotional needs of gifted children, brought Master Minds to Wayne in 1994 (she coached the team until 1999) and is also a Special Olympics Coach.

In her personal life, Ronnie has been married for 40 years to her wonderful husband, David. She has two children; Liz and Josh, and three grandchildren; Anna, Clara, and Leith. She is looking forward to spending time with her children and grandchildren and basking in the Florida sunshine in the winter! Bon Voyage Ronnie!



HAPPY RETIREMENT!

As WTA's retirement rep, Doug must know all the angles. Doug Casey will be retiring after working at Wayne as a physical education and driver education teacher since 1981. He has been involved in nearly every sport imaginable; coaching football, baseball, wrestling, soccer, and track at various levels over his career.



Before working at Wayne, Doug graduated from Auburn High School and then earned all his degrees at SUNY Cortland. He has lived in Ontario since 1991, and his wife, Linda, retired from teaching at OP in 2008. They have two children, daughter Ashley (24) and son Derek (22), who were both graduates of Wayne High School. Ashley graduated from Houghton College in May 2008 and is currently a special education teacher for Horry County Schools in Myrtle Beach, SC. Derek graduated from St. John Fisher College in Dec. 2009 and is a financial advisor for Waddell and Reed in Henrietta, NY.

Doug and Linda will be relocating to Pawley's Island, SC right after graduation with plans to fish, golf, and travel. He should enjoy the lack of "excitement" provided by teenage drivers learning how to drive, and we will be wondering about our own safety on the roads now that he is gone.

Buckle up and enjoy the ride Doug!

Special savings for NYSUT members

If you like to shop and if you like finding money-saving deals, then NYSUT Member Benefits might just be able to make you happy! Through the NYSUT Member Benefits Corporation-endorsed discount shopping programs, you have many choices available to you.

The recently endorsed **Motivano SmartSavings Online Discount Marketplace** offers a slew of shopping opportunities. You'll have access to hundreds of brand-name retailers and thousands of discounts, all from one Web site. Motivano negotiates the best deals and regularly updates its offers to help you stretch your hard-earned dollars.

From clothing to vacations, event tickets and computers, you'll find it all on Motivano. And you can even recommend your favorite merchants to be added to the site.

Another online shopping opportunity is through **Working Advantage**. From this site, you can get discount tickets for movie theaters, movie rentals, theme parks, online shopping, Broadway Theatre, museums and attractions, special family events and more. You can save up to 43 percent on movie tickets, up to 45 percent on theme parks and up to 50 percent on museums and attractions.

Yet another shopping opportunity is available with **The Buyer's Edge**. You can use this helpful buying service when shopping for your best deal on major appliances; TV, video and audio

equipment; cars (new and used); furniture; carpeting; exercise equipment; pianos; luggage; moving services and more. This is a helpful buying service for consumer products.

Be sure to check out the other discount programs endorsed by Member Benefits. A new plan, the **EPIC Hearing Service Plan**, provides savings from 20 percent to 50 percent off Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Prices on all name-brand manufacturer hearing aid technology and referrals to a network of credentialed audiologists and ear physicians.

Another new plan is online **Defensive Driving** courses through the National Safety Council, which offers convenience and savings. NYSUT members and their family members who are licensed in New York state can take this course at the Member Benefits-reduced

price of \$25.25 per person, a savings of almost \$20 per course fee.

Be sure to access these and other money-saving programs through the Member Benefits Web site, www.memberbenefits.nysut.org and click on Discounts - Members on the left-hand navigation bar. Using links provided from the site will ensure you receive any necessary discount ID codes and ensure you receive the Member Benefits discounted prices.

Questions? Call NYSUT Member Benefits during normal business hours at **800-626-8101**.



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