President’s Message

School Budget Vote
Don’t forget to vote on your local district’s school budget TODAY - Tuesday, May 18. Once again the WTA is sponsoring a Food Drive during the Budget Vote. Please bring non-perishable items and leave them on the table set up at the High School near the voting booths or with your reps in your building if you are not eligible to vote.

Pink Hearts, Not Pink Slips!
The WTA is participating in the AFT’s Pink Hearts, Not Pink Slips campaign. In your mailbox you will find a pink heart button and flyer about the AFT’s Pink Hearts, Not Pink Slips national campaign. We ask all members to stand together in solidarity by wearing the button beginning on budget vote day, Tuesday, May 18th, in support of the estimated 300,000 educators who may lose their jobs by the end of this school year. Please continue to wear your button the rest of the school year.

VOTE COPE
This year’s VOTE COPE drive is already underway! Educational issues are at the forefront of the legislative agenda both locally and nationally therefore we ask all members to donate at least $1 per pay check to VOTE COPE. These funds allow NYSUT to advocate politically on your behalf. VOTE COPE donations are 100% voluntary, which is why it is so important for you to donate. Facing huge cut backs in funding for education from Albany and D.C., including potential changes to tenure, your support is needed now more than ever. We want NYSUT at every table, in every conversation, advocating on our behalf! Your $1 a paycheck is strongly needed, not just statewide but locally. Remember 20¢ of every WTA dollar donated comes back directly to WTA and we can apply for an additional 20¢ per dollar for our own local advocacy efforts—which we may wish to access during the negotiation year.

Sincerely,
Jason Carter

Pink Hearts, Not Pink Slips

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http://www.aft.org/fight4america/pinkhearts/index.cfm

Family Feud and Wheels for Wiesenreder
Thanks to all who helped out with the Family Feud basketball game that was held on April 15th at the HS. The event raised over $375 to help support our WTA Scholarship Fund. Every year the WTA gives (2) $500 scholarships to students who would like to have a career as an educator. During half time Barb Thiele won the 50/50 raffle, which she donated the money she earned back to the scholarship fund. Thanks Barb.

Next up for the WTA is the Wheels for Wiesenreder bike ride on Saturday, June12. Money raised from this event will be used to support our Wiesenreder Fund, which helps families in need in the Wayne Central School District.

Sincerely,
Jason Carter
The 3 R’s: Remarks, Reminders, and Relief!

n-Wheel for Better Bones! Register at www.oif.org/rochesterwalk10

Thursday, June 3rd—Corporate Challenge -Go Team Wayne! Register at https://register.jpmorganchasecc.com/chas jc/jp_reg.tcl?id=41434

Saturday June 12th (rain date Saturday June 19th) Wheels for Weisenreider WTA fund ride—get your ride on! WTA fund-raising goal is $50.00 per person to benefit our community!

Friday, June 11th—WCSD Golf Tournament - get your foursome registered by May 28th—contact Martha Hanley.

WTA 10 Minute Meeting:
Thursday May 27th—
WTA elections day—cast your ballot and have a donut!

Issues currently being discussed /explored:
- Team leaders - pay equity K-5
- Monitoring school budget development
- July / August health insurance for non-returning members.

Dates to Remember:
WCSD District Budget Vote—today! Saturday, May 22nd—Alle She Walk-

WTA Building Level Elections

On Thursday, May 27 you will be electing your building level representation for the next 2 school years. Each building will be voting for their specified number of Building Reps and a single Negotiator. This will be an active year for negotiators as we look to build our new contract. Keep in mind that your Building reps should meet with your administrators on a regular basis advocating for you needs and working to elevate tensions before they turn into larger problems.

The slate of candidates is as follows:

Freewill Elementary
Building Rep (2): Tami Adams-King, Cathy Crable, Sarah Lohr
Negotiator (1): Nicole Deniston

Ontario Primary
Building Rep (2): Dawn Chelini, Cindy Coomber
Negotiator (1): Kim LaFave

Ontario Elementary
Building Rep (2): Carla Herbst, Katie Mangos, Kathy Uerz

Middle School
Building Rep (3): Jennifer Cotton, Erin Lincoln, Jenny Wing
Negotiator (1): Brett Bastian, Jay Gauthier

High School
Building Rep (4): Brian Grayson, Jackie Leszyk, Jay Marino, Kristina Stiles, Rebecca Walzer

Notice Regarding Agency Fee Payers

Agency Fee Payers are any staff members who declare in writing their objection to any expenditure made by the local or its affiliates (NYSUT/NEA) for activities or causes of political or ideological nature only incidentally related to the terms and conditions of employment. Parties wishing to pursue this must declare in writing their objection and wish to become an Agency Fee Payer during the time period of June 1st to July 1st, 2010.

You may request to review a copy of the NYSUT and NEA Consolidated Schedule of Expenses and Allocation Between Chargeable and Non-chargeable Expenses for the year ending August 31, 2009 by emailing WTAPresident@wayneta.org

Please note that by choosing to become an Agency Fee Payer you still pay dues however you lose the following rights:

* Membership in WTA
* Ability to attend any WTA meetings
* Ability to vote or give input into WTA changes or the creation of a new WTA contract
* Eligibility to hold or run for any offices in WTA or serve on any WTA committees