



# Happenings

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## Message from the President

### Officers

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man:**

**Robert Avdoyan**

When you work in a school, and you say, "March Madness," you are not talking about basketball! Though March Madness is upon us, at least it's a reminder that SPRING is finally here!

### Grievance

PJTA filed a grievance. PJTA will be meeting with the district to discuss the grievance.

### Election of Officers

It is that time of year again for the election of officers. If you are interested in running for any of the following positions below, you may nominate a person or yourself by E-mailing Kristin Wadeson, by April 24 at 3 p.m., or come and be nominated at our April representative meeting. I will once again be running as president.

Officer positions that one may be nominated for:

President

1st Vice-President

2nd Vice-President

Grievance Officer

Recording Secretary

Corresponding/Social Secretary

Treasurer

2 people for the New York State Untied Teachers' Representative Assembly Delegate & 1 person as an Alternate Delegate

## President's Message

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### **VOTE-COPE**

VOTE-COPE is an acronym representing the Voice of Teachers in Education, the Committee on Political Education. VOTE-COPE is also referred to as a PAC (Political Action Committee), and is the non-partisan political action arm of New York State United Teachers. Funded entirely by voluntary contributions from members, VOTE-COPE is used to help union-backed candidates and campaign committees that support education and labor. VOTE-COPE helps strengthen political action programs on all levels - national, state and local. To help on the local level, VOTE-COPE provides rebates to participating unions for political action. VOTE-COPE funds, by law, are kept separate from those of NY-SUT. Decisions on the use of VOTE-COPE contributions are made by a statewide committee. Voluntary, VOTE-COPE contributions can be made through payroll deduction or by writing a check. Contributions or gifts to VOTE-COPE are not tax deductible.

The Building Representatives will be around asking for your support again this year.

### **Scholarship Committee**

Please E-mail Carol Brown if you are interested in being on this committee.

### **Retirement Dinner**

The PJTA annual End-of-the-Year Dinner will be held on June 16 at the Erie Trackside. To date, the board of education has accepted resignations for the purpose of retirement this year from Vito Dibiasi, Mary Grace Carlton, Geri Kirchner, Sharon Krause, Terry McGuire, Tim Moul and Doreen Semerano. I hope to see you all there as we celebrate the careers of our colleagues in our chosen profession! We all know that teaching is more than "just a job"!

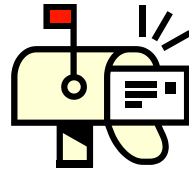
### **Retirement**

If you are retiring in June, make sure you contact Nancy Ladonne in the Business Office. There are forms that need to be filled out, which you can get from her.

In Solidarity!

*Regis Foster*

## **Correspondence**



### **Cards Sent**

#### **Sympathy**

Sharon Krause—loss of her father-in-law, Norman Krause

#### **Get Well**

Linda Falconieri

### **Congratulations**

Jonathan & Laura Villegas—birth of their daughter, Liana Marie

### **Cards Received**

Thank you from Laurel Kronimus for our donation for the Spelling Bee  
Thinking of you from Lynda Onofry (retired PJTA member)