

# Happenings

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## Message from the President

## **Officers**

President:

**Regis Foster** 

**1st Vice President:** 

Jenny McElroy

2nd Vice President:

Barbara Cathy

Recording Secretary:

**Debra Cassara** 

Corresponding/ Social Secretary:

Claire Dillon

Treasurer:

**Todd Hill** 

Grievance Chairman:

**Robert Avdoyan** 

May was such a busy month that it was so nice that we could enjoy our five day Memorial Day weekend, as it has given me the opportunity to compose the President's message for the May newsletter. It's comforting to remember that in less than four weeks we'll all be able to take a breath. I hope you and your family had a relaxing and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend!

#### **Retirement Dinner**

Come one; come all to the annual PJTA end-of-year dinner at the Erie Trackside on Friday, June 14th. Let's give the new PJTA retirees Merilee Bartlett, Carol Chase, Charlie Greenhouse, Todd Hill, John Mason, Bess Moran, Linda Reyle, Richard Samek, Tangeline Sechrist, and Jan Stark a proper send-off while enjoying dinner, dancing, and great company. I urge all of our PJTA members and other friends and co-workers to attend. Our CSEA co-workers are, as always, welcome to join us!

## **Dues Increase Proposal**

At our last representative meeting, a proposal was made that an increase of \$20 for dues should be recommended commencing next year. We have not had a due's increase since 2000. The increase is less than \$1 per paycheck. A vote on this proposal will take place on June 12TH, 13TH & 14TH. More information will follow.

### **Benefit Fund**

Just a friendly reminder, your vision allotment for this two-year cycle will be coming to an end on June 30, 2013. If you are in need for a new pair of glasses, now is the time to get them.

June is the time to make desired changes to your PJTA Benefit Fund coverage (dental and vision care). If you wish to change your coverage from individual to dependent (family) or from dependent (family) to individual for the 2013-2014 plan year, send a letter indicating the desired change to PJTA Benefit Fund Administrator, PO Box #179, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301-0179. When your letter requesting a change is received, the necessary forms will be sent to you.



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## **Budget Vote/School Board Elections**

The budget overwhelmingly passed. The vote was 736 residents voted yes and 389 residents voted no.

Congratulations to Robert Witherow, William Onofry, and Tammy Myers who were all elected to serve three-year terms, which begin on July 1st. I know all of these candidates will do a fine job on the board. PJTA wishes them all the best in their term of office!

I also want to take the opportunity to thank Richard McElroy and Cathy Sadaghiani for all of their hard work and service on the board.

#### **PJTA Elections**

Speaking about elections, PJTA's elections were held and accounted for at our May 20th representative assembly meeting. Congratulations to all of the incumbents, they will be coming back to serve another term. The results were as follows:

President

Regis Foster - 165 votes Tanya Duryea – 87 votes

Grievance Chairperson

Robert Avdoyan - 180 votes Jody Case-Kennedy - 72 votes

Recording Secretary

Debra Cassara - 135 votes Jody Hanlon - 56 votes Heather Tufano - 42 votes Lynda Valentine - 19 votes

NYSUT Delegate Alternative

Barbara Cathy - 209 votes Michelle Kennedy - 43 votes

At our April 20th representative assembly meeting, the recording secretary was directed to cast one ballot for all of the uncontested offices. The uncontested offices were the following:

1st Vice-PresidentJenny McElroy2nd Vice-PresidentBarbara CathyCorresponding/Social SecretaryClaire DillonTreasurerJoseph Becker

NYSUT Delegates: Craig Fisher & Eric Hartmann

I would like to take the opportunity and thank once again Kristin Wadeson, Election Committee Chairperson, and the PJTA members for running a smoothly handled election.



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#### **Notice of Claim**

The claim has been resolved.

In Solidarity,

Regis Foster

## Correspondence



#### **Cards Sent**

## **Sympathy**

Heather Robinson—loss of her grandmother Luann McCarthy—loss of her grandmother, Rose Sarno Lynda Valentine—loss of her aunt, Kathy Kutcha

#### Get Well

Kyle Ross Lynda Valentine

## Congratulations

Kara & Mike Raap—birth of their twin daughters, Isabella Sarah & Sophie Christina

#### **Cards Received**

Thank you from: Nancy LaForge, Sue DiGiantommaso, Terri Pagano, Debbie Rutt, Dawn Lasch, Lisa Buczek, Barbara Groh, Barbara Hamilton, Nancy Ladonne, Michele O'Donnell, Kristen Pacos, Nicole VanBenschoten, Denise Sauschuck, Maryann Hull, Carol Mann, Cathy Nicklin, Reenie Nicolette

Thank you from Multiple Sclerosis for donation made in Jean Kenny's memory Thank you from Phoenix Children's Hospital for donation made in memory of Patricia Kelly Thank you from Eileen K. McCoy for the donation in Jean Kenny's memory made to M.S.