14th Annual Franklin D. Roosevelt Salute to Labor Honors Pasquale Delli Carpini

By Diane D. DiChiara, Secondary at Large

One night my father came home and said “if I work hard and do a good job in six months I can join the union.” Pasquale Delli Carpini was a teenager newly arrived in the United States when his father arrived home one day and uttered those words to the family. Decades later, Pasquale, now President of the Wappingers Congress of Teachers, restated that same sentence to an audience who had gathered on September 17th at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel to see him receive the Eileen M. Hickey Award for labor leadership in the Hudson Valley.

Pasquale was one of six labor leaders to be honored at the 14th Annual FDR Salute to Labor. Ann Harrison, Mid-Hudson Regional Staff Director for NYSUT, nominated him. All of the honorees had a table of friends and coworkers who came to the dinner to share in the celebration. Pasquale was surrounded by six tables of friends and family which consisted of his mother, his mother-in-law, his wife, Maria, and two of their sons, their daughter, his sister and her family, as well as several members from WCSD central administration including the new superintendent, Board of Education members, HR Director; moreover, Sheila Salinger, a WCSD librarian and now a member of the NYSUT Retirement Board was also present, as were members of NYSUT, the WFW, the WCT Executive Board, and the presidents from both the Beacon and the Arlington Teachers Associations. These sheer numbers as well as the diversity of attendees demonstrate the appropriateness of this award to Pasquale.

Governor David A. Patterson was the keynote speaker for the event. Earlier in the evening he graciously and patiently posed for pictures with those in attendance including Pasquale. As dinner concluded, Pasquale was warmly introduced to the audience by former colleague Roger Higgins, now a member of the Dutchess County Legislature. As he accepted the award Pasquale received a standing ovation that was repeated at the conclusion of his thank you speech. Pasquale’s remarks were filled with his well-known sense of humor... “my wife said ‘they’re giving you a labor award – what about me? I had five of your children!’... and comments on the importance of leadership and unionism.

Perhaps the echoing words of his father influenced Pasquale to become an active member in the union of his chosen profession. He has served as a Secondary at Large, VP for Negotiations, and has been WCT president for the past five years. Furthermore, he presently serves on numerous committees such as Pension and Retirement, Committee of 100, and the Dutchess Educational Health Insurance Consortium (DEHIC). As the members of the WCT know, he strongly supports “protecting, preserving, and improving” members’ benefits through positive interactions with the administration and community.

The hearts of those who came before us never quite leave us, but become part of us; the soft beats can be heard reverberating within if we listen carefully. Pasquale Delli Carpini listened to the beats, understood their significance, and acted on them. Pasquale honors his father, his family, and all of us with the labor leader he has become.
**Editor’s Note ... Articles Please!**

Members of the WCT are welcome to submit articles adhering to the Canons of Journalism concerned with WCT positions, policies, and issues of interest to teachers. News and happy events (weddings, babies, engagements) are also welcome! Please remember that this is a great opportunity to share with our members the wonderful events, successes and stories that are taking place within Wappingers. Please keep in mind that articles, ads, and news should be submitted fourteen days prior to the next issue date in order to allow for insertion before distribution.

THANKS FOR YOUR INPUT! It is appreciated.

Beth Rizzi

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**Wappingers Community Day Is a Success**

When I got the notice for Wappingers Community Day I was worried we wouldn’t be able to participate. I had a wedding in Maine and wouldn’t be able to be there. Thanks to some wonderful members, we were represented and were able to show our community minded spirit.

Lauren Korz and her husband and Kelly Claussen and her boyfriend set up the tent. Patty Fitzgibbon, Lucy Zollner, Vickey Carroll, Kathy Shekitka, and Laura Sylvester and her daughter, Hayley helped in the following hours, giving out pencils, talking to people and running our free raffle. A special thank you to Hayley for helping us with the raffle.

Thanks to you, the Wappingers Congress of Teachers was well represented at one of the biggest and most attended events in Wappingers Falls.

Ellen Korz

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**from the... WCT Welfare Trust Fund**

A financial consultant from Stacey Braun Associates, Inc. will be in the WCT office on the following dates:

- October 7th & 21st
- November 11th
- December 9th

Appointments are (1) hour blocks available between 2pm & 6pm on a **first come first served basis**. When you call the office to schedule an appointment, we will forward a questionnaire to you. Please complete it and bring it with you to the meeting.

Since these slots fill up very quickly **CALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

The WCT office number is 227-5065.

If the above dates are not convenient for you, call Stacey Braun Associates, Inc. directly at 1-888-949-1925 and other arrangements may be possible.
**Important Information about the WCT Welfare Trust Fund...**

Trustees:
Christine Romano, Chairperson
Betty Seifert, Treasurer
Erin Mulligan, Secretary
Philip Gertler, Trustee
Pasquale Delli Carpini, Trustee
Ronnie Dwyer, Administrator

WCT Telephone Number: 845-227-5065
Daniel H. Cook Telephone Number: 1-800-342-6651

- You must let the WTF know of any changes in your personal information ASAP
- Student verification forms must be sent to Daniel H. Cook every semester
- Dental & prescription reimbursement forms are on-line at the WTF website
- Please direct all questions & concerns to the WCT office or directly to Daniel H. Cook

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS 2009-2010**

7:30pm at Central Office - Please try to attend at least ONE of your Scheduled Meetings!

| October 13 | John Jay Vassar Road Kinry Road | January 11 | RCK Orchard View Van Wyck | April 5 | Myers Corners Evans Oak Grove |
| October 26 | RCK Orchard View Van Wyck | January 25 | Myers Corners Evans Oak Grove | April 20 | Brinkerhoff Sheafe Road Wapp. Jr. High |
| Nov. 2 | Myers Corners Evans Oak Grove | February 8 | Brinkerhoff Sheafe Rd. Wapp. Jr. High | May 5 | Gayhead Fishkill Plains Fishkill Elem. Oak Grove |
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Mercy College Master's Degree Program
Wappingers Central School District
(Weekday classes to be held at Roy C. Ketcham H.S – Room 215)
(Saturday classes to be held at Hudson Room, Mercury Grand Hotel in Poughkeepsie
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Note: Additional Site fee $25

Fall '09

EDUC 591 – Child and Adolescent Literature
Inst: Deb Marimiello

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Inst: Marisol Riverol

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ONLINE
EDUC 609 Integrating Computers and Other Technology across the Curriculum
Instructor: Nick Karnavezov
**Mercy College Master's Degree Program**

**Wappingers Central School District**

(Weekday classes to be held at Roy C. Ketcham H.S – Room 215)
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### Spring '10

**EDUC 561 – Literacy instruction for Students with Special Needs**  
Inst: Lisa Sparano

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**EDUC 522 – Language Development and Literacy Acquisition**  
Inst: Lucretia Pannozzo

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**EDUC 654 – Behavior Management for Students with Disabilities**  
Inst: Agatha Kerr

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**EDUC 609 Integrating Computers and Other Technology across the Curriculum**  
Instructor: Tricia Calise
NYSUT – Mercy Course Schedule – Summer, 2010

Wappingers Falls
Roy C. Ketcham High School – Room 293

EDUC 507 Approaches to Literacy Instruction in Early Childhood through Adolescence including Students with Disabilities
Instructor: Lucretia Pannozzo
Aug 2 - 6, M – F, 8 – 5

EDUC 512 Inclusive Education
Instructor: Debbie Adams
July 26 - 30, M – F, 8 – 5

EDUC 606 Contemporary Philosophies of Education
Instructor: Jay Krass
July 12 - 16, M – F, 8 - 5

Online Course
EDUC 609 Integrating Computers

also from the Welfare Trust Fund ......

The attorney will be in the WCT offices to meet with members on the following dates:

October 14                     April 21
November 18                    May 19
December 16                    and June 16.
January 20                     Times - 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
February 17                   Please call 227-5065 to
March 17                       schedule an appointment.
New York State Teachers’ Retirement System offers daylong meetings to help active NYSTRS members prepare for retirement. Topics include System benefits, financial planning, legal affairs, adjusting to retirement, and Social Security. There is no fee to attend and your spouse/companion is welcome too. Seminars from 8:30AM-3PM.

Reservations MUST be made in advance online at www.nystrs.org (select the “My Tools” tab) or by calling NYSTRS at (800) 356-3128. Plan to bring photo ID and your latest Benefit Profile with you to the seminar.

**ALBANY**
- November 6 (Friday)
- December 7 (Mon.)
- NYSTRS Headquarters
- 10 Corporate Woods Dr.

**Buffalo**
- Nov. 11 (Wed.)
- December 2 (Wed.)
- Millennium Airport Hotel
- 2040 Walden Ave.
- Cheektowaga

**Fishkill**
- November 20 (Fri.)
- Holiday Inn Route 9
- Exit 13, I-84

**Ithaca**
- December 3 (Thurs.)
- The Clarion
- Triphammer Road & Rte. 13

**L.I.—Hauppauge**
- Nov. 18 (Wed.)
- Islandia Marriott Long Island
- 3635 Express Drive
- North
- Exit 58, LIE

**L.I.—Melville**
- December 11 (Fri.)
- Melville Marriott
- 1350 Old Walt Whitman Road
- Exit 49N, LIE

**L.I.—Uniondale**
- October 23 (Friday)
- Dec. 12 (Saturday)
- Long Island Marriott
- 101 James Doolittle Blvd.

**Mount Kisco**
- Nov. 19 (Thurs.)
- Holiday Inn
- 1 Holiday Inn Drive
- Exit 37, Saw Mill River Pkwy.

**New dates for state math, ELA tests**
English language arts exams will be administered April 26-28, rather than in January. Math will be given May 5-7, rather than in March.

Visit www.nysut.org for more information
Get Your WCT Gear

Short sleeve tees, long sleeve tees, and lanyards are available for purchase at the WCT Office. Shirts range in size from small through 3X. Please stop by the office to make your purchases. Payment for these items must be a check made out to WCT - cash will not be accepted.

WCT Gear is available at the WCT Office:

- $9 for short sleeve tee
- $12 for long sleeve tee
- $2 for lanyards

2009-2010 Newsletter Schedule

- September 18, 2009
- October 2, 2009
- October 16, 2009
- November 6, 2009
- November 20, 2009
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- January 8, 2010
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- May 7, 2010
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- October 2, 2009
- October 16, 2009
- November 6, 2009
- November 20, 2009
- December 4, 2009
- December 18, 2009
- January 8, 2010
- January 22, 2010
- February 5, 2010

Members’ Classified Ads


For Sale: Apple desktop computer with OS 10.4.11 (Tiger), Intellimouse with software, keyboard $200; Samsung 17” flatscreen monitor $50; brand new (still in unopened box) HP Photosmart All-in-One printer-scanner-copier $90; or take everything for $325. (845) 297-6529.
For Sale: Rombout Village
$112,900 Beautiful one bedroom in desirable Rombout Village. Many updates including new kitchen appliances and countertops, new vanity and medicine cabinet, laminate wood flooring in dining room and foyer, tile in kitchen and bathroom, new windows, sliding glass door, and deck. Perfect for the first time home buyer or someone looking to downsize.

The house also includes central air conditioning, an attic for additional storage and plenty of closet space. The community includes a private inground heated swimming pool, tennis, and basketball courts. The property is also situated on many hiking and walking trails along the Hudson River.

On top of all that it is only minutes from I-84, the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge, the Beacon Train Station, the Taconic State Parkway, Route 9, and I-87.

For more information, please contact us at: (845) 440-8146.

For Sale: Candel Country Kitchen table with leaf and 6 chairs (40x60 inches without the leaf). Table is natural color with green base. Chairs are natural color with green backs. $800.00 & 3 White Halcyon Serenity Standard patio chairs and one swivel chair with floral cushions. $125.00 Call (845) 471-3193.


For Rent: Beautiful 1 Bedroom/1 Bath Condo in Fishkill N.Y. Conveniently located near Rt. 9 and I-84. Updated Appliances with washer and dryer in unit. No Smoking/Pets. $900 month plus utilities. For more information call Chris at (845) 214-0229.

WCT COMMENTATOR Policy

The content of the WCT COMMENTATOR shall reflect the official positions and policies of the WCT, with the following three exceptions:

1. The President of the WCT should present his/her views in a message to the members from time to time, but not less than bimonthly.

2. Signed Letters to the Editor (of responsible length) containing personal views from members and subscribers shall be published subject to laws of libel.

3. Members of the WCT may place articles adhering to the Canons of Journalism concerned with WCT positions, policies, and issues of interest to teachers in the Commentary Section. (For both Letters to the Editor and the Commentary Section, the writer’s name and WCT affiliation shall be attached, and an editor’s note shall accompany these sections indicating that “The opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the official views and policies of the WCT.”)

Reprints of articles from the WCT COMMENTATOR are allowable only with the permission of the WCT President.

WCT COMMENTATOR Advertising Policy

The WCT COMMENTATOR advertising policy as adopted by the Executive Board is as follows:

Noncommercial (Personal) ads for WCT MEMBERS only will be run for two issues at no charge.

Commercial (Business) ads for WCT MEMBERS only: guaranteed placement for half of the school year, $35.00 per half year payable Sept. 15th and Feb. 1st or $5.00 per issue.

For prompt placement of advertisements and articles in upcoming issues of the WCT COMMENTATOR, e-mail the information to commentator@wcteachers.org. Information can also be sent to the editor at the WCT Office. Do not send articles or ads through the GroupWise e-mail system.