HOPEWELL JUNCTION--The Hopewell Depot Restoration’s museum rooms were fully opened this past November. Over the years, scores of area residents have been involved with the project, including a number of WCT/WCRT members including Jackie Prusak (Gayhead), Bud Parsons (RCK), Marty Thomas-Beard (Brinckerhoff), and Paul Stich (RCK/JJ).

While the Victorian-style railroad station officially reopened to visitors in April 2012, it is not yet ready to accommodate school groups for lack of restrooms. That will be remedied in the near future when the non-profit Hopewell Depot Restoration, Inc. recreates the yard’s two-story switch tower with bathroom facilities on the lower level.

The Depot functioned from 1873 to the 1980’s, and its story portrays the impact of rail transportation in general, and on Southern Dutchess in particular. It is certainly germane to NYS Social Studies syllabi for grades 4, 7, and 11. However, the Depot staff needs help in structuring appropriate lesson plans and activities for future student visits. In that sense, we ask for interested teacher volunteers to guide and mentor us in this endeavor. Interested educators can contact Paul Stich stich741@gmail.com; or 854-226-7631.

All Wappingers staff is invited to tour the Depot, 36 Railroad Ave., Hopewell Jet., at the Hopewell Trailhead of the William R. Steinhaus / Dutchess Rail Trail. It is open to the public on Saturdays 9-3 during the winter months, or by special appointment. Please visit us soon. You’ll be amazed.

The Agent's Office, the command center for yard operations, has been replicated with artifacts including a 1908 Central New Jersey Railroad roll-top desk.

see more photos on page 4
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send your comments to johnrogerjr@yahoo.com or call (845) 227-5065

SAVE THESE DATES
(future details coming soon)
Mar. 1 St. Patrick’s Day parade; WCT, WCRT marching
Apr. 29 Executive Board mtg. 10:00am-12:00pm
May 15 Spring luncheon at Arbor Ridge, HJ, 12:00noon, $25p/p.
Deadline for June, 2014 PostScript

WCT Mission Statement: To bring WCSD retirees together for mutual assistance and socialization, and to promote the best interests of retired educators.

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Renewal notices have been sent out. Dues for 2013-2014 are:
$  20.00 Yearly;
$200.00 Individual Life-time;
$325.00 Couples Life-time.

Pay Lifetime and alleviate the yearly task of renewing.
I would like to recommend if you live locally in the Hudson Valley, or you come back to visit, make the effort to spend time at the new Franklin Delano Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum at Hyde Park. It is part of the National Archives and uses up-to-date technology to present the life and times of FDR.

While on a recent visit, the topic of Social Security got my attention. FDR sent the “Economic Security Bill” to Congress on January 17, 1935. It was renamed the Social Security Act of 1935 by the House Ways & Means Committee in March of that year. On August 14 President Roosevelt signed it into law. According to the National Archives definition, “Social Security was an act for the general welfare by establishing a system of Federal old-age benefits.” The Center for Budget and Policy Priorities in 2012 stated, “Almost eight decades later, Social Security remains one of the nation’s most successful, effective and popular programs. It provides a foundation of income on which workers can build to plan their retirement.” That foundation is as vital now as it was when FDR secured it. The Social Security website tells us that as of July 2013, 37 million retired workers receive benefits averaging $1,269 monthly. Of the estimated 163 million workers covered by Social Security, 51% of the workforce has no pension coverage, and 34% has no savings set aside for retirement. Among the elderly, 23% of married couples and 46% of unmarried persons rely on Social Security for 90% or more of their income. There are many people who would not be able to survive without this plan.

From the beginning there have been opponents who did not believe the government should provide this assistance to people. Alf Landon, the Kansas governor who ran against FDR in 1936 on the Republican ticket, called Social Security “a fraud on the working class.” FDR won by a landslide over Landon 60.8% to 36.6%.

Attacks have not ended in the 21st century. Despite the fact that the program will, even with no changes, remain solvent until about 2036, there are those who oppose it and continue to propose various schemes to reduce payouts. In the last decade we saw President George W. Bush advocate a partial privatization with money being placed in the stock market. This did not go over with the American public, especially after they saw thousands of Enron investors lose their savings, and the stock market lose 38% of its value at the beginning of the decade.

In the Presidential campaign of 2011, we heard Social Security called a “Ponzi scheme” and “unconstitutional” with opponents trying to convince the public that Social Security will not be there for today’s young people. They push for reductions in benefit payouts, privatizing the system, and cutting the cost of living increases.

Social Security did not bankrupt the country or trample individual liberties as some predicted but instead remains a program that works and makes life better for most Americans by giving them an insured income in their later years. The majority of Americans believe that politicians should leave Social Security alone. This even includes 75% of Tea Party members who were polled in a 2010 “New York Times/CBS News survey.” Social Security was FDR’s legacy, and a visit to Hyde Park will give you a solid prospective on its history.

Notify these groups of an address change or death of a member:

- WCRT, Heritage Square, 2537 Route 52, Suite 15 Hopewell Jct, N.Y. 12533 (845) 227-5065 wc@frontiernet.net
- WCT, same as above
- NYSUT, 800-342-9810 800 Troy-Schenectady Rd. Latham, NY 12110-2455 www.nysut.org
- NYSTRS, www.nystrs.org 800-348-7298 x 6250 10 Corporate Woods Drive Albany, NY 12211-2395
- WCSD, Human Resources 167 Myers Corners Rd. Suite 200 Wapp. Falls, NY 12590 845-298-5000 x 115
WCRTers help open Hopewell RR Depot

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The Ticket Office communications center for the community, features a telegraph display and early telephones.

[Area 1] Transportation Panel: A 4’x6’ panel displays Hopewell’s connections with the region from the Industrial Age through the mid-20th century.


[Area 3AB] Technology: Two 7’x3’ panels depict the “Pusher Engine” service aiding eastbound coal trains to cross the Taconic Mountains to New England’s factories.

[Area 4] Freight’s Role: A 3’x4’ flexible interpretive panel devoted to the importance of freight in bringing goods to rural communities.


Cover Story

Protect your WCRT, NYSUT membership

WCRT by the numbers:

- WCRT membership as of Jan 14, 2014:
  - 606 retirees
  - 579 WCRT members
  - 182 yearly members
  - 9 yearly members not renewed
  - 356 Lifetime members
  - 46 Complimentary Lifetime members
  - 13 Complimentary members
  - 77 retirees don’t belong to WCRT & not entitled to NYSUT benefits
  - 24 not paid this year & soon deleted
  - 367 members email subscribers
  - 235 members postal subscribers

Please consider email subscription. It saves us considerable spending on postage. Checks MUST be made out to WCT not WCRT. We cannot accept checks made out to WCRT. Our chapter charter is with the WCT.

You MUST belong to the WCT to be eligible for NYSUT benefits. One retiree, just last month, had her NYSUT insurance cancelled due to lack of dues payment. She subsequently paid and was re-instated. Lifetime is the best deal. Pay once and forget about it!

TOM DERITO
WCRT Treasurer

Financial Report available

As a service to any interested WCRT member, our union’s financial report is always available upon request.

Address your questions or concerns to tderito@optonline.net and we’ll make arrangements to satisfy your numerical curiosity.

see page 10 for pension and health care info.

Enjoy some of what NYC has to offer. Sign up to receive the monthly Plum Benefits Guide. Send an e-mail to jtkorz@optonline.net to be added to our list.

Ellen Korz
E-mail subscribers sign up slowly

WCRT officers want to cut that cost to half. They think 20%-25% is a reasonable goal to strive for since this initiative started in October 2013. Members wishing to go green can e-mail your name, address, city, state, zip, phone number, and e-mail address to \texttt{wdourdis@verizon.net} or the WCRT office at (845) 227-5065.

Sign up for WCRT’s bi-monthly e-mail newsletter, produced in color—you’ll do yourself and WCRT a big favor. It saves us money and time—two critical factors for non-profit organizations.

Members may opt to receive the newsletter in color by e-mail or black and white by “snail mail.” Fonts and pictures can be enlarged on your computer as a PDF. WCRT newsletters have become magazine quality!

Newsletters arrive sooner by e-mail than postal mail. More importantly, the WCRT can have immediate contact with the membership via e-mail at no cost.

Your reply is appreciated and saves the WCRT money in mailings. It saves on printing, folding, paper, envelopes, mailing labels, and stamps. The volunteer crew would also thank you for cutting down on their time spent in preparation for the distribution process.

Look at our new website: \texttt{www.wcteachers.org}. Support the website and the WCRT by attending luncheons and tours, maintaining your membership, contributing to VOTE-COPE, and communicating with officers.

Editor’s note: Over 40 words were highlighted in four different colors. E-mail readers saw it. Hard copy readers had to be told. They only saw black and white. Subscribe by e-mail to enjoy the benefits listed above. (Not to mention 30 full-color pictures and this graphic in this issue!)

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RA Meeting Report for January 28, 2014

After returning from a super vacation I was anxious to get the news about the happenings at the WCT. It was disheartening to find that negotiations are not going well; in fact, the hope of working with a mediator and settling differences has not materialized. Apparently the District has taken a disrespectful stance toward the active and retired members of the WCT.

The District is in financial distress, as noted in a recent Poughkeepsie Journal article. According to the Journal, it might be necessary for the State to intervene in District business due to previous Central Office decisions. Administrators reached a contract agreement for a three-year contract at a 3% increase. Apparently it is viewed that they work harder than teachers and are worthy. The district is also suggesting to tier new members and to deny retirees their representation by the WCT.

Additionally, the District discussed different health insurance percentages and different methods for retro money. The Crisis Committee met and a full membership meeting was scheduled for February 6. Pasquale has stated that “We are all in this together.” He will not disregard any group, active or retired.

If you read the Poughkeepsie Journal, the BOE is divided about the Common Core. Lumia, Rubin and Bittereker have written a letter to Governor Cuomo about their concerns. Not all members agree. Three members of the BOE are up for re-election. They are Ved Shrawah, John Lumia, and Norma Drummond.

Don’t forget March 1 is the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Wappingers. Hopefully, we’ll have a good showing of people to show our solidarity. It’s also great fun.

Signing off, Ellen Korz.

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TAX TIPS FOR RETIREES

1. Gather your 2013 income data; w2’s, 1099’s, rental, self-employment, social security, gambling, jury duty, etc.;
2. Still teaching at some level? Teaching expenses, such as supplies, home office, etc.;
3. Itemize deductions, such as mortgage interest, PMI, points, investment interest, charity, and even casualty and/or theft losses;
4. Gather real estate taxes paid; school, town, county;
5. Check with your pharmacy and get an itemized list of prescription expenses; and
6. Finally, if you have questions, contact a tax professional that can offer you help and most likely save you money!

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ROGER HIGGINS
WCRT 1st Vice President

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www.WCTeachers.org or rogerhiggins@verizon.net
In Memoriam

Helen Fries
FISHKILL - Helen Mary Fries, a Dutchess County resident since 1961, died at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on Sunday, December 22, 2013. She was 82.

Daughter of the late Edward and Anne Burke Roche, she was born on October 9, 1931 in the Bronx, where she was raised and lived into her early adulthood.

Helen’s career was dedicated to education. From 1955 to 1960, she taught junior high school in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan. In 1967, she began teaching for the Wappingers Central School District, where she served as a substitute teacher at Wappingers and Van Wyck Junior High Schools. She retired in 1992.

Helen was a dedicated parishioner of St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill. She actively volunteered for the St. Columbia Dolphins swim team from 1971 to 1987.

On March 30, 1959, she married Robert L. Fries at St. Margaret’s Church in Riverdale, NY. She was preceded in death by her husband on April 10, 1997.

Survivors include her daughter, Maureen Fries of Deerfield Beach, FL; her son, Robert Fries & his wife Kelly (Morrell) of Victor, NY; her daughter, Clare (Fries) Carreras & her husband Ric of Southborough, MA; her grandchildren, Kevin, Maura, Elizabeth, Brian, Kayla, Aly, Ryan, Ric, Christopher, and Matthew; her sister, Patricia (Roche) Cheetham of Wappingers Falls, NY; her brother, James Roche of Valhalla, NY; and several nieces, nephews, and many other loving relatives & friends.

In addition to her husband, Helen was also predeceased by her brothers, Edward and John Roche.

Calling hours will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. on Friday, December 27 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 28 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill. Interment will follow at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Wappingers Falls.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY 12524.

For directions, online condolences, and memorial donations, please visit Helen’s Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Alice M. Scheff
WAPPINGERS FALLS - Alice Marie Scheff, 64, departed this life surrounded by her family on Monday, December 30, 2013 at her home in Wappingers Falls, NY. She now rests in God’s eternal care.

For the past 15 years she fought a courageous and steadfast battle against metastatic breast cancer. She was an incredibly brave warrior and an inspiration to all who knew her. She has been an arrow pointing to the mountain of the Lord.

She was born on April 25, 1949 in Bellerose, NY to Harry and Hildegard Galaid. She attended SUNY Plattsburgh where she received a BA in Education. Alice spent most of her teaching career at Fishkill Elementary School as a loving and professionally dedicated first grade teacher.

Alice married Michael in June 1970 and was happily married for 43 years. She was a member of Immanuel Christian Reformed Church where she fulfilled her passion for decorating, gardening, and hosting a women’s Bible study. At home she immersed herself in caring for her flower garden, shopping, stamping and spending time with her many friends. When she was healthy she would volunteer her time and help others in need; when she wasn’t others were helping her. She was a living example of what a wife, mother, grandmother and friend should be.

Alice was preceded in death by her father Harry, her stepfather Albert Wahl and stillborn infant daughter. She is survived by her husband, Michael; her mother Hildegard; her son David and his wife, Angela; and her son Matthew and his wife, Courtney; her sisters, Carol and Nancy; and grandchildren Holden, Katherine, and Hadley.

Visitation will be held at Immanuel Church, 253 Myers Corners Road in Wappingers Falls on Wednesday, January 1, 2014 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. A brief visitation will also be held on Thurs., Jan. 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. A funeral service will be held following visitation on Thursday at 12 noon. Burial will take place on Fri., Jan. 3 at 2 pm. at Long Island National Cemetery in Farmingdale.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation PO Box 405 Lagrangeville, NY 12540, www.milesofhope.org.

Arrangements are under the direction of Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. For directions or to send a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Teresa M. Linacre
WAPPINGERS FALLS - Teresa Marie Ensenbach Linacre passed peacefully on Sunday, December 29, 2013 at The Baptist Home in Rhinebeck, Born in Freeport, Long Island on July 6, 1922, Terry attended New Palitz Teacher’s College and taught first and second graders for 36 years in Lexington, Kentucky and the Wappingers Central School District. She also taught at St. Mary’s School in Wappingers Falls. She loved every one of her students.

Terry was a parishioner at St. Mary’s Parish where she served as president of the Altar Rosary Society; she was a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Queen of Peace; and a member of St. Mary’s Parish Council. She volunteered in a variety of church functions, as well as in the St. Francis Hospital Gift Shop. She drew great comfort from her Church and her faith.

Terry is survived by her three sons: Dr. Michael and Rosemary Linacre of Marietta, GA; Mr. Robert and Donna Linacre of Altoona, IA; and Dr. William and Mary Linacre of Poughkeepsie, NY.

Terry was “Nana” to eight grandchildren: Scott, Allyson, Becky, Jeff, Greg, Katie, Kriissy, and James. She was “Great Nana” to Raela, Liam, Henry, and Charlotte.

Terry loved her God, her family, children, the sun, the beach, and the Mets. She loved Christmas, and some of her last words were, “Every day is Christmas time”. Teresa loved deeply, sacrificed much, and stayed strong in her commitment to her God, her family, and her community. She is missed and loved.

Family will receive friends on Wed., Jan. 1, 2014 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Thurs., Jan. 2, 2014 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary’s Church, Clinton Street in Wappingers Falls. Interment will follow in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Wappingers Falls.

Memorial donations may be made in Teresa’s name to The Baptist Home, Courtyard Fund, 46 Brookmeade Dr., Rhinebeck, NY 12572 or St. Mary’s Angel Fund, 2 Convent Ave, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

For directions or to send a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.
January 17, 2014

Wappingers Congress of
Retired Teachers
Attn.: Mary Coiteux, Chairperson
WCRT Gifts and Contributions
2537 Route 52, Suite 15
Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

We are in receipt of the Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers’ check in the amount of $100. Thank you so much for this donation, as it will definitely be used to purchase items needed for our 2014 Science Fair to be held on Saturday, March 1st.

As always, your kind words, thoughtfulness and support are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Todd Mensch
District Coordinator

$100 Donation – 2014 WCSD SCIENCE FAIR
July 23, 2013

The Wappers Congress of Retired Teachers
ATTN Ms. Mary Coiteux
13 Easy St.
Hopewell Junction, New York 12533

Dear The Wappers Congress of Retired Teachers,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation, please accept our thanks for your generous donation.

Your gift will enable us to continue to help people affected by breast cancer in the Hudson Valley, New York. We are making a tremendous difference, thanks to you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dana Effron
Co-Founder

Post Office Box 405 • LaGrangeville, New York 12540 • 845.264.2005
milesofhope.org

November 15, 2013

Dear Wappingers Teachers:

Thank you for you generous donation of $100.00. Blodgett Library is very appreciative of this generous donation. We will, indeed, use the money for educational purposes. We thank you for your continued support of our work.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Julie Spann
Director I
Blodgett Memorial Library
NEW YORK is a national leader in managing its long-term pension liability, but needs to improve how it handles the bill coming due for retiree health care and other benefits. The state has successfully met its actuarially required contribution level at least as far back as 1997. As a result, New York has the best-funded pension system in the country at 107 percent. In 2009, New York enacted policy reforms, raising the retirement age of many new government workers to 62 from 55 and increasing employee contribution levels. Meanwhile, however, New York has failed to set aside any funds to cover a bill coming due of $56.3 billion over the long term for retiree health care and other non-pension benefits.

New York’s pension liabilities grew 88 percent between 1999 and 2008, outpacing assets, which grew only 58 percent in that period.

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Our grades assess states on how well they manage their retirement obligations. Each state can earn up to four points for its pension plans: two points for a funding ratio of at least 80 percent; one for an unfunded liability below covered payroll; and one for paying an average of at least 90 percent of the ARC during the past five years. Solid Performer = 4 points. Needs Improvement = 2–3 points. Serious Concerns = 0–1 points. Grading for health care and other benefits is simpler because most states have only recently begun to fund and collect data on these liabilities. States are solid performers if they have set aside assets equal to at least 7.1 percent of their liabilities (the 50-state average), or they need improvement if they have contributed less.

For more details, read the full report at www.pewcenteronthestates.org/TrillionDollarGap.
Thursday, May 15, 2014

12:00 noon **back to old time!

Arbor Ridge Caterers,
17 Route 376 & 52 Hopewell Jct., NY

Huge Hot and Cold Buffet Lunch served at 12:30 noon

Cost per person is $25.00.
Soft drinks included.  Cash Bar.
Free parking on the premises.
All facilities ground floor accessible.  No steps or stairs.

NO GUEST SPEAKER--JUST FOOD AND FUN!!
A short business meeting and a 50-50 raffle will be held.
Bring non-perishable food items (cans, boxes, bags) and/or shampoo, soap, and other personal care items to be donated to local food pantries.

Please send check payable to WCRT to
attn: Leslie Leventhal,  WCRT,  Heritage Square,
2537 Route 52,  Suite 15  Hopewell Jct, NY 12533
and must be received no later than May 8, 2014.
Spouses, guests, and significant others welcome.

WCRT SPRING LUNCHEON
Thurs., May 15, 2014
$25.00 Per Person
Guests are welcome

Name(s):________________________________________________ Phone Number:_________________
Address:_________________________________________________________________________________
Number of Reservations: _______ Amount Enclosed: $ _______________
Are you looking to book that incredible vacation you’ve always dreamed about, map out that important business trip you need to take or rent a vehicle for an upcoming excursion?

NYSUT Member Benefits offers a variety of endorsed discount travel programs that allow you to do each of these while saving money at the same time!

**Travelzoo**

Save up to 65% at top restaurants, luxury spas, museums, and other locations with one of the newest NYSUT Member Benefits Corporation-endorsed programs -- Travelzoo.

Travelzoo also offers getaways that include stays at the finest inns, hotels and resorts across the U.S. combined with exclusive hotel perks and amenities to give guests an added bonus to complete their stay. Please note that many of these deals are offered for a limited period of time.

**Grand Circle Corporation**

One of our newest Member Benefits Corporation-endorsed programs is provided by Grand Circle Corporation, which offers a variety of group tour vacations designed specifically for American travelers over 50 years old.

Grand Circle Corporation -- which includes Grand Circle Travel, the award-winning Grand Circle Cruise Line, Overseas Adventure Travel, and Grand Circle Small Ship Cruises -- is committed to providing international travel, adventure and discovery opportunities that offer impactful and intercultural experiences.

NYSUT members & their family members can either save $100 per person on their trip or travel for free if they gather at least 10 paying travelers for a group tour.

**Wyndham Hotels & Endless Vacation Rentals**

If you’re on the hunt for savings, look no further than the NYSUT Member Benefits Corporation-endorsed travel program offered by Wyndham Hotels & Endless Vacation Rentals.

NYSUT members enjoy savings of up to 20% at nearly 7,000 participating hotels among 17 hotel brands with Wyndham Worldwide and savings of 25% at more than 200,000 vacation rentals in 100 countries with Endless Vacation Rentals.

Wyndham Hotels has the right hotel for you at the right price -- whether it’s an upscale hotel, all-inclusive resort or something more cost-effective.

With Endless Vacation Rentals, NYSUT members can save on beautiful resort condos, villas, homes, and cottages that provide space and flexibility ideal for families and groups of friends traveling together.

**Car & Truck Rentals**

Do you need to rent a vehicle as part of your next trip? NYSUT members can get discounted rates on passenger car rentals with the following companies: Alamo, Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz, and National. You can also receive 20% off local or one-way truck rentals from Budget Truck Rental.

Learn more about these endorsed programs -- including how to access discounts, unique website codes and website links -- by contacting Member Benefits at 800-626-8101 or visiting memberbenefits.nysut.org.