Spring Luncheon offers thanks, new info, awareness, warnings

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY-- About 65 people enjoyed the WCRT Spring Luncheon at Christos Restaurant on Thursday, May 18.

Pasquale Delli Carpini, WCT president, gave insights about four topics:
1. He thanked everyone for voting on May 16. Budget passed by 70%.
2. Retirees are invited to a meeting at RCKHS on June 6 at 4:30 p.m. Speaker to talk about Constitutional Convention vote happening on November 7. He stressed voting NO in November.
3. As of July 1, new Blue Cross/Blue Shield card must be used. New vision benefit, called BLUE VIEW VISION. Similar to Davis but under a new name.
4. Discussed case in front of Supreme Court similar to Friedrich’s case that will affect unions and allow members to not pay dues and reap all the benefits. They will hear case around October. It WILL happen.

Roger Higgins, 1st VP and committeee member: For the WCRT Scholarship, Orchard View is done, we are considering the four candidates from John Jay, and have not heard from RCK yet.

Leslie Leventhal, 2nd VP: Boat ride down the Hudson River on July 6 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Newburgh. Flyer included in June PostScript.

Susan Roger, WCRT president: She read the slate of officers for next year and Recording Secretary Flo Mondanaro cast one ballot for them.

The WCRT is no longer mailing the Commentator.

The WCRT is mailing and emailing the Postscript. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

English teachers Mary Michael, Mara Goldstone, Kathy Corbett, Bill Green, Pat D’Amato, Maureen Skora, Bonnie Kieffer, Barbara Searle, Mary Quinn and Betsy Macnamee attended the WCRT Spring Luncheon May 18 at Christos Restaurant.

John Roger, Paul Coiteux, and Bernie Leventhal pack a vehicle with non-perishable food items and personal care items donated to local food pantries by luncheon attendees.
From The President

SUSAN ROGER WCRT President

Dear WCRT Members,

My vegetable garden is all planted. Now the sun and rain (or watering) will work their magic for some yummy stuff in July and August. One new plant this year is blue pumpkins. I’m looking forward to seeing these.

An important event for all of us this summer is the issuing of new Blue Cross / Blue Shield membership cards. The beginning date is July 1 so be looking for them in the mail in June. If you try to use the old card after this date, you will be denied service or will not be covered.

Equally important, even more so, is the Nov. 7 vote on a Constitutional Convention. The population of New York State has the option, by a vote, whether to hold a Convention to open the Constitution and make changes. The Constitution can be and has been changed by the amendment process. If the Convention is held, we risk the loss of many safeguards we enjoy. For example, our Constitution has the nation’s strongest protection of wild areas like the Adirondacks and the Catskills, but this could be changed to let in developers.

The Convention cost is estimated at over $300 million. Most delegates will be legislators who will get a double salary. The last time this happened the new Constitution was voted down after spending all the money. Therefore, we strongly recommend that teachers, their families and friends vote NO on the referendum on Nov. 7. Mark your calendars now!

I also take this opportunity to thank the WCRT officers, directors, and committee chairmen for all their work this year. They have been a great help to me, and work hard to keep our organization strong.

Have a great summer!

Susan Roger

Protect your WCRT, NYSUT membership

Members with email addresses registered on the website wcteachers.org will receive publications and notices by email. Please keep email information up to date on that site.

Our files are not linked to that site, so please notify the WCRT office of any changes in address, phone, or email, etc.

Prohibitive U.S. Mail costs may soon force us to cancel postal mailings, so please consider going green to save money.

The Commentator and PostScript may be viewed at www.wcteachers.org once a member registers.

WCRT publication dates for academic year 2016-2017: PostScript mailing dates:
- Oct. 14
- Apr. 18
- Dec. 9
- June 20
- Feb. 10
- Aug. 11

If you have not paid your dues by now, your name will be removed from our files and you will not be eligible for NYSUT benefits until dues are paid. Make checks payable to WCRT and mail to WCRT.

Renewal notices were sent out. Dues for 2016-2017 are:
- $20.00 Yearly;
- $200.00 Individual Lifetime;
- $325.00 Couples Lifetime.

Pay Lifetime and alleviate the yearly task of renewing.

Susan Roger

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SAVE THESE DATES (future details coming soon)

- June 1  RC13 Luncheon, Christos, 11:30
- June 20 WCRT executive board meeting, 10:00-12:00
- July 6 WCRT Cruise, $20, board at 2:15, Newburgh waterfront, (see flyer on page)
- Aug. 1 Deadline for August PostScript
  New Hamburg Golf Tourney for Meals on Wheels
  WCRT Fall Luncheon, Christos, 11:30, $23
A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION: A BAD IDEA

I have some concerns that hopefully you will not need to worry about. You might have to start paying New York State income tax on your pension. Now throw in a loss of your guaranteed health insurance provided by the Wappingers Central School District through the WCT’s contract. And let’s also consider the elimination of the Medicare Part B reimbursement from the District.

I hope I have your attention because these concerns are not just something I wrote for their shock value. They are real threats that could come to pass should the State of New York hold a Constitutional Convention and revise the document that protects many of the benefits that we enjoy.

I do not even want to consider the possibility on the Federal level of Social Security being reduced and Medicare becoming a voucher system where you have to go out and buy your own coverage.

Every twenty years the people of the state get to vote on whether to hold a convention. If voters were to approve one in the November 2017 election, it would be November 2018 when the public would get to vote on the delegates and April 2019 when the actual convention would begin.

The enormous cost of what has been termed by NYSUT a “politicians’ convention” is estimated to be $350 million. NYSUT has concerns with the selection of delegates. With all the talk of corruption in Albany there is an uneasy feeling that many of those same state officials will be controlling the outcome of the new agreement. Governor Cuomo has expressed his feelings in speaking to the Daily News editorial board recently when he stated, “You have to find a way where the delegates do not wind up being the same legislators who you are trying to change the rules on. I have not heard a plan that does that.”

Another real concern is that big money from outside the state will be used to get the delegates to vote in favor of changes proposed at a Constitutional Convention. Of course whatever is proposed must still be approved by the people of the State. The public voted to hold a convention in 1967 but when the resulting changes were put before the electorate in 1969, they voted the entire thing down.

The alternative to this is amending the current document. This has been done many times over the years. In 2013 the people approved six changes including the question of casinos, an increase in civil service credit for veterans with disabilities, and the settlement of land disputes in the Adirondacks. With this mechanism in place there is really no reason to rewrite the entire constitution.

You can count on one thing. Between now and November you will hear much more from opposing sides pointing out both the dangers and virtues of New York changing its basic document of government. Listen carefully!
BABY Brynn FIGHTS CANCER

By Hannah and Mike Abrahamson (RCK 2008 and 2005)

Brynn Geurtjens, granddaughter of Hannah and Mike Abrahamson (RCK 2008 and 2005) was diagnosed at age 9 months with rhabdomyosarcoma in her brain and spinal cord. This is an exceedingly rare occurrence (one in a billion) with no known protocol for treatment.

Brynn is at Seattle Children’s Hospital where mom and dad (Sasha and Jop) have taken up residence at the nearby Ronald McDonald House, along with three-year-old brother Eli and Hannah and Mike. During this ordeal and despite the side effects, Brynn continues to be a brave and sweet little girl. She is loved more than words can say, and her family asks for your prayers of healing.

Rhabdomyosarcoma is a soft tissue cancer generally found in people middle aged and older, rarely in babies, and it is even more rare to find it in the brain or spinal cord (only 40 known cases worldwide).

Because this situation is so rare, there is no protocol for treatment. Nevertheless, the doctors are treating it as aggressively as possible, given Brynn’s age, by combining treatments used for brain cancers as well as those for more typical rhabdomyosarcomas found in soft tissue cells.

More information and/or to contribute to the expenses involved with Brynn’s care and treatment can be found at https://www.youcaring.com/sashaabrahamsonandjop-geurtjens

Retirees gain from volunteering in county

By Barbara Stuck
WCRT Corr. Sect./Membership

I have found that teachers are very generous in giving back to the community by volunteering at many worthwhile activities.

If you are presently a volunteer or are looking to become one, an excellent group to join is the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program/RVP of Dutchess County, directed by JoAnn M. Hickman. They have over 35 volunteer locations to choose from and the place you volunteer may be part of the program.

There are no meetings and no dues and there is a free Annual Recognition Breakfast for all volunteers. RSVP also provides all members with free supplemental fire, accident, and liability insurance while on volunteer assignment.

Volunteering is good for the volunteer and good for the recipient. It is good for your health and good for your brain. I volunteer as a Long-Term Care Ombudsman and find it very rewarding.

Consider joining RSVP. You will enjoy the breakfast and be amazed by how much seniors contribute to the community.

Contact JoAnn Hickman, 77 Cannon Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601-3303, phone 845-452-5104(ext 101) jhickman@dutchesscap.org

WCRT by the numbers:

WCRT membership as of April, 2017: 630 WCRT members 170 yearly members 379 Lifetime members 56 Complimentary Lifetime members 12 Complimentary members 57 retirees don’t belong to WCRT & not entitled to NYSUT benefits 13 about to be deleted from our files for not paying dues this year.

*145 members receiving publications & notices by U.S. mail down from 200
*232 members postal subscribers 486 members email subscribers.

*Notice the reduction in printed newsletters. We encouraged members to “go green” and help us save on mailing costs. We all benefit from their cooperation.

Register on the website wcteachers.org

If you know a retiree who is not a member, please encourage them to reconsider joining WCRT/NYSUT for their benefit and ours.
**REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**WCRT’s watchdog about “insider information” affecting WCSD retirees**

ELLEN KORZ
WCRT Rep. to WCT RA

Rep Assembly Meeting for April 26 2017

Just a few items of interest this time of year.

- As always vote yes for the school budget. Only four candidates applied for four positions, Peggy Kelland, John Lumia, Tracy Pelton and Keith Odums. The PTA Council will have a Meet the Candidates Night, May 2 at WJHS. Please vote in the morning if possible, so the active members can vote after school hours.

- There will be a General Membership meeting on June 6 at 4:30 (registration at 3:30) at RCKHS. The topic is the Constitutional Convention. Michael Grubiak, an expert on the subject, will speak. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The Constitutional Convention is the #1 threat to the WCT and the WCRT.

- We will receive new health insurance cards this June. We must us them beginning July 1 to avoid claims being returned.

- Don’t forget May 15-19 is the Annual Food Drive.

- If you are interested in knowing the new NYSUT officers, go to the website. There is controversy over the outcome because the small locals are unable to attend the Convention to vote. This favors the New York City contingent.

NANCY BEINER
WCT Webmaster
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Here’s how to register your email with the website:

1. Go to www.wcteachers.org
2. On the right-hand side, go to the “Member Login” module
3. Click on the “Click Here to sign-up” link (It is yellow)
4. Enter all of your information on the form. This is the information that we will use to maintain our records and to send email and/or text notifications. Make sure that you choose a username and password that you will remember.
5. Click submit
6. Review all of your information
7. Click Submit again
8. Wait 24-48 hours for us to verify your membership. You will receive an email advising you that you are good to go. At this point, you can come back to the website and login.

Hope this helps. Thanks, Nancy

JANE STOCKSLAGER
WCRT Constitution, By-Laws

CONSTITUTION ON WCT WEB SITE:

The WCRT Constitution/By-Laws is now available on the WCT web site under the Retirees section.

This is the Constitution that was voted on at the May 2015 Spring Luncheon.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the address below.

www.WCTeachers.org or sundancewf@aol.com

RA Meeting

May 30, 2017

1. The year is coming to a close and it seemed most everyone was in good spirits. First on the agenda was the General Membership Meeting, set for June 6 at RCK at 4:15p.m. All retirees are invited to hear the political organizer, Michael Grubiak, speak about why we should vote NO on the Constitutional Convention on the November ballot. He will give an update on the perspective of who is for and who is against what we need to do. Connections need to be made with other groups. To change items that may need to be changed, the amendment process can be used. This should be a very informative meeting and hopefully there will be a good turnout. The retirees have been promised seats in a section up front.

2. The teachers’ contract is in printing and may be available to all members by the end of the school year.

3. Winners of the Janet and Ralph Capasso Scholarships were announced. They are: Jack Irvin, son of Maureen Irvin; Gayhead; Hannah LaSusah, daughter of Brian LaSusah, Brinkerhoff; and Hailey Neeval, daughter of John and Karen Neeval, Brinkerhoff.

4. Thanks were given to all who helped get out the Budget vote. This year’s budget passed by 71%.

5. More First Books have come to the District. All elementary schools will receive them. The LAP group is looking for other organizations to give them to.

6. Lastly, a topic that was first discussed while I was still in the classroom is still on the table--the Advisory period. What amazed me was how the concept today seemed totally different from the original idea. When a group of us observed the Advisory in other districts, it was not another teaching period, but more of a time to mentor small groups of students. There was no preparation and you would take the lead of your group as to what you wanted to talk about. You could even just read or play games. What we did learn was there needed to be contract language for teachers who would participate. It seems now the District wants it to be a time to teach life skills. They have put money into the budget for curriculum writing even though nothing has been agreed upon and there is no contract language. They have come to meetings unprepared to discuss an educationally sound plan. The outcome this far was very disappointing to me. Our original plan was somewhat based on something Charlie Powers did in his Fishkill Elementary classroom just because it was good for the students and it set the tone for the day. I guess that’s not possible any longer.

One more meeting to go.

**Congratulations!**

- Those of you who recall problems with air quality in our buildings will be happy to know our Health and Safety representative was able to get the District Committee to have the filters in the univents changed more often. Apparently, Ron Broas, head of the committee, said the univents don’t work properly because teachers shut them off or put books on top of them. There will be more attention paid to this in the future.

See you at the General Membership Meeting!

Ellen
True, apocryphal, or myth?

Mickey Mantle and Billy Martin were going hunting in Northern Pennsylvania. They found an area that looked promising and stopped. Being good citizens they noticed that the farmer who owned the land had it posted. They found the farmhouse, and Mickey volunteered to go up to the farmer’s house and ask permission to hunt. The farmer recognized Mickey right away and it took him a minute to gather his wits. He then told Mickey he was more than welcome to hunt on his land, but would he first do him a big favor. It seemed his beloved old horse was on his last legs and would Mickey please go out to the barn and shoot him to put him out of his misery. Mickey was taken aback, but agreed to do it. Mickey then walked back to the car, and Billy Martin asked him what the farmer said. Mickey told him the farmer said to get the heck off his property. Mickey then grabbed his gun and muttered over his shoulder, “I’ll show that ##@%&*$! I’m going out to the barn and shoot his horse.” Billy was dumbfounded.

When Mickey was almost to the barn, Martin thought, “My God, Mickey’s right!” Billy grabbed his rifle, jumped out of the car, and shot one of the farmer’s cows.

For some reason I found this funny. Why, I asked myself? I detest the Yankees and have a warm spot in my heart for cows and horses, yet I laughed (and it was more than a chortle). It happened to be a slow night (yes, I admit it, I am a churl), Abbott and Costello, and much of Bob Hope (unless he was bantering with Bing Crosby). On the other hand, I have a warm spot for George Goebel, Don Rickles, Don Knotts, Jimmy Durante (never a dirty word), and George Carlin (a lot of dirty words). Bill Cosby was a favorite for many years, but alas, no more. Mort Sahl was the King of Cutting Satire. I can’t leave out Groucho Marx. I love EllenDegeneres. Who remembers Cliff Arquette (Charlie Weaver)? Very funny, all of them.

I have not included the newer breed of comedians because I am not familiar with most of them. That includes the current late nighters (with the major exception of Jon Stewart). Historically, going back to Jack Paar and Steve Allen, there has been some amazing talent. Jay Leno and David Letterman were good, but the Owner of Late Night was Johnny Carson. During our courtship (courtship?) Beth and I watched Johnny almost every night. We skipped a few nights during the honeymoon period, but we kept up with Johnny until his tearful retirement in 1994. Ed McMahon’s “Heeeeeere’s Johnny” gave us a Pavlovian anticipation response that never seemed to fade. My favorite (one of my favorites) was Carnac the Magnificent:

Answer: “Siss, boom, bah”
Question: “What noise does a sheep make when it explodes?”

Does it get any better than that? Let me conclude by apologizing for any major omissions. I have my own humor “funny spot” and you have yours. There’s a lot of funny stuff out there, high and low, to pick from, and it doesn’t have to come from TV or the cinema.

A spontaneous remark from a grandchild or a humorous story from a friend can do the trick. If you ever heard Frank Carione do Ved Shrivah you would know what I mean. Where ever it comes from, we don’t need a doctor to let us know that laughing makes us feel better.
Welcome Aboard!

AHOY, WCRT MEMBERS,

Our group will board the PRIDE OF THE HUDSON and meander down the majestic Hudson starting in Newburgh, NY. During our 2-hour sightseeing, we will pass Mt. Beacon, Bannerman Island, Storm King Mountain, Cold Spring, and the northern end of West Point. There will be narration by the Captain explaining the historical significance of these places.

The boat is climate controlled, should you decide to stay inside, but there is also a spacious sundeck or a cozy foredeck area. A fully stocked bar and light snacks are available for your purchase.

Join us and bring a guest if you like. The Pride of the Hudson departs the Newburgh Waterfront, Blu Pointe Landing, 120 Front Street. Departure time is 2:30 p.m. You must be on board by 2:15 p.m.

We suggest that you might want to arrive early and have a lovely lunch along the river at one of the many restaurants along Front Street. Or, you might want to disembark and stay for an early dinner at the same spot. Regardless, come and join us for a great time and a chance to see old friends!!

WHAT: BOAT RIDE DOWN THE HUDSON
WHEN: THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017; 2:30 p.m. -- BOARDING AT 2:15 p.m.
WHERE: NEWBURGH WATERFRONT, BLU POINTE LANDING, 120 FRONT STREET
COST: $20 PER PERSON -- MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WCRT

Return the slip below with your check.
Send to: Leslie Leventhal, 56 Pye Lane - Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. No cash please!!!
return by June 30, 2017.

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- Life Insurance
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- Office Depot/OfficeMax
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- Wyndham Hotels
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3 awarded Capasso Scholarships

At this year’s Capasso Scholarship reception at the WCT office on May 25, Pasquale Delli Carpini, WCT president, noted, “This is the most prestigious and generous award in the Wappingers School District. You are now part of an exclusive club.

“The WCT and WCRT take it extremely seriously and awards $2,000 to each winner.

“Parents, you will interview the next group. It’s an arduous task. Lots don’t apply and lots won’t because it’s so demanding.

“Five districts and seven high schools were represented, 16 students applied, five were interviewed, and three winners chosen.

“The Ralph and Janet Capasso scholarship awards are named after Ralph, “a benefactor and union activist.” Ralph served 17 years as WCT President from 1973-1990 and started the WCT. He is the son of Maureen Irvin, a fifth-grade teacher at Gayhead Elementary School.

This fall, Jack will attend Marymount Manhattan College in New York City where he plans to study digital journalism.

Jack is an early admissions student at Dutchess Community College, where he carried a 3.85 GPA into the spring semester. He has taken a variety of bridge courses, including Introduction to Communications Media, Intro to Media Writing, Composition I and II, and Public Speaking, that will serve him well at Marymount Manhattan and allow him to quickly settle into core courses.

While attending John Jay High School, Jack ranks 103/503. He remained active in the music and theater departments. In particular, he’s been a Costume Crew Chief for Proscenium since 2015, and a member of the Chamber Choir since 2013. He was also a member of the Art Crew and the Gay Straight Alliance, and recipient of an Honors Thespian from the International Thespian Society. Balancing his school work and outside interests, Jack tutors WCSD elementary students and works part-time at Starbucks in Poughkeepsie.

Identifying an influential teacher comes easy to Jack. It’s Candice Ruffalo, the Choral Director at John Jay.

“As a chorus teacher, she made her classroom a home. She opened her class to discussion and expression that encouraged students to take full advantage of it. The 42 minutes of chorus always flew by because of the togetherness of the group that was allowed by Ms. Ruffalo.”

Hannah LaSusa, a senior at Arlington High School, will attend the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City in the fall. Hannah is interested in design and hopes to become a designer in the future.

She is the daughter of Brian LaSusa, 6th Grade ELA teacher at Brinckerhoff Elementary School who teaches 6th Grade Science and Math.

Hannah is a member of the National Honor Society, the Italian Honor Society and has also been the recipient of the Outstanding Admiral Award. During high school Hannah has been involved in FBLA, Band, Trim Music Honor Society, and Jujitsu. Her class rank is 98/842.

Hannah began taking Jujitsu at the age of seven and always wanted to teach her own class. She accomplished this goal at age 14. She became a Sensei and began teaching classes where she enjoyed working with the children.

Hannah’s great-grandmother has most influenced her life so far. Hannah said Harriet Tubman inspired her because, “she put herself in danger for others”.

Hannah presented herself to the committee as a poised, warm, friendly and goal-oriented young lady. In 10 years’ time Hannah would like to see herself establishing her brand as a fashion designer.

This year’s committee: Shareen Whitehouse, Special Education teacher at James Evans Elementary, Mary Turi, kindergarten teacher at Fishkill Elementary, and Paul Lander, 6th Grade ELA teacher at Oak Grove Elementary. The committee is made up of previous year’s recipients’ parents.

Hailey Neevel is the daughter of Karen and John Neevel who both teach at Brinckerhoff Elementary School.

Hailey, a senior at John Jay High School, will attend the Fashion Institute of Technology in the fall majoring in textile design. Ranked 58 out of 505 students in her class, her GPA is 3.8. She is a member of both the Italian and National Honor Societies.

Hailey is a very bright, hardworking, and focused young lady. Fashion has always been her passion and she has taken many classes at FIT and Marist College. She spent two weeks in Florence, Italy studying her craft and learning about Italian fashion and art history.

What also impressed the committee about Hailey was her willingness to share her talents by helping others. She is making dresses and other clothes for an organization called Little Dresses for Africa. They provide clothes to young women in Africa and Hailey plans to continue supporting this organization when she attends college.

“During my time at John Jay, I was fortunate to have two very influential teachers. My Italian teacher, Signora Fusco’s biggest influence on me is she helped me come out of my shell and comfort zone and showed me how to become more comfortable with public speaking and speaking up for myself. She influenced me not only in Italian class, but also as treasurer for Italian Honor Society. The second teacher is my fashion teacher. Ms. Shand always helped me reach my goal of becoming a designer and gave me feedback when I needed it.”
WCRT awards 3 $500 scholarships

The Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers authorized funding for three awards. Each recipient received $500 for tuition, books, or other college-related expenses.

Criteria included:
1. one senior at RCK, JJ, and Orchard View with an average of 80 or better, who intends to pursue a career in education
2. Preference to students with financial need.
3. Guidance Departments at each high school recommend candidates.
4. Applicants submitted an essay of no more than 300 words, titled An Educator Who Influenced My Life or Why Education Is My Chosen Career. Essays were reviewed by the WCRT sub-committee, and top candidates were referred back to guidance counselors who made a final choice.

The WCRT has a long-standing commitment of supporting the WCSD community, and this scholarship adds to numerous other scholarships that we continue to support and fund.