Luncheon: philanthropy, pharmacy, political power

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY--Almost 60 Wappingers retired teachers enjoyed connecting with their friends and professional “family” at the Spring Luncheon at Christos Restaurant on May 17.

WCRT President Sue Roger led the business meeting part of the luncheon.

First Vice President Roger Higgins urged members to pick up any school-board-candidate lawn signs and recycle them. He reported that the WCRT Scholarship Committee will announce their recipient/s soon. Enrollment is down and so are the number of applicants. He conducted the 50-50 raffle as his final duty.

Second Vice President Leslie Leventhal’s research indicated some venues and programs have drastically changed their policies, rates, and availability, making it difficult to book a popular group activity. She will have a schedule for fall and winter trips and events in the August issue of the Post-Script.

Officers noted the philanthropy of the WCRT. We offer three Capasso Scholarships at $2,000 each, two Leventhal Scholarships chosen by guidance counselors at $500 each, and one or two WCRT Scholarships for Education majors at $500 each.

The luncheon’s guest speaker, WCT President Pasquale Delli Carpini, said, “Thanks for voting on Tuesday. The budget passed despite the low turnout by 3-1 and almost 4-1. Endorsed candidates garnered 1995, 1824, and 1808 votes compared to remainder of the field’s 630, 740, and 634.”

Most of Pasquale’s brief time focused on the Home Deliver Complete sheet each attendee received. By July 1, all everyday maintenance drugs that treat long-term chronic health conditions (for indigestion, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes) must be delivered by mail. Many retirees registered four years ago when the WCSD and DEHIC went from a Preferred Provider Organization to an Exclusive Provider Organization. He concluded with, “There will be some growing pains, but you must follow up to get your doctor to call Express Scripts rather than your pharmacy with your prescription.”

The question-and-answer session explained lots of resolutions.

To register, go to www.wcteachers.org

First timer is camera shy

First-time luncheon attendee Beth Megarr’s impressions of the event: “I admire Pasquale very much. It’s inspiring to be a teacher in public education and be around colleagues I admired and now can sit down with them. It’s enjoyable having things in common with people at the same stage of life.”

Beth taught English at John Jay High School for 15 years and retired in 2016.

Judy Ghezzi and Jack Devine chat by the Shepherd’s Pie.

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From The President

Dear WCRT Members,

When will it be summer? I’m waiting for some sun and heat.

On the political scene, we are awaiting the Supreme Court decision on the JANUS Case. For those of you who aren’t familiar with this case, it states that people who don’t join the union will not have to pay an agency fee, but will retain all the benefits of union members. This is a big problem for NYSUT, for without the dues they will not be able to provide the benefits we are used to. (see cartoon on page 5.)

Many NY-SUT units, including Wappingers, have asked their members to sign a loyalty pledge. Hopefully, with these pledges, we will be in good shape as we anticipate a ruling against the unions.

This time in June, at the end of the school year, it is my great pleasure to thank the officers and committee people on our executive board. We are all volunteers, and do a great job for the retirees.

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

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 WCT and mail to WCRT.

Renewal notices were sent out. Dues for 2017-2018 are:

$ 20.00 Yearly; $200.00 Individual Lifetime; $325.00 Couples Lifetime.

Pay Lifetime and alleviate the yearly task of renewing.

SAVE THESE DATES (future details coming soon)

May 31 RC13 Luncheon, Christos, 11:30 a.m.

June 2 RCKHS faculty & staff reunion, 1:00-4:00, cafeteria

June 2 Deadline for June 2018 PostScript

June 12 WCRT exec board mtg. 10:00-12:00, print PostScript

July 27 Deadline for August 2018 PostScript

Oct. 11 RC13 Regional Conference, Le Chateau, Kingston,

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THE ATTACK ON UNIONS AND THE LESSONS OF HISTORY

CLIFF FOLEY
Political Action Chairperson

"Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

That famous quote came to mind as this article was being written. Labor unions began in the 1880’s when many people worked in factories and wanted better wages and working conditions. Many industries were controlled by a small number of very wealthy individuals, often known as robber barons, like Carnegie and Rockefeller. The formation of unions often saw violence as factory owners tried to stop the movement. In the end, workers organized and the middle class flourished.

Unions have been declining in membership for many years. One reason given for this is that people look to the government for benefit guarantees like Social Security, Medicare, minimum wage, and protection against unfair treatment. Attempts to take power from the unions is nothing new, but we in the public sector are seeing an effort to take power from the unions.

We have all heard about the JANUS case before the Supreme Court. By the time you read this article, the justices may have handed down their decision. The five conservative judges are expected to reverse an earlier decision and rule agency fees for public employees illegal. This is all part of a wider effort to destroy unions or limit their effectiveness. JANUS would hit union organizations, including NYSUT, in the pocketbook since there would be no hit union organizations, including NYSUT, or limit their effectiveness. JANUS would be all part of a wider effort to destroy unions.

In a New York Times February 25, 2018 piece titled “Behind a Key Anti-Labor Case, a Web of Conservative Donors” we hear a name you may not know, Richard Uihlein. He is the funding behind the Liberty Justice Center, a far right group, which is financing the JANUS case.

Janus is not an isolated event. Alexander Hertel-Fernandez, a Columbia University political scientist who studies conservative groups stated, “It’s a mistake to look at the Janus case and earlier litigation as isolated episodes. It’s part of a multi-pronged, multi-tiered strategy.”

Other far right groups supported by millions of dollars from Uihlein are the Illinois Policy Institute and the Federalist Society. Uihlein has spent millions supporting Republican candidates such as Wisconsin’s Governor Scott Walker who, you may remember, in one of his first acts in office was to eliminate collective bargaining for the state’s teachers. According to Politico, Uihlein has given over $21 million to candidates so far in 2018.

These Republican efforts not only threaten unions but the Democratic Party. While the Republicans have a large cadre of multi-millionaire donors bankrolling their efforts, the Democrats have depended on money from unions and workers.

Just as in the 19th century when power was concentrated in the hands of a few, today’s 1% is consolidating wealth and power using it to influence elections and political appointments such as the Supreme Court. Those who are looking to the government to provide for them should heed the lessons of history. The goals of many in Washington include cut backs to Social Security and Medicare. But attacks are not limited to the federal level.

In early June, we saw an attack on unions in New York and specifically on teachers. The APPR bill, which would help to correct the unfair use of student test scores to evaluate teachers, had passed the Assembly and had the support of Governor Cuomo. Unfortunately the Senate Republicans, as of a June 1, 2018 NYSUT Member Briefing, had blocked its coming up for a vote. There seems to be an effort to tie this popular bill to charter schools.

To get the anti-union view succinctly we can look at a Forbes.com article from February 25, 2011 titled “Why Public Sector Unions Will Go The Way Of Private Sector Unions.” It notes that unionization in industry has gone from 30% in 1950 to about 7% in 2011. Their stated reason for the decline is because, “Unionization by its very nature stifles competition in the workplace.” They claim that public unions will die because of the “taxpayers who are on the hook for enormous unfunded pension and retirement health care liabilities and who are now becoming aware of the broader and very significant costs of hiring out government services to unions that faced little or no competition.”

Wappinger’s retirees need to remember that quote we started with. We cannot sit back and ignore the lessons of history. The history we may be doomed to repeat could involve a loss of security in our retirement.

Stay tuned in and, of course, support VOTE/COPE.

(see cartoon on page 5.)
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

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@verizon.net and we’ll make arrangements to satisfy your numerical curiosity.

We provide communicative services to our former colleagues, philanthropic support through student academic scholarships, and donations to community libraries and Meals on Wheels.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOOKING FOR LIBRARY HELP

The Fishkill Historical Society, which operates the Van Wyck Homestead Museum, has a library which could use a few hours of help from any WCRT members who have some library skills.

Contact Cliff Foley (845) 297-1875 or cgfoley@optonline.net

WCRT by the numbers:

WCRT membership as of May, 2018:

- 607 WCRT members
- 158 yearly members
- 382 Lifetime members
- 55 Complimentary Lifetime members
- 13 Complimentary members
- 73 retirees don’t belong to WCRT & not entitled to NYSUT benefits
- 18 about to be deleted from our files for not paying dues this year.
- 149 members receiving publications & notices by U.S. mail down from
- 232 members postal subscribers
- 486 members email subscribers.
- 4 2017 retirees wisely chose copay Lifetime

*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.

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As part of a fabulous trip to France, I went to the American cemetery at Omaha Beach in Normandy, France. It was an 8-hour plus bus ride from Paris—worth every minute!

I wanted to do this because my father was stationed near Cherbourg and crisscrossed France and Germany during his tour of duty in World War II. He often told stories of this area, and I felt the need to see it through his eyes.

I expected this visit to be an overwhelmingly emotional experience, but words cannot truly do it justice. The setting is picturesque and tranquil—exactly the opposite of justice. The rows and rows of beautiful white crosses and Stars of David were breathtaking and brought tears to my eyes.

As we walked away from the Memorial rotunda's sculpture, entitled "The Spirit of American Youth Rising from the Waves," the audio system began to play the Star Spangled Banner. I have not felt that patriotic pride for such a long time; I broke down and cried. And then, they played "Taps." It's impossible not to cry when hearing that.

My dad would have been pleased that I was able to experience this site. I am happy in my heart that I travelled to Normandy as a memorial tribute for him, ever grateful I am a retired teacher!
WCRT thanked for donations to non profit

April 7, 2018
Mary Coiteux, Chairperson Gifts and Contributions
Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers
280 New Hackensack Road
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

Dear Mary:

I’m happy to share some good news with you! The Leading to Reading Project just received an Excellence in Education Award at the CTAUN (Committee on Teaching About the United Nations) Conference. The project was presented at the conference held at the UN building in New York City. Feedback on the program was very positive.

The WCRT support has helped us to increase our outreach in the Dutchess County area. Community funding allows us to expand our programs while continuing our ongoing commitments. We’ve been able to reach even more children and families.

We wanted your members to know how much we appreciate your continued sponsorship of our program!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Harrel
Project Director

Poughkeepsie Branch American Association of University Women Inc.
P.O. Box 1068, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
A 501.c.3 Organization
www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org

WCRT must be on track with Express Scripts by July 1

Beginning July 1, 2018, WCT/WCRT members will be required to obtain their maintenance medication through Express Scripts, Inc. (ESI), which will save members time and money.

In early February, Pasquale Delli Carpini, WCT President and DEHIC Trustee, sent a letter to all WCSD DEHIC participants regarding the Mandatory Mail Order Coverage for prescription drug maintenance medications along with a Maintenance Drug List.

DEHIC, the Dutchess Educational Health Insurance Consortium, covers 26,046 members in 25 organizations in Dutchess, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties and has saved members over $2.2M in premium costs during the 2017-2018 school year with no change in the level of benefits to participants. DEHIC estimates that the renewal rate for 2018-2019 may be almost half the current rate.

The mail order process allows participants to order a 90-day supply of maintenance medications for the cost of a 60-day supply. That’s a $40 savings per year for each prescription, delivered directly to their home address, and saving gas expense and time, thus ensuring supplies arriving before the medication runs out.

Registration process is simple:

-Go to the Wappingers Congress of Teachers website. www.wcteachers.org
-Go to Benefits
-Click on Health Care
-Click on Getting Started with Home Delivery.

This step-by-step procedure will get you started, including the ESI home delivery pharmacy order form.

SIGN OF THE TIMES: Mara Goldstone and Mary Michael, both English teachers, check their phone calendars for another get together.

Ceil Callopy, Marlene Lecker, Jill Platt, and Mary Jane Klokiv enjoy some time together before lunch.

Bob Ruopp, Dennis Craig, Ellie Maslinoff, and Bill Green.

Speech teachers Elizabeth Dean, Jennifer Slater, Johanna Wermuth speak with Science teacher Sue Maroc.

Private burial at Beth Israel Cemetery, Woodbridge, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Planned Parenthood of Northern, Central, and Southern New Jersey, 196 Speedwell Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960, or the National Yiddish Book Center, 1021 West St., Amherst, MA 01002.

In Memoriam

Joan Valentine

NEW BERN, NC. - Joan Valentine resident of New Bern, North Carolina since 1995 and longtime Wappinger’s Falls New York resident passed peacefully into the welcoming arms of our Lord, on April 25th surrounded by her loving husband and family. Born February 24, 1935 in Jamaica, New York, she was the daughter of George and Ruth Schneider.

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A celebration of Joan’s life (funeral service) will be held at Pollocksville Presbyterian Church, 311 Main Street, Pollocksville, NC 28573 on May 5th at 1:00 p.m.

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Arrangements are entrusted to Cotten Funeral Home. You may share your memories and condolences with the family by visiting www.cottenfuneralhome.com

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Capasso Scholarships to 3 winners

At this year’s Capasso Scholarship reception at the WCT office on May 24, 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.” Committee members wrote the bios listed below introducing their respective honoree and a new twist this year was last year’s recipients read these speeches.

“Eight districts and ten high schools were represented, 17 students applied, six 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.

Sierra Dahl is the daughter of Heather Dahl, a psychologist at John Jay High School.

Sierra is currently a senior at Rhinebeck High School, ranked 23rd out of 103 students with a GPA of 98.83. She will attend the University of New Hampshire in the fall. She is interested in marine, estuarine and fresh water biology, and hopes to become involved in marine mammal rescue.

Sierra is a member of the National Honor Society, Vice President of Environment Club, and is senior class treasurer and yearbook treasurer. During high school, Sierra has been involved in many activities including the art club, varsity swim, crew, and track teams.

In pursuit of her true passion, she has spent time studying marine life in the Florida Keys, and this summer she will take a marine immersion course through the University of New Hampshire and Cornell University.

Sierra presented herself to the committee as a confident, goal-oriented, outgoing young lady. She is looking forward to engaging in research and moving into marine rescue as her profession.

Being influenced by her reading teacher, Mrs. Dwyer, who helped her overcome particular challenges, and her grandfather’s love for the outdoors and science, we are sure that Sierra is on the “estuary” to success.

“Ralph’s a gentleman, a scholar, and union activist who has made a difference in the lives of thousands of teachers, students, and their families. Many of the current benefits and working conditions we enjoy today are due to Mr. Capasso’s hard work and commitment. To provide students with a quality education has always been his top priority.

He was Teacher of the Year and Outstanding Educator. “We also have to thank our wives’ support so we can do these things.”

Last year’s winners were Hannah Lasusa, Jack Irvin, and Hailey Neevel. Dignitaries and honored guests included Leslie Leventhal, WCRT vice-president and WCT president for seven years, Pasquale Delli Carpini, WCT president, Bill Dourdis WCRT PostScript editor, Robert McKiernan, Goshen High School principal.

Ralph’s message to recipients

“Congratulations. This scholarship is in our name but it is from all the WCSD teachers.

I’m 87 years old, I started in 1957 in Wappingers and retired in 1991. My starting salary here was $3800, and it took me nine years to make $7000, which was I was making when I left Metropolitan and took a cut in pay to teach here.

Do well in school. Retain your integrity in all that you do! Again, congratulations.”

Grace Holod is the daughter of Richard Holod, Music teacher at Roy C. Ketcham High School. Grace is a senior at New Paltz High School and will attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the fall majoring in engineering. She is ranked 15 out of 185 students in her class with a GPA of 96.375, is a member of the National Honor Society, and was selected for All-State Band.

Grace is a bright, focused, and involved individual. She was able to combine her love of animals and service by coordinating the Read to a Dog program at Elting Memorial Library, which supports new readers as they practice reading under the non-judgmental watch of therapy dogs.

This year she was promoted to the captain of all her running teams. She told us being a captain allowed her to step out of her comfort zone, as she had always been more comfortable taking orders rather than giving them.

What also impressed us about Grace was her love of engineering and her dedication to service. She is attracted to WPI’s international programs where she will tackle real world problems.

Grace’s accomplishments, dedication to helping others, and strong work ethic will no doubt lead her to a continued success.

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JJHS celebrates 50th year


The 50th anniversary celebration was loaded with ceremony and speeches and well-deserved recognition for accomplishments.

Current WCSD Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Labor Relations Dr. Dwight Bonk is a former JHS principal.

Mr. John Jay is portrayed by Rick Soedler, Site Director for the Town of East Fishkill Historical Society.

Bill Green counts down a Top Ten list from his famous or infamous The Morning Line columns.

BELOW: Tim Sheehan, JH ’77, served on planning committee. Junior Casey Haggerty is a student volunteer.

Skip Rottkamp with Nick D’Alessandro, Town Supervisor for the Town of East Fishkill and a Class of 1993 JJHS graduate.

Conrad Gagnon

Steve Giacino

Below: Original JJ bus driver Ben Hayton is 93 years old and still drives himself around.

Bonnie Kieffer, John Archimede.

Paul Stich, Bob Ruopp, Ralph Capasso, Peter Brent.

New York State Senator Sue Serino and JJHS attendee presents a legislative proclamation to her alma mater.

Rebecca Zilinski, JJHS art, drawing, and painting teacher, receives an Empire State Excellence in Teaching Award, signed by Governor Cuomo and presented by Dylan Miyoshi, the governor’s representative to the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Paul Albanese, JJ assistant principal

Time to eat, then “let ‘em eat cake!”
RCKHS theme: 6/2 for ‘62

Roy C. Ketcham High School opened in 1962. The committee branded this event on June 2nd as “6/2 for ‘62.”

“Thank you, All, for making 6/2 such a success story. Special thanks for the planning and prep, as well as to Jack Donnelly, who remains the skilled instigator! Special thanks, too, to Rosemary, who knows how to steer a production. Perhaps in the future there can be another excuse for an encore?”

Sunny Mullen

How many out of 26 can you name?

The RCK reunion was the brainchild of Phil Shepherd and Jack Donnelly, with a little help from John Lumia. “Reading a colleague’s obituary or seeing them at calling hours is not the way to remember anybody. Let’s get together now and share some moments with smiles and laughter.”

Bob Stockslager, Carlo Piciotti, Al, and Jane Stewart

Walter Franca, Doug Bean, Tony Frisina.

The RCK faculty/staff reunion reception was all hugs and smiles and handshakes and remembering the timbre of their voices and not the wrinkles or the rolls.

Ralph Capasso and Adrienne Staniszewski, monitor.>>

Roger Higgins, John Lumia, John Calogero, and Bill Dourdis

Jane Stockslager, Carol Petvan

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The RCK faculty/staff reunion reception was all hugs and smiles and handshakes and remembering the timbre of their voices and not the wrinkles or the rolls.

Tom Reid, Mikki Shaw.

Ginny Woych DiMuccio, Janet Gescheidle.

Lynn Adams, Nan Bonner.

Bud Parsons.

John Calogero, Lucille Sokol.

Luz and Reno DeRosa. Reno still talks with his hands.

Former principal Sheryl Lazarus shares a spirited moment.>>

<<Current principal Dave Seipp

Rosemary Evaul welcomes everyone.

<<Sherry Wojtaszek shares her “pie-in-the-face” story.

<<Nurse Lucille Beverly is glad we are all healthy.

“Thank you, All, for making 6/2 such a success story. Special thanks for the planning and prep, as well as to Jack Donnelly, who remains the skilled instigator! Special thanks, too, to Rosemary, who knows how to steer a production. Perhaps in the future there can be another excuse for an encore?”

Sunny Mullen

Irma Jacobs, Rosemary Lillo, Skip Rottkamp.

How many out of 26 can you name?

Cindy Beahan, John Kenny, Lou Clausen, and Paul Stich.
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