

The WCT COMMENTATOR

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RALPH & JANET CAPASSO SCHOLARSHIP

The WCT, in conjunction with the Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers, is offering three (3) \$1500 scholarships to seniors presently enrolled in any public or private high school planning to attend college in the fall of 2010. To be eligible candidates must have a parent or legal guardian who is a member in good standing of the WCT.

The selection process for these awards will require the following:

- an application
- an essay
- a high school transcript
- one letter of recommendation
- a personal interview for the finalists

Applications are available in the WCT office. Please call 227-5065 to request an application or pick it up directly. To be considered, applications must reach the WCT office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2010.

Committee members are:

Rita Langva

Louise Rose

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WAPPINGERS CONGRESS OF TEACHERS

TO: WCT Members
FROM: Pasquale Delli Carpini
RE: Workshop

Sheila J. Salenger, teacher Board Member of the New York State **Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS)**, will be conducting a workshop for members of the WCT.

The workshop will explain all Tiers; will supply information about how to retain membership in TRS, about leaves of absences, how to maximize financial security for your future and answer all questions.

The Workshop will be held Wednesday, March 10th, at Roy C. Ketcham High School, in the Large Group Instruction Room (LGI), starting at 4:00 PM. To register, send the clip-off below to the WCT office **ASAP. We can only accept 50 reservations on a "first come, first serve" basis.**

We hope to see you there.

Workshop – March 10, 2010

NAME _____

SCHOOL _____

Number of Years Teaching _____

Return to the WCT office via interschool mail by March 5th.

"Souper" Bowl Day

by Linda Burnham, Myers Corners ES

All of the third graders at Myers Corners celebrated their annual "Souper" Bowl Day on the Friday before America's biggest football game. The students participated in several multi-disciplinary activities that focused on football. As part of their many community service projects the boys and girls each brought in a can of soup. They used



the brand, "flavors" and amounts of the soups they collected to construct a graph using all of the 135 cans of soup. There were traditional football snacks and lots of spirit wear for this special day. However, the most impressive part of the celebration was the donation of the soup to the Zion Food Pantry. It is estimated that the third graders from Myers Corners have donated more than 1,000 cans of soup since this winter tradition started almost 10 years ago!

The Wappingers Congress of Teachers
Presents
NYSUT's Defensive Driving Program
(Recognized by the National Safety Council)
THIS COURSE IS OFFERED TO WCT MEMBERS AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY ONLY

Monday, March 15, 2010
Monday, March 22, 2010
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sessions will be held at Roy C. Ketcham High School, Room 134.

Family members are welcome to participate. A fee of \$30.00** per person is necessary to cover cost of materials. (Participants MUST attend both sessions).

**If you subscribe to auto insurance through NYSUT Member Benefits (METPAY), there is a \$25.00 refund.

Benefit to Participants:

Upon completion of the course, members and their family members, who are principal operators of a vehicle, are entitled to a ten percent reduction in the base rate of their liability (bodily injury and property damage), no-fault (personal injury) and collision insurance premiums each year for three years.

WCT members and their family members who complete the course may receive a subtraction of up to four points on their driving records. This applies only to points for violations occurring within the 18 months immediately before course completion. It does not affect points for earlier **violations and can never be used as a "credit" for future points. Points may be reduced only once in any 18-month period.**

To register, send the clip-off below and your check to the WCT office ASAP. Reservations will be **accepted on a "first come, first serve" basis. No cancellations after Thursday, March 11, 2010.**

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Defensive Driving – March 15 and March 22

Member's Name _____

Family Members (Attending) _____

School (School Mail Location) _____

Home Phone _____

A check for \$30.00 per person must accompany this form. Please make check payable to "WCT."
You must be a WCT member or WCT family member to enroll in this course.

also from the Welfare Trust
Fund

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

February 17

March 17

April 21 Please call

May 19 227-5065 to

and June 16. schedule an
appointment.

Times - 2
p.m. to 6 p.m.

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

from the... WCT Welfare Trust Fund

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

February 10 & 24

March 10 & 24

April 14 & 28

May 12 & 26

June 9 & 23

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.

Welfare Trust Fund News

2009 Prescription Co Pay Reimbursement

The claim for prescription co-pay reimbursement for the 2009 calendar year must be received by March 31, 2010. Forms are available on the WCT website - wcteachers.org or you can call the WCT office (227-5065).

Receipts or a computer printout from your pharmacy are accepted. However, a printout is much easier to process and will compensate for any misplaced receipts.

If you need any further information, please call the WCT office.

Editor's Note ... *A time for change...*



Many of you have e-mailed wondering where your electronic version of the *Commentator* is????!!!!

As you know (especially if you read your **email this weekend**) we've been experiencing some internet difficulties!

Hopefully the end is **in sight and you'll be able** to easily access all of this **year's issues online!**

In the meantime, please keep the articles and information coming! If **you've sent something in** the past few weeks, please

resend it as my email was another casualty of the internet debacle!

Thanks so much and enjoy reading!

Beth

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



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February 19, 2010	May 21, 2010
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Dear Readers ...

If you've sent me information for an ad in the past few weeks, please RESEND if it was not in the *Commentator*. Due to our website/email difficulties, I lost several emails!

Thanks,
Editor

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