

PostScript



Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers

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No news would be good news

A new perspective on four-letter words

By Bill Dourdis,
PostScript Editor

It's tough to write this article about school budgets, negotiations, deficits, layoffs, and recessions without interjecting negative adjectives like "bleak" and "gloomy."

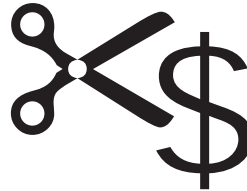
The state of the New York State economy is in fiscal crisis. We can't fight city hall. There's a freeze—and not just in the weather.

So let's get on to use new negative definitions for familiar **four-letter words** shown in **bold**:

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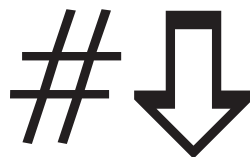
Good help is **hard** to find like governors, superintendents, a specific **czar**, an **Emmy Award** winner, and politicians. Their mantra is "**don't stay long** and retire with big pensions. **Long-term deep cuts** and **less take-home pay** for regular folk. **Pick up a copy of Time or Life** magazine. **Read** about who **will lose jobs** because there are **cuts** in aid. Some schools **will shut down**."



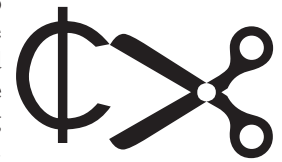
Lame duck politicians after **roll call** suggest schools should dip **into** their reserves, presupposing reserves exist. **Who's** going to the **dogs** while others **pooh-pooh** the **idea** of **good schools**? We **can't pull back** from already **part-time jobs** out here in no **man's land**. While **they ride** in a **limo to dine**, we sit in a **Ford** at **rush hour near the mall** and things **don't jibe**. **They sip champagne**, we cry in our **beer**, and **kids don't make the dean's list**.

It seems **they don't know or care**. They're not a **bona fide guru**. Arguments are **weak** for reasons to **trim** already **slim** budgets and instill "faculty **fear** syndrome about the **damn cost of life**," a **sign** of the **time** we live in.

Suggesting we cut **down** an administrator or two instead of **four** or five lost teachers doesn't register. There's **more bang** for the educational **buck** in a **class room** versus an ivory-tower office. **Will**



they cave in and spend one **more red cent**? **They can't do with less** while teachers and **kids must bite the bullet** along with the **bull**. "**The buck will stop here**" has run **amok from the data**.

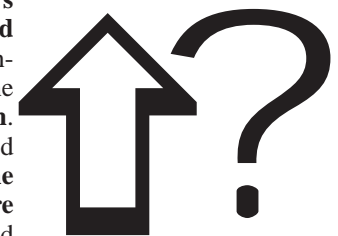


What is **next** if we **fail to fund** our future? Do we **work June and July**? It's not the **norm**. **That's a fact**. Do we **give back** our **sick bank** and **look for a food bank**? **Good luck!**

On a positive **note**, weigh the **pros** and **cons**. The **next sets** of **four-letter word** patterns should be a **good will goal** we **want**:

A **huge-size army** or **bloc of true grit** teachers should voice their plight by **mail** or **cell** and go by the **book** even though the system **can't afford** it. Go **high tech** and **tell them** where to go. If you're a **poet**, write a **poem** or a **note**, carry a **sign**, buy a **bond**, get out and **help VOTE / COPE**. **Don't sell your home**. Stand **firm** and **free** even though the **rank** and **file** budget is **lean** and **mean**.

O d d s are we **need many** teachers in the **class room**. **That** should be the **game plan**. **Hire more** and **keep pace**. **Rise high** for a **good life**.



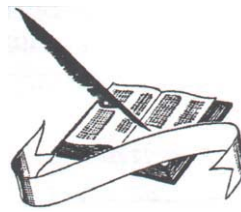
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From The President



**SUSAN
ROGER
WCRT
President**

accept nominations from the floor at the luncheon.

Second, it appears time to raise our dues which have not been raised since the early 1990s. We support several libraries, Science Fair, four scholarships, several local charities, and the supplies and postage for our award winning *PostScript*. The raise in dues will enable us to continue supporting these activities. Our Board of Directors and the people who mail and help in other ways are all volunteers.

Both the election and the dues vote will be presented to the body at the luncheon. Hope to see you there.

Susan Roger

Dear WCRT Members,

This has been one of the coldest and snowiest winters in Wappingers on record. Those of you who are in warm places are really lucky this year not to have to contend with the huge piles of snow!

I hope many of you will try to attend the Spring Luncheon when two forms of business will occur. First, it is time for WCRT Board of Directors election. At this time there are two positions open and someone has volunteered to fill one. We have a nominating committee of three members. If you have any nominations, or are interested in holding an office on the Board, you can write to me at the WCT office. We can also

Protect your WCRT, NYSUT membership

224 on email;

534 paid members;

84 teachers have chosen not to join or renew their WCRT membership. They have been deleted from our files. They are no longer eligible for NYSUT benefits and will no longer receive our publications.

Hudson Cruise detailed

▲ Proposed Trip for Tuesday, June 7

Wappingers Retired Teachers

▲ Arrive at the Rondout Area of Kingston on your own

▲ 12:30 Lunch at Mariner's Harbor:

House Salad and choice of:

Prime Ribber with French Fries

Balsamic Chicken Wrap

Caesar Salad with Shrimp.

Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Soda

▲ 2:15 Board with "Rip Van Winkle" for a 2-hr. narrated cruise on the Hudson River

▲ Cost Per Person \$39.00

▲ Final count, entrée menu choices and final payment due May 14.

SAVE THESE DATES

(future details coming soon)

Feb. 2 WCRT Executive Board meeting, 10:00a.m.
Deadline for February 2011 *PostScript*

Apr. 1 Deadline for April 2011 *PostScript*

Apr. 26 WCRT Executive Board meeting, 10:00a.m.

May 5 WCRT Spring Luncheon, Pok. Grand Hotel, noon,
\$26.50, bring items for food pantry, see page 7

May 14 Checks due made out to WCRT for June 7 cruise (above and below)

May 20 Deadline for June 2011 *PostScript*

June 2 Retiree Council 13 spring luncheon, Christo's, Pok.

June 7 Hudson River lunch and 2-hr. narrated cruise, \$39.00,
12:30p.m. at Mariner's Harbor, Kingston, guests welcome

June 14 WCRT Executive Board meeting, 10:00a.m.

July 8 Deadline for August 2011 *PostScript*

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July 1, 2009-June 30, 2011

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to Bill Dourdis, Editor.



POLITICAL ACTION

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IS ALL THE NEWS BAD?



CLIFF FOLEY
Political Action
Chairperson

After following the news in print and on the internet, attending the recent NYSUT Legislative Luncheon and hearing the report from WCT President Pascquale Delli Carpini at the WCRT February board meeting, it is hard to believe there is much positive to report about education funding in New York. Our new governor seems unyielding on his push for a 2% tax cap which could mean a loss of \$9 million in Wappingers. Add to this his announced state budget, which will cut Wappingers aid by \$6,176,775 and the loss of federal budget stimulus funds of about \$5 million, and you can see that good news is scarce.

According to the New York State School Boards Association, an ill-conceived tax cap could impact 13,000 educators in New York. What will the cost be to teachers in Wappingers? The past two years have seen local layoffs avoided at the last minute. Will we be that lucky going into 2011-2012? According to NYSUT, "It's important to note that New York school districts are making do with about \$1.86 billion less in state education aid this year than in 2008-09." NYSUT continues, "Fortunately some of this 8.67% cut in state funding was softened by the infusion of federal funds." This accounted for some jobs being saved locally. For next year, how many people will lose jobs, will a school building be closed, what programs will be eliminated? At this time these are unanswered questions.

One of the other big pushes has to do with mandate relief. At the NYSUT luncheon this writer had a chance to speak with Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, a member of the Governor's committee to study mandates. He expressed the need to eliminate some of these but was hoping groups like NYSUT would help by making some suggestions. As fine as these cuts may seem in dealing with the tax cap, you have to wonder if doing away with a large number of these requirements will end up costing even more education jobs.

Our governor has also complained about pension costs despite the implementation of Tier 5, which cuts benefits for fu-

ture workers. Increased contribution rates by school districts have been the result of declines in the stock market. According to NYSUT, "Rates paid by public employers in New York have been low compared to other states over the past decade. The New York State Teachers Retirement System rates, for example, have held in the single digits for the last 22 consecutive years." Since other state pension systems are not in as sound a position, the governor has made an blanket statement that they all need to be looked at.

Does all of this mean the public is in favor of scraping public education? A Siena College Research Institute poll in December 2010 found that, "Seventy-four percent of voters oppose the idea of reducing state aid to education by \$1 billion to help close the deficit in next year's budget."

You do wonder what the tax cap savings would really mean. We can see the disaster coming for public schools but what about other entities? Will we see many more and increased fees for everything from library use to senior centers? Will we have new admission fees added to parks and events? Will there be elimination of town and county services or new charges for them? And doesn't a new fee sound curiously like a new tax?

VOTE-COPE
good news

Members of the WCRT increased their donations from \$11,378 in 2009 to over \$12,000 in 2010. In addition 53% of the membership contributed compared to 45% in the previous year. Watch for our 2011 campaign in the coming months.

WCT & WCRT publication dates for academic year 2010-2011:

Commentator mailing dates are in normal font, *Post-Script* mailing dates are in bold font:
9/24/10, **10/29/10,**
11/19/10, **12/17/10,**
1/28/11, **2/25/11,**
3/25/11, **4/29/11,**
5/20/11, **6/17/11,**
and one sometime in August.

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**

wct@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***

800-348-7298x6250

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

NYSUT Retiree Council 13 website:
http://ny.aft.org/rc13/

Directions to WCT office

☞ The WCT office is in the Heritage Square complex at 2537 Route 52 in Hopewell Junction.

☞ Heritage Square is a short distance east of the intersection of Routes 376 and 52 and west of the Taconic State Parkway.

☞ Enter the parking lot and make the second right turn into parking.

☞ Enter main entrance of building.

☞ The sign over the main entrance is "Prudential".

☞ Take stairs or elevator to 2nd floor.

☞ Go right, all the way to the end.

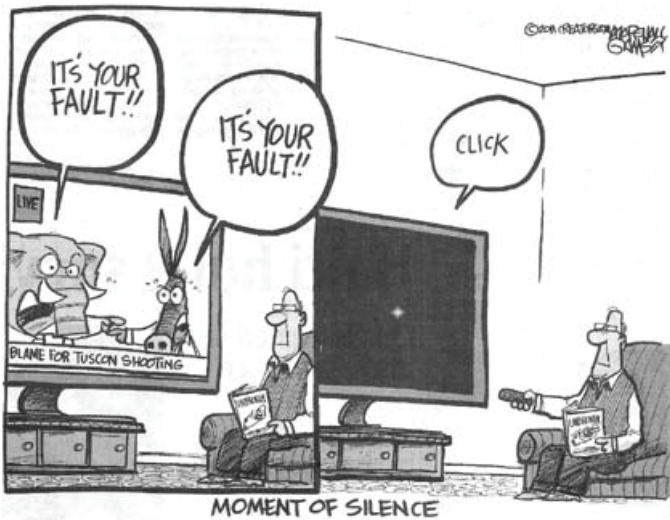
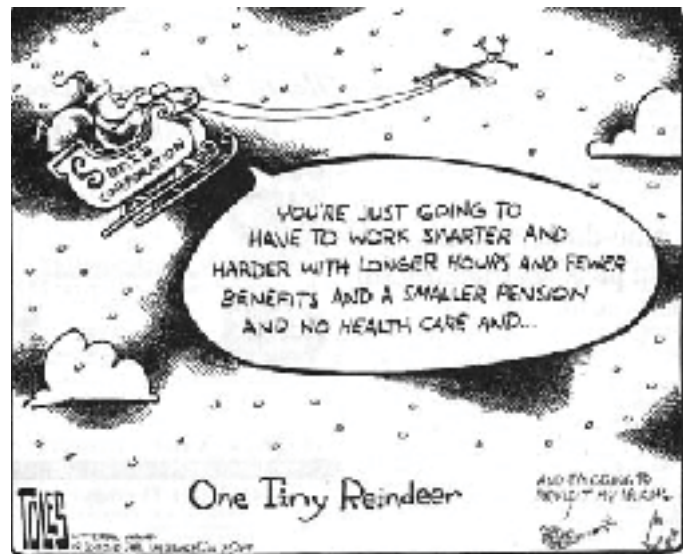
☞ "Wappingers Congress of Teachers" sign posted on Suite 15 door.

WCSD Board of Ed. e-mail address:
WCSD.Board@Wappingersschools.org

NOTE:

If you are aware of a member's illness, or the need to send a condolence card, please contact Ruth Ehlers at 831-6390.

News since last issue



REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

Summary of the WCT meeting in January

©Congratulations to the 2010 National Board Certified Teachers: Patricia D'Antonio, Catherine Kim, Daniel Roberto, Cassandra Horton, Mary Velez, Therese Coyne.

©WCSD Budget: Our District faces tremendous fiscal challenges in the current economic and political environment. We face the following revenue shortfalls:

- ©Expiration of ARRA (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009) = \$5M
 - ©2% School Property Tax Cap Proposal) = \$9M
 - ©State Aid Cuts (Estimate) = \$6.2M
 - ©Increase in Costs = \$5M
- TOTAL IN MILLIONS = \$25.2**

©The Negotiations Team for our new

TOM DERITO



WCRT Rep. to WCT RA

contract will be led by our President Pasquale Delli Carpini and we are confident that they will attain a fair and reasonable contract for all our members in the most austere circumstances in recent years.

©DEHIC - Westchester Medical Center still in negotiations to sign up for coverage for our members. We are still covered for emergencies at WMC.

©All members are encouraged to communicate with Building Reps to insure that during negotiations we are dealing with facts and realities. Avoid the drama.

Yarn needed

Here is your chance to clean out your closets and attic! There are close to 100 Office for the Aging Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers who are busy making lap robes for people in nursing homes, knitting hats, mittens and scarves for school children, and crocheting baby outfits to be given to the babies of teen parents and women in shelters.

With all these busy hands at work, it is hard to keep up with the need for additional yarn.

No amount is too small or too big. It will all be put to good use, helping to bring warmth and joy to those served by our program.

If you have yarn to donate, please give Mary Stuart, RSVP Coordinator, a call at 615-3728, and a pick-up can be arranged.

All in the family



I hijacked this card from Nate and Trish, [son and daughter-in-law). I'm sure they won't mind because I took the pictures of Arlie last August when he and I were camping on Fall River, just a few miles from my house. It was 95 degrees out and Arlie was dancing and singing on a log in the river. He described the water as 'burn-

BRIAN CONNOLLY Yellowstone Correspondent



ing cold." The song he was singing at the top of his lungs was one he made up. He was asking the river not to burn his feet with her coldness. I think Arlie even forgot I was there, he was having such a natural experience.

Hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love, Brian

PS: I'll be in Yellowstone most of February and again this summer. Hope to see many of you there.

Where they are and what they are doing.

Retirees remembered



Retiree's daughter wins essay competition



Sara, daughter of J. Conrad Gagnon, presented this essay at Millbrook's Veterans' Day celebration.

She won a competition at Millbrook High School for that honor.

Sara is president of her senior class and president of the student body.

Sara Gagnon 3 November 2010
Mrs. Herring AP US Government

The Importance of Our American Veteran Heroes

What is heroism? Sure, we can name dozens of superheroes and icons off the top of our heads, identifying their respective super powers or influence. However, those most heroic in this country are those who often go with hardly any recognition at all: our veterans.

These men and women have achieved the extraordinary—they have knowingly and bravely put their lives at risk in the name of freedom and defense; for the protection of you and me. The courage it takes to be such a person is not something I, or many others, can explain. But it is not difficult to see the

respect with which these fearless defenders, alive or deceased, deserve to be met.

It is because of our veterans that we do not have to sacrifice for freedom, for they have sacrificed far more than we know. They have boldly accepted the request of their ever-proud nation, given their great-hearted service and, now, are to be rightfully applauded and esteemed.

Though Veterans' Day gives us the opportunity to do just this, we must keep in mind everyday the soldiers of today and the soldiers of yesterday; those who make and have made it possible to live freely and safely. As we sit to eat with our families, we must think of the tables with one empty seat: the place of a soldier fighting for a proud family that awaits a safe return.

We also must not ignore our history, not forget those veterans whose courageous actions and honorable deaths planted the seeds for a better future.

And lastly, we honor those veterans who remain with us today, bravery and selflessness ever visible in their eyes. The late, the active and the returned all stay in our hearts.

As Michel de Montaigne once stated, "Valor is stability, not of legs and arms, but of courage and the soul."

NYSUT Defensive Driving courses offered

Like gas and food prices, the fee for the NYSUT Defensive Driving classes has been increased to \$30.00 per person.

The following classes have been scheduled for the upcoming school year in Room 134 at RCK High School from 6:00 - 9:00 PM:

Monday March 14 & 21, 2011

Tuesday May 31 & June 7, 2011

Registrations will be accepted approximately one month prior to classes. Make \$30 checks payable to: WCT, and mail to WCT Defensive Driving, Heritage Square, 2537 Route 52, Suite 15, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.



In Memoriam



Beverly A. Nostro (1944 - 2011)

Beverly A. Nostro of Wappingers Falls died on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center after a long illness. She was 66.

Born in Port Chester, NY on September 25, 1944, she was the daughter of Jerome and Elizabeth (Parsons) Nostro. Beverly taught biology for 33 years at Van Wyck Junior High School and John Jay High School.

Survivors include her sister, Geraldine Nostro of Wappingers Falls; aunts, Doris Nostro of Port Chester, and Regina Nostro of Greenwich, CT; and several cousins in Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, New York and Virginia.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2011 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main St., Wappingers Falls, NY, 12590. Burial will take place at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Beverly's name to The Elephant Sanctuary, PO Box 393, Hohenwald, TN 38462.

Source: *Poughkeepsie Journal*, Jan. 29, 2011

Devine talks Turkey

by Jack Devine, a WCRT Director

Our PostScript Editor has asked Beth and me to send along six pictures of our 5-week trip to Turkey.

With our good friends, Mick and Mimi, both Peace Corps veterans, we took our KIA "station wagon" on a 5,000 kilometer grand adventure that covered most of this very interesting and complex country.

I am pushing my luck by selecting seven pictures (out of 3,500) with the hope he will use them all.



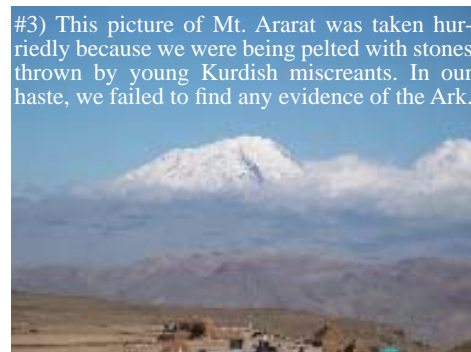
#1) If there is a single symbol of Turkey it is the Blue Mosque in Istanbul. It was right up the street from our little hotel and never ceased to amaze. The muezzin's first call to prayer was a very effective alarm clock.



#5) The Galata Bridge crosses the Golden Horn connecting New and Old Istanbul. It's like Times Square and Piccadilly Circus rolled into one. And a great place to sip a beer and watch the sun go down.



#2) Ballooning in Cappadocia. This is the best way to see the surreal landscape of this area. Exhilarating as our flight was, the most memorable part of our adventure was Beth's Entrance and Exit from the balloon's basket.



#3) This picture of Mt. Ararat was taken hurriedly because we were being pelted with stones thrown by young Kurdish miscreants. In our haste, we failed to find any evidence of the Ark.



#6) Lunch time for this class in south-central Turkey. The kids were learning English and they had a million questions for us. Unfortunately, "How old are you?" was one of them. If you haven't noticed, their teacher was gorgeous.



#7) The Turkish Experience would be unfulfilled without a visit to a Turkish bath (hamam)...even if it is one of the economy-sized hamams. The savings weren't all that great after the pedicure, massage, and tip.

RAIL TRAIL NEWS ON HOPEWELL DEPOT

By Jacqueline Prusak, secretary of Hopewell Depot Restoration and WCRT member, and Bernard Rudberg, President Hopewell Depot Restoration Inc

It has been a while since I last wrote about the train depot in Hopewell. A lot has been going on financially as well as construction wise.

Through a large donation, we were able to



purchase trusses for the roof and roofing material. Original windows and doors are being rebuilt. The interior has been cleaned out and one can actually walk through the two large rooms that compose the interior.

We plan to make one room into a museum which will hold artifacts that a depot would have used. A pot belly stove, a roll top desk, telegraph key, signal flags, station master's office, trunks, etc. will be on display.

The other room will be used as an information center/meeting room and will be manned by volunteers at appointed times.

We work on the depot each Saturday from 8:30 on and hot coffee and donuts are free.

The group is led by Rich Taylor, Habitat for Humanity and Bernie Rudberg, President of the Hopewell Depot Restoration.

Volunteers are made up of people from as far away as the states of Washington, Kansas, and Texas as well as nearby communities.



Drop by and see our progress along the rail trail and take in a bit of history. There are signs up on the property to tell you how you can aid in our endeavor.

For later updates, take a look at this Facebook Page. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Hopewell-Depot-Restoration-Corp/182372071793718>.

We plan to open in the spring of 2012 as an information center for the rail trail. One can bike, hike, roller blade all the way to Poughkeepsie and across the river. Imagine, from Hopewell!

**WAPPINGERS
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TEACHERS**



**SPRING
LUNCHEON**

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Palm Court Room

All facilities ground floor accessible. No steps or stairs.

Cash Bar from 12:00p.m.

Buffet Lunch served at 12:30p.m. consisting of fresh fruit cup, garden salad, carved baked ham, chicken marsala, pasta alfredo, baked sole, roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee and tea, and chocolate mousse.

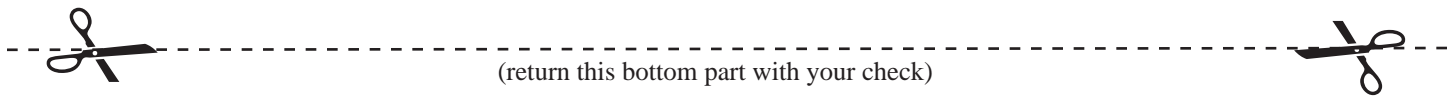
Total cost per person is \$26.50.

Parking deck on the premises. (Free parking!)

A short business meeting will be included.

Please send reservations and check payable to WCRT to Eileen Zipes, 1 Bridgewater Way, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 no later than April 18.

Bring non-perishable food items and/or shampoo, soap, and other personal care items to be donated to local food pantries.



**WCRT SPRING LUNCHEON
\$26.50 Per Person**

**Thursday, May 5, 2011
Guests are welcome**

Name(s): _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Number of Reservations: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Are you up to the challenge?

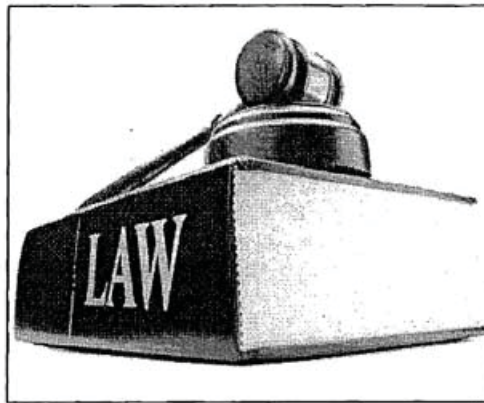
If you're like most people, you make New Year's resolutions only to break them soon after. NYSUT Member Benefits challenges all NYSUT members to make and keep this one resolution: I resolve to draw up (or update) my will.

The importance of having a will to protect your loved ones and your wishes cannot be stressed enough. This is especially true if you have children under the age of 18. A will allows you to name a legal guardian(s) for your children. It also ensures that your estate will be distributed according to your desires. Without a valid will, these very important, personal decisions are made by the state.

The Legal Service Plan endorsed by NYSUT Member Benefits Trust is a convenient vehicle to help you meet this challenge. It provides one simple will or update, free. A simple will provides for the proceeds of one's estate to be distributed to specifically named beneficiary(ies), with an alternate distribution plan in the event the primary beneficiary predeceases the writer of the will. With a simple will, proceeds are to be distributed outright with no conditions attached. Placing a condition on a bequest requires a trust, which can be obtained from the Legal Plan for a fee.

In addition to the simple will, you'll receive a durable power of attorney, living will and health care proxy, all important documents to have in place *before* the need for them arises.

The plan also gives you access to unlimited, toll-free legal advice from plan attorneys. These attorneys will make phone calls and write



third-party correspondence, at no charge, to resolve personal legal situations on your behalf before they become major problems. In addition, when you enroll in this plan, you receive two coupons for free, hour-long consultations with a plan attorney.

Is there a real estate transaction coming up in your near future? Do you have any traffic violations? You can receive legal assistance on a variety of personal legal matters when you enroll in the Legal Service Plan. If the matter can't be resolved over the phone or with a letter, you will be referred to a plan attorney in your area, who will charge you \$200 an hour or 40 percent off the usual hourly rate, whichever is lower. Optional riders for Elder Law services and for business protection can be added to your legal plan coverage.

Don't put it off any longer! Draw up your will. Enroll in the Legal Service Plan and use its service to help you, or do it

another way, but just do it! The peace of mind you'll have once you know you have taken care of your loved ones far outweighs any unpleasantness associated with making up your will.

If you happen to belong to a local association that provides a group legal service plan to you through the local or its benefit fund, remember to take advantage of the plan's benefits.

If not, you can enroll in the voluntary plan online at www.memberbenefits.nysut.org, or view and print a descriptive brochure and enrollment form online. You can also call NYSUT Member Benefits at 800-626-8101.

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Post Script

**This issue's out-takes:
a bonus for e-mail
subscribers**

Dear readers,

I got an idea a few issues ago, and I tried something new. I ran it by e-mail subscribers because they can handle whatever I send them.

I'd like some feedback on your thoughts about this concept. Printed hardcopies limit me to eight pages. I can be more flexible electronically. You get the benefit. Let me know what that benefit is for you.

Enjoy the leftovers.

Bill Dourdis
PostScript editor



New blacktop for the rail trail was laid down around the Hopewell Depot on Monday, September 20, 2010. See page 6.



News since last issue

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