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Celebrate the WCT Way!

Diane D. DiChiara

On Friday, April 23rd, the Wappingers Congress of Teachers gathered for a celebration of milestones at the Arbor Ridge Restaurant in East Fishkill. Those honored included the 2009-2010 Retirees, those with 25 Years of Service, the Newly Tenured and the new NBCTs.

The evening began with the customary cocktail hour as colleagues gathered, renewed acquaintances, and reminisced. John Jay Building Representative and math teacher, Tim Kermani, comfortably took on the role of master of ceremonies as he welcomed his colleagues and introduced the invited guests. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Capasso were in attendance. Ralph was the WCT president from 1973 to 1990. Also, in attendance was Sue Roger, current president of the Wappingers Retired Teachers. Sue could be seen throughout the evening happily welcoming the newly retired into her fold.



Mr. Ralph Capasso WCT President 1973 - 1990

Other invited guests included Sheila Salinger, NYSTRS board member for 22 years and a Wappingers librarian; AFLAC representative, Joan Perrini and John Lumia, former RCK math teacher and current Board of Education member.

Thanks to John Jay special education teacher, Alyson McCarroll, Enriquez Entertainment, “Hudson Valley’s Most Dynamic DJ’s,” provided the evening’s music. A variety of music was played from



The Last Revelers

Frank Sinatra’s “My Way” to Lady GaGa’s “Poker Face” to the “Cha Cha Slide.” The Bee Gees “Staying Alive” got many onto the dance floor as the dancers danced their way back to the 70s. A microphone was passed around among the various dancers who became singers with Joan Jett’s “I Love Rock n’ Roll” (names withheld). Meatloaf’s “Paradise by the Dashboard’s Life” was the cause of a sing-off between several male and female attendees (names withheld).



The Cha Cha Sliders

No palate went unserved, as a choice of entrée was provided including a vegetarian dish – eggplant rollatini. Thanks to John Jay special education teacher, Rena Finsmith, dessert – cannoli cake – finished off the evening’s meal.

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Celebrate (cont'd from page 1)

The soon to be retirees in attendance were Ceil Collopy, Paul Ibsen, Janet Forader, Mark Markowitz, and Ginger Langer. A special education teacher, Ceil has been employed with the district since 1976 and was surrounded by her Van Wyck colleagues. Paul, a social studies teacher, has been teaching for 31 years and was also toasted by his colleagues. Retiring with 10 years of service in WCSO, but with many more years of service is Janet who dined with fellow Brinkerhoff colleagues. Mark, aka Mr. Gatsby, has been teaching English in Wappingers for 30 years and enjoyed the evening with RCK



The Jubilant Retirees: Ginger, Ceil, Paul, Janet, and Mark

friends. Ginger, an elementary teacher, has been teaching since 1980. Ginger's Myers colleagues gathered to celebrate her retirement; however, making her evening even more special were the addition of her husband and parents. WCT President, Pasquale Delli Carpini presented each retiree with a watch as a remembrance.

As it was an evening of milestones, Pasquale also presented a certificate of achievement to Donna Takacs, a Van Wyck math teacher who has achieved 25 years of service. Congratulations, Donna! Also, noted were the newly tenured teachers, Stacy Lassi-Dampf, a foreign language teacher at JJ and WJHS, and Rena Finsmith, a special education teacher at John Jay High School. Anne Liebergot, a special education teacher at Van Wyck JHS was toasted for her recent achievement as a National Board Certified Teacher. The WCT boasts proudly of each important event and applauds all!

The evening was a success and as it came to a close the last stragglers (names withheld: JJ, RCK, WJHS) were reluctant to end their good time. For some of those revelers, the evening continued on to another venue!



Paul Ibsen, Pasquale Delli Carpini, Ceil Collopy, Janet Forader, Ginger Langer, Mark Markowitz

Many Thanks to the WCT Recognition Party Committee!

Rena Finsmith, Alyson McCarroll, Timothy Kermani, Diane DiChiara

Interested in being part of the 2010-2011 committee?

Contact Rena, Alyson, Tim, or Diane.

Congratulations 2009-2010 Retirees

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| Ann Barnes | Henry Johnson |
| Ceil Collopy | Ginger Langer |
| Ann Congedo | Michael Mostachetti |
| Janet Forader | Elizabeth MacNamee |
| Elinor Hemmer | Mark Markowitz |
| Paul Ibsen | John Ross |
| Peter Jenson – Moulton | Karen White |

Gauntlet 2010-2011: National Board Certification Myth Buster

By Diane DiChiara, NBCT Exceptional Needs Specialist 2003 Updated from Commentator May 15, 2009

Feel like you are in a teaching rut? Do you wonder why you do, what you do? Are you up for a rigorous, rewarding challenge? Interested in examining your teaching practice? These questions and more can be answered through the process of National Board Certification. Discuss the process with anyone who has experienced it and you will hear the words “rigorous,” “rewarding,” “reflective,” and “time-consuming.” Discuss the process with anyone who has not been through it and you will hear “cost,” “isolation,” and “like a Master’s.” These are some of the misconceptions about the certification and the process that need to be “busted.”

MYTH # 1: The National Board process will cost me \$2,500.00 and in this time of economic crisis, I can’t dole out that kind of money.

MYTH BUSTER: All candidates must submit a \$65.00 processing charge at the time of application. Then candidates submit a \$500.00 initial fee payment to receive the verification packet and portfolio materials. However, at this same time candidates submit a New York State Albert Shanker Grant application (<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/resteachers/albertshanker.htm>) and the federally-funded Candidate Fee Subsidy Program application. The Shanker Grant will pay the \$2,500.00 fee directly to National Board by December 31st and the Candidate Subsidy Program will reimburse the candidate \$500.00 once the portfolio and assessment center exercises are completed. Final cost to candidate: \$65.00. (At this time the candidates from 2009-2010 are still waiting for the \$500.00 reimbursement from NYS).

MYTH # 2: I have a Master’s Degree; National Board isn’t any different.

MYTH BUSTER: Many teachers have expressed disappointment in their various Master’s programs and felt that it was thousands

of dollars of “payment” for permanent NYS teacher certification. A Master’s program measures “how you learn;” the National Board process is about “how you teach.” As you select the lessons, the classes, and the areas to develop, it is professional development, your way. It is a process of growth through analysis and reflection.

MYTH # 3: National Board Certification is a lonely, isolated process without any support.

MYTH BUSTER: It can be, but only if you choose to go it alone. However, the most successful candidates choose to collaborate and work with colleagues by joining a candidate support group. Once working with colleagues the candidates must be willing to open up their work and pedagogy for others to inspect. They must allow others to look within their classroom both “virtually” through their writing and “technologically” through video of their classroom practice. I have made lifelong friends from my participation in a NYSUT Education and Learning Trust (ELT) support group (2002-2003) and new friends from my facilitation of a 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 ELT National Board Lab Classes. To learn more about joining a support group and receiving 45 hours of in-service credit look for the fall, 2010 ELT courses on the NYSUT website (http://www.nysut.org/cps/rde/xchg/nysut/hs.xml/elt_10600.htm).

MYTH #4: There isn’t any economic incentive for me to invest this huge amount of time into the process.

MYTH BUSTER: In many districts this is true; however, as a WCSD teacher there is an economic incentive. It is one of the best contractually negotiated benefits for National Board Certification in the state. Successful completion of the National Board process, plus that original \$65.00, and 200-400 hours (some candidates say more than 400 hours) of

time reaps the WCSD teacher an additional \$50,000.00 over 10 years. Furthermore, WCSD NBCTs mentor new teachers; thereby, earning either 45 in-service hours or receiving an additional \$1,000.00 per year. NBCTs who choose **not** to mentor will receive a yearly stipend of \$2,500.00. Spoiler Alert: While the financial incentive may be the initial impetus for many teachers, once knee-deep in the process, it is not unusual for it to be lost and to hear candidates say, “While the money got me into the process, I don’t even care about it now; I can’t believe how my teaching has changed” or “The money is secondary; I can’t believe I didn’t know, what I didn’t know!”



MYTH # 5: I did not achieve certification. I’m done; I’m not a good teacher.

MYTH BUSTER: You are not done. While all candidates desire to achieve certification after the first year, the process should be considered a one to three year endeavor. The candidate retakes only areas of unsuccessful achievement and the Shanker Grant will fund the retake of two entries. There are three types of writing involved in the entry process: descriptive, analytical, and reflective. For many candidates, the analytical and reflective writings are the most challenging and require the largest investment of time. As the assessors need to “see” into the candidate’s classroom and mind, the writing is the “key” to achievement. The only way to really know about National Board Certification is to go through the process. The certification process can, also, be used as a Professional Growth Plan for the 2010-2011 school year. So, why not make 2010-2011 the year you “throw down the gauntlet” and challenge yourself with the certification process?

National Board Certification: Better Teaching, Better Learning, Better Schools

Diane DeAngelis DiChiara
NBCT Exceptional Needs 2003

This year we congratulate Maryellen Bova (JJ), Ann Liebergot (VW), and Shahna Newton (JJ) as they achieved National Board Certification. With the addition of Ann, Maryellen, and Shahna, the WCSD now has ten NBCTs. There are four Exceptional Needs Specialists, three Middle Childhood Generalists, two English Language Arts, and one Mathematics NBCT.

These teachers, along with six other teachers from both WCSD and the surrounding school districts, **participated in NYSUT's ELT 45 hour National Board Lab Class.** The class met at John Jay High School over the course of seven months. During this time the teachers began a journey of introspection as they examined their practice and became aware of the implications of their teaching on **students' performance.** This dedicated group of teachers came together to form a professional learning community in which they critiqued each other's

classroom teaching through the viewing **of videos and evaluated each other's** writing about the practice of teaching. They devoted approximately 400 hours to the process to complete the four written entries (including two videos) and the assessment center exercises. Of the nine teachers in the course, five received certification, which is in line with National Board statistics. The four teachers who did not achieve certification are continuing with the process, which allows for retakes of low scoring entries for up to two additional years. (The Albert Shanker Grant provides additional monies for two retakes.)

The month of March is stressful. It is at this time that the final polishing of the writing is completed. Revision is key and each entry gets reworked several times to meet the specifications with regards to answering the questions and the number of pages submitted. For some it is next to impossible to hit the

delete button on the computer. For others it is next to impossible to know when to stop revising. For those who by nature are procrastinators the last few weeks become extremely painful.

It is important to mark the end of this rigorous process with a celebration. The specifications for putting the entries and documentation together are tedious and can be overwhelming to go through alone; therefore, the candidates came together for a **"packing party."** After a quick trip to the post office for the official mailing of **"the boxes"** a celebration of accomplishment and relief took place at a local restaurant. No matter what the outcome of the process, most candidates were glad that they went through it and that they went through it with a support system.

Is the National Board For Professional Teaching Standards Process for You?

Come to a National Board Information Session

John Jay High School, Room 128

Tuesday, May 11th

4:15 – 5:15

Your candidate journey can begin today!

Learn about Take One!, certificate areas, standards, core propositions, application process, grants, 15 hour in-service, and 45 hours in-service credit.

Please call Ronnie Dwyer at the WCT Office 227-5065 to reserve your spot.





Shahna Newton: 2010 NBCT English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

When asked about her experience, Shahna said, “The NBC process stripped away many of the crutches I had inadvertently developed over the years. It took me back to the basis of my feelings and approach to teaching along with the critical thinking of “why” along the entire process. Like any journey, I did hit my wall and feel that I could not analyze anymore, or examine any deeper, yet, by surviving under the many pressures, I have emerged with a philosophy and understanding of myself and my method of teaching that is neither reaction nor accident but, instead, pure choice.”

Ann Liebergot: NBCT 2010 Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood

Maryellen Bova: NBCT 2010 English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

When asked about the process, Ann said that “Although the process raises stress and anxiety levels, the personal and professional insight gained outweighs the sleepless nights and overwhelming feeling. I was asked if it was ‘worth it’ and my reply ‘Most definitely!’ ”

Maryellen expressed her feelings about students and teaching saying, “Every student that comes into my classroom I view as a unique gift with interest and talents to compliment the lessons. By getting to know my students I encourage their contribution and personal investment in their educational goals. My dream is for every student to discover who she/he is through creative expression and to embody her/his true self to be successful, empathetic, motivated humans and life-long learners. The NBPTS is a rigorous, rewarding process that encouraged me to reflect, adjust, and differentiate my lessons to meet the needs of each of my students and their unique learning styles, while bringing life and personal relevancy to the curriculum.”



Joanne Sereda and Shelby Outwater congratulate Ann and Maryellen at the monthly RA meeting. Both Maryellen and Ann are building representatives.

Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education

"I'm a big fan of National Board Certification. Our students listen to what we say, but they spend a lot more time watching what we do. When you see your best teachers continuing to learn and grow, and taking on things like National Board Certification, they're really walking the walk. And the difference that makes in our students' lives is extraordinary."
-May 2009

WCSD NBCTs**Brinckerhoff Elementary**

Tara Pearce: Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood
Virginia White: Generalist/Middle Childhood

Fishkill Elementary

Michelle Berry: Generalist/Middle Childhood
Kimberlee Mahusky: Generalist/Middle Childhood

John Jay High School

Maryellen Bova: English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood
Diane De Angelis Di Chiara: Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood
Shahna Newton: English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood
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Myers Corners Elementary

Teresa Brusco: Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood

Van Wyck Junior High School

Ann Liebergot: Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood

WCT Contract and National Board Certification**8.12 National Board Certification**

Unit members who achieve National Board Certification shall be paid an additional \$5,000 per year. Such unit members shall be required to serve as mentors and shall be compensated in accordance with Section 8.11 (see below). If a mentor assignment is available but is declined, the unit member shall be compensated at one-half the above rate. If no mentor assignment is available, the unit member shall receive the full rate. Travel time and distance to the mentor assignment shall be reasonable. This provision shall terminate should the requirements for National Board Certification be substantially diminished. Upon such termination, unit members enrolled in a program leading to National Board Certification may continue in the program and receive the stipend subject to the requirements set forth above.

8.11 Mentors of New Bargaining Unit Members

Bargaining unit members who serve as mentors shall have the option of receiving 45 clock hours of inservice credit or \$1,000 for 40 hours of mentoring. Unit members paid at or above B+60 or M+60 shall receive a stipend of \$1,000 for 40 hours of mentoring.

When a bargaining unit member mentors a new bargaining unit member assigned to another school, mileage reimbursement shall be paid to the mentor at the rate established by the Internal Revenue Service for traveling to the site of the new bargaining unit member.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: Take One! 2009-2010

by Diane D. DiChiara, NBC in Exceptional Needs 2003

The complete NBPTS process is rigorous and time-consuming. Several years ago, NBPTS implemented Take One! This process allows potential NB candidates to get a taste of the entire process by completing only one entry. The full process consists of four entries plus an assessment center part dedicated to pedagogy and practice. The Take One! candidates can have their achieving entry score banked and then if they decide to continue with the entire process they will only have three entries to complete and the assessment center.

This year Carol Tarby (JJ/math), Rena Finsmith (JJ/special education), Anne Seymour (Kiniry/physical education), and Linda Gilmartin (JJ/special education) completed the Take One! process. They participated in a WCSD in-service course and earned 15 hours of credit. These teachers came together in a seven-month course that developed into a professional learning community. As part of the group they critically evaluated each other's classroom teaching through the viewing of videotapes. The



opening of a teacher's classroom door to others is not easy, but as they got to know each other better they eagerly participated in the process

looking forward to not just the positive feedback, but the negative as well.

Another part of the process is critically reading each other's entries. Thanks to the Internet, entries were sent back and forth between candidates and comments were added to each entry. NB asks candidates to write in three different modes: descriptive, analytical, and reflective. The candidates'

comments ran the gamut from "What is the evidence?" to "How?" to "What is the impact on student learning?" For many candidates being able to complete the entry in the required number of pages was the most difficult part.

As the facilitator of the group, I did not know what to expect at the inception of the course. While facilitating this course, I was also facilitating NYSUT's ELT National Board Lab Class for candidates going through the complete NB process. If you are interested in taking on the challenge and becoming a National Board Certified Teacher in your content area, Take One! may be for you. The process is much less stressful as the candidate only completes one entry. Moreover, as a full candidate the following year, the candidate will already be familiar with the directions, content standards, 5 core propositions, and entries. Much of the decision between the two ways of completing

the process depends on personality. Therefore, if you are a person who tends to dive into a project with the end goal in close proximity then



Ready to Mail the Take One! Boxes Candidates at the

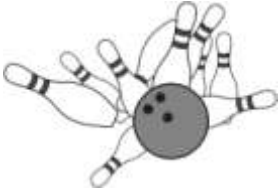
entire NB process may be for you. Whatever the decision, the candidate will find that the process is the best professional development around.

If you are interested in the Take One! process review it at http://www.nbpts.org/products_and_services/take_one1 or ask Carol, Rena, Anne, and Linda for their opinion.

At the end of the in-service course, the candidates met to assist each other in the packing of the "boxes." After a quick trip to the post office, the candidates celebrated their accomplishment with dinner at the Maya Café in Fishkill.

Winter Bowling League

By Ellen Korz



I'm not even sure how it started, but in the fall, Holiday Bowl on Route 9 in Wappingers decided to contact the surrounding school districts to start a

teachers' bowling league for the winter months. I

attended the first meeting as our representative along with reps from a few other districts. I was a bit intimidated at first because they seemed a little too serious for me, but I

thought, this could be fun and a morale booster. The group decided to up the ante from \$10 to \$12 for prize money at the end of the 12 weeks. We had a few basic teams, Ann Liebergot, Johanna Valente, Tina Schmitz, Donna Basile and friends, Mary Ann Moran, Lisa and Chris Barrie, Rosemarie Neckles and friend, Diane DiChiara, Sue Guerrette and family. Thanks to Jason Liebergot, many absentees each week were covered.

We did really have fun. There were lots of laughs about each other's skills and WCSO gossip. I even improved from an average of 90 to 100. Maybe I



Bowler Donna Basile

should take it up as a serious new career? The last meeting was a pizza party, on the house, and everyone got prize money. I thought mine was for most

improved, but my team had come in 4th place.

We are considering participating again next year, so look for the notice and come join us.



Bowlers: Ann Liebergot, Tina Valente, Ellen Korz, Johanna Valente

Weingarten Testifies on Central Role of Teachers

Dan Gursky, AFT Legislation Department
Reprinted from *AFT LeaderNet News* May 4, 2010

AFT president Randi Weingarten's busy day on Capitol Hill, which began with a morning press conference kicking off the union's "Pink Hearts, Not Pink Slips" campaign, continued in the afternoon with testimony before the House Education and Labor Committee on the importance of high-quality teachers and leaders in schools.

Weingarten brought with her an ample supply of pink heart pins for members of the committee to wear to show support for educators and concern about the possible layoff of scores of educators around the country before next fall. Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.), who chairs the committee, also spoke at the AFT's press conference. "I would hope Congress would respond by providing assistance to districts to forestall those layoffs," said Miller, who has introduced legislation that would provide \$23 billion to states to avoid layoffs and other cuts to education programs. Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) has introduced similar legislation in that chamber.

In addition to the pressing fiscal crisis, Weingarten's testimony focused on what teachers need in order to succeed. In April, Weingarten delivered similar testimony to the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

"It is often said that great teachers are not born, they are made. Despite the frequency with which this is said, our nation's approach to teacher quality suggests that we believe the converse is true—that great teachers are born fully prepared for the role," Weingarten said. "The truth of the matter is that good teaching is an art built upon a firm foundation. We must begin by making sure teachers receive good preparation in the schools that they attend."

Weingarten reiterated the AFT's call for more rigorous teacher evaluations and urged Congress to include in the reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act a pilot program to help school districts develop collaborative, transparent and fair teacher development and evaluation systems. "The goal of such a pilot is to develop more dynamic evaluation systems and learn from them," she said. "Instead of relying on inadequate measures like a single student test score, the goal must be to develop systems to help promising teachers improve, enable good teachers to become great, and identify those teachers who shouldn't be in the classroom at all."

She pointed to the New Haven public schools, which recently unveiled a new teacher development and evaluation system, as a model for other districts to follow. The New Haven model was developed through collaboration and the collective bargaining process, she pointed out.

Weingarten also urged the legislators to establish a discretionary grant program through ESEA for teacher centers that provide comprehensive professional development, information on research and curricula, and assistance for new and veteran teachers.

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From the Welfare Trust Fund

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

May 19, & June 16 from 2-6PM

Please call 227-5065 to schedule an appointment.

from the... WCT Welfare Trust Fund

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June 9 & 23

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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.

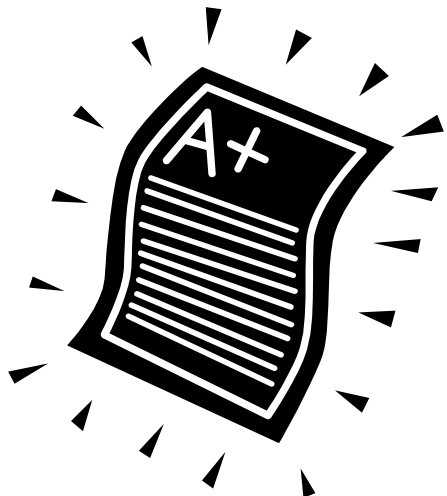
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