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The Wappingers Congress of Teachers is proud to announce a retiree reception to honor the 2006 retirees

Deborah Alexander
 Rosalynde Baker
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 John Calogero
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 Theresa Catapane
 Albert Cerilli
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 Carlo Picciotti
 Dominica Quackenbush
 Mary Quinn
 Camille Racioppo
 James Ranucci
 Pamela Seeger
 Marion Sharkey
 Diana Sucich
 Betsy Tripaldi
 Nancy Turner
 Greta Woo
 Judith Wright

Where: Holiday Inn, Fishkill
When: Friday, May 19, 2006
Music by: Anthony Nardone III aka
 Tony Flash
Cocktail Hour: 6PM-7PM
 (open bar)
Four-Course Dinner: 7PM
 (cash bar)

\$40 per person
***2006 retirees only - no charge**

Please send this portion to the
 WCT Office with a check made
 payable to the **WCT** by April
 21st.

Name: _____

School: _____

Attending _____

Dinner choice: (select 1)

Chicken Marsala: _____

Roast Prime Rib: _____

Salmon: _____

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**Countdown: # of days
left in the 05-06 school
year - 43**

Retiree: Marion Sharkey

Teacher – 34 years

I started teaching in 1963 in NYC. I taught third grade at that time. I came to Oak Grove in 1964, where I taught first and second grade. I stopped teaching in 1966 to raise my three children. During that time, I substituted in the elementary schools. When my youngest child entered Kindergarten, I began working part time at St. Georges School. I taught Kindergarten and first grade for three years. Following a return to college for a Master's Degree in Special Education, I spent 6 years at St. Francis in the Department of Communication Disorders. I set up the educational aspect of the then new preschool at Smith School in Poughkeepsie. I returned to Wappingers in 1987 to work at Kinry Road School in an SC1 class, setting up a pragmatic classroom model. I moved to Oak Grove in 1991 when Kinry Road School closed and I have been there since. So in all, I have 22 years in the district, but have almost 25 years in public school and 9 more in a private setting.

Aside from teaching in the classroom, I worked with gifted children in the old "Thrust" enrichment program. At that time, I was working with 5 and 6 graders in Oak Grove and Kinry Road schools.

I will definitely miss the daily dose of love and affection from the children. The hugs and kisses each day added a delightful "pick-me-up" to any day. I will miss the high that comes when a child discovers a competency, when a child masters a seemingly unattainable skill. I will miss the joy of discovery as a child learns a new concept. I will also miss my colleagues. They have been more than co-workers; they have been friends and "family." The bonds that teachers make with each other are very special.

The things that I will miss the least include, "Professional

Development" days during which many seemingly irrelevant topics are rehashed over and over in small and large groups with no specifically understood purpose. Also, I will not miss the overabundance of paper that comes across my desk, and so called new approaches that are really exercises in "re-inventing the wheel."

My plans for the future include visiting my children and enjoying my grandchildren. Maybe some trips and travel and perhaps a new venture in early intervention services for toddlers and preschool children.



Do You Have Private School Service?

We would like to know.

Please return this form to the WCT Office.

Name: _____

School: _____

of years of private school service: _____

WCSD Factoid:

Nothing can go in your personnel folder without your signature. It doesn't matter if it is a glowing letter from a parent, an observation, or a disciplinary letter.

Dates to Know:

Remaining 2006 Board Meetings

April: 25th

May: 8th & 22nd

June: 12th & 26th

July: 10th

May 13 - Community Picnic

May 19 - Retiree Dinner

May 29 - Memorial Day

WCT Shirts

Shirt forms available online at...

<http://nysut.org/wappingers/shirtform.pdf>

2006 Pay

Dates:

May 5th

May 19th

June 2nd

June 16th

June 23rd

FYI: Hemmingway Scholarship

Pam Taylor, a former first grade teacher at Myers, is initiating a scholarship in her parents' memory who recently passed away. Her dad was our former superintendent and her mom was an elementary teacher. This will be a one-time award given to a John Jay or Ketcham graduating senior. If you would like to contribute to this scholarship, please make your checks out to *Pam Taylor*, and send them to Alice Baker at the WCT Office.

MEMBERS' CLASSIFIED ADS

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