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## A WTA Newsletter

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## President's Message



Welcome back. The summer seemed to fly right by and now we are already into our third week of school. So far I have had a great start to the school year and I hope you have as well. The **Wayne Central Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Team** is also off to the races. This year we purchased 65 team T-shirts, last year we purchased about 15. The T-shirts should arrive in a week or two and will be delivered to your building. Of course you don't need to purchase a T-shirt to participate and we aren't limited to people who work for Wayne Central. I encourage you to bring family members and

friends to Frontier Field on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations go out to the middle school staff, who are leading the charge with the greatest amount of team members for a building. Registration starts at 9AM and the walk (it's not a race) begins at 10AM. Information as to where we are going to meet before the event for our team picture and gather together for the walk will be circulated as we get closer to October 5<sup>th</sup>.

During the summer the WTA set and approved four goals for this year.

1. *Building Reps promote and maintain communica-*

*tion with*

*constituents;*

2. *Building Reps promote and maintain communication with principals;*

3. *Promote involvement in WTA committees and functions;*

4. *Promote development and training of WTA Leadership.*

We are also in the process of creating a series of brochures that are designed to help members understand the contract and various procedures and policies, as well as further increase understanding of our APPR.

Good luck this year,

Jason Carter



## About NEA Valuebuilder

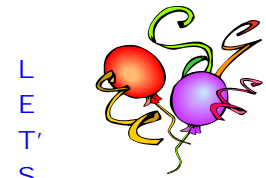
The NEA Valuebuilder Program is a union member benefit designed to help NEA members prepare for their financial future. Whether you need the assistance of a knowledgeable NEA Valuebuilder representative or prefer do-it-yourself retirement investing, the NEA Valuebuilder Program may be just what you need to help you meet your personal investing needs ([www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org) see member

benefits section). Locally, our representatives for this benefit are Mike Kramer and Mark Fitch (the cookie guys), with the Legend Group. They are available to answer any of your investing questions whether you choose to participate in the NEA Valuebuilder program or not.

They will be in each building located in the faculty lounge (with Savoia Bakery cookies) according to the fol-

lowing schedule:  
Wed. Sept. 17 @ Freewill  
Mon. Sept. 22 @ OE  
Tues. Sept. 23 @ OP  
Mon. Sept. 29 @ MS  
Wed. Oct. 1 @ HS

Otherwise, please feel free to contact them at your convenience at The Legend Group located at 1425 Jefferson Rd. Rochester, NY 14623.  
(585) 272-8470  
Toll Free: (800) 316-3873  
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### CELEBRATE !

**Summer love at the MS and OP!**

**Congratulations go out to:** Tara Fisher who is now Tara Mateo—married in August to Cat Mateo!

Scott Partridge who married a former WCSD employee Melanie Stevenson in August.

Erin O'Brien who became engaged August 8th to Tim Lincoln.

Kevin Shoemaker married an Angel this summer!

(OP) Brenda Drexler who married Joe Baleno this summer!

**And it was a good summer for babies too! Give a warm welcome to these family editions:**

(OE) Baby girl Ella arrived in July to Josh Schlageter and his wife!

(MS) Rae Jagoda had baby girl Kenzy in June!

(HS) Julie Schwartz is proud of her new baby boy, Nathan born in August.

(HS / FE) Grace Elizabeth lived up to her name for John and Tiffany Cotsonas on August 21st!

(HS) Cheryl and Paulie Raleigh welcomed their baby boy Paul Owen on June 12th.

# The 3 R's: Remarks, Reminders, and Relief!

**WTA 3rd Thursday** September 18th! Have we got info for you—oh yeah and DONUTS 1st come -1st served!



**Issues currently being discussed / explored:**

- Reworking of the WTA Citizenship Awards

**Issues acted upon/resolved:**

**Dates to Remember:**

**September 26**, Friday—Lee White's Retirement Party! RSVP by the 23rd to Lyn Young

**October 5th**, Sunday—Making Strides Walk (save the date).

**October 6th, Monday**—Rep council mtg @OE

**Rule of thumb #50:** "Celebrate success along the way— as each step is an important step!"

<http://www.wayneta.org/webmail> is great way to stay current and in touch with your union brothers and sisters this summer! User ID's are the same as your WCSD user name with @wayneta.org and passwords are NYSUT member ID #'s.

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## Congratulations!

Tenure is a permanent status granted to an employee after completing a probationary period. Tenure is definitely something to be proud of! We celebrate and congratulate our newly tenured staff—they have worked hard to prove themselves.

Certificates were granted on the first day of the 2008-09 school year to the following staff:

- Janis Becker -Science
- Lisa Clemons -K-6 Elementary Educat
- John Cotsonas -Physical Education
- Michele Farley -Special Education
- Jaime Gallo—Special Education
- Lois Harris—Teaching Assistant
- Janiece Jackman—Foreign Language
- Justin Marino - Social Studies
- Anna McGrath -Science
- Jennifer Saul Agnitti—English

- Julie Schwartz—School Counseling
- Kristina Stiles—Special Edtion
- Jeffrey Ugine - Science

We also welcome our new staff. With new staff comes new ideas, perhaps a fresh approach, a different experience or perspective, and a chance to help our brothers and sisters succeed in a new career. Lets give a warm welcome to our newcomers and congratulate them for coming aboard:

- At OP:**
- Ashley Aman—Elementary EducationAnn
  - Marie Evans -Elementary Education
  - Cassandra Witkowski—Kindergarten
  - Timothy Burlee -Physical Education
  - Donna Rizzo—Elementary Education (0.5)
- at OE:**
- Melissa Cook -School Psychologist
  - Betsey Irvine—Special Education

- at FE:**
- Meghan Francis—Special Education
- at MS:**
- Christine Ferry -Math
  - Miles Lewis -Math
  - Cassie Denniston - Special Education-
  - Joshua Klem—Technology
  - Jacqueline Sardone—English
- at HS:**
- Sarah Francis—Internship Coordinato
  - Scott Bradley—Internship Coordinator
  - Matthew Angell—Math
  - Valerie Tobin—Science
  - Paula Ashley—Special Education

Let's make it a great year together as we put students first and strive for excellence for all!

## Remembering the Corporate Challenge !



# Look at what's available to you!

Through your membership in NYSUT, you have access to a variety of programs and services endorsed by NYSUT Member Benefits Trust. Every endorsed program is monitored on a regular basis for participation, member satisfaction, utilization and product competitiveness.

<p><b>Insurance plans</b> include term life, catastrophe major medical, disability, auto, home, boat, personal excess liability, long-term care, WrapPlan term life insurance coordination plan, accidental death &amp; dismemberment, vision, and retiree dental.</p>	<p><b>Financial and legal services</b> include online banking, mortgage services, credit monitoring service, consumer credit counseling services, and a legal service plan.</p>
<p><b>Discounts</b> include OfficeMax, Bose, Dell Computers, Barnes &amp; Noble.com, Working Advantage (discount tickets and more), Lifeline Medical Alert Service, car and truck rentals, Six Flags, The Buyer's Edge Buying Service, and HEAT USA. Be sure to check the Member Benefits Web site, <a href="http://www.memberbenefits.nysut.org">www.memberbenefits.nysut.org</a>, for particulars on these discounts, because some you can only receive by linking off the Member Benefits site. Many have unique ID numbers.</p>	<p><b>Other services</b> include MAP (Member Assistance Program), an e-mail information service; payroll and pension deduction of Member Benefits-endorsed programs, which often yield reduced premiums or additional coverage; Consumer's Guides on Automobile Insurance, Homeowners and Renters Insurance, Legal Services, Long-Term Care Insurance, Long-Term Disability Insurance and 403(b) Plans; and MetDESK (Division of Estate Planning for Special Kids).</p>
<p><b>Workshops include</b> Defensive Driving, Identity Theft, and Unraveling the Mysteries of Credit and Credit Reports. Workshops are scheduled by your local president, chapter leader, retiree council leader or retiree chapter leader.</p>	

To request more information, call Member Benefits at (800) 626-8101, e-mail [benefits@nysutmail.org](mailto:benefits@nysutmail.org), or visit [www.memberbenefits.nysut.org](http://www.memberbenefits.nysut.org).

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