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## A WTA Newsletter

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## President's Message



Thanks go out to all of the people who walked on October 5<sup>th</sup> in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Frontier field. This year's team consisting of Wayne Central staff and their families, students, and community members raised several thousand dollars for the American Cancer Society. We had a great turnout at the event with approximately 75 people in our team photo. To view photos of the event please go to the WTA webpage and visit the "events" section. As a reminder, all employees are eligible for a 1/2 paid sick day to get either a breast or prostate cancer screening. The

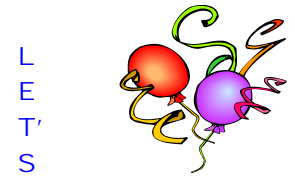
American Cancer Society recommends the following breast cancer screening guidelines: Yearly mammograms are recommended starting at age 40 and continuing for as long as a woman is in good health. A breast exam by a doctor or nurse should be part of a periodic health exam, about every three years for women in their 20s and 30s and every year for women 40 and older.

At the October Rep Council meeting the WTA committee members were approved for the 2008-2009 school year. These committees play an important role

in the WTA organization ranging from the charitable work of the Weisenreder Committee, to the educational lobbying of the Political Action/VOTE COPE committee.

Currently the Audit Committee is in need of a few more members. This committee will meet once in November to perform an audit of WTA finances of the previous fiscal year. Please step up and join this committee. You may express your interest by contacting Barb Thiele (WTA Internal VP) directly.

Jason Carter



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CELEBRATE !

**Congratulations go out to:** all those who contributed to the success of the WCSD / WTA Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Approximately 75 people walked! Online sponsorship raised \$885. Several thousand dollars more was raised as several participants expressed interest in becoming "Pacesetters!" in their fundraising efforts.

### Give a warm welcome to these family editions:

Carrie St Pierre ( FE) was blessed with the birth of their baby girl, Olivia May, born September 9th.

Jen Piede's (MS) newest daughter Sophia Grace arrived this morning!

John and Tracy Watson (OP) had a beautiful baby girl, McKenna, on September 13th.

Melanie Blaisdell, (OP) married Harry Gibbs on October 11th.

## WTA / NYSUT Congratulates Recent Retirees

On Thursday, October 9th, the Wayne Central School Board conducted their annual retiree recognition at the regularly scheduled school board meeting and WTA was there to back it up! This year, as members of NYSUT, we were able to honor our retirees by presenting them with

an official NYSUT service recognition certificate and a retirement pin! How nice to see Pat, Judy, Cathy and Linda again. It was reported

that Lee White is already in Florida! She and Nancy Domm were definitely missed. To see and hear the pride and respect our district

administrators and school board members have for our teachers as they read the personal proclamations for each of them was quite empowering.



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

## WTA 3rd Thursday -

**October 16th! DONUTS**

Congrats to FE for earning a 2nd dozen for increased attendance!

Topic: Sick Days & Cancer Screenings



### Issues currently being discussed / explored:

- Spring Break Coalition re: Monroe county spring break schedule
- Building access
- Inclusion coordination pay and summer pay rates.
- RTI training

### Issues acted upon/resolved:

- Bereavement and sick bank for part

time staff.

**Rule of thumb #51:** Who makes a Union strong? You do by your commitment, involvement, professionalism, and activism in solidarity with each other.”

### Dates to Remember:

**October 17th**—Teacher Appreciation/Senior Football Game.

**October 20—24th** - NY School Board Recognition Week

**October 29th**—NYSUT Regional meeting @ RIT Inn & Conference Center

**October 30th**—Seniority list to be posted—45 days to express concerns

**November 3rd, Monday**—Rep Council meeting @MS

**www.wayneta.org** Check out this new posting of the Presidential Candidates’ Platforms on Education, a political brief put together by Washington Partners LLC based on information collected from the candidates’ public statements, campaign Web sites, and their respective parties’ political party platforms.

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## WTA Committees and You!

WTA currently has 12 annual committees. Standing Committees are formed for several reasons. Some are required and have guidelines they must follow such as the Audit Committee which is required to conduct an annual internal audit of our WTA accounting practices as required by NYSUT. Some are contractual for the purpose of keeping the actual union operating as it should—such as Nominations, Constitution, Board of Education, and Communication committees. Some are to serve our school community such as Student Recognition, Scholarship, and Weisenreider committees. Then of course there is the Political Action committee that keeps our voices heard and monitors issues at the local, state, and national levels. And finally there is the good of the order—

keeping us all happy as one big family through the American Education, Teacher Recognition, and Social committees.

The work of these committees both depends on you as well as supports you. You are the union. Every building should have at least one representative for each committee. More members are always welcome. This year we thank and recognize our committee chairpersons who have graciously volunteered so far:

1. Social Committee: Lori Dow (OP)
2. Weisenreder / Community Outreach: Marty Hanely (FE)
3. Student Recognition: Gwen Hoffman (HS)
4. Constitution : Jason Carter (FE)
5. Nominations : Jason Carter ( FE)

6. Political Action: Tom Siembor (HS)
7. Audit: Kathy Uerz (OE)
8. Communication/Newsletter: Beth Peters (FE)

BOE Liaison , Scholarship, American Education Week, and Teacher Recognition committees still need chairpersons to coordinate each committee’s activity. Audit committee has some immediate work to do and is still looking for representation from FE and the MS. You do not need to be a math expert and you can see exactly how WTA funds are spent and accounted for!

Please contact your building rep or an officer to find out more about the work of these committees and how you can help! As they say in the union, “We are stronger together.”

## WCSD and WTA Make Strides !

Team Becker get’s down—  
18 walkers strong!



On the move—to cure Breast Cancer!

