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President's Message



I realize that this is probably beginning to sound like a scratched record or CD, or for the younger generation an mp3 file that skips, on March 9th the Wayne Central School District will have 2 referendums up for your consideration: A Building Project Proposal and a Wind Turbine Proposal. As you know the WTA has not taken a position for or against, but is engaging in a campaign to educate the public on various aspects of the proposal. Thanks to the hard work of our WTA Building Project Committee we will be sending out a mailing sometime early next week.

As part of the process of preparing mailing labels for the mailing I went through the sign in list of people who voted in the May 2009 budget vote. Unfortunately, if the Wayne

Central Staff was to be given a grade on people who were eligible to vote in Wayne CSD and actually voted, as a staff we would be given a failing grade. **This is a crucial referendum that will affect all Wayne CSD employees and it is important for you to take the time to educate yourself on the proposal and vote accordingly.**

Who is eligible to vote? Anyone who is a resident of the Wayne Central School District at least 30 days prior to the election, is at least 18 years of age, and a US citizen can vote regarding this district referendum. It is also important to note that you do NOT need to be registered to vote in (town, state, federal) elections in order to participate in this school vote. You may also obtain an absentee ballot for you or eligible family mem-

bers via the Wayne CSD website or by visiting the WCSD District Office.

In order to become more educated on the proposals please visit either the WTA or Wayne CSD website, as well as attend the informal question and answer session hosted by Wayne CSD on March 6 from 10 AM to 12 PM in the HS cafeteria. Refreshments will be served by Wayne CSD.

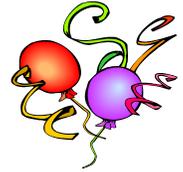
The WTA is once again conducting a food drive to support our local food pantries on vote day. Please bring your food donations with you when you vote. A collection table will be located at the HS near the voting booths. If you are not eligible to vote, your donations can be left in the faculty room of your building.

Jason Carter

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LET'S
CELEBRATE!



Congratulations to:

HS: Clare Morgan and Georgia LoCicero for support and coaching of the Science Olympiad Club who have brought home 3 medals and the small schools award!

MS:

OE:

OP: Betsy Hennessy, was honored at a NYSUT reception January 30 for those area teachers receiving their National Board Certification in December.



FE:



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

WTA 10 Minute Meeting:
Thursday February 25th! DONUTS—need I say more. . . .



Issues currently being discussed / explored:

- Video surveillance camera concerns
- Global compliance reminders
- Team leaders and pay equity K-5

Issues acted upon/resolved:

- Personal Day use issue
- Tech Wars
- Building project proposal

Rule of thumb #61: "Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy." Sir Issac Newton

Dates to Remember:

- **Friday, Feb. 26th**—Proposed amendments to the NYSUT Constitution or Bylaws must be received by 5 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 2nd**—Mike Kramer and Mark Fitch form the Legend group will be at the HS.
- **Tuesday, March 9th**—WCSD Capitol Development and Windmill proposition vote.
- **March 15 & 16th**—NYSUT's

Committee of 100 Lobby Day.

- **April 15th**—7th annual WCSD Family Feud!
- **Saturday, May 2nd**—Alle Shea Walk-n-Wheel for Better Bones!

Stay Up-to-Date! Check out:

www.wayneta.org/webmail ID is your WCSD user name @wayneta.org, password is your NYSUT member ID.

And don't forget

www.nysut.org



NYS Retired Teachers' Association Education Grants

The Central Western Zone of the NYSTRA is pleased to be able to offer grants again this year to full time employees possessing a Bachelor's degree who are pursuing advanced study in an educational field or seeking the next level of certification.

These grants, known as the **Barrie Fleegel Memorial Active Educator Grant** start at \$100. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited program of study during the spring, summer or fall semester of 2010. All application materials must be post-marked no later than April 15th,

2010. Application forms and criteria are available at <http://www.cwzretiredteachers.com>. Copies of the application form and additional information will be made available shortly through your building reps.



WTA members were there on February 11th to welcome Renee Garrett as she was sworn in as our new Superintendent to begin officially in July of this year! In her public address she stated, "I look forward to your honest and open feedback." as she acknowledged the leadership at both district and

building levels and the dedication of the WCSD staff as well as the supportive community. Over the next few months she will be in a transition phase and expects to be making the rounds to each of our buildings. In closing she

stated, "I'm excited about becoming a part of something truly special, known as Wayne."

