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## President's Message

### School Budget Vote

Don't forget to vote on your local district's school budget TODAY - Tuesday, May 18. Once again the WTA is sponsoring a Food Drive during the Budget Vote. Please bring non-perishable items and leave them on the table set up at the High School near the voting booths or with your reps in your building if you are not eligible to vote.

### Pink Hearts, Not Pink Slips!

The WTA is participating in the AFT's Pink Hearts, Not Pink Slips campaign. In your mailbox you will find a pink heart button and flyer about the AFT's Pink Hearts, Not Pink Slips national campaign. We ask all members to stand together in solidarity by **wearing the button beginning on budget vote**

**day, Tuesday, May 18th, in support of the estimated 300,000 educators who may lose their jobs** by the end of this school year. Please continue to wear your button the rest of the school year.

### VOTE COPE

This year's VOTE COPE drive is already underway! Educational issues are at the forefront of the legislative agenda both locally and nationally therefore we ask all members to donate at least \$1 per pay check to VOTE COPE. These funds allow NYSUT to advocate politically on your behalf. VOTE COPE donations are 100% voluntary, which is why it is so **important for you to donate.**

Facing huge cut backs in funding for education from

Albany and D.C., including potential changes to tenure, your support is needed now more than ever. We want NYSUT at every table, in every conversation, advocating on our behalf! Your \$1 a paycheck is strongly needed, not just statewide but locally. Remember 20¢ of every WTA dollar donated comes back directly to WTA and we can apply for an additional 20¢ per dollar for our own local advocacy efforts—which we may wish to access during the negotiation year.

Sincerely,  
Jason Carter

## Pink Hearts, Not Pink Slips

Pink Hearts not Pink Slips  
<http://www.aft.org/fight4america/pinkhearts/index.cfm>

## Family Feud and Wheels for Wiesenreder

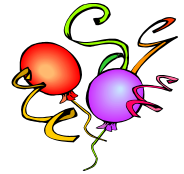
Thanks to all who helped out with the Family Feud basketball game that was held on April 15th at the HS. The event raised over \$375 to help support our WTA Scholarship Fund. Every year the WTA gives (2) \$500 scholarships to

students who would like to have a career as an educator. During half time Barb Thiele won the 50/50 raffle, which she donated the money she earned back to the scholarship fund. Thanks Barb.

Next up for the WTA is the Wheels for Wiesenreder bike ride on Saturday, June 12. Money raised from this event will be used to support our Wiesenreder Fund, which helps families in need in the Wayne Central School District.

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### CELEBRATE !

#### Congratulations to:

**HS/FE:** Tiffany and John Cotsonas who welcomed Grant Hudson Cotsonas into the world on 4/08!

**HS:** Tracy DonVito/Cipro who gave birth to a beautiful little bundle Sofia Aubrey Cipro on April 14th.

**MS** - Welcomes some new family editions too!

Molly VanOrman (science teacher school) gave birth to Mason Matthew on 4/4.

Joanna Schoff (Spanish teacher), gave birth to Hayden James on 4/5.

**OE:** Lots of news finally!!!! Jim Herendeen became a grandpa!

Chelsea Eaton received her Masters in Elementary Literacy.

Lisa Simpson, Holly Wright, and Betsey Irvine were granted tenure. They are doing a lot right over there!

**DO:** Congratulations to Dr. Tina L. Smith-Cieplinski, Ed.D. who received her doctorate this past weekend in the field of Educational Leadership/Decision Making.

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

## WTA 10 Minute Meeting:

**Thursday May 27th**—

WTA elections day—cast your ballot and have a donut!



## Issues currently being discussed / explored:

- Team leaders - pay equity K-5
- Monitoring school budget development
- July / August health insurance for non-returning members.

## Dates to Remember:

**WCSD District Budget Vote**—today!

**Saturday, May 22nd**—Alle Shea Walk-

n-Wheel for Better Bones! Register at

[www.oif.org/rochesterwalk10](http://www.oif.org/rochesterwalk10)

**Thursday, June 3rd**—Corporate Challenge -Go Team Wayne! Register at

[https://register.jpmorganchasecc.com/chasecc/jp\\_reg.tcl?id=41434](https://register.jpmorganchasecc.com/chasecc/jp_reg.tcl?id=41434)

**Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>** (rain date Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>) Wheels for Weisenreider WTA fund ride—get your ride on! WTA fundraising goal is \$50.00 per person to benefit our community!

**Friday, June 11th**—WCSD Golf Tournament - get your foursome registered by May28th—contact Martha Hanley.

**Rule of thumb #62:** "VOTE –COPE is always a good investment and your best protection regarding issues that effect your life."

**Call to Action:** NYSUT members are calling toll-free 1-877-255-9417 to reject a bill (S.7678/A.10928) that would lift the cap on charter schools without enacting any necessary reforms. **Stay Up-to-Date!** Check out: [www.wayneta.org/webmail](http://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](http://www.nysut.org)

## WTA Building Level Elections

On Thursday, May 27 you will be electing your building level representation for the next 2 school years. Each building will be voting for their specified number of Building Reps and a single Negotiator. This will be an active year for negotiators as we look to build our new contract. Keep in mind that your Building reps should meet with your administrators on a regular basis advocating for you needs and working to elevate tensions before they turn into larger problems.

The slate of candidates is as follows:

Freewill Elementary

**Building Rep (2):** Tami Adams-King, Cathy Crable, Sarah Lohr

**Negotiator (1):** Nicole Deniston  
Ontario Primary

**Building Rep (2):** Dawn Chelini, Cindy Coomber

**Negotiator (1):** Kim LaFave  
Ontario Elementary

**Building Rep (2):** Carla Herbst, Katie Mangos, Kathy Uerz

**Negotiator(1):** Patty Dombroski, Michele Farley, Dawn Pressimone  
Middle School

**Building Rep (3):** Jennifer Cotton, Erin Lincoln, Jenny Wing

**Negotiator (1):** Brett Bastian, Jay Gauthier  
High School

**Building Rep (4):** Brian Grayson, Jackie Leszyk, Jay Marino, Kristina Stiles, Rebecca Walzer

**Negotiator (1):** Jacquelyn Courtney, Alan Eagle, Liz Waring.

## Notice Regarding Agency Fee Payers

Agency Fee Payers are any staff members who declare in writing their objection to any expenditure made by the local or its affiliates (NYSUT/NEA) for activities or causes of political or ideological nature only incidentally related to the terms and conditions of employment. Parties wishing to pursue this must declare in writing their objection and wish to become an Agency Fee Payer during the time period of June 1st to July 1st, 2010.

You may request to review a copy of the NYSUT and NEA Consolidated Schedule of Expenses and Allocation Between Chargeable and Non-chargeable Expenses for the year ending August 31, 2009 by emailing [WTAPresident@wayneta.org](mailto:WTAPresident@wayneta.org)

Please note that by choosing to become an Agency Fee Payer you still pay dues however you lose the following rights:

- \* Membership in WTA
- \* Ability to attend any WTA meetings
- \* Ability to vote or give input into WTA changes or the creation of a new WTA contract
- \* Eligibility to hold or run for any offices in WTA or serve on any WTA committees