President’s Message

Evelyn Paola

“To everything, there is a season, and a time for every purpose under Heaven…A time to keep and a time to throw away…A time to be silent and a time to speak…” Ecclesiastes 3:1

After many years as President of WERTA, and prior to that as President of NORTH NASSAU RTA, my “TIME” has come to step down, and pass the torch to another.

I joined the North Nassau Retired Teachers at the invitation of Marjorie Williams, thus beginning a very enjoyable phase of my retirement. During the years, I have been fortunate to encounter and work with many dedicated teachers—first as three separate units—South Nassau RTA, North Nassau RTA, Western Suffolk RTA—then merged into WERTA. It has been a pleasure to be part of the “Adventure”.

Numerous challenges presented themselves as we moved forward. However, with the commitment and cooperation of all, they were met and resolved. WERTA has grown to be a successful organization. I will “KEEP” all these happy memories. I will treasure the wonderful friendships forged over the years. My deepest thanks to all who have joined me as Officers, Executive Boards, and Committee Chairs, as well as faithful active members. Their loyalty and support “SPEAK” volumes.

My best wishes to Emily Caristo who will become your President. She will bring a fresh, new outlook to WERTA. As for me!...To quote the words of the poet Virgil…

“For san et haec olim meminisse iuvabit”

“Perhaps I shall be glad to remember these things in the future “

Fall Spectacular Event

Emily Caristo

Amish Country Cooking Tour with lunch at the Plain and Fancy Restaurant

Save the date: September 12, 2017

Spring is here, and we welcome all the new beginnings. This year our “new” fall spectacular event takes us to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, home of the Amish Country Cooking Tour.

On Tuesday, September 12, 2017, WERTA will be presenting a day of unusual and delicious culinary delights. We will begin our day at the Plain and Fancy Restaurant for a bizarre food demonstration and receive an autographed Amish Cookbook. This event will be followed by a family-style Amish luncheon. After, we will meet with our guide for a tour of the Intercourse Canning Company, Bird-in-Hand Bake Shop and Annie & Eli’s Roadside Farm Stand and enjoy the scenic countryside landscape along the way.

The bus trip will be sponsored by Prime Time Travel for a cost of $109.00, which includes a $5.00 donation to our Scholarship Fund. There is an optional $17.00 Medical Insurance fee for those who request it. Pick up points will be provided from Suffolk County to New Hyde Park. Reservations will be made on a first come, first serve basis. Checks should be made payable to Prime Time Travel and can be brought to our June meeting or mailed to Emily Caristo, 158 Berkeley Place, Massapequa, New York 11758.

Direct your questions to Emily at (516) 721-7036 or (516) 882-0401. Hope you will join us.

Election of WERTA Officers

June 13, 2017

The election of the WERTA officers will take place on June 13, 2017 at the Scholarship Luncheon. The slate is as follows:

President: Emily Caristo
Secretary: Josephine Ferranti
Vice President: Not filled as of yet
Treasurer: Candy Misner

Installation of the newly elected officers will follow.
Scholarship Luncheon
Please join us for our luncheon at Guy Anthony's
2208 Jerusalem Avenue, North Merrick, NY (516) 221-5555

Date: June 13, 2017  Gathering time: 11:30 A.M.  Cost: $30 per person

Appetizer: Zucchini and Mozzarella Sticks and Focaccia Breads
Pasta: Pomodoro Sauce, or Oil and Garlic  Salad: Three Leaf House Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette
Entrée Choice of: Chicken Marsala; Sliced Roast Pork; Eggplant Rollatine; or Grilled Salmon Bruschetta.
Dessert Choice of: Tiramisu; Lemon Sorbet; or Ice Cream Parfait
Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Decaf, and Soda  Cash Bar available

DIRECTIONS: From the West: Southern State Pkwy to Exit 24-N - Merrick Avenue. Proceed to Jerusalem Avenue. At the light, make a right turn onto Jerusalem Ave.- follow to Guy Anthony’s. Turn right onto Powell Ave for the parking lot. From The East: Southern State Pkwy to Exit 25 S - Route 106. Proceed to the first light-Jerusalem Avenue. One block past the next light is Guy Anthony’s on the left. Turn left onto Powell Ave. for the parking lot.

Please send reservations and check for $30 per person payable to WERTA to:
Candy Misner, 694 Seaman Avenue, Baldwin N.Y. 11510 by June 5, 2017