PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE – KATHRYN GRANDE

Hopefully, you are all enjoying your summer vacations. Enjoy this time with your families and friends. Try to encourage them to join NYSRTA, if they were teachers or administrators. We need to increase our membership, as it is vital to NYSRTA. Unfortunately, many of our members have passed away. Our most recent loss was our long time member Helen Brion. Helen was our Bylaws Chair for many years. She will truly be missed. Please notify us, if you know someone who has passed away.

We are continuing with our Community Service Project of collecting clipped manufacturer’s coupons to be sent to military families at overseas bases.

The LIZ May Luncheon was held at the Irish Coffee Pub in East Islip. Our guest speaker was Amy Zaslansky. She is a representative of the Book Fairies, a non-profit charity that collects and distributes books to underprivileged children and adults across Metropolitan New York. This is another one of our Community Service Projects. Many of our members brought books to the luncheon and the Executive Board voted to donate $100 dollars to the Book Fairies.

We continue to work for our State Legislative Priorities: Minimum Pension Bump-Up and Improved Pension Cola. Our Federal Legislative Priorities are: Negotiation of Covered Medicare Part D covered drugs, Strengthening Social Security and Medicare Trust Fund and Observation vs. Inpatient for coverage under Medicare. You may see the details on the Website, (nysrta.org) and in the last LIZ Spring Newsletter. I am still waiting for our Legislative Advocates to send in their response sheets from their Legislators.

The NYSRTA Annual Convention will be held on October 30th to November 1st at the Turning Stone Casino and Resort in Verona, NY. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT! If you have to cancel your reservation, you must call the hotel before October 20th. You can cancel the room but you will be charged for the food. If you are sharing a room and your roommate cancels, you will have to pay the single room rate. If you are interested in being a delegate, please call me at 516-922-6747, as soon as possible.

Please read what is happening with WERTA and EERTA. Please attend their functions. Thank you to Evelyn Paola, President of WERTA and Fred Conway, President of EERTA for all you have both done during your term of office.

My term of office will be up this year. I have certainly enjoyed working with all of you and would like to thank all the chairpersons for their work and devotion to LIZ and NYSRTA. It has been a great experience, privilege and honor for me to represent the Long Island Zone. Please continue to work for the betterment of our organization and keep trying to bring in new members. You know how important that is. Again, thank you all for what you have done.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Fall Luncheon Meeting. It will be held at the Irish Coffee Pub in East Islip on Wednesday, September 27th. We will be presenting our Distinguished Service “Silver Tray” Award.

VOTE “NO” FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017
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LIZ 2017-2018 Calendar

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As a service project Long Island Zone members have been collecting clipped coupons for military families. Marc Nagelberg’s efforts in forwarding the coupons to the distributor is greatly appreciated! Our other project has been collecting gently used books for The Book Fairies for distribution to needy children and organizations. Thank you to all who were involved with this project and brought books to the meetings. We will be continuing these projects in the 2017-18 year and we welcome additional suggestions for other ways to get involved in helping our communities, veterans, animals, schools and other causes. If you have an idea, share it with a LIZ board member!

Public Relations –Eileen Holmes

The Long Island Zone held a lovely Spring Meeting/Luncheon at the Irish Coffee Pub in Islip on May 17th. The slate of officers for 2017-18 was announced: Fred Conway, President, Evelyn Paola and Eileen Holmes, Co-Vice Presidents, Emily Caristo, Secretary and Dominick LiCausi, Treasurer. This slate will be voted on at the September luncheon and take office in November. Our wonderful guest speaker, Amy Zaslansky, impressed everyone with her inspiring story of founding "Long Island: Book Fairies". Amy detailed the work she and her helpers have done to spread the love and skills of reading to thousands of children, teens and adults. With donated books and magazines, some of their projects include holding 'free' book fairs, placing books in hospitals, food pantries, train stations, correctional institutions and community centers, and sending books overseas. They also run a warehouse in Freeport where teachers can visit on weekends and take whatever books they need for their classrooms or projects. Thanks to all the members who brought books to donate and a special thanks to LIZ President Kathryn Grande for arranging this affair. LIZ's Fall luncheon will be held on September 27th. Come and realize how lucky we are to be able to enjoy the fall without having to go to work every day! Check this newsletter for details. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Holmes

EERTA News – Fred Conway, President

The East End is flourishing. We closed out our spring season with our annual nominations meeting at the 4 Doors in Mattituck on May 10th and our annual Flag Day and election meeting at Pace’s in Mattituck on June 14th. The new election process for a one year term found Fred Conway - President; Dominick LiCausi and Agnes Dansereau as Co-Vice presidents; Susan LiCausi - Secretary; and John Ruggiero - our lifelong Treasurer.

EERTA member and local author Rosemary McKinley gave a short description of her newest book about a Sag Harbor whaling captain at our May lunch, while Dr. Marilyn LoPresti gave an outstanding demonstration of her "Walk 15" program. Many of our members participated in this unique exercise program.

The summer's Board of Directors’ meeting will be held on August 21st (eclipse day) at the Riverhead Library while our fall luncheons will be September 6th (Back To School) at Jerry & the Mermaid in Riverhead and November 8th at Villa Paul Restaurant in Hampton Bays. The fall Executive Board of Directors meeting will be held on November 15th at the Riverhead Library.

VP Agnes Dansereau reports that our beloved Penny Coyle is out of the hospital, once again, and is recuperating at the Medford Multi Care Center in Medford.

NYRTA membership forms were handed out to our guests and everyone received the cards concerning our opposition to the proposition at the Constitutional Convention on November 7th. Everyone was informed to vote "NO" for this proposition.

Praise is extended to Frank and SuzAnne for their membership letter to our life and honorary members regarding donations for our newsletter. This appeal was a resounding success. Thank you to Frank and SuzAnne.

In closing, I’d like to single out Eileen Holmes for her outstanding dedication and tremendous involvement in our organization. Eileen wears many hats as she is our Public Relations and LIZ Chair for Public Relations and Community Service. Eileen has been nominated to serve as LIZ’s Co-Vice President for next year. She is also the Riverhead Co-Director and has organized many of our functions. Kudos to Joel Reitman for publishing our fantastic newsletter.
Friendly Service – Alicia Winowsky & Dee McKinnon, Co-Chairs

NEED TO GET RID OF THE CLUTTER IN YOUR HOUSE?

Maybe Friendly Service can help. Do you have drawers filled with all those greeting cards that charities have sent you and you planned to use some day and haven’t? We would very much appreciate your sending them along to us. Next time you attend a luncheon or a meeting, bring them along with you and we will see that they get to service volunteers who can send them out to members. It is very costly to buy cards and the postage is expensive too.

Friendly Service is also in need of volunteers to send out cards to our members. Some of our present volunteers have had to quit for various reasons. If interested, we would provide you with a list of not more than twenty people. Your responsibility would be to send each person on the list a card for his or her birthday. Friendly Service would compensate you for all costs. It’s an easy thing to do and recipients are very grateful!

Please feel free to contact us to volunteer or to answer any questions. Email: mawinowsky@gmail.com

Hope you all are enjoying a healthy and blissful summer!

Respectfully submitted,
Alicia Winowsky and Dee McKinnon

WEST END RETIRED TEACHERS – Evelyn Paola, President

West End Retired Teachers held their final luncheon of the year on June 13th at Guy Anthony’s Restaurant in Merrick. The officers for the 2017-2018 year were installed. They will take office in November: Emily Caristo, President, Secretary, Josephine Ferranti and Treasurer, Candy Misner.

The highlight of this luncheon was the awarding of WERTA’s annual scholarship. This year the recipient was Hugo Salazar, a student in the STEP program, Ruth S. Ammon School of Education at Adelphi University.

Mr. Salazar gave a heartwarming, articulate thank you, describing his goals and his background as a first generation American and the first college graduate in his family.

Special guests Dr. Anne Mungai, the newly appointed Dean of the Ruth S. Ammon School, and Ms. Michelle Blackwell, Director of the STEP program, presented WERTA with a lovely certificate of thanks for their many years of donating a scholarship to a deserving student in the Adelphi education program.

SAVE THE DATE:
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
We are planning a trip to the Amish Country in Pennsylvania. An Amish Cooking Tour, with lunch at the Plain and Fancy Restaurant. A cooking demonstration, an autographed Amish Cookbook, and a guided tour of the Intercourse Canning Company, Bird-in-Hand Bake Shop and Annie & Eli’s Roadside Farm Stand. If you would like more information, you may contact Emily Caristo at 516-721-7036

Respectfully submitted
Evelyn Paola, President

RESOLUTIONS – Fred Conway

Ever since I’ve been LIZ Resolutions Chairman, LIZ has submitted accepted resolutions. Unfortunately, this year we have not participated. Many of our past resolutions were adopted by the state. As I’ve said many times before, this is an activity for all members of our zone to engage in. Next year as I assume the presidency, Bob Svoboda will take on this responsibility. Eileen Holmes, Agnes Dansereau, Bernie Creedon, Angelo Grande and Bob Svoboda have diligently worked on and submitted these past resolutions in the past. I look forward to a more active participation in this endeavor in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Conway, NYSRTA Resolutions Chair

FALL LUNCHEON Please join us for our LIZ Fall Luncheon on Wednesday, September 27th at the Irish Coffee Pub in East Islip at 11:30 AM (Gathering time) and 12 PM (Lunch). LIZ will be presenting the Distinguished “Silver Tray” Award at this luncheon. We only have two luncheons a year, so please try to support LIZ and come to find out what we are all about. We need you. At this meeting we will present the Annual Report for 2016-2017.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Grande
Awards – Mary Ella Moeller and JoAnne Powell

The Long Island Zone recognizes members for working hard to have a significant effect on the operation of LIZ & NYSRTA, and presents the Silver Tray Award to a member who the LIZ Awards Committee considers the most outstanding. This Distinguished Service Award, est.1968, was updated by the 2012 committee. In lieu of an actual silver tray which requires storage and polishing, it was unanimously agreed that future recipients will receive a special Distinguished Service “Silver Tray” Award certificate and Distinguished Service Silver Pin - both designed by Jo Anne Powell. For those who like statistics: there have been 47 recipients since the award's inception. Historically, the balance between men and women has been 40/60; the balance between WERTA & EERTA 2/1.

Committee members include those who have previously received the honor: Mary Ella Moeller (co-chair), JoAnne Powell (co-chair), Leigh Powell, Fred Conway, and Mary Armbruster. At the LIZ Annual Meeting & Luncheon on September 27th at the Irish Coffee Pub, this year’s winner will be announced!

Respectfully submitted, Co-Chairs Mary Ella Moeller & JoAnne Powell

Bylaws – Marc Nagelberg

Hopefully, while everyone is enjoying this summer, the state Bylaws committee have met and proposed the following changes for our upcoming 2017 Convention.

At our LIZ Executive Board meeting this past year, the Board approved the three(3) proposed changes to the NYSRTA’s Bylaws. The three (3) proposed changes to our State Bylaws are as follows:

Amend Article III, Section 2 by adding the following: A person who has been convicted of a crime that would, under New York State Education Law, have barred him/her from holding State Education Department Certification as an Educator, whether or not he/she actually holds said certificate, is not eligible to either become a member or to continue to hold any kind of membership in NYSRTA.

Amend Article VI, Section 2 by replacing the words "Executive Board" with "Board of Directors" in the title and every other instance where "Executive Board" appears in Article VI, and

Amend Article IX, Section 6, by removing this: "A unanimous vote of members in attendance is required for motions made and seconded to become effective.

At Our LIZ Luncheon, EERTA and WERTA Luncheons, these three (3) bylaw changes read and were accepted by all those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted, Marc Nagelberg

Presidents Report – Angelo Grande

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the President’s Appeal in 2016. The final total was $98,171.95. I thank you all for your generosity. The new President’s Appeal letter has been sent out and I am looking for another successful President’s Appeal. These additional funds will help us to have a balanced budget.

We continue to make progress in reducing our deficit by cutting our costs and our increase from our President’s Appeal.

In 2014 we took $174,000 from assets, in 2015 we took $165,000 from assets, in 2016 we took $60,000 from assets and this current year 2017 we have taken $40,000. We should also see some savings for our change in venue for Executive Meetings and possibly for our Annual Convention Meeting, depending on our final choice. The President’s Appeal has increased our financial income by at least $20,000 to $25,000 dollars a year over what it used to be. It is a real plus for our organization.

We continue to work to defeat the Constitutional Convention in November, 2017. We have a strong coalition with Alliance of Public Employees and Retired Public Employee Association. Do not sit back and not be involved. Talk to your friends and relatives, who have a State Pension. Don’t let them tax our Pensions or do away with Collective Bargaining. I would also like to thank Lois Thornberg for the postcard and Posters on the Constitutional Convention.

Respectfully submitted, Angelo Grande

Membership – Mary L. Armbruster

I hope you had a safe and wonderful summer. Now we have to get back to our Zone and Units. We are having a drive for New Members. (Everyone bring one).

You are probably aware of a recent retiree. Please invite them to attend a luncheon meeting with you. The personal touch is successful.

Thank you to all who have paid their dues. Much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted, Mary L. Armbruster
Menu includes:  Soda, Coffee and Tea
Appetizer: Penn with Marinara Sauce
Salad: Caesar Salad
Entrees:
Chicken O'Shea Sautéed with artichoke hearts and roasted red peppers in a white wine cream sauce
Sliced Steak with a forreistiere sauce and a burgundy wine mushroom sauce.
Citrus crusted Filet of Salmon with citrus herb crust served with lemon beurre blanc sauce
All served with fresh seasonal vegetable and potato plus fresh baked rolls and butter.
Dessert: Peach Melba

Directions:
L.I Expressway - East
Take exit 53 toward Bay Shore/Kings Park
Merge onto Sagtikos Pkwy S toward Bay Shore
Take Exit S 4 on the left toward E. Islip
Merge onto Southern St. Pkwy. E.
Take Exit 43A toward County Hwy-17/ E. Islip/ Central Islip
Keep right to take the ramp toward NYIT/Courts
Merge onto Spur Drive South
Turn left onto Carleton Avenue/ County Hwy.-17
131 Carleton Avenue in on the left (1.34 Miles)

Bring a friend!
Send a check payable to: NYSRTA/LIZ for $35.00 per person to Kathryn Grande, 11 Pine Park Avenue, Bayville, NY 11709- 516-922-6747 before Sept. 15th