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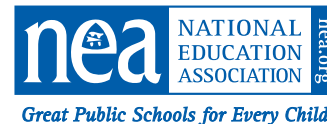
A rally to support WORKERS' RIGHTS

NOON-1 pm Saturday, April 9
Corner of Seventh Ave. and 42nd Street
Times Square

WEAR RED! • BRING YOUR BANNERS!

**IF IT CAN HAPPEN IN WISCONSIN,
IT CAN HAPPEN HERE!**

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MVTA
Our Collective State of Being
March 2011

2011-2013 MVTA Election of Officers

The MVTA and NYSTRS elections will be held on Tuesday May 10th. Anyone wishing to run must apply in writing to me no later than April 1, 2011. You may send it to either my school account cdangelo@minisink.com or my union email mvtaemail@gmail.com. Please understand that your commitment to office will include a minimum of one meeting a month, as well as NYSUT training. Now, more than ever, it is critical that we continue to have dedicated and capable people representing our members. Commitments to training are a necessary step to that end.

2011-2013 Candidates for Office in the MVTA

President - Chris D'Angelo
V. President - Debbie Cambareri
Treasurer - Melanie Speranza
Recording Secretary - Nick Prezioso
Corresponding Secretary - Maureen Cardinale

Building Representatives

High School - Jennifer DiLeo, Carolyn Russell
Middle School - Kathy Arns
Intermediate - Justin Swart
Elementary - Eileen Jacobs
Otisville - Wendy Ellert

NYSUT Delegates

Representative Assembly (3 Positions) -
Michael Crawford, Kathy Arns, Wendy Ellert,

RA Alternate: Nick Prezioso

NYSTRS Retirement Reps (2 Positions)-
Michael Crawford, Chris D'Angelo

NYSTRS Alternate: Kathy Arns

At this point, the only contested position is the **High School Building Representative**. Since contested positions are the only ones that need to

be voted on, this will be the only position that will appear on the ballot and only the HS will have to hold an election.

NYSUT Rally in NYC

NYSUT has organized a rally to support **WORKERS' RIGHTS**. It is being held from 12-1 pm Saturday, April 9 at the Corner of Seventh Ave. and 42nd Street in Times Square. **Please see attached flyer for more info.**

IRS Tax Info Alert

Your tax-deductible membership to AFT, NYSUT and MVTA for the 2010 tax year is **\$622.44**

Scholarship Fund Raiser

Once again I would like to thank Anna and Dave Hamilton as well as everyone else that helped to make this year's Tricky Tray such a big success. We raised \$10,119.60 for scholarships for our graduating seniors.

FYI

The Caitlin M. Hammaren Memorial Foundation is preparing for their **4th Annual 5K4 Catlin** race, walk, children's fun run and family event. It is being held on May 28, 2011 at the Bella Vista Holiday Spa in Westtown, New York. This fundraising event will include a variety of entertainment including prizes, raffles, musical entertainment, wine tasting, as well as a barbeque. Anyone interested in participating or making a donation can contact Bethany Cooper at (845)726-3848 or go to their website at <http://www.caitlinhammaren.org/>

Greenville Twp. Fire & Rescue Department is hosting a fish or chicken & chips dinner eat in or take out Thursday April 14 from 5 pm. to 7 pm. advance sales only. Tickets are \$10.00 and will be sold by members or at the Greenville town hall on route 6. For information call Christine 858-2333 or Bob 856-7793

The Middletown Teacher Center is sponsoring a variety of excellent professional development opportunities for teachers, administrators and school-related professionals. You can register for any of the courses and view the current offerings through their website, www.middletowntc.org and at www.MyLearningPlan.com in the Middletown Teacher Center catalog.

Monetary Donations/Requests - Need to be made to your Building Rep. at least one month before the funds are needed. Examples include: yearbook ads, charitable donations, conference expenses, etc... Your Building Rep. attends Executive Meetings every month. Failure to submit requests in a timely fashion could cause a refusal of funds.

Building Unit Meetings - These occur monthly in all of our buildings. I can be available to speak with you on all matters union during these gatherings, given a timely request!

Executive Meeting – These meetings are open to all MVTA members. Please attend if you have something for the good of the order or want to get more involved with the MVTA. They are held at 4:00 in the MS library. The remaining meeting dates for this year are as follows, 4/25, 5/17, and 6/14.

MVTA Classy-Free Ads

Lake Bonaparte Vacation Rental - Trinity on Baron Bay. Bruce & Tara Guyette are looking to rent their lakefront vacation home in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains. The newly constructed home has 2 bedrooms with a loft, 2 full baths and comfortably sleeps 7. The amenities include a microwave, a dishwasher, a washer and dryer, TV and DVD player. There is also a spectacular 16 x 30 deck overlooking the lake with a grill, a picnic table, and a patio set. For pictures and more information go to www.vacationrentals.com. Click on New York, then Adirondacks, then Lake Bonaparte, then Trinity. Call 845-355-2815 with any questions.

Interior Painting Jobs: Free estimates and reasonable rates. Contact retiree Frank Blake 355- 8781.

Interior House Painting: Contact retiree John Zuclich (386-3177 or 597-4772). Your rooms will be left neat and complete! :-)

Everything Outdoors: Stephen Sorrentino does everything outdoors, he can take care of all your outdoor needs. Spring and Fall Clean-Ups, Cutting Grass, walls, patios, and snow removal, and many other things, "Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall - We do it all!" Call Steve: (845)978-9299 or 344-2841.

Your Representative's Contact Information

If you need to contact me you can email me at mvtaemail@gmail.com This is probably the best way for you to contact me outside of school.

MVTA Executive Committee

President	Chris D'Angelo	5109
V.P.	Debra Cambareri	4255
Treasurer	Melanie Speranza	4314
Secretary	Kristine Kidney	3259
Corr. Sec.	Maureen Cardinale	5139
HS rep	Sue Brink	1112
MS rep	Kathy Arns	3242
IS rep	Justin Swart	4253
Es rep	Eileen Jacobs	4338
Otis rep	Wendy Ellert	2229
Past Pres.	Lisa Keller-Decker	3216

Benefit Trust Reps

OTIS	Karen Krogslund	2142
ES	Kimberly Mc Dermott	4340
IS	Michael Conklin	4206
MS	Jonathan Clemmons	3247
HS	Joan Connelly	1232
Exec	Chris D'Angelo	5109

Negotiators

HS	Brian Golden	5166
MS	Chris D'Angelo	5109
IS	Jeanne Mac Donald	4248
Otis	Karen Krogslund	2142

Grievance Chair: Ezra Clementson 1141
Action Com. and
Lap Com Chair: Nick Prezioso 3144

New financial education services offer something for everyone

If you're looking for information on financial services available to you as a NYSUT member, NYSUT Member Benefits may have something just for you. Considerable efforts have been put forth in creating new printed material as well as new presentations. Both in-service and retiree members can benefit.

403(b) Field Guide. This booklet covers all aspects of 403(b) plans and includes information pertinent to members not yet contributing to a 403(b) plan, those who are contributing, those nearing retirement, and those already enjoying retirement.

To get the free guide, you can view and print a copy from the Member Benefits website, www.memberbenefits.nysut.org, hit the "Contact" option on the site to send an e-mail request, or call **800-626-8101** for a copy to be sent to you.

403(b) Provider-Specific Workshop. Member Benefits contracted with the provider of its endorsed Financial Counseling Program, Stacey Braun Associates, Inc., to conduct these workshops upon request from local leaders. The workshop covers detailed information on five 403(b) providers chosen by the local leader from a list of 10 popular 403(b) providers. Workshops review the features of each plan, comparing fees and benefits. These workshops are designed for in-service members.

Workshops have a registration fee of \$20 per participant and a minimum requirement of 30 participants. A local could schedule this workshop as a webinar for a fee of \$250.

Workshops will not address specific questions pertaining to an individual's 403(b) plan. Members with questions regarding personal 403(b) accounts or other financial planning issues will be directed

to speak with their 403(b) adviser or their financial planner. For those who don't have an adviser or planner, information on the endorsed Financial Counseling Program will also be available.

Financial Planning Puzzle Workshop. Today's economy has clarified the need for a financial plan; unfortunately, for many, beginning a financial plan remains a daunting task.

This two-hour workshop, designed for in-service members, outlines the process, covering cash management, risk management, savings, retirement and estate planning.

The Challenging Times of Financial Management – The Retirement Years. Financial planning doesn't stop at retirement. This one-hour presentation discusses the various investment options you may face during retirement along with helpful information regarding your 403(b) plan, Social Security benefits, income taxes and more.



For information about these programs or about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits.

Agency fee payers to NYSUT are eligible to participate in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.