

CARLE PLACE TEACHERS ACT

Honoring Madame President!

Hillary who? On June 6th, our own first female President of the Carle Place Teachers' Association was honored at a gathering of colleagues, family and friends at the Fox Hollow. Carol followed her husband, Kevin, as the union President and stewarded us through many difficult times. Thanks to both of them, our contracts flourished. Once Carol took over, she was a stalwart defender of our professional respect, as well as an outstanding classroom teacher.

Carol started here in 1979 when new teachers were given assignments such as RCT and ACE, brand new courses with no curricula, and told to fend for themselves. Carol navigated her way through these subjects and essentially established the criteria for the way they would be taught in the future. The consummate professional, Carol saw teaching as a vocation, not a job!

After 33 years of service, she deserves a great retirement. Good luck, Carol, We'll miss you!



CPTA END OF YEAR GALA BEST BASH EVER!

The End-of-the-year CPTA Party was, perhaps, our best one ever. It was certainly the most well-attended, by 130 people in fact! Our new President, Mike Renga, did an excellent job as M.C., and it was quite a touching moment when he introduced our retiring President, Carol Kilgallin, to say a few words.

Carol also presented the President's Award to Mary Donnelly who has done an outstanding

job as Secretary of the Board of Directors. Barbara Ziminski presented the CPTA Teacher of the Year Award to Iris Battino, who has maintained high standards and promoted a strong work ethic throughout her 21 years here at Carle Place.

After each retiree was introduced to say a few words, and all the awards were presented, the dance floor filled up as

people let loose and had fun. Let's hope that all our future parties are met with the same enthusiastic response as this year's party was!



CPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS TAKES ON A NEW LOOK

This Spring, there was a huge turnover on the Carle Place Teachers' Association Board of Directors. Appointed to replace Chris Ceruti, whose job title was changed, is Joan Caliendo, as high school Vice President. Our newly elected Grievance Chairperson is Brad Buonpane and our newly appointed Public Relations Coordinator is Jen Bambino. Along with Mike Renga, our newly elected President, these new members will provide great support to the remaining "old-timers." They are Diane Cecere, Mary Donnelly, Steve Leffler, Kieran Morris, Erik Tonner and Julie Tusa. We still need to fill the jobs of Political Action Person and NYSUT Delegate. Contact a member of the BOD if you'd like to get involved. Remember, support your union and stay unified at all costs! Good luck to all!

EASIN' ON DOWN THE RETIREE ROAD

The Carle Place Schools and community owe a debt of gratitude to the thirteen dedicated teachers/ nurses who are retiring this year after devoting almost 354 years of service to the Carle Place School District. Those retirees are as follows: Iris Battino, Janet Conlon, Julie Fitzgerald, Maureen Hay, Barbara Hedwig, Terri Horan, Linda Kahner, Carol Kilgallin, Janet Paradine, Deedee Robson, Laura Ryan, Debbie Suss and Barbara Ziminski. The retirees were honored at an end-of-the-year bash at the Westbury Manor on June 13th. We wish them all happiness in the future!

IN—defatigable

That's the only way to describe our great co-editors-in chief of the 2016 *Carillon*, Rose Berly Bireaux and Ariela Kovary. These young women and their advisor, Rosa Perifimos, have devoted an incredible amount of time, energy and passion into the production of two outstanding Carle Place yearbooks. Fortunately, their efforts for the 2015 yearbook earned a First Place Award for General Presentation, Page Design, Photography and Creativity. This year's book *IN-spire* is sure to be another award winner!



IT'S ON US!

Under the leadership of Kieran Morris and Joan Caliendo, the Women's Studies class decided to raise awareness regarding sexual assault on college campuses and at social events that are an integral part of academic and collegiate life. The students also developed ways to support the victims of such attacks. As part of their initiative, these young women wore t-shirts advertising their slogan, "It's on us!" to demonstrate that it is everyone's responsibility to be an "Upstander" when something horrific like this occurs. The students also made presentations to all the social studies classes and asked students to sign a pledge vowing to acknowledge the fact that these assaults occur and to promise to be an "Upstander" if necessary. What a great job by these young women and their teachers!

These same young women selected a panel designated as "Women of Distinction," composed of females whom they felt had impacted their lives. This is the second year this activity has occurred. This year's designees were Mrs. Argenzio, Ms. Bambino, Mrs. Baxter, Ms. Buffalino, Mrs. Claeson, Ms. Cole, Mrs. Costidis, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Ms. Habashzada, Ms. Mehling, Mrs. Nicosia and Mrs. Sullivan. Let's hope this activity continues so that all the women who serve our students have the opportunity to receive the recognition they deserve.

ATHLETIC ACES

This year, Carle Place High School athletic teams performed in their usual stellar fashion. As undefeated Conference and County Champions, this team made their coaches, Allen Foraker and Conor Reardon, and all of the Carle Place family, proud.

In addition, the Girl's Varsity Soccer team earned the County Championship under the guidance of Coach Erik Tonner. Finally, coached by Mike Bello, the Girl's Varsity Basketball Team also won a County Championship! Way to go Frogs!

Finally, Varsity Cheerleading was recognized as a sport by New York State and the girls, coached by Joan Caliendo, qualified for the Nassau County Championships in this inaugural year. Way to go Lady Frogs!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the second issue of the CPTA newsletter, *Carle Place Teachers Act*. We are sending our second issue to CPTA members and eventually hope to expand our audience to the Carle Place community in the upcoming year. The purpose of this newsletter is to share some of the wonderful things that all of us do throughout the year. This issue was put together in a very short period of time, so let me thank Barbara Ziminski for all her hard work, and those teachers who were able to contribute information on very short notice.

This has been a year of change. We have thirteen teachers retiring with over 354 years of combined experience. The CPTA Board of Directors also has seen its biggest change in about 30 years. This monumental change brings with it optimism and challenges. In the upcoming years, we will face salary negotiations, more anti-union rhetoric and an over-emphasis on testing our students. I am confident that we can overcome all of these obstacles because of our outstanding staff.

Next year, we are looking to increase our presence in the community. The Board of Directors and I have agreed to the following initiatives: most recently, distribution of a senior gift on yearbook day with teacher volunteers from Cherry Lane, Rushmore and the MS/HS; creation of a CPTA Website; sponsorship of Carle Place Youth Soccer and Little League teams; sponsorship of a CPTA tent on Homecoming and 100% CPTA membership in the PTA. These are bold initiatives which will foster a collaborative relationship with the CP community. We cannot forget that teachers and parents are in this together and creating a united community is the first step.

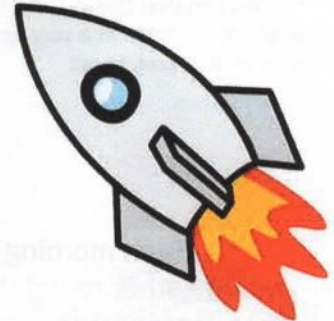
As you leave for the summer, please know that the CPTA Board of Directors and I are committed to making our local as strong as possible. We have already come together to stand with our brothers and sisters from Verizon and Lawrence. Believe me when I say that it is a pleasure to work with such fine teachers, and I am truly honored to be the President of this outstanding organization.

I hope you have an exciting and relaxing summer. Spend time with loved ones while taking a well-deserved hiatus. If I need to contact you, I will do so via e-mail.



RUSHMORE LIBRARY LAUNCHES INTO THE FUTURE

With a full-time librarian back on staff, the Rushmore Library was a beehive of fun activities this year. Sixteen exemplary sixth grade volunteers helped organize various programs and events that were enjoyed by students and staff. Some of the more outstanding events were the Scholastic Book Fair, Read across America Day, D.E.A.R. Day, Poem in Your Pocket Day and the Book Fairies' Book Drive. The library was particularly pleased to host two author visits, always a great way to make books come alive. Throughout the month of April, there was a Library Trivia Contest which proved to be a fun challenge for all. Finally, a monthly professional development workshop called "Tech Time" was offered to teachers during lunch to teach them about various websites which would be helpful to their classroom instruction. Can't wait to see what the Rushmore Library has in store for the future!



RUSHMORE "RAISES" THE BAR!

The Rushmore School "raised the bar" on fund-raising this year by participating in several worthwhile events. First of all, the Rushmore Student Council, under the guidance of Laurie Papa and Julie De Pace, raised over eight thousand dollars for the ALS Ride for Life organization. They did this by organizing a Family Feud Style event, only instead of competing families, groups of faculty members vied with

each other. Also, there were two other events to raise money for this cause — a Relaxation Night and a Panera Bread Night. These fund-raising efforts led to Rushmore's earning the title of Gold Participant from the ALS Ride for Life Organization for their top donation.

In addition to the efforts for ALS, Rushmore also held a Toy Drive, participated in Adopt-a-Family, a

Blood Drive and a Food Drive. Two lovely Rushmore teachers also took to the runway in the annual Key Club sponsored Fashion Show which also raises money for a good cause. Obviously, Rushmore is doing a fantastic job for the community.



CHERRY LANE CAN DO IT!

Cherry Lane Students and their teachers deserve accolades for their fundraising efforts this year and in previous years. Recently, the Cherry Lane School was honored for dedicating twenty years to fundraising in support of needy citizens. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Long Island recognized the generosity of the students from kindergarten through second grade for dedicating one recess period to this great cause. Check out the National JDRF Kids Walk Website which will highlight the great job these students did for this cause.

In addition, Cherry Lane students also raised funds for those with ALS. Attired in bright red, the students cheered on the Ride for Life participants. The students waved flags and shouted "You Can Do It!" This clearly demonstrates the kindness and compassion that Cherry Lane students are taught to embrace at a very early age. Keep on doin' it, Cherry Lane!

IT'S ELECTRIC

Mrs. Lannig facilitates the Electrical Engineering Club at Rushmore for third and fourth graders. This year, students learned how to create a closed circuit and also differentiated between conductors and insulators. Of particular interest was the design of a schematic diagram containing a circuit with an on and off switch which students then implemented.

In addition, students in Mrs. Lannig's fourth grade class read and studied about the history of mass transit in New York City this year. They were particularly fascinated by the construction and development of the New York City Subway system. A construction engineer also came to class to discuss the completion of the 2nd Avenue Subway in Manhattan. He discussed the engineering process, how problems are solved and the high cost of such endeavors. These students will certainly be the wave of the engineering future

Salute to Character and Our Flag

Each morning, during the months of May and June, second grade student volunteers would gather round the Cherry Lane flag pole with their teachers to raise the flag. The children learned about our flag and what it represents for our country. Through actions and education, these students learned about the national pride and integrity that our flag represents. Activities such as this help demonstrate one of our monthly character education themes—"True Compassion Comes Straight from the Heart." People in America have been and always will be concerned about and compassionate towards others. Obviously, our Cherry Lane students learn this at an early age!



Have a
great
summer!

