

100 YEARS OF THE WPTA

Thank you to all who attended our WPTA 100th Anniversary Gala on Friday, May 12, 2017 at Willow Ridge Country Club (a unionized staff!!). A special shout out to Lonnette Tuck who chaired the Gala committee - and to all those who helped! The Art Department decorated out tables with outstanding center pieces! Thanks also to Tim Veeder (MC) and Lamont McCormick (DJ) for keeping the party moving!!! All who attended agreed that it was a perfect evening and an outstanding event!!! Keep your party shoes nearby...this could turn into an annual event!!!



If you would still like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, please feel free to send a check (made out to WPTA GALA) to the WPTA office.

If you have pictures you wish to share, please forward them to wpta1@aol.com!



Saturday, May 13th was WPTA Day!!
This is a picture of the announcement board outside the County Center

MAY 16th - SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE!!

Please remember to get out and vote for your local school budget!!! A listing of endorsed school board candidates is attached to the email! Please vote YES!! on your local school budget! Please vote for endorsed candidates!!!

AFT-TEACH CONFERENCE

The biennial AFT TEACH (Together Educating America's Children) conference will be held July 20-22, in Washington, D.C.

- See more at: <http://www.aft.org/education/aft-teach#sthash.EYHmeylz.dpuf>
- PLEASE email WPTA1@aol.com by May 19th if you are interested attending. Registration and Housing will be done through the WPTA.



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NEGOTIATIONS

There have been several negotiation sessions with the district, the most recent was Thursday, May 11th. During the initial meetings, the WPTA (represented by Kerry Broderick and David Eng-Wong) and the WPCSD (represented by Howard Smith, Ann Vaccaro-Teich, and Corey Reynolds) discussed needs, priorities and proposals. As of Thursday's meeting the items to be discussed will include: salaries, benefits and elementary preparation period.

We will keep you updated after each of the negotiation meetings.

CONTINUED ACTIONS AND EVENTS

Please continue to check the NYSUT Member Action Center (NYSUT MAC) by clicking on MAC, to find how you be heard regarding important issues impacting public education!!

Additionally, we want you to be aware of some upcoming events:

- 2nd Annual Guy Mathews Scholarship fundraiser on May 18th, 4 p.m. at Dunne's Pub
- WPTA Retiree Dinner on Tuesday, June 6th, 4-6 at North St. Tavern.
- AFT Professional Development Summer Educator Academy: July 10-19th in Baltimore. Contact wpta1@aol.com if you are interested.
- AFT TEACH conference: July 20-22nd, Washington, D. C. Contact wpta1@aol.com if you are interested.
- NYSUT TRO Summer Leadership training: August 17 and 18th at the Doral Arrowwood in Rye Neck, NY. Contact wpta1@aol.com if you are interested.