



New York State Retired Teachers' Association

Fall 2016

## President's Message

Evelyn Paola



"Autumn Event...Brilliant Oranges everywhere...Flowers and leaves like burnished hair..... Pumpkins that rival the setting sun...All the Summer's come undone....." Charles Kaminski

After a "mostly delightful" summer, Autumn has arrived and painted our canvas-EARTH- with magnificent color. And now, we look forward to the coming year for WERTA. Our June 8, 2016 luncheon/meeting was enjoyed by all who attended. The Scholarship recipient, Alexis Madej was a most worthy choice. She is committed to the education of youth, "and to be the best teacher that I can be." She is an articulate young lady, very definite in her goals, much like we were at the outset of our educational careers. Once again we were honored to have Dean Jane Ashdown, of the Ruth S. Ammon School of Education and Carolyn Phillips, Director of the STEP Program, both from Adelphi, join us for the afternoon.

The first meeting of our "WERTA Year" will be held on November 1, 2016, at "Carlyle-on-the Green," Bethpage Park. We are fortunate to have as Guest Speaker Martha Kolodkin, a veteran American History teacher, whose presentations are unique! On November 1st, she will give us a peek into past administrations. Come hear the anecdotes that are happy- sad-poignant-or coincidental. Be sure to invite a retired teacher to join us for this special program.

We hope to see you then.

## Vice President's Message

Emily Caristo

As Sherlock Holmes has said, "How sweet the morning air" was on our third annual WERTA fall spectacular. This year, we travelled in a lovely coach bus to Lyme, Connecticut where we began our unusual adventure at the Gillette Castle, home of William Gillette, also known as Sherlock Holmes. As we approached this medieval fortress, built against the Connecticut landscape, our minds wandered to life a century ago. Yet, once inside the stone castle, we experienced a beautiful and intriguing interior that was the work of a creative genius. Then, it was on to the Old Lyme Inn for a tasty buffet lunch. Lastly, we toured the Florence Griswold Museum, the home of American Impressionism, as well as Ms. Griswold's home and gardens. An informative and peaceful experience was had by all.

Please join us on November 1, 2016 at the Carlyle on the Green in Bethpage State Park when I will present the three new choices for our 2017 trip.

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### WERTA Dues



**REMINDER:** 2016-2017 Dues are Due

WERTA dues run from June to June. For this reason membership cards were included in the newsletter mailed this past May.

If you have not already paid your dues for 2016-2017, please do so.

### WERTA Officers

Evelyn Paola      President  
Emily Caristo     Vice President  
Candy Misner     Treasurer  
Josephine Ferranti   Secretary

### **Directions: Carlyle on the Green Bethpage State Park**

Northern Parkway Eastbound Exit 36A, or Westbound 37A to Rte. 135, Seaford-Oyster Bay Expressway south to Exit 8— Powell Ave. Turn left off Exit Ramp. Proceed to Traffic Circle— 2nd Right, follow signs to Clubhouse

**OR**

LIE to Exit 44 South— Rte. 135, Seaford-Oyster Bay Expressway south to Exit 8— Powell Ave. Turn left off Exit Ramp. Proceed to Traffic Circle— 2nd Right, follow signs to Clubhouse

**OR**

Southern State Parkway to Exit 31 North— Bethpage State Parkway. Continue to the end, past Exit B4— Follow signs to Clubhouse  
**CARLYLE on the Green** is located in the clubhouse.

## Fall Luncheon



*Carlyle on the Green - Black Course-* Bethpage State Park



Date: November 1, 2016      Gathering Time: 11:30 am

**Salad:** Classic Caesar Salad with Shaved Asiago and Garlic Croutons

**Entrees Choice of:** Petit Filet Mignon with Merlot Reduction; Mediterranean French Breast of Chicken with Lemon, Capers, Artichokes, Olives, and Diced Tomatoes Brunoise; Sesame Crusted Salmon with Soy Teriyaki Glaze  
All served with Chef's Selection of Accompaniments

**Dessert:** Warm Molten Chocolate Cake with Dueling Sauces

**Beverages Included:** Coffee, Tea, and Soda      Cash bar available

**Program: "Through the President's Keyhole" - Presenter Martha Kolodkin**  
Trivia, Gossip and little known facts of the Presidents and their Families

Send reservation form with a check for \$30 per person by **October 24, 2016** to:  
Candy Misner, 694 Seaman Ave., Baldwin, NY 11510

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_