



President's Message

Emily Caristo

After a long, cold, snowy winter, we are ready to "roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer..." With the onset of spring, we hope you enjoy seeing the rainbow of colorful blooms, hearing the melodious sounds of baby birds, and smelling the savory flavors that come from backyard barbecues. Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather and a flu epidemic, our March luncheon/meeting had to be cancelled, however we look forward with great anticipation to our June meeting. Our guest speaker for the March luncheon, "Theresa" of Flowers by Voegler, will join us at our June luncheon and will give a short presentation on flower arrangements. In keeping with our goal for this year, we will also be awarding a Scholarship to a student in the STEP PROGRAM, Adelphi University Ruth S. Ammon School of Education. In addition, I will be announcing our trip for the 2018 year and providing all the details for an exciting adventure. Please join us for the June 12 meeting which will be held at Guy Anthony's Restaurant, North Merrick. We would love to see everyone there and remember to try to bring a fellow retired teacher to enjoy the festivities.

NYSRTA News

Angelo Grande, NYSRTA President

This is an update of what is happening at NYSRTA. On April 16th and 17th, I will be attending a Board of Directors Meeting in Liverpool, New York. There are a number of Bylaw proposals that will be presented, and I'll report back to you on the action that the Board of Directors has taken. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of Officers for 2018-19. On July 10th and 11th, there will be another NYSTRA Board of Directors Meeting in Liverpool, New York, and on October 16th, 17th, and 18th we will have our Annual NYSTRA Meeting at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino in Verona, New York.

This is my final year as President. I want to thank you for electing me President. It has been a privilege and an honor to have served as President for the past three years.

State Legislation and Nominations

Kathryn Grande

State Legislative Priorities for 2018: Minimum Pension Bump Up and Improved Pension COLA.

We would also like to discuss the following items:

1. Term limits and term lengths for legislators.
2. Term limits and term lengths for legislative leadership positions.
3. New York Health Act.

I hope my advocates will go out to visit their legislators. Please send me your response forms.

Nominations:

It's that time of year again, and we must vote at our June Luncheon Meeting. The following members are running for office:



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



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Save the date!
June 12, 2018
WERTA Luncheon

Remember to
bring another retired teacher
to the luncheon to share in
the fun and benefits of
NYSRTA and WERTA!



Scholarship Luncheon

Please join us for our luncheon at *Guy Anthony's*
2208 Jerusalem Avenue, North Merrick, NY (516) 221-5555

DATE: June 12, 2018

GATHERING TIME: 11:30 A.M.

COST: \$30 per person



MENU

APPETIZER: Zucchini and Mozzarella Sticks and Focaccio Breads

PASTA: Pomodoro Sauce, or Oil and Garlic **Salad:** Three Leaf House Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette

ENTRÉE CHOICE OF: Chicken Piccata, Eggplant Rollatine, Beef Bourguignon, or Grilled Salmon Bruschetta

DESSERT CHOICE OF: Tiramisu, Ice Cream Parfait, or Lemon Sorbet

BEVERAGES: Coffee, Tea, Decaf, and Soda Cash Bar available

PROGRAM: Scholarship Award and Flower Arranging by THERESA" of Voegler Florist

DIRECTIONS: From the West: Southern State Pkwy to Exit 24-N - Merrick Avenue. Proceed to Jerusalem Avenue. At the light, make a right turn onto Jerusalem Ave.- follow to Guy Anthony's. Turn right onto Powell Ave for the parking lot . From The East: Southern State Pkwy to Exit 25 S - Route 106. Proceed to the first light-Jerusalem Avenue. One block past the next light is Guy Anthony's on the left. Turn left onto Powell Ave. for the parking lot.

**PLEASE SEND RESERVATIONS AND CHECK FOR \$30 PER PERSON PAYABLE TO WERTA TO:
CANDY MISNER, 694 SEAMAN AVENUE, BALDWIN N.Y. 11510 BY JUNE 4, 2018**

Member's name _____
Guest's name _____