



CTA SNIPPETS



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CORNING TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

President Report, Rick Gallant

It has been an interesting two years serving you as president of CTA. This year has been extremely hectic for all of us. Through the crafting of our APPR, the SLO writing, the original APPR “on parade, the portfolio roadshow we just completed, negotiations for a new contract, and the normal day-to-day operations and responsibilities as CTA president, there truly has been “never a dull moment” this year. I thank all of you who supported me last spring, and look forward to your support in elections on May 1st.

I thank all of you who drop me short notes every now and then, or stop me in a hallway, commenting on CTA Nuggets at the BOE, things I’ve put in my “Couple of Things” updates, suggestions for how to make teachers’ lives easier and more efficient, and help with the various tasks of our organization.

I especially want to thank our officers; **David Rich, Scott Shaddock, Sharon Kendrick, Kathy Rapisarda, Sharon Campbell, and Leslie Varga** for their dedication to CTA and all that it stands for, and to our **Executive Council** for their guidance and hard work.

I have said this many times, but it is something certainly worth repeating. I could absolutely not be prouder to represent the 476 guidance counselors, social workers, teachers, psychologists, speech teachers, speech therapists, and helping teachers that make up our organization. You are CTA, and you are the “berries.” Thanks for all you do.
Yours together, Rick



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The West High Special Education Department cordially invites you to join us in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure as we support our own Candelyn Tong. There are so many different ways that you can support our colleague during this difficult time, joining the team is just one way. We would love to have you as a member of the "Strong for Tong" team for which you will find directions below. We will also be selling team tee shirts to wear during our "pink out" in May and more information will be coming on those. For now, please join us as we support Candelyn.

If you have any questions- please contact Joelle Groff or Barb Smith, West High

Directions for joining the Special Ed "Strong for Tong" Team

(not to be confused with the lacrosse team who will be participating in honor of "Strong for Tong")

1. Go to www.komentwintiers.org website
2. You have to sign up (get a username and password) in order to proceed
3. Go to the 'teams' tab and type in Strong for Tong (it should pop up)...click on join
4. Enter your information
5. Use the promotion code POSTCARD to get a \$5.00 discount
6. Once all of your information is in, you have to enter a credit card number

Congratulations, you are now a member of the "Strong for Tong" team

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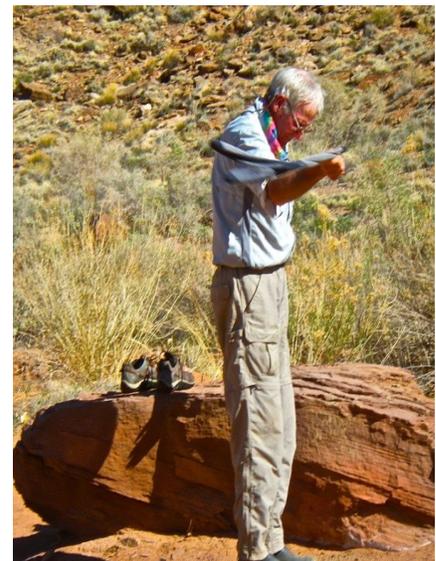
Up the River.....

Rick Gallant

"Fifty-five?? I thought you said eighty!" Those were the words of my friend, former superintendent, and canoe partner Jay as we pulled into the takeout of our Green River (UT) canoe trip a couple of weeks ago. Turns out we arrived at the Mineral Bottom take out a day and a half ahead of schedule. Jay was referring to how many miles long the canoe trip was. The chief navigator (me) had severely underestimated the pace at which the river was flowing, and instead of being behind schedule (my thoughts) we were way ahead.

It all worked out fine. We continued downriver a few miles from the takeout and camped at a great spot, then returned the next night to be picked up. I had a map, I had a compass, and I (this may be hard to believe) am pretty good at using the two of them. The trouble is, when you're in the bottom of Labyrinth Canyon (aptly named if I say so myself), every bend seems to end up looking the same, every side canyon eerily similar, every squished topo line on the map could be any spot in the canyon.

It was a minor glitch in the big scheme of things. Jay, Bob Gwinn, Mike Maxwell, and myself weren't going to let getting "lost".....(how the heck do you get lost on a river?) get in the way of an outstanding week of paddling, reverie, and camaraderie. From the first day of "severe clear" (our outfitter's description of the pure blue skies) paddling, to Jay's Shamanic ritual of "calling in the beer truck" (ask me about that, it worked), we had a great time. There is nothing like spring break to get ready for the stretch run.





Election Day—May 1

David Rich

2013– 2014 Candidates:



President	Rick Gallant
Vice-President	David Rich
Treasurer	Scott Shaddock
Executive Secretary	Kathleen Rapisarda
Recording Secretary	Sharon Kendrick
NYSUT Delegates (2 Positions)	Sharon Campbell, Barb Kish, Leslie Varga

Ready to be more involved with your Teachers' Association?

Here are some options available to you:

- ◆ Let your Building Representative know that you are willing to be a substitute at CTA Executive Council meetings as needed.
- ◆ If there is an OPEN position in your building, contact the CTA Office and inquire about the process—we will hold an election in your building before the end of this year. Consult your Building Representatives for more information.
- ◆ Attend any CTA Executive Council meeting—CTA Members are welcome to attend our meetings--always. (Check out the CTA Website for a list of dates/times/location).



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CORNING TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION BALLOT
2013-2014
OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

CTA ELECTION DAY

*****May 1, 2013*****

PRESIDENT (Vote for one)

____ Rick Gallant
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VICE-PRESIDENT (Vote for one)

____ David Rich
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TREASURER (Vote for one)

____ Scott Shaddock
____ _____

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (Vote for one)

____ Kathleen Rapisarda
____ _____

RECORDING SECRETARY (Vote for one)

____ Sharon L. Kendrick
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**NEW YORK STATE UNITED TEACHERS
DELEGATE 2013-2015** (Vote for two)

____ Sharon Campbell
____ Barb Kish
____ Leslie Varga
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CTA Apparel Available!



Order Form:

<http://corningta.ny.aft.org/cta-apparel/cta-apparel-order-form>

Clothing/Sizing/Colors

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Questions: Drich@cppmail.com

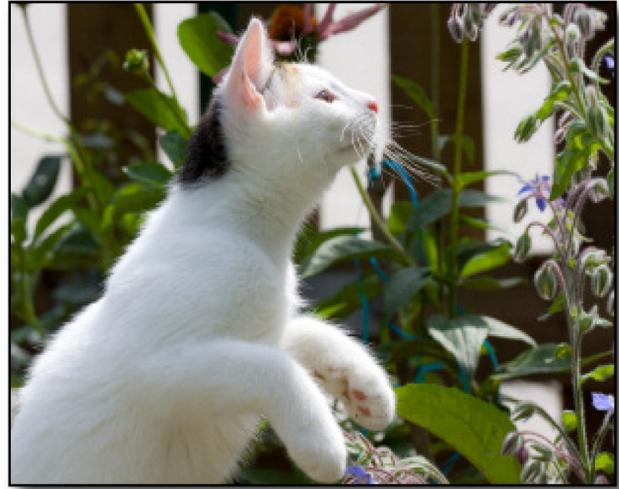


NYSUT members: *Is danger lurking in your home?*

We've just about made it through a particularly cold winter, and spring is finally upon us. With that means warmer weather and the opportunity to spend more time playing with our pets (both indoors and outdoors).

And while we always hear about the dangers of ticks and fleas that can come from the "Great Outdoors," what about those potential hazards lurking inside of our homes as well?

Check out the following list from VPI Pet Insurance about the most common calls received by the Pet Poison Helpline:



Top 5 Toxins & Poisons – Dogs

1. Chocolate
2. Insect bait stations
3. Mouse & rat poison
4. Fertilizers
5. Sugar-free gums & candies

Top 5 Toxins & Poisons – Cats

1. Lilies
2. Topical flea & tick medicine for dogs
3. Household cleaners
4. Mouse & rat poison
5. Paints & varnishes

So have fun with your four-legged friends this spring, but be mindful of where your pet is roaming both inside and outside of your home.

If you suspect that your pet has ingested anything harmful, seek immediate veterinary advice. **The Pet Poison Helpline is also available for a fee 24/7 at 800-213-6680.**

Remember NYSUT members receive a 5% discount on VPI's base medical plan and up to a 15% discount if multiple pets are enrolled.

For more information, please visit memberbenefits.nysut.org and click on "Discounts & Travel – Members" and then "VPI Pet Insurance" or call toll-free 866-838-3461.

Insurance from A to Z...

While you're considering whether pet insurance is right for your pet, don't forget about the humans in your life as well. If you're looking to protect yourself or your family, make sure to check out the variety of insurance programs endorsed by Member Benefits.

The following programs are currently available: **Term Life & Level Term Life; WrapPlan® II Universal Life; Personal Property/Liability (auto, home, renters, boat, umbrella, etc.); Disability; Vision Plan; and Dental Plan.** Many of these programs are also available to cover spouses/domestic partners of members, dependent children, dependent parents, and grandparents.

Learn more about our endorsed programs by contacting Member Benefits at **800-626-8101** or visiting memberbenefits.nysut.org.

For information 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.