



CTA SNIPPETS

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President Report, Rick Gallant

I haven't seen the other articles that members have submitted for this issue of "Snippets". (Our editor, Dave Rich is extremely secretive of the content.) But the theme of this issue fits right in to the spirit of the holiday season, as well as the fact that all of us give not only every day at school, but in our homes and in our communities as well.

Last spring when I was preparing one of our CTA Nuggets for the board of education, it was suggested to me that I ask how many people did volunteer "things" outside of school. The response was overwhelming. Included in the "Nugget" were sixty ways that our members volunteered in the community. They ranged from teaching Sunday school to teaching skiing, from volunteering with hospice to relay for Life. In all, I received over two hundred examples of our members making their communities better.

To all of you, thank you. Thank you for everything you do in our schools, and thank you for everything you do in our communities. Thank you for standing up for what's right, and working diligently to fix what's wrong. You do so much for the children and families of our district, and all of the communities you live in. Please, this holiday season of giving, caring, and love; be sure to step away from your "day jobs", and share that giving, caring, and love to your families.

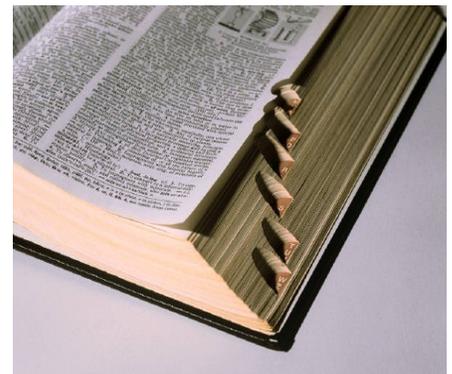
May you all have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season.

Yours together, Rick

DICTIONARIES

EVERYWHERE!

The Corning Elks' Club continues their successful Dictionary Project—purchasing dictionaries for all third grade students in our district. Thanks to all who helped make this valuable project work!



Contract Items to Note.....



Leslie Varga, Grievance Chairperson

“The one unchangeable certainty is that nothing is certain or unchangeable”

-John F. Kennedy

Is it human nature to take for granted what we already have, and wish that things might be different? Our colleagues, both past and present, have effectively negotiated several benefits that we, as members, must not take for granted.

Here are just a few of the articles from the Corning Teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement that benefit our membership:

Article 3.3 Professional Teaching Hours. (B)

Professional time can be extended beyond the work day and teachers (PreK-12) can receive in-service clock hours (up to 12 per school year) as compensation for this time. The purpose of this opportunity is to encourage the utilization of data to improve student achievement, or to facilitate required reports to be completed in a timely manner.

Article 3-8 Classroom Relief.

Maintaining a classroom conducive to the education of all students is the primary responsibility of each classroom teacher. When, in the opinion of the teacher, a classroom situation exists which interferes with this responsibility, the teacher may seek relief and/or support.....

Article 7.7 Teacher Exchange

The Association and District support the concept of Teacher Exchange Programs within the district, the state, nationally, and internationally.

Article 8.13—Life Insurance. All teachers appointed fifty-five percent or more of full time equivalency will have forty thousand dollars of life insurance coverage at no cost to the teacher.

Memorandum of Understanding (p. 73) Compassionate Leave Bank

Compassionate Leave Bank Days will be available to Association members for the purpose of alleviating the hardship caused by absence from work necessitated by extended or recurring illness of the member, spouse, or dependent child extending beyond all of the member's accumulated paid leave.....

Your challenge: Read these articles. Find others that may be a benefit to you as a CTA member.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

An audit of CTA's financial records for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 has been completed. Audit Committee Members (**Glenn Stevenson, Paul Spear, Ann Marcellin**) met with CTA Treasurer Scott Shaddock, Accountant Lou Nettle, and CTA President Rick Gallant.

The Association's financial records were found to be in good order and a report has been sent to our state and national affiliates.

CTA's financial records may be examined by any member of our organization. Please contact Rick Gallant.

Good News and Info from our Members....

From Nick Rossington, NSB

My son, Cameron, a junior geology major at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs has been selected and will attend the fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco to present a poster on the topics, "Do Speleothem Stable Isotope Records Contain Hidden Tropical Cyclone Histories? Exploring C-O Isotope Correlation Patterns for Indicators of Tropical Cyclone Masking?" While in San Francisco he will visit relatives.

From Laurie Murphy, NSB

Megan Lewis, daughter of Laurie Murphy (health teacher at Northside Blodgett) will sign her National Letter of Intent to attend Adelphi University on Long Island during the early signing period in November. Megan received a combination athletic and academic scholarship to catch for the Panthers softball team and will pursue a degree in Bio-Chemistry.

CTA = Corning Teachers in Action..

Corning Teachers' Association Assists Heart to Heart of the Southern Tier

Once again, CTA members donated generously to help Heart to Heart of the Southern Tier



provide household supplies to area families in need. Each school was very successful in providing the much needed goods. ***A special thanks to the following members for coordinating the collections in their schools: Tamara Smith, Erin Merrill, Angela Nichiporuk, Amy Harpster, Adam Ruth, Stacie Martinec, Mitch Peck, Judy Smith-Coleman, Keli Terwilliger Ben Bowers, Bathrick, and Nicole Salyerds. Also, thanks to CTA for partnering with us this year!!***



Mitch Peck, CUS



CFA



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From Bryan Kelley, East High Humanities Department:

I am planning on riding my motorcycle around the United States in August of 2014. Intent on seeing as much of the country as possible, my route will total over 10,000 miles. Among the many places I will visit, one destination will be the 4th Annual “Bootride” (www.bootride.com) in Hollywood, California that supports The Boot Campaign. As part of my journey I am trying to raise money and awareness for this wonderful cause. One hundred percent of the donations go directly to the Boot Campaign and charity partners. My journey, itself, is completely self-funded. Please support this wonderful cause by donating or helping me spread the word to your friends or family. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Please visit my fundraising page for more details:

donate.bootcampaign.com/california2014



“The Boot Campaign is a national 501c3 patriotic movement that is dedicated to showing tangible appreciation of our active military, raising awareness of the challenges they face upon return and supporting their transition home.

Through the sale of its signature military combat boots, general public donations, and corporate sponsorship, the Boot Campaign operates five distinct initiatives — Housing, Jobs, Wellness, Urgent Assistance and Family Support— that are caring for military personnel, past and present, healing from a variety of physical and emotional combat wounds, embodying the campaign motto that, ‘When They Come Back, We Give Back’ “

For more information about the Boot Campaign, please visit:

<http://www.bootcampaign.com/about/>

From Ellen O’Hare, Carder

The Rockwell Museum of Western Art - serves a Trustee on the Board of Directors and Chair of the Fund Development Committee.

Fund for Women - member of Board of Directors, currently serving as Board Secretary....also member of Annual Giving committee.

A financial safety net for NYSUT members & their families

Long-term care insurance pays for services that aren't covered by Medicare or traditional health insurance but are important when you can't fully take care of yourself.

You may think it's unnecessary since you have no plans of ending up in a nursing home or requiring assistance for basic daily activities. The fact remains, though, that none of us can predict what's going to happen in the future.

This is where long-term care insurance comes into play – helping to pay the high cost of custodial care and other long-term care expenses that a long-term illness or injury can bring.

That's why the NYSUT Member Benefits Trust is excited to be back in the long-term care business with the endorsement of New York Long-Term Care Brokers.

With this endorsed program, NYSUT members and their eligible family members have the opportunity to receive a 5% to 10% discount on various plans.

With regional representatives throughout New York state and beyond, eligible individuals have access to long-term care insurance plans from multiple highly-rated insurance companies – including the New York State Partnership for Long-Term Care.

And with Americans living longer than ever today, the need for a financial safety net has never been greater. Through this endorsed program, eligible individuals can get a long-term care insurance plan designed with their specific needs in mind.



And don't automatically discount the cost of this type of insurance as it may be far more affordable than you may think.

If you or a loved one has been previously declined for long-term care insurance, you may still be insurable with a different company.

NYLTCB represents numerous long-term care insurance companies – all with different medical underwriting guidelines. Make sure to ask your long-term care insurance specialist for more details.

We encourage you to look into the cost of a long-term care plan tailored to your specific needs.

For more information about this endorsed offering, please contact **NYLTCB toll-free at 888-884-0077**. You can also contact Member Benefits with any questions at **800-626-8101** or visit **memberbenefits.nysut.org**.

