Dear Colleagues,

I hope that all of you had a great start to the school year. It certainly has been busy!

We started the new year by welcoming over 30 new members at our annual New Member Breakfast on August 31st. We moved from IHOP to I-Square this year, taking advantage of their conference center space and creating a new tradition that I hope will last. Many thanks to the staff of I-Square, Bob Rosenberg and Terri Trotta from Lincoln Investment Planning for sponsoring the event, and former WITA Second Vice-President Joe Pelliccia for organizing this great event.

Congratulations to Kate Dobosz from Southlawn! Kate is taking over for Joe Pelliccia as WITA’s Second Vice-President and Membership Chair. Her appointment was approved by the Governing Council at our October meeting. Thank you to Kate for taking on this crucial role signing up and engaging new WITA members. We thank Joe for his many years of dedicated service to WITA and wish him well in his future endeavors.

With over 50 new hires thus far this year, coupled with Kate’s recent start as our Membership Chair, we have some catching up to do. If you are aware of new hires that have not yet been signed up or are a new hire that has not yet been contacted by us, please let Kate or I know as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience during this transition.

The revival of the WITA Fall Barbeque took place at Kusak Lodge at Camp Eastman on September 30th. Almost 50 members and guests attended this event, and a great time was had by all. At the barbeque we collected school supplies for the Irondequoit Community Cupboard. Thank you to those that contributed to this drive. The ICC was extremely appreciative of our donation.

Many thanks to members who participated in American Cancer Society Denim Day on October 7th, and to the Building VPs and Reps that helped to coordinate the event. Together we raised over $600 for cancer research! Thank you also to Tammy Jaynes and those members that attended the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on October 16th and contributed to this worthy cause.

The WITA is currently conducting an anonymous survey about the barbeque and other member engagement initiatives. WITA’s goals include improving member engagement, community involvement and participation in WITA-sponsored events. We appreciate you taking a few minutes of your time to complete the survey to help us with this goal. The survey link was sent through home email and can be sent again upon request.

In collaboration with WITA, the district has provided information through the office of the Deputy Superintendent and the TLC about the new requirements pertaining to teaching and teaching assistant certifications and mandated professional development (CTLE). NYSUT guidance on the topic is on page 3 of this issue of The Scoop and will be sent through home email. We look forward to helping members to access the necessary information and meet the applicable requirements.

Thank you to those members that took NYSUT’s “Pledge to Vote.” There are many important races being decided on November 8th. A list of endorsed candidates will be sent through home email immediately before Election Day. Your vote is your voice for the future of public education!

If you have not yet joined WICPTSA, please take a moment this month to do so. Let’s support the people that support us by making sure the “T” in PTSA stays strong! The $10 membership fee is a bargain. Membership forms are available in all school offices, on the PTSA web site or can be emailed to you upon request from the WITA office.

Finally, if you are in need of new WITA Apparel for the new school year please consult our web site, WITeachers.org, or contact me for more information.

In Solidarity,
## Important Events 2016-17

(All meetings are on Tuesdays at 3:30 at IHS except as noted)

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## Welcome New Members!

**Briarwood:** Andrea Koppen, Corey Kurz, Marisa Macera, Virginia Tate  
**Brookview:** Dan Magee, Christy Ottmas, Emily Topping  
**Colebrook:** Emily Kanoza  
**Dake:** Cathy Cech, Courtney Dolan, Emily Schultz  
**IHS:** Peter Hartz, Heather Lynch, Katie Picha, Shane Surek  
**Iroquois:** Jennifer Gottfried, Joe Kuhn  
**Listwood:** Emily Zschoche  
**Seneca:** Justine Cipura, Anna Doane, Rachel Klein, Sarah Putman  
**Southlawn:** Emily Comando, Victoria Starr, Kyle Trevas

## Hosts for Dinners

The host schools for the Excellence in Education Banquet rotate on a regular cycle. The host schools through 2021 are as follows:  
2017...........Neighborhood Schools  
2018.....................Rogers School  
2019.....................Iroquois School  
2020.....................Dake School  
2021........................Irondequoit High School

Support the WITA scholarship fund…wear your WITA Logo Shirt the First Friday of every month! Please contact the WITA office if you are in need of a shirt, sweatshirt or would like to place an order.

Have you seen our website?  
Check it out at WITEACHERS.ORG

HAVE YOU JOINED THE MAC YET?  
mac.nysut.org

Please send your wedding and birth announcements to Kimberly_Sklenar@westiron.monroe.edu
### Baby News...

**Eleanor Jane**
born June 15th to Allison (Dake) and Michael Tomarchio

**Sophia Karen & Charles Stephen**
born July 25th to Kelly (Dake) and John Petro

**Anders Giles**
born August 2nd to Jacqui (Dake) and Louis No

**Fritz William**
born August 25th to Gina (Iroquois) and Brian Schreiber

**William Albert**
born September 6th to Melissa (Dake) and William Pollett-Swidorski

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### Teacher Certification Requirements

**Effective July 1, 2016**

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**Important to Note:**
- You should register in the month of your birth, starting July 1, 2016, and need to re-register every 5 years thereafter. You can register early. Late fees will be waived for the first 5 year registration period.
- Initially Certified Classroom Teachers and Level I or II Teaching Assistants need only to be working towards the next level of certificate. Anyone being issued a Professional Certificate or a Level III Teaching Assistant Certificate after July 1, 2016 will be automatically registered for their first 5 year cycle.
- You can register as “Inactive” if you are not working in a NYS school or BOCES. You will need to register with SED before you return.

**CTLE: Continuing Teacher and Leader Education**

If you are required to earn CTLE hours, you **MUST** maintain a record of completed CTLE. Records should be kept for 3 years after each 5 year cycle, and are to include:
- Title of program
- Total hours completed
- # hours targeting needs of ELL’s
- Providing sponsor’s name
- Attendance verification
- Date/location of program

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### *REMEMINDER*

Be sure to save your last pay stub of this year for tax purposes!
Save with NYSUT Member Benefits

The NYSUT membership is made up of a variety of diverse professionals -- joining together in support of those who depend on them. We salute these men and women for their dedication and the sacrifices they make on a daily basis to help improve the lives of others.

And we are proud to offer you -- the hard-working NYSUT member -- an opportunity to participate in the more than 40 endorsed programs & services offered by NYSUT Member Benefits.

Look to Member Benefits for crucial insurance programs such as auto, homeowners, life, disability, or long-term care insurance. Member Benefits also offers a variety of travel, entertainment & shopping options to help you with everything from daily purchases to those special once-in-a-lifetime excursions.

The following is just a sampling of the endorsed programs & services available to NYSUT members & their families:

- Homeowners Insurance
- Auto Insurance
- Legal Service Plan
- Financial Counseling Program
- Life Insurance
- Vision Plan
- ID Watchdog
- PayCheck Direct
- Car & Truck Rentals
- Wyndham Hotels
- Endless Vacation Rentals
- Buyer’s Edge, Inc.

To learn more about Member Benefits-endorsed programs & services, visit memberbenefits.nysut.org or call 800-626-8101.

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.

May/June '16