

**January**  
**2020**

# WITA

West Irondequoit Teachers'



## *President's Message...*

Dear Colleagues,

Happy 2020! I hope that you enjoyed the holidays and were able to find time to relax and rejuvenate. Now that we are back in full swing, there are many upcoming WITA events and initiatives.

The WITA Social Committee will be sponsoring an event at Radio Social on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Join us in celebrating the third payday in January starting at 4:30. WITA will take care of the bowling and the snacks. We hope to see you there!

Our current contract expires on June 30<sup>th</sup>, so it's time to dust off your Solidarity Buttons from last year! Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> is our first Negotiations Session with the District. We are asking all members to show support for our team by wearing WITA Logo Shirts and Solidarity Buttons on the 28<sup>th</sup>. We are asking IESA and WIMEO to wear their buttons in support as well, as we did for them last year. Building Reps will have buttons for new members who want them and a few extras if you have misplaced yours. Thank you for supporting YOUR representatives in negotiations!

Our annual New Member Event at the February meeting of the WITA Governing Council will take place on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Last year's event was cancelled because of inclement weather, so new members from the past two years are invited to join us to learn more about the Union and its governance. We will have catered snacks and door prizes for new members. Many thanks to Kate Dobosz for her work on this important event.

The annual Adam Milne Game, which WITA has been sponsoring for the past eight years, will take place on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at IHS. This contest between the Dake and IHS faculties is a crowd pleaser among our students, and we have been able to raise a significant amount of money for charity over the years. This year, we will be raising money for Parkinson's research in honor of Dake member and Irondequoit graduate Gerard Porter. If you are not playing, please consider coming out to support your colleagues who are!

Our annual Excellence in Education Banquet will take place on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a great evening to enjoy each other's company and recognize some of the many accomplishments of our esteemed colleagues. Thank you to Dake School for organizing and hosting this year's banquet. Look for nomination information in early February and consider nominating a fellow WITA Member for a Beverly F. Engel Excellence in Education Award. New members, newly tenured members, retiring members, members reaching their 25 or 35 year milestone with the District and newly National Board Certified teachers will also be recognized!

Board of Education elections and the annual School Budget Vote will also occur on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. We will once again be running a candidate endorsement process as a joint effort with our sister unions, IESA and WIMEO. If you know of anyone considering a run or interested in learning more about running and our endorsement process, please encourage them to email me at [WITAPresident@gmail.com](mailto:WITAPresident@gmail.com). (Please note that I will not be able to reply to inquiries sent through District email.)

Finally, our Annual Financial Review, as required by law, was completed by our accountant, Gary Sloan in January and accepted by the WITA Governing Council at our January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. A copy is available in the WITA Office for you to view by request.

In Solidarity,

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**Important Events 2020**

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

**February:**

- 4th—Executive Committee
- 7th—WITA Logo Shirt Day
- 11th—WITA New Member Reception & Governing Council at I.H.S. Campus Center

**March:**

- 3rd—Executive Committee
- 6th—WITA Logo Shirt Day
- 10th—Governing Council

**April:**

- (March) 31st—Executive Committee
- 3rd—WITA Logo Shirt Day
- 14th—Governing Council

**May:**

- 1-2nd—NYSUT Rep Assembly in Albany
- 1st—WITA Logo Shirt
- 5th—Executive Committee
- 12th—Governing Council
- 19th—WITA Excellence in Education Dinner

**June:**

- 2nd—Executive Committee
- 5th—WITA Logo Shirt Day
- 9th—Governing Council



***Please send your wedding and birth announcements to***

***Kimberly\_Sklenar@westiron.monroe.edu***

**WITA Social Committee Event**

Come celebrate the 3rd pay day of the month with an outing at **RADIO SOCIAL!**

Friday, January 31st

4:30 pm

Food and Bowling will be provided by the WITA  
Hope to see you there!



**Hosts for Dinners**

The host schools for the Excellence in Education

Banquet rotate on a regular cycle.

The host schools through 2024 are as follows:

- 2020.....Dake School
- 2021....Irondequoit High School
- 2022.....Neighborhood Schools
- 2023.....Rogers School
- 2024.....Iroquois School

***Wedding News...***

Katie (Seneca) and John Cushman  
June 29th

***Congratulations!!***



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



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

Please contact the WITA office to place an order if you need a new WITA t-shirt or sweatshirt.  
\$5 from each shirt purchased goes to our scholarship fund.



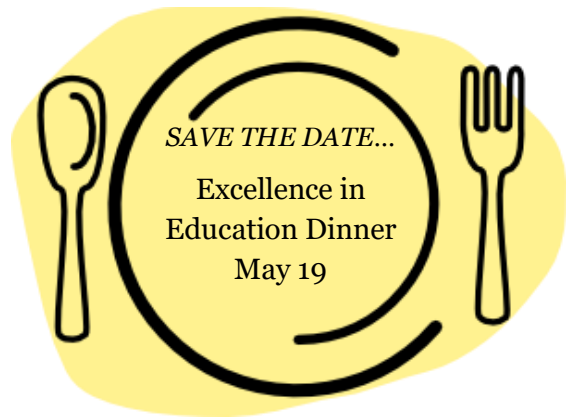
**Welcome**  
**New Members!**



**Colebrook:** Jacquelyn Honan

**Dake:** David Jones

**Rogers:** Marisol Cartagena



SUPPORT YOUR NEGOTIATIONS TEAM

on

JANUARY 28TH



PLEASE WEAR YOUR



*WITA LOGO SHIRTS & BUTTONS*

***Baby News...***

**Elise Olivia**

born October 12th to Carolyn (Iroquois) and Ethan Kraybill

**Emory Ruth**

born October 14th to Bree (Colebrook) and John Allen

**Patrick Thomas**

born October 21st to Lindsay (Listwood) and Tom Shaughnessy

**Jonathan Roy**

born November 7th to Shawna (Colebrook) and Nick Wagner

**Robert Christopher**

born December 9th to Emily Copp-(Iroquois) and Doug Allard



***Annual Financial Review***

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