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News from the President

Dear Colleagues,

The school year is almost at an end. With all that we have been doing and all that has happened, it seems like it has been an especially long year. We have had to fight to keep the Governor from destroying education as we know it and other vital services for kids. That battle, or should I say war is not yet over, but there is still hope for education in New York.

I would suggest that each and every one of you send a letter or an e-mail to the legislators and the governor asking that they support and save our educational system as we know it. Also, I would ask that you call or fax a letter to Bob Reilly and thank him for voting against the TIER VI pension bill. Given the popularity of Governor One Percent, that took courage. Bob has continually demonstrated that he is a free thinker and makes his own decisions. Bob is not your typical career politician and donates his salary to charity. Bob does not plan to seek re-election, and that is too bad. Though we may not have always agreed with his position, I for one believe it is an honest one.

Speaking of Governor One Percent, I think Andrew Cuomo gives a new definition to the acronym GOP. Though we recognize that as the Grand Old Party another name for the Republican Party, I think that could easily be a nick name for Governor Cuomo.

When I think about it, he seems to be a lot more like a Republican than a Democrat. Do you think he may have aspirations for another political office, the Presidency? I hear he does. Maybe that's his plan. If he looks enough like a Republican he'll be able to get their endorsement. What do you think? Now that's a real career politician if you ask me.

As we near the end of another school year I want to take a moment and thank all the members who have helped this Association operate this year and in the past. The year has been a success because members took the time to serve on a committee(s), work on an election, prepare refreshments, serve on Rep. Council, write a newsletter or serve on the Executive Board. You have done so much and I want to thank you – all of you. I truly feel your support. I also want you, as a member, to consider what you might do to help your Association in the future. Maybe you are someone who didn't have any spare time to give. Consider what time you might have now and offer what you can. It is your Association. There is plenty of work to go around. There are still many things we need to work on. Your talents would be a great gift to give in support of your Association, to your fellow members and yourself. Many hands make light work.

Looking forward, Doug

CALENDAR

CAPITAL REGION
BOCES FACULTY ASSOCIATION.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

May 30, 2012

REP COUNCIL

May 16, 2012

BOCES BOARD

May 21, 2012

**Birth-
stone:**
Emerald



Flower:
Lilly

TRIAD Article Deadline:

May 22, 2012 for
June Newsletter

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Rep Council Highlights

April 18, 2012 by Lanny Barsale

Treasurer's Report and the budget were presented. It had been passed out last month to give reps a chance to study it. The budget reflects the loss in membership resulting in less money from dues. The Association dues have not been raised. NYSUT and AFT have raised their dues. The budget passed with little discussion.

Announcement about workshop – Demonstrating our Effectiveness – Evidence Based Observation. It is a joint effort by the Teacher Center and Capital District Regional Office at NYSUT. It will be May 23rd at NYSUT headquarters. There are only 30 slots.

Very Special Prom – It will be at the Ramada this year. May 11th.

Celebration Bash – May 17th at the Mohawk Country Club and Chateau.

June 16th – Bus Trip to Boston. It will leave at 8:00. Carolyn & Brent Pierce are handling the details. More information to follow.

Negotiations:

TA/EA: There will be an informational meeting on April 30th at 3:30. There will be a PowerPoint presentation to explain the contract. Post cards

have been sent out. May 4th – 2:00 – 4:30: vote on TA/EA contract.

Teachers – not much to report.

Service – There have been preliminary meetings. No big changes if contract is opened at all. They can deal with many issues using Memorandum of Understanding.

Elections – good return so far. The count date is May 10th – Thursday, 3:45 at Maywood School. It was announced that we can't give out replacement ballots. They are numbered to be sure that there are no duplicates.

Student Incentive – Due May 1st. Committee formed: Adam Mainville (CTE teacher), Valerie Gottlieb (TA), Anne Conway (Spec. Ed teacher), and Sandy Smith (Service).

TRIAD – meeting next week – Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Social Committee:

Friday afternoon get together: Friday, April 27th, - Doratos; Friday, May 4th – The Recovery Room at Curry and Altamont Avenues; Friday, May 18th – Wolf's 111 - **All are welcome.**

April 2012 Annual Board Meeting was held on April 1 at Albany CTE. We were unable to attend as that was the same date as the Executive Council meeting.

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The 2012 Tour De Cure Ride for Diabetes "Take The Ride of Your Life"

By Catherine A. Jakway T.A. Spec. Ed.

Please help support **Brent Pierce**, Teacher, Spec. Ed., The Tour De Cure is an annual cycling event of the American Diabetes Association that is held in more than 80 cities nationwide. Since the Tour De Cure's beginning, this one day bike tour has thousands of individual riders and teams participating to support the Association's mission: to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. Riders of all athletic ability are invited to raise funds and ride to fight the epidemic of diabetes. The local tour is on Sunday, June 3rd, 2012 beginning at Saratoga Springs High School.

What Brent Pierce is asking of you; "I am asking for your help. By making a donation on my behalf, you will be helping the American Diabetes Association change the future of diabetes by providing community-based education programs, protect the rights of people with diabetes and fund critical research for a cure. I know my participation in this year's Tour de Cure can and will make a difference. Please help me reach my goal of \$1,000 by supporting me with a donation. You can copy and paste the link below to my personal Web page to make a secure, 100% tax deductible donation. (If you do not want to donate online, please make your check payable to the American Diabetes Association and mail your contribution to me at)

1247 Trinity Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306."

To visit my personal page.

<http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR?>

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Volunteers Are Desperately Needed!

Volunteers are a very important part of the TOUR de CURE experience! Over 250 people are needed on Tour day. From parking to food prep to cleaning tables, many volunteer opportunities are available to lend a hand and help make the day a success! Please call Anne at 518-218-1755 ext. 3632 for more information or to fill out the volunteer form on-line, go to diabetes.org/volunteer too!

If you, an employee of Capital Region BOCES, plan to ride in the 2012 Tour De Cure and would like to be mentioned in the June edition of the TRIAD Newsletter, please contact me at MsSmarty-pants429@nycap.rr.com or at 469-7969. I look forward to hearing from you.

Service Chapter Notes

By Susan Kusalonis

Dear Colleagues

By the time you see this, the Faculty Association Rep Council will have met and the Election Report will have been given. After July 1st I will no longer be your Chapter Vice President. Your new Chapter VP will be **Sandy Smith**, Clerk I in Sub Calling. I hope you will all welcome her to her new responsibilities. Hopefully Sandy will continue communicating with you via the TRIAD.

I will miss some things that came with the job, but maybe it is time for me to look to my future. Hopefully the contract will be finalized by the end of June. We will be presenting our package to Administration soon.

I will continue working as the Co-editor of the TRIAD along with Lanny Barsale. Also, go to monthly meeting's of the BOCES Board and report back to Rep Council.

We want to welcome **Nicholas Kanellis**, Account Clerk I, Albany CTE.

Twelve Month staff should remember to use all but ten days of your vacation time. If you have more than that on July 1st, you will lose it according to our contract.

All in all, it has been a good run and I've learned a lot.

In solidarity, Susan



TEACHING ASSISTANTS/EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS/AIDES

By Colleen Condolora, Chapter VP

Dear Constituents,

As usual, this time of year is very busy for the Teaching Assistant/Educational Assistant/Aide Chapter. As I write this article we are heading into the home stretch with the contract. The vote and informational meeting will be held next week. The TA/EA Showcase place next week. I hope both endeavors are successful and well attended.

Diane Kavanaugh (Speech, Sp. Ed.) and I will be going to the NYSUT Representative Assembly (RA) as delegates in a few days. I will have more information to report back in my next article. I enjoy going to the RA, it is very busy and you have the opportunity to meet so many people from around the state. The energy in the room is contagious and the speakers are enthusiastic and informative. I wish everyone could have this experience, I believe more people would get involved in the ins and outs of our Association.

Flora Fasoldt and I met with Dr. Jacobs and Peter Taormina to discuss layoffs, class closing and summer school. For the TA/EA Chapter the outlook for layoffs is better than last year. There will be some classroom closings but thankfully the Special Ed. division will also add a few additional classes in CDS and IMN. These opening will help

with keeping the layoff numbers lower for the next school year. May 1st was the deadline for Special Ed. Principals to have all their referrals into administration. This will assist in getting a better projection for next year's enrollment. For summer school, the projection is that BOCES will have fewer students attending due to school district budget constraints. This means there will be fewer positions available for staff. Hopefully, staff will get the information on whether they have a position at an earlier date. The sooner we know the better chance we will have to make alternative decisions for employment during the summer months.

If anyone is interested in going into the TA/EA pool this year, you must contact your prospective principal immediately. Contractually, we are allowed only five voluntary transfers into the pool. I don't know how many positions will be available in the pool this year; it is too soon for that. More information will be coming in next month's article.

Enjoy the nice weather everyone, we are heading into the home stretch, brace yourselves. Try to stay positive and give a helping hand when you see someone in need. It can make all the difference in the world.

In Solidarity, Colleen Condolora

Opt IN for a hard copy of the TRIAD

A motion was passed by the Capital Region BOCES Faculty Association to try to "Go Green" and only send a hard copy of the TRIAD starting with the September 2012 issue to members who request it.

We will start asking those members who want to continue receiving a hard copy to let our Membership Chairperson, **Lisa Mink**, know that they want a hard copy and confirm the mailing address. You can contact Lisa by phone (518) 372-7240 at home; email her at lmink8@hotmail.com or by US mail to: 8 Jester Drive, Colonie, NY 12205.

We will continue to put this in each newsletter as a reminder. Only **three months** left to contact Lisa.

VOTE-COPE May, 2012

Putting Activism To Work; “You Have The Power”

By Catherine A. Jakway, VOTE-COPE Chairperson,
Capital Region BOCES Faculty Association

Dear Colleagues,

“In just the last year alone, we endured a \$1.7 billion cut in state aid and hundreds of millions in cuts to higher education. In addition, 30,000 educator jobs have been lost in New York schools due to massive budget cuts,” said Andy Pallotta, NYSUT Executive Vice President. The month of March is a critical time. Lawmakers need to agree on a state budget before the April 1 deadline. The New York State School Boards Association is attempting to eliminate tenure and repeal the Triborough Law, the statute that prohibits public employers from cutting benefits and salaries when contracts expire.

What we can do. Take Action - Become an e-Activist!

Visit NYSUT’S new **Member Action Center** (mac.nysut.org) to sign on-line petitions, send emails, and faxes to Governor Cuomo and your lawmakers. Please visit this site often. If we wish to have a positive influence on our professional future, we must take an active part in the political process. **Your voice is needed now more than ever as well as your support to VOTE-COPE.**

VOTE-COPE is NYSUT’S influential and successful lobbying group. NYSUT lobbies on behalf of all members; educators, health care professionals, school related professionals..., they protect the rights of members.

Funded entirely by voluntary contributions from members, VOTE-COPE is used to help union-backed candidates and campaign committees that support education and labor. VOTE-COPE helps strengthen political action programs at all levels-national, state and local. To help on the local level, VOTE-COPE provides rebates to participating unions for local political action.

VOTE-COPE funds, by law, are kept separate from those of NYSUT. Decisions on the use of

VOTE-COPE contributions are made by a statewide committee. VOTE-COPE solicits and accepts only voluntary contributions. Your donation to VOTE-COPE is not tax deductible. Members play a vital role in VOTE-COPE’S success.

We know these are difficult financial times, but if you can increase your VOTE-COPE gift even by \$1 it would be greatly appreciated. My goal this year is \$1,000. I am short of that by just under \$100.00.

New members are encouraged to make a donation.

This can be done by check (made out to “Vote-Cope”) or through payroll deduction. Retirees can contribute through automatic pension deduction.

Everyone benefits when you support your union’s efforts to protect public education, access to health care, labor rights, and fairness for working families. A contribution to this political action fund helps ensure your voice will be heard on issues, large and small, that affect your life. Make an investment in yourself and your future. Please make your donation to VOTE-COPE today.

The VOTE-COPE mailing went out on March 26th and 27th. If you have not received your packet, please contact me at MsSmarty-pants429@nycap.rr.com or at 469-7969.

We have a VOTE-COPE contribution to fit all budgets:

Amount per check Yearly Contribution
\$1.00 = \$22.00; \$2.00 = \$44.00; \$3.00 = \$66.00 and up.

Please complete your **payroll deduction form, automatic pension deduction, or by check**, and return to:

Catherine Jakway
311 E. Campbell Road
Schenectady, NY 12303

Rep Council Dates	Location Of each meeting
5/16/12	900 Watervliet Shaker Road Albany/Schoharie Rms.
6/13/12	Albany/Schoharie Rms.

RETIREES CORNER

By Jeanette Christoff

Happy Spring to All,

The Census Bureau recently released their 1940 records. The total United States population, some 72 years ago, was only 131.1 million in comparison with today's 309 million. In those days, people's lives evolved within a short distance of their home or place of birth. Some long retired may recall that winters were cold with a kitchen coal stove as the only source of heat. Many still used an icebox and did not have a hot water heater. The primary mode of transportation was walking and having a car was rare and a respected acquisition. Back then, keeping in touch with family and friends was easy, as most lived within walking distance. Few had ever heard the now familiar ring of a telephone.

Sundays were a day of rest and a time to visit. It was expected that someone would "drop in". In the evening, folks sat on their stoops, steps or porches. They knew, and were know to all of their neighbors. Church and shopping gave the opportunity to "run into" (antiquated expression) someone and catch up on their lives. Those of us from small towns could be

certain that our family would find out if we were someplace we should not be. We waited with trepidation and the hope they would not find out. We would try to be so good and almost certain we would hear the inevitable question, "Where were you?" Most often, a verbal lashing was a sufficient future deterrent.

It was a milestone when our telephone was installed and in those pre-dial days, we awaited those magic words, "number please". We have progressed to direct dial, speed dial, answering machines, caller ID and waiting. Those are sufficient for many of us but we try to keep up with the latest innovations. It a daunting task when an improved version enters the market before we have mastered the old version.

To those of us born before 1940, it seems incredible that such small devices have been invented which can access all of the information, places and knowledge known to man. Through the years we have seen the items of fiction become a reality. Do you remember crime-fighter Dick Tracy and his 2-way wrist radio? It has become our cell phone. Can you recall predic-

tions of phonovision? It has become our Skype and George Orwell's "big brother is watching", seems to exist everywhere.

Where will we go from here? What item of fiction will be our next "must have?" Entertainment bombards us with wonders that seem irrelevant to our daily life. But there is one I would welcome into my collection of toys. It would require the paraphrasing of those famous words of Captain Kirk of the spaceship Enterprise, "Beam me up, Scotty".

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LOST RRETIREES Can you help us?

- Lloyd Scott
- Lee Charboneau
- Mary McCarty
- Pat Bonacci
- Fran Bebe
- Sue Rosa
- Nancy Smith
- Steve Leonard
- Doug Kruger
- Bob Cole

Please call 518-356-0137.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS May 2012

By Catherine A. Jakway, TA. Spec. Ed.

Social Gathering Dates

Our next gathering is Friday, May 18th at Wolf's 111, Wolf Road (111) Colonie. Happy hour Monday - Friday, 4-8 PM After Work Specials! \$1.50 Off All Draft Beers.

Our 2011 – 2012 school year is quickly coming to a close. If you have any suggestions for some final dates and locations, please contact Brent Pierce Spec. Ed. teacher at his personal email address, bmp4sw@gmail.com.

The Capital Region BOCES Faculty Association invites you to attend **The Annual Celebration Bash and Retirement Party** on Thursday, May 17th, at the Mohawk River County Club and Cha-teau.

More information is on our web page at www.crbfa.org. Please join us for a great dinner and enjoyable companionship!

Social Committee News

A bus trip is in the works by the Faculty Association Social Committee to Boston, Mass on June 16th. Cost is \$30 per person. We will be leaving from Maywood School at 8 AM. and returning by 9:30 PM. The bus will be dropping us off near Quincy Market.

Registration form is in this TRIAD.

Further information will be available in the TRIAD Newsletter and on our Faculty Association web page at www.crbfa.org.

If you have “Noteworthy News” that you would like to submit for this article we would love to hear from you! Please contact **Susan Kusalonis** at maidmrn300@aol.com, or to **Catherine Jakway** at MsSmartypants429@nycap.rr.com,

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Your friendly reminder

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

School Nutrition Employee Week, May 7-11, 2012

National School Nurse Day, May 10, 2012

Very Special Prom, May 11, 2012, Best Western Sovereign

Celebration Bash, May 17, 2012, Mohawk River Country Club

From the Editor's desk

Lanny Barsale, Co-Editor

It's that time of the month again. Sometimes I fear this more than paying the mortgage. It's time to write From the Editor's Desk.

So I sit here and look out at the rain thinking about how much this rain was desired for many reasons. It ends the fear of fire outbreak and the farmers need it about now to help the new plantings. It's cold and nasty but there's a sense of relief at the coming of this rain.

Not so at the end of August. It wasn't all that long ago but often seems like years. Eight months have passed since the devastating floods from Tropical Storms Irene and Lee swept through upstate New York. Many thought we were far enough away from the ocean that we would not have more than a heavy rain. Who could have known the devastation? People in New York City, much closer to the ocean, watched the happenings on television. People in Schoharie had to escape to higher ground, live in shelters, and stood in disbelief at the unprecedented levels of damage. Homes and businesses well above the flood plain were put out of commission. Livestock was killed and thousands of acres of prime farmland were rendered useless at the brink of harvest time. Folks living in low-lying areas along the Schoharie and Fox Creeks saw water rise to the second story of their homes, in some cases washing the buildings away. Losses not covered by insurance totaled more than \$30,000,000 for homeowners alone.

In Schoharie, every business was shut down and 80% of the population was dislocated. The village became a ghost town and neighborhoods in Central Bridge and Esperance simply disappeared. But... life in Schoharie did not end with the floods.

It's hard to look for the silver lining in all of this. And for many, it's just not there. I am someone not really affected since I live on the brow of a small mountain. Plus I was out of town during that time and missed the aftermath. But what I saw was the chance for people to show their best side.

Enter the volunteers!

Neighbors reached out to neighbors. Friends and strangers from everywhere pitched in and the rebuilding began. People who were affected helped those more devastated. And there were stories to

tell.

Many people unable to join in the cleanup effort helped out in other ways. Collection sites for supplies needed were set up and manned almost 24 hours at first. Sometimes it was just having someone drive into Albany, Schenectady or Oneonta to buy needed equipment and supplies that were depleted in Schoharie. When they ran out of rubber gloves and masks, the stores in those cities were soon sold out also as our volunteers went on shopping trips. Tide set up washing machines in the Walmart parking lot. And there was a lot of laundry. Cafes and "soups kitchens" were set up all over the place, some still running today.

And then "our own", the Schoharie Teachers Association launched into action to save their community. Union members hauled away debris, mopped floors and helped their neighbors begin to put their lives back together. One major effort happened on Columbus Day weekend. Not only did the members of the Schoharie Teachers Association give up their holiday weekend, a busload of 50 New York City teachers and over 200 other NYSUT-affiliated teachers and support staff from the Capital Region came to the area to insulate up to 80 homes and businesses before winter.

Our own BOCES CTE center in Schoharie was helped. They had loaned their bulldozer to Schoharie Central School and it was destroyed in the flood. The Faith Takes Family Foundation gave \$17,000 to help buy another bulldozer.

Our CTE students in Schoharie got a Lowe's / SkillsUSA grant. That money will be used to repair two parks in the county as well as the Sloansville cemetery damaged in the storm. They are building a pavilion, repairing roads and building and installing new picnic tables, benches and grills in Lassell Park. At Fox Creek Park, the students are building a new sign, picnic tables and benches.

National Grid workers recently cleaned up the local Fox Creek Park. It will be ready for Little League opening day

Gerald Sholtes was born in his house on Main Street in Schoharie. After the flood, State Comptroller Tom Dinapoli got his hands dirty helping Sholtes get back on his feet.

From the Editors Desk continued.

A group of men from the Midstate Correctional Facility showed up in neon yellow and orange vests for a work day in September.

One by one, residents have been returning to their homes. Businesses are re-opening. But while there is light at the end of the tunnel, we are clearly still in that very dark tunnel. The needs remain great. The community is now in a stage at which individual circumstances vary widely – some lives have returned to normal (whatever that is) while others remain paralyzed by the massive tasks that lie ahead. Some homes are rebuilt and others still shells or holes in the ground; some stores are active but most storefronts are still vacant.

Right now, Schoharie moves into a phase that in many ways is more difficult than the one right after the storms. Lots of work remains and much of this work is in properties of business owners and residents who are still struggling with questions of whether or how to rebuild. New homesteaders moving into the community are staring at houses that need total reconstruction. Apartment and store front renters have few choices available.

But even now the volunteers are showing up. There is still so much to be done and we need all the help we can get. There are the “roll up your sleeves and play with power tools” jobs. There are other jobs not so strenuous.

I really didn't expect for my musings to lead to this, but here is a time to ask for help for this county that I've chosen to reside in. There are several ways to help.

Offer volunteer labor – basic cleanup crews and prep work for reconstruction and for jobs such as insulation and putting in sheetrock.

Provide skilled labor – Donated services of plumbers, electricians and wallboard tapers remain in great demand.

Financial contributions - There is still a need for millions of dollars to cover the damage even with the generous contributions to date.

If you're interested in helping, the best route is to contact Schoharie Recovery.

PO Box 111, Schoharie, NY 12157 – 518-390-8828

www.SchoharieRecovery.org

SchoharieRecovery@yahoo.com

The task is huge. Many hands won't make it light work but it will ease the burden.

May checklist

Get your blood pressure tested: Thursday, May 17, is World Hypertension Day. Have a professional measure your blood pressure--in both arms. A difference of 15 Hg or more is linked to a 70% greater risk for death from cardiovascular causes.

Prevent tick bites: Pretreat clothing and gear with the wash-in insecticide *permethrin*. Use repellent with at least 20% DEET on exposed skin. Shower after outdoor activity, and then check yourself for ticks. Pull them off with fine-tipped tweezers.

Register before foreign travel: Sign up for the government's free *Smart Traveler Enrollment Program*. It allows you to enter infor-

mation about your upcoming trip abroad to help the State Department assist you in an emergency. <https://TravelRegistration.state.gov>

Get ready for Mother's Day: Sunday, May 13. Show your love with a special breakfast in bed, a picnic in the park or a surprise visit if you live out of town. *Other* ideas: A recording of you or your family singing a favorite song...a book signed by a favorite author (search www.BookFinder.com/signed_books).

Watch a solar eclipse: On Sunday, May 20, a solar eclipse will be visible in many Western states - the last opportunity in the US until 2017.

June 16th Faculty Association Bus Trip to Boston

\$30 per person!!! rr

Each person may bring up to 2 guests.

Name _____

Guest#1 _____

Guest#2 _____

Home Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Emergency Contact Person _____

Emergency Contact Person's phone number _____

We will be leaving Maywood School (1979 Central Avenue) at 8:00 AM and returning at approximately 9:30 PM. Please arrive no later than 7:45 am.

The bus will drop everyone off near Quincy Market. Email any questions to Carolyn Pierce at carbeattie@aol.com.

Please send completed registration form and payment* to:

Carolyn Pierce, 1247 Trinity Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

**Checks should be made out to CRB FA*

Deadline to Register is June 8th.

You will receive an email confirmation when your seat(s) on the bus have been secured.

Attention Locals: Don't miss out on a special prize drawing!

We know that your Local Association's newsletter is a great vehicle to find out what is going on in your region, meet the members of your local and learn about exciting opportunities available to you.

Along those lines, we have a great opportunity for you! NYSUT Member Benefits has launched a special prize drawing for all NYSUT members in an effort to encourage greater participation in our free MAP Alert email service.

MAP Alerts are sent approximately once every three weeks to your email inbox and contain information about new endorsed Member Benefits programs, changes to current programs and reminders about existing programs. And, you have our word that you will not be bombarded with email messages.

You will receive one entry into the drawing for every MAP Alert that you open and read before August 15. Winners will be announced on August 16 on the Member Benefits website!



If you are not already a MAP member, visit memberbenefits.nysut.org and click on the MAP graphic in the upper right hand corner of our homepage to join this free service.

Please note that you must be a NYSUT member to be eligible to win any of the prizes in this contest. Only one prize per winner. Current or retired NYSUT employees, NYSUT Member Benefits vendors, or their family members are not eligible to win.



All current and new MAP members who open at least one MAP Alert before August 15, 2012 are eligible to win the following prizes:

Grand Prize

Bose Home Theater System

First Prize

iPad

Second Prize

Kindle Fire

Third Prize

Bose Noise-Canceling Headphones

Fourth Prize

\$50 Powell's Books Gift Card

For more information about this drawing, call **800-626-8101** or visit the Member Benefits website at memberbenefits.nysut.org.

For information about programs or 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.



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Holiday and take a few
minutes to honor those have
served our country.



Healthy Living Article Part III on Bone Marrow

Transplants can be read on the Faculty Association Website www.crbfa.org. There is a lot of information that may be of interest to you.

IMPORTANT: Change of venue for Committee of 100 May 21-22

The May 21-22 Committee of 100 has been relocated due to a serious labor contract dispute between the management of the Desmond Hotel and its unionized employees from New York Hotel Traders Council Local 6

Sunshine Chairperson

If you know of someone who could use a little cheering up, our sympathy, or a get well card, please contact:

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