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From the Desk of the President

April marks an important month for our Association. Our members elect the executive officers in accordance with our Association's Constitution and By-laws. Additionally, a slate of local delegates to the National Education Association (NEA) Representative Assembly Convention is also presented to the membership during this election cycle.

On April 3, 2014 Dana Zimbicki was elected to serve as EBEA's full time president, and Norma Comerford was elected to the position of treasurer. As dedicated members of the Association, this duo recognizes the importance of collaboration in promoting public education during these challenging times. Congratulations to Dana and Norma as they begin their new leadership roles on July 1, 2014!

The membership also elected the following NEA delegates to this year's NEA Convention: Mike Wildermuth, Cheryll Willis, Leslie Anderson, Valerie Nugent, Ryan Hynes, Ar Hristofis, Herbert Peluzzo, Randy Heller and Stacy DeFalco. In July, this delegation will travel to Denver, Colorado, the site of this year's convention.

Our child nutritionists also voted upon a tentative agreement on April 3, 2014. As reported in last month's newsletter, these food services employees faced the threat of privatization and loss of employment in the district. Both the Board and the Association agreed to engage in impact bargaining in the hopes of retaining these valued employees. In late March, a tentative agreement was reached after a lengthy bargaining session. The proposed package was then explained to the child nutritionists at a special membership meeting and those eligible to vote overwhelmingly accepted the agreement. The Board of Education is expected to ratify the contractual changes for these members at its April 10, 2014 board meeting. Our child nutritionists are pleased that they will retain their positions as district employees.

Finally, since the enactment of Public Law 2011 Chapter 202, April school budget elections are no longer necessary provided the budgets remain under the statutory revenue caps. By law, districts are still required to hold public hearings prior to final budget adoptions. The Association encourages all members to review the district's 2014-2015 tentative budget available on www.ebnet.org. The public hearing will occur on April 24, 2014 prior to the final budget adoption on May 8, 2014.

Ruth Davitt

"You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep Spring from coming."

~Pablo Neruda ~

SAVE THE DATES



May 5th

MCEA Membership Benefits Workshop

May 7th

MCEA LAT Dinner

May 14th

EBEA Rep. Council Meeting

May 22nd

EBEA Leadership Reception

June 4th

EBEA Rep. Council Meeting

June 19th

Retirement Party for President Davitt

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

Years of Service Awards



Lisa Balogh
 Patricia Bythewood-Porter
 Laura Chabok-Trembly
 Ursula Cozzolino
 Thomas Eustice
 Rosemarie Kiernan
 Ileana Knable
 Kathleen Kowal
 Maryann Lair
 Karen Manetta
 Elizabeth Matulevich

Elaine Moran
 Jeanette Mueller
 David Nieskens
 Nancy Shapiro
 Maria Sollecito
 Hilda Spevack
 Florence Taliercio
 Michelle Vacchio
 Claudia Weiss
 Mariann Zema
 Dana Zimbicki

Thomas Dzieziak



Governor Teacher Award Winners

Nicole Birckbichler – Bowne Munro
 Leah Olear – Central
 Nicole DeStefano – Chittick
 Donna Rynone – Frost
 Kelly Carle – Irwin
 Melissa Shelcusky – Lawrence Brook
 Virginia Littlefield – Memorial
 Matilda Mato – Warnsdorfer
 Melissa Dugan – Hammarskjold
 Melissa Barna – Churchill
 Marilyn Campesi-Cronk – EBHS

Support Staff Award Winners

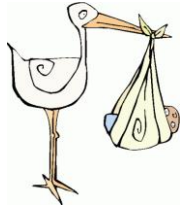
Beth Grekoski – Bowne Munro
 Selina Barkat – Central
 Deborah Rodriguez – Chittick
 Susan Intromasso – Frost
 Laura Fieldhouse – Irwin
 Sara Desrosier – Lawrence Brook
 Deborah LeSeur – Memorial
 Harriet Berg – Warnsdorfer
 Silvia Colls – Hammarskjold
 Gary Coghlan – Churchill
 Lisa Balogh – High School
 John McMenamain – Administration

**A special celebration to honor our award winners will be held on
 May 8, 2014 at the EBPAAC at Hammarskjold Middle School at 8 pm.**

CHEERS AND TEARS

Congratulations to:

Megan Collins, Frost teacher, on the birth of her son Seamus George (in March)



Candace Wu, HMS

health teacher, on the birth of her son Blake (in March)

Sharon Renaud,

child nutrition manager, on the birth of her granddaughter Nora (in

March)

Stephanie Mischik, Chittick special ed. teacher, on the birth of her son Dominic Edward (in April)

Pam Mayo, Memorial principal, on the birth of her grandson Jayden J. (in April)

Carole Lucks, Central secretary, on the birth of her granddaughter Gemma Cleo (in April)

Kate Fabiano, Frost teacher, on the birth of her son Brian (in April)

Carolyn Sowell, HMS aide, on the birth of her grandson Cooper Thomas (in April)

Angela Cintron, Irwin teacher, on the birth of her son Sebastian Gabriel (in April)

Get Well Wishes to:

Katherine Becker-Pandit, HMS social worker

Elizabeth Caracciolo, Lawrence Brook aide

Shari Grondski, EBHS art teacher

Karen Raguette, EBHS secretary

Laurie Smith, Admin/Transportation driver

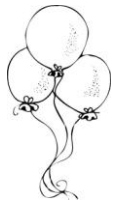
Jill Ventrice, elementary teacher



Cheers to:

Jeff Sundberg, EBHS Phys. Ed. teacher, on being named Home News Tribune Coach of the Year for Girls & Boys Swimming

Keith Lane, CJHS Phys. Ed. teacher, on being named Home News Tribune Coach of the Year for Girls Basketball



Condolences to:

The family of **Richard Reynolds**, retiree, on his death (in March)

Lisa Barry, Frost teacher, on the death of her father (in March)

Sharon Weber Oleszkiewicz, Director of Spec. Ed., on the death of her sister-in-law (in April)

Louise O'Rourke, retiree, on the death of her daughter (in April)

Lori Furey, HMS child nutritionist, on the death of her son (in April)

Anne Antonini, Bowne Munro aide, on the death of her father (in April)

Yennifer Chiriboga, Admin/Transportation driver, on the death of her mother-in-law (in April)

Senora Mobley, Admin/Transportation driver, on the death of her uncle (in April)

The family of **Michael Zielinski**, retiree, on his death (in April)



A LETTER OF THANKS

April 2014

My Dearest EBEA Colleagues,

It has not been the recent circumstances that overwhelmed me; rather it has been the kindness and generosity of wonderful people, like all of you, that caused a swell of emotions.

Your thoughtful, giving, gesture has flooded my heart. No loss of material items, or small inconveniences, can sadden a spirit that has been lifted by the blessing of kindness.

My heart has been deeply touched beyond any words that can be put down on paper. I am forever grateful for your prayers, your supportive words, and your generous gifts. I have always been a very proud EBEA member. I am grateful to be a part of a district whose staff has a strong bond of unity and supports each other. To be surrounded by wonderful people is a true blessing. This is a simple gift that has real lasting value.

I am so thankful for each of you.

~ From our colleague in need (house fire) ~

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Check out our new website

Along with our new look we also feature a “Members” section that is password protected.

Just use your NJEA membership login and password.

<http://my-ebearg/>

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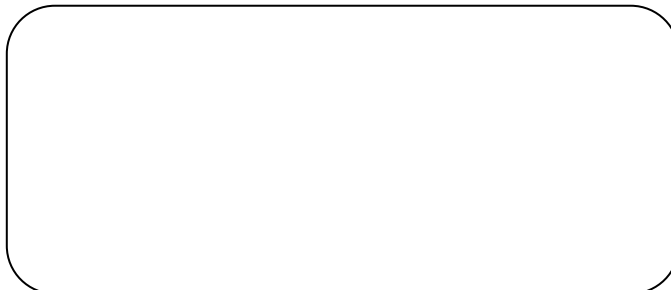
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