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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

~ by Dana Mayclim

Part of my own quirkiness in life believes things happen for a reason and that certain events are somehow connected. My latest attempt to make this association has been comparing this winter which has now turned bitter cold and snowy (I am writing this in mid-January) with this year's budget process. Most of our agency budgets have been faced with deep cuts and tightening of our belts in '09.

It will not be an easy year for any of our communities, departments or ourselves as we try to continue to maintain or even increase services and programs with less resources to do it. However, somehow I know we are all up for the challenge and will succeed. Our profession might not "save lives" as the police and fire department in our communities do but we genuinely care about our customers and continually strives to not only meet but also exceed their expectations. We subscribe to the philosophy that parks and recreation positively impacts health, crime prevention, the environment, the economy and the quality of the residents in our community. This occurs every day through the programs, sports leagues, cultural enrichment and special events that we provide our residents!

Being President is being the head of a team. I would like to take a moment to thank those who make the WRAPS team successful. First, a special thank you to Joe Lemischak for putting together a full slate of luncheon topics and even going out and asking our membership for ideas to be presented in the future and secondly to Matt Nordt for putting together a full slate of entertainers for the Summer Auditions for being held on Tuesday, February 24th,

2009 at Midland Elementary School in Rye, NY. I hope that you can send at least one representative from your departments to this worthy showcase.

Some other important dates to save:

April 15th is the mandatory Health Department Camp Workshop. More details will follow as we get closer. Also the NYSRPS Annual Conference will be held in Long Island on April 19th – April 22nd, 2009.

Specifically during these difficult times, please remember to take time for yourselves, whether that means going for a walk in your favorite park, calling a friend or vacationing with your family, do not forget to recreate!

- Dana



Pictured Above: John Jacoby, Tim Fisher, Ken Sherman & John Palmietto, all having a good time at December's Holiday Luncheon.

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Bits and Pieces

NYSRPS Conference... and more!

NYSRPS

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Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter the New York State Recreation and Park Society (NYSRPS) as the charity you want to support. Be sure to spread the word!

2009 Conference Resource Center

The Conference committee is requesting from the membership any recreation and park's materials from your department to be displayed and distributed in the Resource Center Area.

If you are planning to attend the conference please bring with (at least 50 copies of each) to the Conference Registration Desk. Or you can pre ship the materials directly to the NYSRPS Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Conference Chair Jack Fass at 631-351-3071.



Pictured above at the annual Past President's luncheon held at the Traveler's Rest from left to right: sitting is Past Presidents Joe Curtis, Bernie Guagnini, John Doe, and Joe Stout, plus Kevin Donnelly. Second Row is Darrell Sudlow, Past President Jen Fava, President Dana Mayclim, Past President Suzanne Busby, Fran Croughan, Past President Mary Zimmermann, Past President Bill Zimmermann. Third Row: Past President Kathy O'Connor, Past President Henry Jamin, Past President Fran Brunelle, Past President Jim Arles, Ike Kuzio, Brian Gray, Kevin Cook, Past Presidents Bob Snyder and Harry Caniff.

Donation in Honor of Dr. Sal J. Prezioso

Dr. Sal J. Prezioso was a long time member and Past President of our society. Donations for Dr. Sal J. Prezioso will be going to the Sal J. Prezioso Fund for Westchester's Future of the Westchester Community Foundation, Division of the NY Community Trust.

If you wish to add to this donation in any dollar amount, please send a check, made payable to WRAPS, to Kevin Cook, Treasurer, and P.O. Box 152, Valhalla, NY 10595. Checks must be received by May 21st in order to be combined with the WRAPS donation.

Future Recreation Professionals

Pictured on this page you will find some of the most recent additions to the WRAPS family.



Make sure you got a good look at all the kids, because on the next page we're going to play a little game!

JUST FOR FUN!!!

Who's Baby Is It?!

Remember all those cute kids you just looked at?? Well now it's time to see if you can match them to the right parents! Below is the list of lucky parents; insert the kids number (1 – 8) in the spot next to who you think is the rightful owner of that little ray of sunshine!

- ___ A) Kevin & Kathy Cook
- ___ B) Michael & Christine Grey
- ___ C) Brian & Mellissa Gray
- ___ D) Sean & Gia Lemerise
- ___ E) Ike & Karen Kuzio
- ___ F) Matt & Patty Ann Nordt
- ___ G) Jeremy & Angela Shaw
- ___ H) Aaron & Theresa Podhurst

Word Jumble

You all know what to do with this one! Try and unscramble the letters below to figure out what the word is supposed to be. Good Luck!

CINRAREETO
INYGLAP
LATINORTH
STERTHSEWEC
GNIWMISM
IAEGVNPRES

Guess Who!



Can you guess which Recreation Supervisor drives a Jaguar to work??

****ALL ANSWERS (except for Guess Who!) ARE LISTED ON THE BACK PAGE**

NYSRPS Annual Conference & Business Expo

As we all know times are tough and budgets are tight. It's important now more than ever to continue your professional development, learn what others are doing in these difficult times, and network with fellow professionals.

Whether for a day or for the entire conference, try to make an effort to attend the NYSRPS Annual Conference taking place in Hauppauge, Long Island April 19-22.

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BITS & PIECES

Recognition, welcome to WRAPS, congratulations.

Congratulations to **Ossining Parks and Recreation Superintendent Henry Atterbury** named recipient of the 2008 Rosemarie Siragusa Memorial Youth Service Award. The Rosemarie Siragusa Memorial Youth Service Award honors an outstanding individual who has demonstrated a commitment to serving youth and families. The award also recognizes adults, aged 21 and over, who have made major contributions towards the youth of their communities.

For over 25 years, Rosemarie Siragusa volunteered as an advocate for youth, particularly in the area of education. She was a founder and Chairman of the Westchester County Youth Board. She was involved in the local, county and state levels of the PTA, and served as the President of the Yonkers Council of PTAs. Rosemarie was also a trustee and officer of the Yonkers Board of Education.

This year the Westchester County Youth Bureau and Youth Board selected Henry Atterbury who epitomizes the value system and service priorities of caring, knowledge and concern for youth that Rosemarie Siragusa demonstrated throughout her life.

We welcome our new **Recreation Leader to the Westchester County Parks & Recreation Dept, Beth Bricker.** Beth was formerly with the Lewisboro Recreation Department.

Brian Gray of Yorktown Recreation along with his wife Mellissa welcomed their first child, daughter Brianna Lynn, on December 19, 2008 at 9:14am. She weighed 6lbs. and was 19.75 inches long.

Ike Kuzio of Westchester County PRC and Karen Kuzio of Briarcliff Recreation welcomed their first child, son Aiden Cole, on November 6, 2008. He weighed 7lbs 3oz. and was 19.5 inches long.

Kevin Cook of Westchester County PRC along with his wife Kathy are expecting their second child this spring.

Cortlandt Manor Recreation Supervisor Leslie Borenstein along with her husband Ben are expecting their second child this spring.



Pictured Above: from left to right Jon Jacoby, John Palmiotto, Jeff Grater, Jason Marra, Lesley Bornstein, Ken Sherman, Tim Fisher. All celebrating Jason Marra's wedding night in October 2008.

Jennifer Spenner-Kind, Program Supervisor with the South East Consortium for Special Services, was featured in the November 2008 issue of **Inside Dance Magazine** for her exceptional work with special needs children in the area of dance and movement.



“Our goal at South East is to provide relevant and beneficial programs to those we serve,” said Jerry Peters, Executive Director. “For some of our programs to be recognized at the national level is very gratifying and provides validation that we are on the right track.”

DATES TO REMEMBER!

February 11

Vendor Luncheon
Westchester County Center, White Plains

March 11

Regular WRAPS Luncheon Meeting ~
Holiday Inn, Mount Kisco

April 19 - 22

NYSRPS Annual Conference
Hyatt Regency Long Island ~ Hauppauge, NY

May 13

Regular WRAPS Luncheon Meeting ~
Holiday Inn, Mount Kisco

June 5

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DON'T MISS the ANNUAL WRAPS Summer Entertainment Auditions

February 24, 2009

9:00 - 3:00

***Midland Elementary School
324 Midland Ave, Rye NY***

RSVP To: mnordt@town.new-castle.ny.us
By Friday February 20, 2009

JUST FOR FUN ANSWERS

Who's Baby Is It?!?

A) 4, B) 3, C) 7, D) 5, E) 2, F) 1, G) 6, H) 8

Word Jumble

CINRAREETO	RECREATION
INYGLAP	PLAYING
LATINORTH	TRIATHLON
STERTHSEWEC	WESTCHESTER
GNIWMISM	SWIMMING
IAEGVNP	GRAPEVINE

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The next issue of the Grapevine is scheduled
to be printed in June 2009.

Anyone interested in submitting materials
must do so by Monday, May 11, 2009.

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