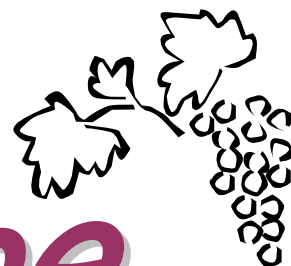




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President's Message

By: Dana Mayclim

Another June has already snuck up upon us and what a challenging year it has been. With budget cuts, forced layoffs, possible furlough days and our agencies still looking for more to save and cut, but continue to deliver the best customer service to our residents! I know we will rise to the occasion and weather this tough time.

First and foremost, I would like to thank you all for your support and faith in me these past two year as I finish the last few months of my term as president. It has been a great experience and an incredible honor to serve you and our profession in this capacity. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with so many talented and insightful colleagues. It hasn't been the easiest two years but definitely two more fulfilling years for me. I know that the new slate of officers, President Joe Lemischak, Vice President Kevin Cook, Treasurer Wayne Bass, Secretary Daryl Sudlow and new comers to the executive board as members at large - Karen O'Donnell and Matt Arone along with the returning at large members: Christine Grey, Ike Kuzio, Kevin Donnelly and Brian Gray are going to lead this great professional organization to even more success and growth. As we know our work in sharing ideas and keeping up to date never ends! As I say goodbye to this position, there are several individual who we are going to be saying a farewell to and their careers as well. On behalf of the entire membership and it's board, I would like to give a hearty congratulations and best wishes for a happy, fun filled and healthy retirement to the following retirees (in the order of their announcements):

Deputy Commissioner Chip Mathews (Westchester County), Former Superintendent Kathleen Burleson (Town of Cortlandt), Commissioner Joe Stout (Westchester County), Deputy Commissioner Dan McBride and Deputy Commissioner Kathy O'Connor (both from Westchester County). We wish you well and hopefully not good bye . . . we hope that you stick around and stay involved! What an amazing group of true professionals who are mentors to many of us.

As we get ready to acknowledge our colleagues and friends at the 53rd Annual Awards and Scholarship Luncheon on June 11th, I would like to recognize all the nominees and congratulate all the winners for their accomplishments this past year, what a truly talented group of people we will be honoring. I would like to personally thank the Awards and Scholarship Committee headed up by Matt Arone for their service presiding over the luncheon and awards. It is always one of my favorite events of the year.

On the New York State Recreation and Parks Society front, we do have a new executive director, Barbara Diesem-Zimmons and (hopefully) we can look forward to meeting her soon at a WRAPS function. I would like to send congratulations on behalf of our group to Jennifer Fava, President Elect of NYSPRS and MARC secretary as well as Sally Rogol, our new Region I representative with NYSRPS. The state is being put in some very capable hands with these two ladies representing us.

I would like to wish the best of luck for a fun filled, safe and successful summer for you, your families and your agencies. Try to take a moment or two to stop and enjoy the season and all it has to offer. It is unfortunate that we don't have as much time as others to enjoy this time of year . . .but we should make every effort to try and enjoy it.

WRAPS 53rd ANNUAL AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

AWARDS:

Public Service Award ~ Organization

Friends of Westchester County Parks

Voluntary Service Award ~ Organization

Westchester Mountain Biking Association

E. Mario Cribari Voluntary Service Award

Richard Massaroni – White Plains Recreation
Department

Staff Associate Award

Neal Blum – Bedford & Lewisboro Recreation
Department

Youth Sports Coaches Award

Ian Harris - Lewisboro Recreation Department

Mathew M. Dolan Innovative Program Award & Grant

New Castle Recreation Department
“Story Walk Program”

The Austin Welch PIERRE Award

Cortlandt Recreation Department
“Green” Teen Center

Peter J. Mayers Award for Merit

Warren “Chip” Mathews – Westchester County
Parks, Recreation & Conservation

Henry B. Funking Youth Award

Ryan Cavataro – Rye Recreation Department

Lifetime Membership Award

Kathleen Burleson – Town of Cortlandt
Warren “Chip” Mathews - Westchester County
Parks

Joseph A. Stout - Westchester County Parks

Dan McBride - Westchester County Parks

FELLOWSHIPS:

Dr. Sal J. Prezioso Professional Fellowship

Bruce Riehl – Mt. Pleasant Recreation Department

Sally Veltidi - Westchester County Parks
Lesley Bornstein – Cortlandt Recreation
Department

Ruth M. Lederer Fellowship & Grant

New Castle Recreation Department
“Plein Air Workshop”

E. Mario Cribari Scholarship

Brittany Neider (Harrison)

As of press time, the following individuals are also
being recognized with Professional Service
Citations:

35 Years	Ron Belmont, Harry Canniff Donna Esperito Charles Pieragostini Lisa Powers
30 Years	Henry Atterbuty Frank Bernabei Francis X. Brunelle Anthony Zaccagnino
25 Years	Joanne Marchesani Sally Rogol Daryl Ann Sudlow Ken Fisher
20 Years	Joseph Lemischak
15 Years	Maria Gallagher

**WRAPS wishes to thank the following members
for their service on the Awards and Scholarship**

Committee:	Brian Gray
Matt Arone, Chair	Kevin Cook
Mark Duncan	Donna Esperito
Lesley Bornstein	Sally Veltidi



NYSRPS Conference 2010

The 70th Annual NYSRPS Conference and Business Expo was held in Saratoga Springs March 21-24. It was a very positive experience for all of those who attended. The program was filled with excellent sessions that were relevant to the current needs and issues facing the parks and recreation field. The social and networking opportunities were also enjoyed by everyone.

As you may be aware, the conference was hosted by a committee consisting mostly of WRAPS members. Putting together a conference of this magnitude is truly a group effort and I would like to thank all of the committee members who helped to make the conference a success: Matt Arone, Wayne Bass, Frank Bernabei, Maureen DePaoli, Donna Esperito, Jason Gallo, David Goldberg, Brian Gray, Henry Jamin, Dana Mayclim, Matt Nordt, Karen O'Donnell, Jo Anne Pedersen, Kellie Rizzi, Sally Rogol, Rosanne Saracino, Charlynn Willis, and Bill Zimmermann. Thanks also go to NYSRPS staff Kate Quinn, Megan Stack, and Debbie Lehane.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time at the conference in roles as moderators, in registration, and with all of our fundraising efforts. WRAPS members have a way of coming together and being successful in our endeavors. This is one more to add to our list of accomplishments. Be proud of a job well done!

Jennifer Fava
Conference Chair



Pictured Above (L to R): Megan Stack, Jen Fava, Bill Zimmermann, Dana Mayclim & Kate Quinn.

NYSRPS News

On May 18th the NYSRPS Executive Board appointed Barbara Diesem-Zimmons as the new Executive Director. Barbara comes to us with extensive experience in association management. She brings to us a long list of abilities, including legislative advocacy, grant writing and fundraising. The Board believes that NYSRPS will be in good hands under her leadership. Barbara joins the staff on June 1st.

Over the next few months she will be making her rounds as she gets to know the members throughout the state. Please welcome her to our “family” when you meet her.

WRAPS Shirt Challenge

To all of those who helped and supported the 2010 NYSRPS Annual Conference, we want to thank you and give you the opportunity to be in the 2010 WRAPS Shirt Challenge.

The 2010 WRAPS Shirt Challenge is based on your creativity and willingness to go outside the norm. The challenge is to take pictures wearing your WRAPS shirt in creative ways throughout the summer. So whether you are on vacation or in your back yard, make sure you wear your WRAPS shirt proudly (and take a picture).

The best 3 pictures will be crowned as the WRAPS Shirt Challenge winners in the November edition of The Grapevine.



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Brain Teasers

1. A Man starts running, he takes a left and runs faster, he then takes another left and runs even faster. The man then takes one more left and runs home; when he gets home he meets two masked men. Who is the man running?
2. In an attic there is a light, there are 3 switches below the attic where you cannot see if you are turning them on or off. Only one switch turns on and off the light, you are to find out how to figure which switch belongs to the light, but you can only go up once to see if it works. How do you know which switch goes to the light in the attic?

Baseball Trivia

Q: Which finger on a pitcher's throwing hand controls a curve ball and slider?

- A: The middle finger
- B: The ring finger
- C: The pointer finger

Q: Which pitcher threw a four-hit shutout to defeat the Giants in Game 7 of the 1962 World Series?

- A. Whitey Ford
- B. Bill Stafford
- C. Ralph Terry
- D. Jim Bouton

Q: The New York Yankees first World Series title came during which year?

- A: 1919
- B: 1922
- C: 1923

Q: The OLD Yankee Stadium was also known as:

*ANSWERS FOR ALL QUESTIONS ARE LOCATED
ON LAST PAGE*

BITS & PIECES

Congratulations to **Kyle Thornton of Rye Brook Recreation Department** on his recent promotion to **Recreation Leader**.

Congratulations to **Ken Sherman of Cortlandt Manor Recreation Department** on his promotion to **Deputy Director of Recreation and Conservation**

Best Wishes and Congratulations to those retiring from Westchester County PRC

Commissioner- Joe Stout
Deputy Commissioner- Chip Mathews
Deputy Commissioner- Dan McBride
Deputy Commissioner- Kathy O'Connor

Best Wishes and Congratulations to former **Superintendent Kathleen Burleson** retiring from **Town of Cortlandt Recreation Department**.

Congratulations to **Matt Nordt of New Castle Recreation Department** and his wife Pattianne on the birth of their son **Conner Shea Nordt** born on May 31st 2010. Conner weighted in at 5lbs and 15 oz.



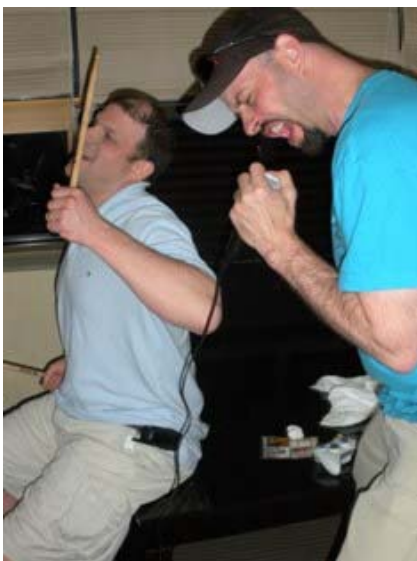
Just for Fun Answers

Brain Teasers

1. *The man is a baseball player; he takes lefts around the bases and runs home to meet the catcher and umpire.*
2. *To solve this first pick one switch, leave it on for about 10 min. then un-switch the one you left on and switch another. Then go up to the attic if the light is on it's the second switch, if the light is off touch the bulb and see if its warm if so it's the first switch, if neither is warm or on it's the last switch*

Baseball Trivia

1. *A: The middle finger*
2. *C: Ralph Terry*
3. *C: 1923*
4. *Answer: The house that Ruth built*



Pictured Above: From Yorktown Recreation Department Brian Gray as Bono and Todd Orłowski as Travis Barker singing their brand new hit "I am a Monkey!"

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2010 Sally Rogol	967-2535
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The next issue of the Grapevine is scheduled to be printed in Nov. 2010.
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Editors Note:

I would like to thank our summer intern, Eric Cava from Clemson University for all his hard work in helping to put this edition of The Grapevine together.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!
Don't forget to recreate!