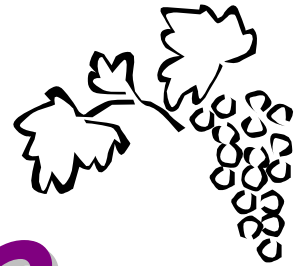




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

~ by Joe Lemischak

I hope that you all are surviving in what is already quite a winter. Now that we have started the New Year many of us are just starting to see the dust clear after a difficult budget process. While the state of the economy is still impacting all departments, our busy time is just around the corner and we will need to continue to be creative to deliver the best possible product for our communities. In times like these our organization becomes more important than ever. There is a wealth of experience and information in our WRAPS membership; use it.

The Wraps Annual Holiday Party was held in December and I would like to thank Roseanne Saracino for doing the great job that she does every year. I would also like to thank Dana Mayclim for arranging the Past President's holiday gathering. Our monthly luncheons will continue through June with current topics being addressed. The annual Vendors Luncheon will be held in March, please come and say hello to the many businesses that support our organization. As always I urge members to attend these luncheons for both educational and networking opportunities. As a reminder the WRAPS summer auditions will be held on March 1st at the Osborn School in Rye.

In closing I would like to ask the entire WRAPS membership to join me in keeping the Bertolacci family in their thoughts and prayers.

LANCER PRESENTATION

As much a part of the Holiday Luncheon tradition as the Frank Bernabei grab bags, the passing of the Lancers bottle carries on. This year's lucky recipient is none other than Mr. Harry Canniff, Superintendent of Recreation for the Town of Mt. Pleasant.



Pictured Above (L to R): This year's recipient Harry Canniff, Superintendent of Recreation for the Town of Mt. Pleasant and last year's recipient Robert Snyder, Superintendent of Recreation for the Town of New Castle.



Pictured Above (L to R): Past recipients; Robert Snyder 2009, Matt Arone 2004, Sally Rogol 2007, & Brian Gray 2006.

NYSRPS

March 27-29 - 71st Annual Conference & Business Expo at the Turning Stone Resort in Verona, NY. For registration and program details, go to www.nysrps.org, or give us a call for a copy of the brochure at (518) 584-0321.

April 12-14 – Certified Playground Safety Inspectors Course, the most comprehensive program on playground hazard identification and risk management will be offered by the National Playground Safety Institute (NPSI) at the Great Neck House. The course fee includes book, course and certification exam.

Rose Harvey is selected as Commissioner of the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Rose Harvey is the former National Director of Urban Programs at The Trust for Public Land.

ADA UPDATES

The new 2010 ADA standards were announced in July of 2010 and take effect March 15, 2011, with compliance required by March 15, 2012. The new standards require that recreational facilities not covered in the original 1991 Americans with Disabilities Act, be accessible to disabled users.

The biggest change for many of us will be the new accessibility standards regarding swimming pools and spas.

The swimming pool, wading pool and spa guidelines that are now part of the ADA law are virtually the same for both Public Entities (Title 2) and Public Accommodations (Title 3) facilities. Pools more than 300 linear feet of wall must include two means of access, one of which must be a lift or a sloped entry. Pools less than 300 linear feet only need one means of access – but it must be a lift or sloped entry. Other means of access include transfer walls, transfer systems, or accessible pool

stairs. Wading pools must have one means of access and that must be sloped entry. Spas, both in ground and portable, also must have one means of entry, which can be either a lift, transfer wall, or transfer system.

Other areas covered under the new standards include; amusement rides, recreational boating facilities, exercise machines and equipment, fishing piers and platforms, golf facilities, miniature golf facilities, play areas, shooting facilities with firing positions, event seating, service animals and means of transportation.

For more information on the new ADA standards please go to www.ADA.gov.

RECREATION THERAPY ACTIVITIES & CONTINUING EDUCATION

Nassau Extended Care Center – March 8

1 Greenwich St. Hempstead NY 11550

9-9:30 Coffee and Registration

9:30- noon workshop

.25 CEUs per session

Using Reiki, Yoga and Other Modalities in Recreation Therapy.

How can a recreation therapist use the mind/body connection? Resources, skills, and leadership techniques for goal oriented movement activities to meet the needs and nature of your participants including improving physical functioning, palliative care, and dealing with stress & pain management.

Register by February 27

Sheepshead Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

2840 Knapp Street, Brooklyn, NY 11235

March 14 - .2 CEUs per session

9-9:30 Coffee and Registration

9:30- noon workshop

The Ethical Practice of Therapeutic Recreation

Examine the NTRS and ATRA Code of Ethics, comparing and contrasting them, as well as exploring their relevance to TR practice. Defining scope of practice and professional liability as it applies to recreation therapists and activities directors.

Register by March 8

RECREATION THERAPY cont.

Somerset Gardens Assisted Living – April 7

150 Sunnyside Blvd. Plainview, NY 11803

9:30- 10AM Coffee and Registration

9:30 – 12:30 workshop

.25 CEUs per session

Using Thematic Approaches in TR Treatment

This hands-on workshop will help recreation therapists and activity leaders develop creative leadership skills for high interest, simple, age appropriate, goal oriented activities for lower functioning participants. Stimulate both right and left brain functioning while enhancing cognitive, emotional, physical and social needs. Resources for cost effective, goal oriented activities.

Register by March 28

Cedar Manor – April 14

Cedar Lane, Ossining NY 10562

.2 CEUs per session Lunch and Learn

Join us for a Workshop & light lunch
(Mini sandwiches, fruit, beverages will be provided or bring your own bag lunch!)

11:30 AM- noon Registration

Noon - 2 PM- workshop

Dealing with Difficult People

Effective strategies for dealing with difficult administrators, coworkers, and residents or patients in all sorts of settings including hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living etc. Understanding basic human needs. Dealing with difficult participants in TR. (behavior management for the confused, the disruptive, the combative and the nonparticipatory). Comparing and contrasting the etiology and pathology of dementia, traumatic brain injury and psychiatric disabilities. Establishing therapeutic trust. Stress of relocation. Creating support for the new resident.

Register by April 5

Morris Hall – May 9

One Bishops' Drive Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Join us for a Workshop & light lunch

(Mini sandwiches, fruit, beverages will be provided

or bring your own bag lunch!)

11:30 AM- noon Registration

Noon- 2 PM- workshop

.2 CEUs per session Lunch and Learn

Enhancing Creativity: Leadership skills for Creative Writing Activities –

Developing resources, adaptive techniques and leadership skills for poetry, creative writing and client publications activities in your TR programming.

Register by April 28

WRAPS Summer Entertainment Auditions 2011



The Osborn School

Rye, NY

March 1, 2011

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

RSVP to Matt Nordt

mnordt@town.new-castle.ny.us or 914-238-728

Q: How many municipal employees does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: Seven - two to administer the Civil Service examination for the Light Bulb Administrator position; the Commissioner of Public Works, who ends up hiring his brother for the position anyway; one to plow the mayor's driveway, a Summer Youth student to actually screw it in, and a Union steward to protest that it's the electrician's job to screw in light bulbs.

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BITS & PIECES!

Best wishes to **Donna Asher, Program Coordinator, North East Special Recreation** as she has resigned after 15 years of service. Good luck to Donna as she opens a new chapter in her life. North East thanks Donna for her dedication and commitment to the department.

Congratulations to **Kathy O'Connor** on her recent appointment as the new **Commissioner of the Westchester County Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department.**

Congratulations to **Chris Soi, Recreation Supervisor for Briarcliff Recreation** and his wife, Jessica. They are expecting their first child sometime in June.

Congratulations to **Sue Snyder** on her hiring as the new **Superintendent of Recreation for the Town of North Castle.**

PLAYDATE!!



Pictured Above (L to R): Addison & Brianna Gray, Mackenzie & Kylee Grey, Reagan & Tyler Cook and Aiden Kuzio.

Thank you to Christine Grey and her husband Mike for hosting!

JUST FOR FUN

- 1) What is the largest National Park in America?
 - a. Yellowstone National Park
 - b. Denali National Park
 - c. Redwood National Park
 - d. Wrangell-St. Elias National Park

- 2) In what year was the National Recreation & Parks Association created?
 - a. 1965
 - b. 1959
 - c. 1960
 - d. 1964

- 3) In what year was the New York State Recreation & Park Society founded?
 - a. 1942
 - b. 1940
 - c. 1945
 - d. 1943

- 4) Who was the MVP of Super Bowl XLIV?
 - a. Drew Brees
 - b. Aaron Rodgers
 - c. Eli Manning
 - d. Santonio Holmes

- 5) Who was the first NY Yankee to win the World Series MVP?
 - a. Babe Ruth
 - b. Don Larsen
 - c. Whitey Ford
 - d. Joe Lemischak

- 6) Which show had the most watched season finale?
 - a. Seinfeld
 - b. Friends
 - c. M.A.S.H
 - d. Cheers

****Answers on back page****

DATES TO REMEMBER!

February 16

Health Department Camp Updates
Bedford Community House

March 16

Vendors Luncheon
Westchester County Center

April 20

WRAPS Luncheon
TBD

May 11

WRAPS Luncheon
Westchester County Center

June 10

Awards & Scholarships Luncheon
Shenorock Shore Club, Rye, NY

CALL FOR GRAPEVINE ARTICLES!

The next issue of the Grapevine is scheduled to be printed in June 2011.

Anyone interested in submitting materials must do so by Wednesday May 18, 2011.

Mail, Fax or E-mail Information to:
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1 Bronx River Parkway
Valhalla, NY 10595
Fax: 864-7129

E-mail: iak2@westchestergov.com

JUST FOR FUN ANSWERS

- 1) **D, 13 million acres located in Alaska**
- 2) **A, formed by the merger of 5 agencies**
- 3) **B, incorporated in 1960**
- 4) **A, Saints 1st Super Bowl in franchise history**
- 5) **B, 1956 World Series**
- 6) **C, 106 million viewers**

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