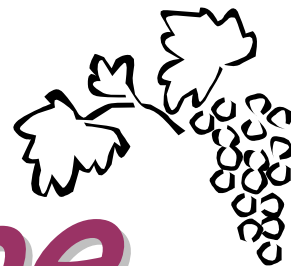




WESTCHESTER RECREATION
AND PARK SOCIETY, INC.
P.O. Box 152 • Valhalla, New York 10595

November
2011



the Grapevine

President's Message

By: Joe Lemischak

As fall arrives so does a new year for the Westchester Recreation and Parks Society. I hope that you all had a very successful summer and now can take some time for yourselves. As we start looking toward 2012 we are all faced with the same challenges as in the past few years. All of our budgets are getting tighter and some of us have less staff. As I have said in the past the WRAPS membership is loaded with talented people that are confronting the same issues that we all are. Don't be afraid to look to your peers for advice.

The Downstate conference is scheduled for Wednesday November 16th at the Westchester County Center. This is a great opportunity to attend educational sessions, visit with vendors and network with fellow professionals from around the state.

I would like to thank Kevin Cook for once again organizing our kick off BBQ at the newly dedicated Joe Curtis Five Island Park. I'm sure that Mr. Curtis was looking down on our group with a smile on his face. The weather was a little rough but that didn't deter anyone from having a good time. Starting in January, Kevin has scheduled monthly lunch seminars that will run through May. These seminars are another great way to stay involved and informed with our profession. The WRAPS Holiday Party at the Kittle House will be held on Friday, December 16th. This is always a fun event to celebrate the season, please save the date. As always I would like to thank our Executive Board members for investing their time and dedication in our great institution. I look forward to seeing you all during the year ahead.

Paddle on the Hudson

By: Chris Soi

On a sunny yet chilly mid-September afternoon, 15 intrepid souls met on a small patch of land on the banks of the mighty Hudson River to challenge themselves, support a great cause and see if they could avoid capsizing their kayak! These fine men and women may have thought they knew what was in store, but they were about to set out that day on a three hour tour...a three hour tour. However unlike other infamous three hour tours, this kayak tour was a huge success and all participants not only returned safe and sound, but had a great time in the process.



On Friday, September 16th the NYSRPS Conference Committee organized a kayak outing on the Hudson River to help raise funds for the 2012 conference. The group met in Cold Spring at Foundry Dock Park to gear up, get properly outfitted and get a few pointers before heading out into the Hudson River and then into Constitution Marsh.

Continued on Page 2..

Paddle on the Hudson cont..

Chris Soi, Recreation Supervisor from Briarcliff Manor Recreation Department and part-time kayak guide for Hudson Valley Outfitters, was the lead guide and was assisted by Matt Nordt, Recreation Supervisor from New Castle Recreation Department. The tour was generously donated by Hudson Valley Outfitters and owner Teri Barr.



The participants, all of whom donated \$50 to the conference to attend, consisted of fellow recreation professionals as well as their friends and family. The outing offered participants the opportunity to paddle one of the most scenic sections of the Hudson Valley, learn about some local history and just enjoy a few hours on the water. The paddle through the marsh was calm and serene...the paddle under the train trestle to get to the marsh was a little more challenging, but we all made it!



The “Family Affair Award” goes to Erin Reidel from Rye Recreation and the Reidel Family...Mom, Dad and sister Emily. The award for “Furthest Distance Travelled” goes to Tom White from the Syracuse Department of Parks, Recreation and Youth Programs. We would like to thank all of those that attended this unique fundraising event. List of kayakers: Barb Diesem-Zimmons, Renee Donaghy-Coup, Katie Foucillo, Tom Meyering, Bob Reidel, Emily Reidel, Erin Reidel, Wilma Reidel, Tom White, Gail Talamini, Rick Levi (aka “Nestea Plunge”), Bob DePaolo. Guides and Fundraising Co-Chairs: Chris Soi and Matt Nordt.

NYSRPS Annual Conference

It is evident that this day in age brings with it many obstacles, from new technology, to growing demands for services and threatening flux in the economy. The face of the Parks, Recreation and Leisure industry is changing and we must learn to grow with it in order to remain successful. Our 2012 conference will teach you to do just that - join us by '*Boldly Going Forward*', as we bring you new ways of looking at these obstacles in order to turn them into opportunities for growth. Our dedicated Conference Committee, chaired by Peter Finn, is working hard to make this an experience you won't want to miss. For updates on conference details, please visit www.nysrps.org.



BITS & PIECES

GO YANKEES!



Dana Mayclim, Superintendent of Recreation Town of Lewisboro, Sally Rogol, Superintendent of Recreation City of Rye, and Daryl Ann Sudlow Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Town of Bedford enjoyed an afternoon out at Yankee Stadium on July 22, 2011. *Editors Note: A little disappointed with the water bottles, but apparently it was “too hot” to drink that day. Who knew they sold water at Yankee Stadium?!?*

[Ike Kuzio of Westchester County PRC and Karen Kuzio of Briarcliff Recreation Department](#) welcomed their second child, son Ryan Alex at 6:46 pm on September 19, 2011. Ryan weighed in at 7 lbs 1 oz and was 21 inches long.



Congratulations to [Gerry Salvo](#) who was just promoted to [Superintendent of Recreation for the Town/Village of Harrison.](#)

Congratulations to [Mario the Magician](#) and his wife Katie who welcomed their first child, daughter Gigi Antoinette on September 26, 2011.

JUST FOR FUN!

Word Jumble

You all know what to do with this one! Try and unscramble the letters for each word below to figure what that word is. Good Luck!

1. OEAEITNCRR
2. ODTEWSNTA
3. NEEFCOCREN
4. RKSEAEPS
5. NDSERVO
6. CTUYNO TEECNR

GUESS WHO!



After failing to make the cast for “**Welcome Back Kotter**” this fellow WRAPS member (3rd seat back) decided to hit the books and follow his true calling as a Recreation Professional!

PLAYGROUND PROTECTIVE SURFACING

PLAYGROUND SAFETY FIBER™ For
The Surface Your Children Play On.

Engineered Wood Fiber Playground
Safety Surfacing Meeting Or Exceeding
CPSC, ASTM and ADA Guidelines.

From
NEW ENGLAND

PLAYGROUND SURFACING

CALL (800) 888 - PLAY (7529)

In The Interest Of Public Playground Safety, IPEMA Provides An Independent Laboratory Which
Validates A Manufacturer's Certification Of Conformance To ASTM F-1292-99. A List Of Current
Validated Products, Their Thickness And Critical Height May Be Viewed At www.ipema.org.



WARD ASSOCIATES, P.C.
architects | landscape architects | engineers

programming | feasibility studies | LEED certification
master planning | architecture | landscape architecture
civil engineering | interior design | construction administration



t: 631.563.4800

www.wardpc.net



UNIVERSAL PLAY SYSTEMS, INC.



**Building Playgrounds
for the
Children of New York
for over
Thirty Seven Years**

800-342-0334
www.universalplay.com
GSA Contract Available

Can we help you?

BOUNCE
THE PARTY PLACE

Our UNIQUE Private Event Venue

www.BounceThePartyPlace.com
914.302.2403

Playground Safety
Is our Business



Playground Medic
Making today's commercial
Playgrounds safe
1-866-332-3133

- Inspections
- Repairs
- Supplies
- Surfacing Materials

Ask your playground's owner to
call for a free estimate

Serving the Northeast with
Certified playground safety inspectors
And trained, insured contractors
Visa & MasterCard Accepted
www.playgroundmedic.com

Don't Worry Be Very Happy
Funtime
A·M·U·S·E·M·E·N·T·S Inc.

www.FuntimeAmusements.com

Event Planning Carnivals Rides
Entertainment Games
Casino Parties Arcades
Movie Nights Party Room

John Iorio
John@FuntimeAmusements.net
1761 Front Street
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
914.773.1320

WE'VE LEARNED A LOT FROM
30 YEARS
OF SPORTS LIGHTING INNOVATION

INCLUDING HOW TO DO IT
FOR HALF
THE OPERATING COST

Light·Structure
GREEN™

For details contact:

Don Rhuda
800/825-6030 (toll free)
914/474-8194 (mobile)
don.rhuda@musco.com



We Make It Happen.
www.musco.com
e-mail: lighting@musco.com

**RECREATION THERAPY
ACTIVITIES & CONTINUING
EDUCATION**

**Sheepshead Nursing and Rehabilitation
Center**

2840 Knapp Street, Brooklyn, NY 11235

**9-9:30 Coffee and Registration 9:30- noon
workshop
.2 CEUs per session**

**Monday November 14 - Programming for
Regressed Participants-** The needs and nature
of individuals with dementia, chronic and persistent
psychiatric illnesses and those with degenerative
conditions. TR strategies to deal with difficult
behaviors, leadership skill for enhancing the lives of
the individual through goal oriented therapeutic
recreation programming.

Register by November 4

Nassau Extended Care Center
1 Greenwich St. Hempstead NY 11550

**9-9:30 Coffee and Registration 9:30- noon
workshop
.25 CEUs per session**

**Tuesday November 15 - Cooking
Activities for Groups and Individuals in
Therapeutic Recreation Activities** - How
and why to develop and lead cooking activities in
therapeutic recreation. Learn how cooking activities
can improve client functioning and the
contraindications for this type of activity.
Developing resources and materials for groups and
individuals for easy cooking programs even if you
don't have a kitchen.

Register by November 5

Somerset Gardens Assisted Living
150 Sunnyside Blvd. Plainview, NY 11803.

**9:30- 10 Coffee and Registration 9:30 – 12:30
workshop
.25 CEUs per session**

**Thursday December 1- Issues in
Multiculturalism and Religion in TR
Activities and their Impact on
Programming and Leadership** -_How do
various cultures view and value leisure and
recreation and how do these differences influence
therapeutic recreation? Resource for providing
religious observance in residential settings.
Promoting tolerance and harmony in the diverse
populations served in your facility.

Register by November 20

Cedar Manor
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**

**Thursday, December 8- New Educational
Ideas for Cognitive Stimulation in
Therapeutic Recreation: Science
Activities.** Try something new to spark
motivation in your staff and participants. Goal
oriented techniques and leadership strategies for
implementing science activities in your facility.
Learn how to lead easy, safe, group pleasing
horticulture, nature, cooking chemistry, simple
experiments & other hands on activities.

Register by November 28

DATES TO REMEMBER!

November 16

Annual Downstate Conference
Westchester County Center ~ White Plains

December 16

Holiday Luncheon
Crabtree Kittle House ~ Chappaqua

January 18

WRAPS Luncheon

February 15

WRAPS Luncheon

March 23

WRAPS Auditions
Chappaqua, NY

JUST FOR FUN ANSWERS!

WORD JUMBLE

- | | |
|------------------|---------------|
| 1. OEAETNCRR | RECREATION |
| 2. ODTEWSNTA | DOWNSTATE |
| 3. NEEFCOCREN | CONFERENCE |
| 4. RKSEAEPS | SPEAKERS |
| 5. NDSERVO | VENDORS |
| 6. CTUYNO TEECNR | COUNTY CENTER |

GUESS WHO??



Wayne "Gold Chain" Bass, Assistant Superintendent, Town of New Castle Parks & Recreation Department



WRAPS HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday, December 16, 2011

At Crabtree's Kittle House

11 Kittle Road, Chappaqua

12 noon to 3:00 PM

\$30 per member / \$35 Non Member

Plus cash bar

Grab bag! Door Prizes! Party Favor!

RSVP to Roseanne at the

Village of Mamaroneck

777-7784

TO REACH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Joe Lemischak, President	864-7036
Kevin Cook, Vice President	864-7064
Daryl Sudlow, Secretary	666-7004
Wayne Bass, Treasurer	238-7291
Dana Mayclim, Past President	232-6162

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Brian Gray	245-4650
Matt Arone	693-0024
Kevin Donnelly	864-7056
Matt Nordt	238-3909
Ike Kuzio	328-1542
Dave Goldberg	764-0947

CALL FOR GRAPEVINE ARTICLES!

The next issue of the Grapevine is scheduled to be printed in February 2012.

Anyone interested in submitting materials must do so by Friday, January 20, 2012.

Mail, Fax or E-mail Information to:

Ike Kuzio ~ Westchester County PRC.

1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla, NY 10595

Fax: 813-4358

Iak2@westchestergov.com