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# WRAPS Presidents Message—by Dave Goldberg

The holidays are just around the corner, along with the changing seasons. Fall programs are ending and the winter programs are getting under way. What a drastic change from last year, with the cancellation of most programs and for those that did run, masks were in place.

If you were able to make the Downstate conference, I hear it was a big success and well attended. A huge thank you goes out to our own Kim O'Brien, Liz Linsalato and Brian Gray, our representatives for the conference. If you were lucky enough to participate in the 10th annual Poker Run, it was a blast and it was great to be with so many colleagues and just have fun. Ike Kuzio, Matt Arone and Greg Bean (with help from Bob K) put on a great party.



If you have not signed up for the Holiday luncheon set for Wednesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at the Kittle house, please reach out to Maureen DePaoli at [mdepaoli@irvingtonny.gov](mailto:mdepaoli@irvingtonny.gov).

As we look towards 2022, I know Sally Veltidi, our Vice President, has a lot of great luncheons set up for us with interesting topics. Here is what the schedule looks like:

- January – Possibly a discussion on Civil Service
- February – Vendor Luncheon
- Late March/early April – DOH Camp workshop
- April 22 – 24 – NYSRPS conference
- May – Healthy initiative
- June – Awards and Scholarship

These are great opportunities that should not be missed.

In closing, on behalf of the entire WRAPS executive board, Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays, from our family to yours.

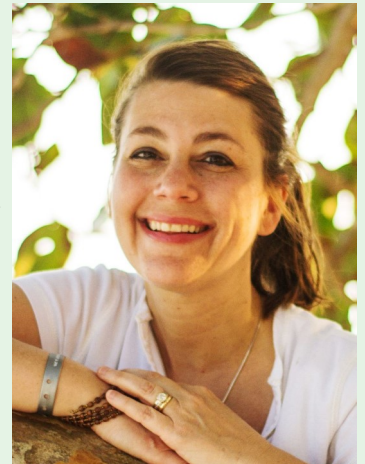
Stay safe, healthy and sane!

David Goldberg,  
WRAPS President

# Farewell... Executive Director

Dear NYSRPS Family,

This is my final message as Executive Director and quite honestly it is a surprise even to me! A brand new position with the City of Saratoga Springs (my home) was created for an Assistant Administrative Director of Recreation and I decided to throw my hat in the ring. I have always sat on the sidelines cheering you on, wishing inside I could help build community and deliver healthy programs to residents; change lives forever. This was my chance, and late last week the call came...I was hired! I was not sure I would be selected, so the issue of the Voice you are due to receive soon, will have an outdated Executive Director's message.



I feel I am leaving this office better than I found it, and that is all one ever can hope. With the 2018 update of the Strategic Plan, Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures much has been accomplished. Together with the Executive Board, navigated the darkest days of the pandemic and have served our park and recreation professionals to the best of my ability.

A special thanks to our commercial members and BPPs (many I know on a first name basis). Your support of the Society is so appreciated and I have enjoyed promoting your businesses all these years. There are far too many names to list of members to thank for your friendship and support. Be prepared to hear from me and my many questions from the Assistant Rec Director's desk!

I am forever grateful to the leadership team that made the recommendation for my hiring back in the day. Paul Blake, Gregg Goodman, and Tom Venniro, I owe much to you and every Executive Board I have had the pleasure to serve since. Special thanks to our current Executive Committee, Peggy Kenyon, Julie LaFave, and Linanne Conroy. I have appreciated your faith in me and your leadership.

I love this Society and will always remember the travel it afforded me, connections to resources and people I never would have met otherwise. I will cherish the friendships I have made along the way and hope I can be of service as a volunteer in the many years to come.

My anchors in the office, Linda Sylvain (Membership Services Coordinator) and Kim Brock (Bookkeeper) will be taking the reins to assist with all events, membership questions, billing and receiving. Our Board President Peggy Kenyon will be available as well to assist during the transition. Please consider who you feel might be an excellent candidate for this position and encourage them to apply. An online application is now available at [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com).

I am looking forward to the Downstate Conference on November 9th, my last event representing NYSRPS as the Executive Director. I hope to see you there! For those attending our upcoming CPSI course in Saratoga Springs, rest assured, Linda Sylvain will be assisting the days of the course.

My first day with the City of Saratoga Springs is November 17th.

Most gratefully yours,

Lisa I. Morahan

# Welcome Back BBQ—Rye Rec.

More photos at [www.wrapsny.com](http://www.wrapsny.com)



# 2021 Downstate Recreation Conference Photos!



# 2021 Poker Run!

*More photos on Facebook*



# Sleepy Hollow Halloween Arts & Crafts Event



# Sleepy Hollow Halloween Trunk or Treat Event



# Bits ~ n ~ Pieces

Congratulations to **Doug Scott** on their new position as Superintendent of Recreation at Mount Pleasant Recreation!

Congratulations to **Vicky Laoutaris** on their new position as Assistant Superintendent of Recreation at the Town of Mamaroneck Recreation Department!

# Eastchester Recreation Trunk or Treat



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# Mount Kisco Recreation Halloween Event



## Camps Care - Camp Iroquois Mount Kisco



Above: WRAPS Sponsorship of a hole at the Wurster Golf Outing that took place on September 10<sup>th</sup> at Maple Moor Golf Course. Many WRAPS members participated, and our very own Ike Kuzio's 4 some won their division!



Above: NRPA Conference in Nashville. Pictured are WRAPS Members and County Parks employees:

Deputy Commissioner Andre Early  
Parks Superintendent Ronnie Anderson  
Program Administrator William Bland  
Recreation Supervisor Beth Bricker

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Since you are reading the Grapevine on the WRAPS website, why not explore the entire site! Check out our Vendor and Entertainer Members, our social/events page and our NEW Employment page! Have any idea for the website?

Email Kyle Thornton at [kthornton@mountkisco.ny.gov](mailto:kthornton@mountkisco.ny.gov)



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<https://www.facebook.com/WRAPSNY/?fref=ts>

Copy and paste the above address for our WRAPS Facebook Page! Be sure to like the page to keep up to date on what's happening within WRAPS.

### CALL FOR GRAPEVINE ARTICLES!

The next issue of the Grapevine is scheduled to be posted online in March 2022!

Anyone interested in submitting materials must do so by **Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022**

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