

# USA INFORMATION

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***FROM THE DESK OF THE  
 PRESIDENT...***

As the New Year begins, so does a new beginning in our union. Many of our leaders have stepped down paving the way for new leaders to take over. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have been in these positions, and also thank the new leaders who will help move our union forward.

One particular person I would like to extend my gratitude, admiration and appreciation to is Irene Snow. Irene has helped steer our union in a positive direction for the past ten years as our president. She has graciously been mentoring me for the past two years to help facilitate my transition as president.

I take on this commitment with a positive outlook for our union and its members. I will not try the impossible task of filling Irene's shoes. I will forge ahead and make my own footprints, keeping in mind the effort that many others have put forth to make our union what it is today.

I look forward to working with our new Executive Board as we work to move our union forward. In the next few months, we will be forming our negotiating committee, as well as, a committee to review our constitution. If you're looking for a way to become more involved, helping on one of these committees would be a great start.

I would like to apologize for this newsletter not going out in a timely manner. Part of the transition of leadership in the union involved restructuring the newsletter. I would like to welcome our new editor of the newsletter, Meredith Markolovic. Meredith is an academic teacher at the Tech Center.

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your continued support.

In Solidarity,

Larry Marino

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## NEWS FROM RETIREES...

**Joan Irvine** has joined the ranks of the retirees as of January. The Ex Board of the United Staff Association took her to dinner in January to thank her for her years of service as the USA membership chair. Good luck Joan.

**Phil Ammann** and **Lynn Magrone** were married over July 4 in Putnam Valley. Phil continues to sub for BOCES in retirement and Lynn works as a teacher assistant at Walden.

**Lenore Wittrock** and **Rudy Ressemeyer** were married in the Bronx in August. Lenore's three daughters and Rudy's five children participated in the ceremony at Redeemer Lutheran Church where Lenore's late husband Ted was Pastor for many years. Rudy is a retired Lutheran Bishop and they will spend time in FL, PA and Katonah when they are not traveling or visiting family friends.

**Dick Malette** was down from Buffalo for the wedding and the **Maley's** hosted a party the next day at their house in Brewster. Fred and Beth have sold the VT house.

**Frank Sink** (Sp Ed) sent Christmas wishes. He has moved from Virginia to Washington DC. He sold his NYC apt. is now relocated near his nephew. "My heart will always be in NYC but change happens" He hears from retiree **Bill Broadnax** (Sp Ed). In case you did not see it in the local paper Bill has been honored by the Ossining Rotary Club as the 2010 Employee of the year for "his decades of outstanding community service". Bill continues to work part time as a reference librarian at the Ossining Public library.

**Joyce Vitulli** (Tech) sends holiday wishes and she still loves her life at the Jersey shore. Her son bought a new house in Caudwell, NJ and she was at her son's to cook over the holidays.

**Mike Liebman** (Tech) has a photo exhibit at the Somers library with photos of his worldwide travels.

**Adrienne and Howard Forbes** were honored at Pepsi as "Parents of the Year" by Abilities for their outstanding service to the disabled community. **John Keck** serves on the Board of Directors with Howard. At the cocktail party awards were given to the sons of retired USA members **Ziggy Meyer**, **Lynne Magrone** and **Adrienne Forbes**. The Forbes are away from all this cold weather on a cruise in the Caribbean with plans to go to Puerto Rico for the rest of the winter. **John Keck** took an extensive trip this summer to the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand where he had a visit with the Forbe's son Eric.

In FL for the winter is **Marsha Bendavid**. We heard she stole some time for a cruise and she plans to have some BOCES retirees down to visit her. A few of the folks in the south this winter are; **Barbara Sinnott**, **Mary Donigan**, **Diane Roach**, **Linda Bonavist**, **Judy Gillespie**, **Ginny Russell**. Diane and her husband are renting right near **Lucille Miazga** and Lucille sent photos. Lucille and her husband took a family cruise with the children and grandchild at thanksgiving to celebrate their anniversary.

**Gay O'Brien**, **Marion Connelly** and **Wynnie McCarthy** took a great trip to Spain in November. It was great to travel in the off season, no crowds and great weather. Plans are being considered to join the same group next year for a trip to Sicily next fall.

**Pete Smith** was fortunate to be inducted into the Natick Wall of Achievement on Tuesday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is for NHS graduates and it is for what they accomplished after high school. They generally induct 8 people a year. It was quite an honor.

**Challis Thompson** was up to visit last spring in conjunction with a concert for her chorus at Carnegie Hall in NYC. This fall she came to celebrate her 40 HS reunion from Fox Lane. From all reports she did look "the best". It must be all that great retirement and FL sunshine. Along with her choirs she continues to exercise and volunteer at a school like PB in FL where her husband Peter is a Physical Therapist. Peter retired from SWBOCES.

**Jean Wright** lives in VT. Her daughter wrote "at age 89, my mother is remarkable - active and involved and still swimming 3 times a week."



## NEWS FROM RETIREES... (CONTINUED)

**Theresa Daley** has bought a new house in Ghent, NY. As she describes "closer to civilization and the arts and family I love." Life in Schroon Lake was very long in the winter months. She plans a trip to Mexico in March with the historical society Olana in Columbia County.

**Ron and Susie Logan** wrote this fall. Ronnie golfs almost every day so he's happy - and I just figure that it keeps him healthy. We've had lots of company this summer which has been fun. **Kathy and Craig Little** were with us for a week or so as they tried to escape the heat of Tucson. And this last week we had our daughter, Katie, and our little granddaughter here. They live in Park City, Utah - now Mariah Rosien (Irish for Rose) is so cute.

**Carol Vales** We had our great vacation in France and London this summer. Marcel's cousins were wonderful. We learned a lot about Marcel family history. Then we went to visit Ali in England and met his family. Ali was an exchange student in college when Denise was in school and he stayed with us. The vacation was long but good.

**Vito Rinaldo** Retirement has been great. I'm enjoying spending time with my wife, Dianne, who retired from Mahopac 3 years ago. Our son, Gavin, just completed his first semester at Georgia Tech in Atlanta. He is a Civil Engineering major and made Dean's List. Our daughter, Gillian, is finishing her Master's at Pace and will be certified to teach Biology at the Secondary Level. Life is good and I miss all my friends at BOCES.

Please send news for the newsletter to **Winnie McCarthy** [wam48@aol.com](mailto:wam48@aol.com) or 36 Cheshire Lane, Yorktown, NY 10598. We want to reach out to more retirees.

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**IMPORTANT...**

**Mary Ann Alvord** is the Grievance Chairperson. She can be reached at extension **764**, or from the outside at (914) 248-2764.

*PLEASE HELP US BY SENDING NEWS!*

*Thanks to All..*

Thank you to everyone who contributes to this newsletter by submitting articles, important information, the bouquets or helping with the printing or distribution throughout the school year.

As the new editor of the newsletter, I look forward to working with you to continue to produce a fantastic newsletter. Please send any information that you deem is newsletter worthy to Meredith Markolovic (Tech) at [mmarkolovic@pnwboces.org](mailto:mmarkolovic@pnwboces.org) or (914)248-3815.

*A Bouquet from Us...  
Our Sympathy to...*

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**Natt Barr**, Special Education Teacher, had been living in Maine.

**Brenda Undly**, Special Education Assistant, had been living in North Carolina

**Joan Hand**, Special Education Teacher's Aide, had been living in Florida

**Janet Bridgman**, Cosmetology Tech Teacher, delivered sad news that her husband, Harry, recently passed away. They split their time between Florida and Pennsylvania.

**Marie Russo**, Tech Teacher Assistant, reported that her father, Alphonse Lepore, 88, of Bedford passed away on January 2, 2011.

**Vito Constantine**, a Tech Center retiree, passed away on Dec. 30, 2010. Vito will be fondly remembered by staff and students as the Auto Technology teacher at PNW BOCES. Condolences go out to his wife Jeanne and his whole family. We will miss you, Vito.



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Her husband Frank in your  
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