

# THE UNION GAB



Letter from the Co-Presidents

Dear AOPA Members,

*WooHoo! Warmer weather!!! We were starting to lose hope!!*

We will be having our annual spring dinner on Wednesday, May 20 at Carmine's Restaurant on Transit Road. Jen Stachowiak has been nice enough to arrange the dinner for us. Please RSVP by May 6. We hope you will be able to make it!

As you know we are continuing our negotiations with the District. We are working to reach a tentative agreement with the District that we will present to our membership for review and approval. Membership will see all of the details of the tentative agreement and will have the chance to ask questions at that time. We are confident that we are moving toward a successful outcome.

Thanks very much to Mona Rueben for the Google Spreadsheet training she did for our clerical group on Superintendent's Conference Day, March 23! *If you have a topic that you would like to have training on specifically for clerical, during a Superintendent's Conference Day, please let any AOPA officer, or a building representative know. We are your elected representatives, and are not aware of your concerns or needs, unless you make them known to us.*

Remember, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact a member of the executive board or your building rep. Please be sure to share any building news with us so that it can be included in the newsletter! Weddings, graduation, travel, new babies etc. Send your favorite recipes also!

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Once again thanks to Dawn for volunteering to do the AOPA newsletter! By submitting the newsletter to NYSUT and placing their ad in our newsletter, we earn \$500 per year for our unit! Thanks Dawn!

Sharon Zak  
Deb Davern  
AOPA Co-Presidents

## NYSUT NEWS

Go to [www.nysut.org/yourunion](http://www.nysut.org/yourunion) to tell NYSUT what you want from your union - and share the link with your members so they can do likewise.

NYSUT Member Benefits is proud to offer a quarterly electronic newsletter designed to make NYSUT members better-informed consumers. This publication serves as a valuable educational tool and offers a variety of informational articles about issues of importance to our members. Go to [www.memberbenefits.com.nysut.org](http://www.memberbenefits.com.nysut.org) for more information!



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NYSUT is more than 600,000 people who work in, or are retired from, New York's schools, colleges, and healthcare facilities. They are classroom teachers, college and university faculty and professional staff, school bus drivers, custodians, secretaries, cafeteria workers, teacher assistants and aides, nurses and healthcare technicians.

NYSUT is a federation of more than 1,200 local unions, each representing its own members. They are affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and the National Education Association (NEA). They are also part of organized labor - the AFL-CIO - and of Education International, with more than 20 million members world wide.

They range in size from tiny locals of fewer than 10 members to the United Federation of Teachers, which represents more than 140,000 teachers and other school employees in New York City.



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## March & April Birthdays!

Molly Wesolowski ~ March 12

Deb Davern ~ March 22

Maggie Nelson ~ April 22

Jen Stachowiak ~ April 23

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## FINANCIAL RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

*NYSUT Member Benefits is excited to launch its newly created online Financial Planning Center to assist NYSUT members & their families with making a variety of important financial decisions.*



Whether you have questions about retirement planning, saving for college or considering purchasing a home, the Financial Planning Center offers valuable tools & resources to assist you. Take the time to check out everything this new section of our website has to offer and remember to bookmark it as we will continue to offer new items on a regular basis.

**This unique resource provides NYSUT members with free access to the following:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Financial calculators</li><li>• An interactive planning module</li><li>• Customized Kiplinger's retirement newsletter</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kiplinger's Annual Retirement Guide</li><li>• 403(b) Field Guide</li><li>• Preventive Law Guides</li><li>• And more to come</li></ul> |
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To access the NYSUT Member Benefits Financial Planning Center, visit the Member Benefits website at [memberbenefits.nysut.org](http://memberbenefits.nysut.org) and click on "Financial Planning Center."

# HEARD AT THE WATER COOLER

We would like to welcome Sandra Batchev to the High School Student Services office! She comes here from ECC. If you see her, please give her a warm welcome!



Thank you to Jean Taylor for filling in in the Athletic Office until the position was filled!



Thank you to Branden Watson and Mona Reuban for providing Google Doc training for our Superintendent's Conference Day at Smallwood Elementary.

Big happenings on the capital project at the High School. We are currently remodeling 3 of our student bathrooms. So don't wait till the last minute for you may need to find an alternative restroom!

It was nice to see some retirees at our after holiday party. Pat Fox, Sue MacDonald, Carol Frank... They all look well rested and enjoying life!

QUOTES  
If you want the rainbow, you've got to put up with the rain. ~ Dolly Parton



## Member Recipe Corner

This month's recipe comes from Dawn. If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share please email it or interoffice it to the attention of Dawn at the High School. We will choose one for each upcoming newsletter.

This is a classic recipe that everyone really seems to enjoy! Good stuff!!!

### Chocolate Éclair Cake

- 1 Stick Butter
- 1 Cup Water
- 1 Cup Flour
- 4 Eggs
- 5 Cups Milk
- 1 ~ 8 Ounce Package Cream Cheese/Softened
- 3 ~ 3 Ounce Packages of Vanilla Instant  
  Pudding
- 1 ~ 12 Ounce Container of Cool Whip
- Chocolate Syrup

In a medium sauce pan, ring Butter and Water to a boil. Stir in Flour until mixture forms a ball. Remove from heat and let sit for 5 minutes. Stir in Eggs one and a time until completely blended. Mixture will be satiny and thick. Lightly spray a 11 x 15 pan and spread mixture evenly on pan so that it touches all sides and is completely covered. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until lightly golden. Let cool..

Combine 1 cup of Milk and Cream Cheese and blend with mixer till smooth. Add the remaining 4 cups of Milk and 3 packages of Vanilla Pudding and blend for two minutes till well mixed. Spread Pudding mixture on top of cooled crust covering completely.

Spread container of Cool Whip on top of Pudding mixture. Drizzle Chocolate Syrup over Cool Whip. Refrigerate for several hours to set. {I take a toothpick and swirl the chocolate syrup into the Cool Whip to make a nice design.} Cut into squares and serve...

You can also use any other flavor of pudding. Pistachio is awesome too!



## DEAR AOPRAH

### Two Days We Should Not Worry

Author Unknown

**There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.**

**One of these days is Yesterday with all its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains.**

**Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back Yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone forever.**

**The other day we should not worry about is Tomorrow with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and its poor performance; Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in Tomorrow, for it is yet to be born.**

**This leaves only one day, Today. Any person can fight the battle of just one day. It is when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities Yesterday and Tomorrow that we break down. It is not the experience of Today that drives a person mad, it is the remorse or bitterness of something which happened Yesterday and the dread of what Tomorrow may bring.**

**Let us, therefore, Live but one day at a time.**

**AOPA - a union of professionals**

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**The following day is designated by the District as a Paid Holiday:**

**April 3 ~ Spring Recess Day**

*St. Patrick's Day Word Search*

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- BEER
- BELFAST
- BISHOP
- CABBAGE
- CELEBRATION
- CELTIC CROSS
- CHRISTIAN
- CLOVER
- CORK
- CORNED BEEF
- DANCING
- DUBLIN
- EVENTS
- FEAST DAY
- FESTIVAL
- GREEN
- GUINNESS
- HERITAGE
- HISTORY
- HOLIDAY
- HOLY DAY
- IRELAND
- IRISH
- LEPRECHAUN
- LIMERICK
- MARCH
- MISSIONARY
- MUSIC
- PARADE
- PATRON SAINT
- POTATOES
- SEVENTEENTH
- SNAKES
- SODA BREAD
- TRADITION
- YEARLY

