

# *Northwest Cook Region District 37 Dialogue*

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## From Our Director

Happy Almost Summer!!!!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Region Caucus this year! It was great being able to see everyone at convention whether in the hospitality suite, in general sessions or simply between workshops. Our volunteers were stellar as always, convention is so much more enjoyable with our hospitality suite. Our volunteers made our convention delegates right at home, thank you all!

Most every PTAs bylaws are up to date at this point. Thank you all for your cooperation with this. If you have not done so yet, remember to send the signed page with the adoption date by the membership along with the officers' and my signature on it to me. Contact me right away if you are unsure of your PTA bylaws status.

At this point you should be gathering last minute receipts in preparation to close your books and scheduling audits so the next year can begin fresh. Make sure end of year reports are collected so plans of work may be created for the 2013-2014 year. Remember, your PTA goals and plans of work are what will be used to create the budget, so it is imperative that these are completed.

Do all your officers and chairmen have up to date procedure books? Summer is a great time to check into this and create the books that have disappeared and be sure the information is updated. Each board member should have at minimum a copy of the PTA bylaws, standing rules, and board contact list,

previous plan of works and year end reports. Ideally, each "book" should have previous notes from meetings, correspondence, newsletter articles, vendor information used in the past and anything else that will make the incoming board member succeed in the position. The easier the job is we'll get more volunteers to take on the position and keep coming back.

Now that elections are complete, has your PTA registered the board members with Illinois PTA? This year it is more important than ever to be sure the registration is completed right away. National PTA will be using this information in order to send each President on record the Back to School Mailing. If no registration is received by Illinois PTA your PTA will miss out on this valuable information being delivered. This streamlining of information will make each president's job one task easier – no National PTA registration is needed. Illinois PTA will do that for you beginning this year!

On August 7<sup>th</sup> we will hold Packet Orientation, which is being held at Thomas Middle School of Arlington Heights Council in Arlington Heights this year. It will begin with registration at 6:30 p.m. All presidents are required to attend to receive the packet of information from Illinois PTA. Membership cards will be distributed. Please be sure to arrive early enough to check and verify your membership card numbers prior to orientation beginning promptly at 7pm. In addition to president orientation, we will be holding workshops for Treasurers as well as Membership, Reflections, and

## From Our Director, continued

Advocacy/Legislation so be sure to bring these people and others with you. Presidents will remain in the main area with the director so plan on having people attend the other workshops. Here's a suggestion: have an early dinner out beforehand with your key volunteers prior to orientation or just meet up and come together. You can share your information with each other on the ride home then. Orientation and workshops will conclude no later than 8:30pm.

Finally, know that if you have any questions or concerns you may contact me or any of the Region Board members. Thank YOU for all that you have done and continue to do for OUR children!

*Nicole*

Illinois PTA NWCR/District 37 Director

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

June 10, 2013 7:00 PM	Road to Success Course SD 54 Boardroom, SCH
June 12, 2013 7:00 PM	Intro to Money Matters SD 54 Boardroom, SCH
June 17, 2013 7:00 PM	Council Course SD 54 Boardroom, SCH
June 19, 2013 7:00 PM	Money Matters 101 SD 54 Boardroom, SCH
June 20-23, 2013	National PTA Convention Cincinnati, OH
June 25, 2013	Final Dues Payment Due to State Office in Springfield
August 7, 2013 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Packet Orientation Registration Orientation Begins Presidents' Workshop Reflections Workshop Treasurers' Workshop Legislative/Advocacy Membership Workshop Thomas Middle School, AH

## TREASURER – Barb Quinn

### **FINANCIAL TRANSITIONS FOR PTAs**

The end of another PTA year is rapidly approaching, and all that comes with it---some transitions are simple, others a bit more complex. Here are some considerations to end one year and begin preparing for a new one:



- Prepare for the transition of officers, if applicable, by signing new bank cards and changing mailing address;
- Recommend that incoming officers attend financial training offered by the council or region;
- Review the budget ~ determine what is finished, what is still pending, and where you are in relation to the adopted budget (remember, any changes result in an amended budget);
- Review any recommendations being made for future budget considerations;
- Determine if you will have unanticipated income; if so, what recommendations will you be making---to spend part of that income, to carry that income forward into the next fiscal year budget--remember that only the general membership can make a final decision on the distribution of funds;
- Set a date for the final submission of requests for reimbursement--remember the books must be closed by the end of the fiscal year;
- Prepare materials for the audit committee (this is done by the outgoing treasurer); and
- Prepare materials necessary for reporting to the Internal Revenue Service (this is also done by the outgoing treasurer.)

Before you can consider any plan for unanticipated income, be sure that **all** requests for payment and/or reimbursement have been submitted. Preparation is the key to success! When in doubt, ask for assistance--remember we are only a phone call or an e-mail away.

## MEMBERSHIP – Lori Filby

Summer will no doubt fly by quicker than this already so speedy school year did. It seriously seems like just yesterday that we were at packet pick-up grabbing our brand new cards, beginning to plan for the start of the academic year. Now here we stand, summer break, the end of another year of school and PTA, but there is no rest for the weary! It'll be August before we know it. Now is the time for all of us membership mavens to gather our committees and get crackin'!

Who am I kidding? Truth be told, getting my four kids to do school work over the summer will be easier than getting all of my PTA people together for planning and learning once the school year ends. As soon as that bell rings on the last day of school, everyone heads out to new schedules, pools, parks, vacations and a well deserved break from anything relating to school. We end up seeing each other around the neighborhood and then again in early August when it's time to pull together our back to school event. August becomes a month of families and PTA struggling to get back into the swing of things for the start of school. Most often in PTA world, family planning wins out leaving us all scrambling to pull PTA things off in August.

With that said; why not start now with your basic membership tasks and get them out of the way sooner rather than later?



Start by preparing your end of year report. Remember that every unit is required to send their final dues payments and all remaining unused

or damaged membership cards to the state office by June 25. Every year, without fail, some unit finds itself searching for check signers in the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. Don't wait! Sit down now and calculate where you are and how you did. Request a check, find an envelope and drop it into a mailbox today. No overnight shipping, no stress trying to find check signers.

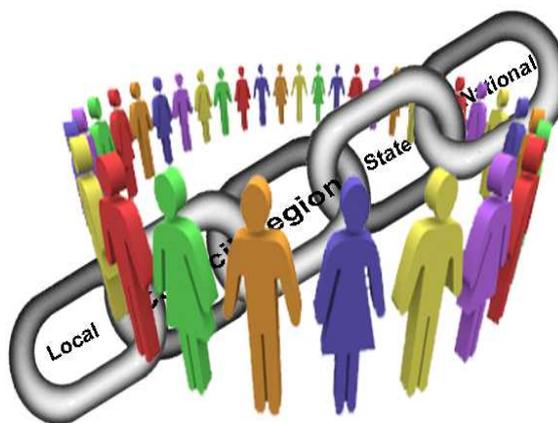
Now take it a step further and set a goal for next year. You can see this year's number, you know if you have budget considerations for membership. As you do it, remember PTA Rocks! If you exceed this year's number by 5, 10 or 15 members next year, you'll receive recognition at the NWC Region Annual Meeting in October. Don't stop there!



Now put all of your thoughts, records, your End of Year report and a Plan of Work for next year right into your binder. (Don't forget to send copies to your unit president!) Whether you are continuing on in this role next year or not, you can do it now and then sit back and enjoy a few months of sun and relaxation knowing you are ready to hit the ground running in August. When August comes you may need to gather your membership committee in person—think cool drinks on the patio or by the fire pit!—or by email to decide how to put your early planning into process. Everyone, especially you, will be grateful then that you took the time now to get things started.

### SUCCESS THIS YEAR!

Big kudos for the Northwest Suburban Council for achieving an increase in membership this year! At present, even before the end of the year reporting is done, they are up nearly 2% in overall membership for the year. Congratulations!



## PARENT ED – Matthew Rodriguez

I am pleased to announce an exciting new program sponsored by the National PTA called Strengthening & Celebrating Family-School Partnership.

Purpose: To increase visibility and dependence of PTA as a key partner. To provide proven data that having school and PTA collaboration is a winning formula to accomplish student success goals.

There are 6 steps in this process:

1. Welcoming ALL Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up For Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

How it works:

Step 1 – Sign up at [pta.org/excellence](http://pta.org/excellence) (you can either enroll or sign up for more info)

Step 2 - Conduct a Family-School Partnership Scan by Nov 1, 2013

Step 3 - Take Action with customized road map to excellence

Step 4 - Complete NPTA School of Excellence Application by June 1, 2014

Step 5- Celebrate your Excellence (notification and celebration kit will be sent by Aug 1, 2014)

Note winners are for 2 years 2014-2016. Kit includes banners; graphics, media outreach tools, PTA stationary. Winners are also qualified to enter the Phoebe Hearst Award, which is \$2,000 award.

Summary:

- May 01, 2013 – Enroll
- Aug 01 to Nov 01, 2013 – Make Scan
- Throughout the school year use the customized road map
- Mar 01 to Jun 01, 2014 – Complete Excellence Application
- August 2014 Enjoy Celebrations

I hope EVERY school in the Region applies and gets recognized with this award. It's an amazing opportunity to get some recognition for all the hard work you already put in everyday.

## ILLINOIS PTA NEWS

### **Resolutions: It's Always Time to Make a Difference**

*Submitted by: Lisa S. Garbaty, Resolutions Director*

I look forward to working with each of you on the implementation of two important Resolutions supported by the delegates to the Illinois PTA 2013 Convention:

- Resolution on Energy Drinks
- Resolution on Prevention of Asphyxiation Games (Choking Games)

The related Illinois PTA articles where we first brought these issues to your attention are available at the Illinois PTA Resolutions webpage, or by clicking on the following titles: "[Energy Drinks: A Legal, But Dangerous Beverage](#)"; and "[The Choking Game: It's No Game; It's Deadly](#)".

Information on how you can make these Resolutions a reality for our children will be sent to you in your Local Unit Packets shortly.

Thank you to those who attended the convention Resolutions Workshop, "Creating Solutions to Illinois Issues," where we discussed how to write a Resolution, and had the opportunity to draft Resolutions on two important issues: extended time in school; and the high suicide rate of teens and young adults. Additional workshops are being planned. Please watch for information to be sent in future updates.

Don't forget: now is the time to think about your Resolution for the 2014 Illinois PTA Convention. Each year at our convention, we have an opportunity to vote on proposed Resolutions – and every year that we have do so, it has made a difference.

Questions? Please contact me at [lgarbaty@illinoispta.org](mailto:lgarbaty@illinoispta.org). I would love to hear from you.

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## LEADERSHIP – Tracey Coleman

### Successful Board Transition

As the school year draws to a close, PTA board members are quickly wrapping up their activities and looking forward to summer. Before celebrating that last day of school, however, be sure to make some time for the transition from one PTA board to the next.



If you are the outgoing officer or committee chair, thank you for your service! Don't drop off the face of the earth yet, though, because you have one more duty left: to be a resource for your PTA. It may not be spelled out in the bylaws or standing rules, but you should help your replacement get started. Hand over that stack of papers you've been meaning to file in your procedure book. Plug in the flash drive and copy the files you used most often. Don't delete any files related to this position until next spring; you may not think something is important enough to pass along now, but chances are you'll be asked for it next fall or winter. Say "call me if you have any questions" – then please do answer the phone when it rings and reply to the emails!

If you are the incoming officer or committee chair, congratulations and thanks for volunteering! Be proactive and schedule a time with your predecessor to hand over materials. Don't expect or wait for a scrapbook-quality procedure book; just take the piles of paper and boxes full of stuff. You'll learn a lot by going through it all to get organized. Do come up with a list of questions and ask them now, before memories fade and files get deleted. Listen to any advice offered. You may be full of exciting new ideas, but there is value in experience too.

Special note for incoming presidents: it's your job to help facilitate the transition for your fellow officers and committee chairs. You may have to

nudge a couple outgoing people to pass along their information. If you're still trying to fill a vacant position, take those binders and boxes yourself and hang on to them until you find the new volunteer, so they don't get lost in someone's basement. Schedule a get-acquainted meeting for the new officers or even the whole board. Channel all that enthusiasm and get used to working together as a group. And encourage everyone to use the Region's resources – come to the June training courses and the August packet orientation, and call or email us over the summer if you have any questions. We're here to help!

## HEALTH/SAFETY – Joyce Stenzel

### **New sunscreen labels: How to read the fine print**

By Kim Painter, Special for USA TODAY, printed on April 25, 2013

At first glance, the sunscreen bottles, tubes and canisters on store shelves this spring may not look much different from what consumers have seen in the past.

But look closer. Gone are misleading terms such as "waterproof" and "sunblock." Added are warnings that some products don't protect against wrinkles and skin cancer and that others do so only as part of a larger sun-protection plan.

These changes and others are the result of new labeling rules from the Food and Drug Administration. The long-delayed rules cover all sunscreen products shipped by large manufacturers since mid-December.

Although consumers may still spot some old products, shipped before the deadline, most of the 4,500 or so relabeled products should be on shelves now or very soon, says Farah Ahmed, who represents sunscreen makers for the Personal Care Products Council. The switch is a huge undertaking, she says, because it includes not only beach and sport products, but every makeup, moisturizer or lip balm that carries an SPF (sun protection factor) number.

But will the new labels help consumers better protect their skin from sun damage?



## REFLECTIONS – Joan Scovic

Here are a few Reflections updates.



**At the state level**, Northwest Cook Region/District 37 PTA students received the following recognition.

### **Advanced to National:**

Visual Arts - Primary –

- Dhritti Debnath - An Egg to a Chick

Musical Composition - Middle –

- Jamie Popp - Blues Magic

Dance Choreography - Primary –

- Zen Wang - Zen's Kung Fu Dance

Dance Choreography – Intermediate –

- Kaley Kalata - The Bunny Dance

### **Honorable Mention at IL State level:**

Photography - Intermediate –

- Cicada Emerging from a Cell - Shannon Trenkle

Visual Arts - Primary –

- Discovering Space - Alexandr Petryshchuk

**At the National level**, two of our students were recognized!

**Award of Merit to Zen Wang** of Pleasant Hill PTA in the Primary Dance Choreography Category for "Kung Fu Dance"

AND

**Award of Merit to Jamie Popp** of Thomas Middle School PTA in the Middle School Music Composition Category for "Blues Magic"

Each June, National PTA awards: Outstanding Interpretation Awards - this is the submission in each arts category, regardless of age, that best interprets the theme. There are only six awards given out.

Awards of Excellence - these are given to the top three scores for each arts category in each division. Awards of Merit - These are given to the next five highest scores for each arts category in each division.

Up to 54 pieces can advance to National PTA for each age group in each category, and to receive an Award of Merit is to be one of the top 8-9 projects in that category, nationally!

### **Theme Search for 2014-2015.**

Illinois PTA chose 5 theme ideas to send to National PTA. Three of them came from NWCR/D37.

- Can you imagine? — Frederick Nerge PTA
- Things that make you smile! — Hunting Ridge PTA -Reese Katovich
- Daydream Believers! — Hunting Ridge PTA - Addison Rushing

Help us celebrate the artistic achievements of our students!

## SECRETARY – Michele Sheppard

The PREPARE FOR YEAR END!

As your term as secretary comes to an end; there are a couple very important jobs that still need to be done.



The monthly minutes that record the business of your PTA must be kept **forever**. The minutes include the monthly treasurer's report and the membership list. To accomplish this, it is recommended that they be permanently bound into a book. How can you do this? Binding by glue is the best choice but binding with a coil spine is acceptable. Check out copying businesses that offer finishing services. Most will bind the minutes relatively inexpensively.

In our current digital age, it is also advisable to save a protected copy of the minutes on a PTA owned USB drive. The files should be saved as a locked document or un-editable pdf. This will provide a permanent digital copy that can't be changed.

Lastly, it is time to update and organize your procedure book for the next secretary. A copy of the minutes should be included along with a timeline of jobs that need to be completed. Include information of how you permanently bound the minutes and how to save a protected copy. It will be greatly appreciated by your successor.

## TECHNOLOGY – Brent Fentem



As summer approaches our children will have more free time available which for many will equate to more time to be online and on their phones. There are numerous resources out there that as concerned parents and PTA members we can use to help guide our children to make educated decisions. One such resource is the federal government's website OnGuardOnline.gov which is managed by the Federal Trade Commission in partnership with the federal agencies; the purpose is to help you be safe, secure and responsible online.

This site has both great resources for us as adults as well as for us to help inform our children. To help with protecting our children online is the Net Cetera Community Outreach Toolkit. The Net Cetera Community Outreach Toolkit which can be found at: <http://www.onguardonline.gov/features/feature-0004-featured-net-cetera-toolkit> is a comprehensive toolkit to help individuals and organizations share information about keeping kids safe online. Within the kit are booklets that can be downloaded and referenced immediately as well as powerpoint slides and CDs and DVDs which can help to create an informative presentation. How you use it is up to you: give a presentation, play the videos at a meeting or distribute the Net Cetera booklet through your local school or PTA. Get more ideas for spreading the word about online safety here: <http://www.onguardonline.gov/spread-word-about-kids%E2%80%99-online-safety>.

Check out the website and be sure to talk with your children on internet safety and protecting themselves and their reputations when they're socializing online.

## NATIONAL PTA NEWS

### 2013-2014 Back-to-School Kit Goes Digital

National PTA will unveil, for the first time, an entirely digital Back-to-School Kit of interactive resources to help PTAs kick-start a winning school year. The same advice and quick-reference-guides that you have come to expect will remain, with the addition of three new guides—Advocacy,

Communications and Fundraising—to help PTAs deepen their impact and venture into new territory.

In late summer, each PTA will receive a box with a USB and printed user guide. Each USB will provide users with an Internet-free set of resources that are easy to navigate and share.

As a bonus, National PTA will host these same resources online, making them available to more parents and educators who want to help their PTAs reach great heights. Stay tuned to PTA.org this spring for more information on the Back-to-School Kit.

### Encourage Your PTA Leader to Apply for \$2,000 Healthy Lifestyles Energy Balance 101 Grant

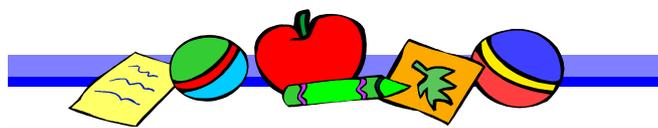
National PTA will award 25 [Healthy Lifestyles Energy Balance 101](#) grants for \$2,000 to local PTAs in support of healthy lifestyle family education events. These events should target grades PreK-5 (or schools that include grades K-5). With the grant, local PTAs will have resources to implement the Energy Balance curriculum to educate families on good nutrition and physical activity; empower families to partner with schools to advocate for healthy changes; and provide families with the tools to make positive changes in the home.



More information about the grant is available online at [PTA.org/EnergyBalance](http://PTA.org/EnergyBalance), including the [request for proposals](#) and [online application](#). Title I schools are strongly encouraged to apply. The deadline for

applications is June 28 at 5:00 p.m. ET.

These grants are funded by the [Healthy Weight Commitment Foundation](#), which through its Together Counts™ program and 200+ members and partners, seeks to help significantly reduce childhood obesity rates by 2015.



## DISTRICT 37 COUNCIL CORNER

### Schaumburg Township Council of PTAs

Schaumburg Township Council of PTAs (STC) recently had our annual scholarship dinner. This event is always looked forward to as the highlight of the year. It is truly a celebration of the work we do all year. We awarded 8 high school students, who attended district 54 schools, \$1500 scholarships for college. It is always so inspiring to hear our former students speak – we are so proud of them!!! Additionally, STC awarded 72 elementary students in grades 1-7 scholarships for summer camps. It is a great feeling to know students across the district are being helped to achieve their goal to learn more. The scholarship dinner also is STC's opportunity to give recognition awards. This year, a donation was made to the Illinois PTA scholarship fund in honor of our entire executive board to recognize the work and time everyone has given to PTA. Additionally, a donation was made to the STC scholarship fund in honor of our superintendent, Ed Rafferty, who is retiring this year. Finally, the scholarship dinner also served as the venue to install the 2013-2014 STC officers, as well as to introduce the incoming local unit presidents and STC committee chairs.

Now, the newly installed executive committee moves on to establishing goals for coming year, filling open committee chairs and identifying ways we can be a stronger and more supportive council for our local units.

*Lisa Guagenti  
STC President*

### Arlington Heights Council of PTAs

Arlington Heights Council of PTA is finishing 2012-2013 School Year strong! We had a successful second year co-presenting the Just Move It! Challenge in mid-April. We had over 1000 registrants on the day of the race and about 500 of them were students! Being a cold wintry type of day did not stop our event from being a continued success and many families stayed to partake in our "Minute to Win It" Games, mini-health expo, and

award ceremonies. Olive Mary Stitt School and South Middle School won the school participation awards this year for having the highest percentage of race participants.

We will have our Scholarship Breakfast and Award presentation in late May. This year we are honoring 13 graduating seniors with scholarships. We have seen a good growth in our scholarship program now that we have made it our focus to find well rounded students, widening the scholarship spectrum, and putting less emphasis on straight academic achievement. We lowered our GPA requirement to encourage a variety of students to apply to our scholarship and placed more emphasis on personal statements asking students to describe how PTA and District 25 have impacted their lives.

Now at the end of the year, we are saying good-bye to some wonderful active members within our organization: Shannon Silverman, Council Co-President; Lori Tangney, Council Secretary; Barbara Morrison, Council Treasurer; Jenn Doner, Cultural Arts & Legislation Chair; and Cheri McCallister, Early Childhood & Juvenile Protection Chair. We want to take this time to heartily thank these ladies for their time, dedication, contribution and service to Arlington Heights Council of PTAs and District 25 schools.

Our 2013-2014 Executive Committee officers are:

Co-Presidents: Julie Birenbaum & Michelle Gledhill  
1<sup>st</sup> VP of Programs: Melanie Heiber  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP of Training: Darcy Ehrlich  
Secretary: Katie Washco  
Treasurer: Holly Ragland

This spring we are actively accepting PTA membership payments online alongside with District 25 registration for next year so we are hoping for a great year in PTA membership participation. We are also looking forward to our new upcoming project, a Science and Technology Fair, in lieu of a Cultural Arts Fair. We are hoping to alternate these events every other year. Arlington Heights Council of PTAs is also excited and looking forward to be hosting council next year for Northwest Cook Region, District 37.

*Julie Birenbaum and Shannon Silverman  
AHC Co-presidents*

## COUNCIL CORNER continued

### Northwest Suburban Council of PTAs

What I love about PTA is its ability to draw together people from all walks of life – and all stages of life – all to give children a voice. This collaborative process is the reason PTA is so successful in its work.

The Northwest Suburban Council PTA PTSA highlighted its collaboration and leadership at Spring Fling, the annual dinner and general membership meeting on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. 120 were in attendance to celebrate the superior work of the 20 local units. Attendees explored the Vendor Fair, donated goods to our food drive, and shared the year's experiences with each other.

Among the business items that evening was the election of our officers for 2013-2014. I'm pleased to announce the following have been elected: President-Julie O'Hara, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Programs-Jennifer DeFranco, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Legislation-Lyn Bremanis, Secretary-Amy Langston, and Treasurer-Stacy Reiss. This is an experienced, dedicated group of volunteers who are looking forward to the challenges of the new year ahead.

We fêted the local units and individuals who were award winners at the Illinois State PTA Convention. Our Council was lucky enough to count among its members the inaugural Illinois PTA Volunteer of the Year, Barb Williams, of the Jane Addams PTA, as well as the inaugural Illinois PTA Teacher of the Year, Amy Rosenbarger, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher at Stuart R. Paddock School. How lucky we are!



The NWSC PTA PTSA Council was especially proud of its five local units who won individual awards at the state convention: Jane Addams PTA (Honorable Mention, Environmental Concerns; Healthy Students; Juvenile Justice), Hunting Ridge PTA (100% Membership; Honorable Mention, Website), Stuart R. Paddock PTA (Outstanding

Website), Thomas Jefferson (Runner Up, Environmental Concerns), and Winston Campus Junior High PTA (Juvenile Justice).

While it was important to celebrate with our winners, we also took the time to thank and congratulate all of the presidents of our 20 local unit PTAs for the yeoman's work each does on a daily basis. Without their leadership, the collaborative process would be just a dream. Thanks to each and every one for her/his time, energy, effort and commitment this year:

- Jane Addams PTA: Kerri Bloom and Mary Deruz
- Central Road PTA: Jen Towsey
- Conyers Learning Academy PTA: Karen Steffler
- Frank C. Whiteley PTA: Amy Langston
- Gray M. Sanborn PTA: Jen Williams and Jody Nieman
- Hunting Ridge PTA: Brita Higgins
- Kimball Hill PTA: Kim Moore
- Lake Louise PTA: Cynthia Coroneos and Eric Berls
- Lincoln PTA: Chris Daly and Stacy Piper
- Marion Jordan PTA: Claire Miller and Maureen Ross
- Pleasant Hill PTA: Kristi Svec and Jennifer Mears
- Stuart R. Paddock PTA: Mana Bhasin
- Thomas Jefferson PTA: Kerri Ash and Melissa Werner
- Virginia Lake PTA: Leah Tenuta and Michelle Simons
- Willow Bend PTA: Tracy Rothmeyer and Christine Wexley
- Winston Campus Elementary PTA: Jen Hestrup
- Carl Sandburg Junior High PTA: Brenda Knox and Jackie Laboda
- Plum Grove Junior High PTSA: Donna Hirsch and Joanne Wojcik
- Walter R. Sundling Junior High PTA: Jennefer Schelfhout and Kris Ahlgrim
- Winston Campus Junior High PTA: Lyn Bremanis

## COUNCIL CORNER continued

### Northwest Suburban Council, continued

In order to keep the collaborative leadership process front-and-center, the evening ended with workshops offered to current and incoming presidents, treasurers, and membership chairs. Special thanks to Stacy Reiss, who facilitated the Treasurers' Workshop, and to Ronda Bischoff (winner of Hunting Ridge's 100% Membership Award!), who facilitated the Membership Workshop.

What a great year it has been for the Northwest Suburban Council!

*Julie O'Hara  
NWSC President*

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNITS HONORED AT ILLINOIS PTA CONVENTION IN APRIL!

Environmental Concerns first runner up –  
Thomas Jefferson PTA

Environmental Concerns honorable mention –  
Jane Addams PTA in Palatine

Healthy Students Award –  
Jane Addams PTA in Palatine

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Outstanding Website - Stuart R Paddock PTA

Outstanding Website honorable mention –  
Hunting Ridge PTA

100% Membership Award Winner –  
Hunting Ridge PTA

Juvenile Justice Award Winners - Jane Addams  
PTA in Palatine & Winston Campus PTA

IL PTA Outstanding Teacher of the Year –  
Mrs. Amy Rosenbarger -Stuart R Paddock PTA

IL PTA Outstanding Volunteer - Barb Williams -  
Jane Addams PTA in Palatine!

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**PTA**

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Courses begin  
Promptly at:  
7:00 pm

Registration  
Begins at:  
6:45 pm

# June Trainings

<b>Date</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>What is it and who should attend</b>
June 10	<b>PTA Road to Success</b>	This course explains the who, what and why of PTA. This course is for everyone! The bylaws require this for the entire board (chairmen and officers).
June 12	<b>Introduction to Money Matters</b>	Learn how to develop and approve a budget, how to conduct an audit, how to keep records, the Federal and State Government Do's and Don'ts. This course should be attended by Treasurers and Presidents or anyone who wants to learn more about the financial side of PTA.
June 17	<b>President's Course</b>	Now that you have stepped up to be President, learn what it takes to do the job well! This course will give you the information needed to manage your PTA and have a fun exciting time doing it.
June 19	<b>Money Matters 101</b>	This course will take you through everything you will be responsible for as a PTA treasurer including how to prepare a budget, conducting an audit, fundraising, managing money and bank accounts, electronic banking, treasurer's financial reports, accountability to members and the government, and how to protect your 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. It is suggested that all PTA treasurers and presidents take this course, but it would be beneficial to any PTA officer.

Register [online](#) or via email to [nfentem@ilpta-d37.org](mailto:nfentem@ilpta-d37.org). Walk ins are welcome, but materials cannot be guaranteed.

All Trainings will be held at:  
School District 54 Admin Building  
524 E. Schaumburg Road  
Schaumburg, IL 60194

Submit any questions or concerns to:

Nicole Fentem  
Northwest Cook Region Director  
E-mail: [nfentem@ilpta-d37.org](mailto:nfentem@ilpta-d37.org)



## 2013 – 2014 ANNUAL LOCAL UNIT REGISTRATION FORM

PTA District Number \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of PTA/PTSA \_\_\_\_\_

### All local units will receive the local unit packet information on CD.

If you would like a hard copy instead please contact the state office.

#### School Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(City)

(Zip Code)

(Phone)

(County)

Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Type:

Elementary \_\_\_\_ Junior High/Middle \_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_ Total School Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_

**The Internal Revenue Service REQUIRES** all not-for-profit organizations with **GROSS RECEIPTS** in excess of **\$50,000.00** to file form 990EZ no later than three months after its fiscal year end. All not-for-profit organizations with gross receipts less than \$50,000.00 must file an electronic postcard no later than five months after its fiscal year end.

Do the **GROSS RECEIPTS** (income before expenses) of your PTA **exceed \$50,000.00** annually? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Step one to remaining a Unit in Good Standing is to complete this form front and back. **Return by May 15, 2013 to:**

Illinois PTA  
P O Box 907  
Springfield, IL 62705 or fax to 217.528.9490

Please visit our website [www.illinoispta.org](http://www.illinoispta.org) obtain an electronic version of this form

LOCAL UNIT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PTA DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE FILL IN AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE**

**You will not receive a Local Unit Packet or Membership Cards if updated officer information is not reported**  
Updated forms may be submitted as positions are filled

**PTA President's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**PTA Vice President's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**PTA Treasurer's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**PTA Secretary's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**PTA Membership Chairman's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**PTA Legislation Chairman's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**PTA Cultural Arts Chairman's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**PTA Newsletter Chairman's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Officers/Chairmen:**