

NEWS NOTES

June
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ANNUAL DINNER & MEETING

Four County members gathered for their 41st Annual Meeting at the **Belhurst Castle** in Geneva, NY on Monday, May 18, 2015.

The program began with a social hour that included a display of student work from the **Penn Yan Central School District**. (Thanks to **Liz De Maria**, Art Department Chair). It was followed with a performance by the **Bloomfield Central High School Jazz Chorus** under the direction of **Matt Roesch**.

Members and their guests then enjoyed dinner prior to the Annual Business Meeting. After a brief review of the year by Executive Director **Sharon Sweeney**, Nominating Committee Chair and Past President **Jeanne Durfee** presented the slate and conducted the election of officers for 2015-2016.

Elected by the General Membership were President **Kathy Hart** (Victor), First Vice President **Beth Thomas** (Canandaigua) and Second Vice President **Caroline Nevil** (Bloomfield). Joining the group will be Immediate Past President **Kathy Guenther** (Penn Yan).

Guest speaker for the evening was **Greg Ahlquist**, Social Studies teacher in the Webster CSD and the 2013 New York Teacher of the Year. He energetically challenged all to clearly define what we believe about learning and students because beliefs always impact our actions. Based on Carol Dweck's research on mindsets, his talk presented important applications of clearly defined beliefs and their impact on education in particular and life in general. Illustrating the ideas, concepts, and applications with engaging stories from the classroom and life, he challenged everyone to apply what they learn in a professional and personal context.

The Association is grateful to **C & S Companies** and **Hunt Architects, Engineers, and Surveyors** for their sponsorship of the event. The evening was a fitting culmination of the 2014-2015 year.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We have made it through yet another school year. It's hard to believe that the school year is over but by now award ceremonies and graduations have happened. We have once again sent another group of young adults on to the next chapter of their lives. We wish them all well.

I would like to take this time to say "thank you" to everyone for my great two years as President of 4CSBA. I have enjoyed working with all of you in my capacity as President - I made some new friends and learned a lot from our many meetings and seminars. My hope is that you have garnered some helpful information and ideas from the Association that your Board can utilize. I will continue to be involved with 4CSBA to advocate for our schools and our students, and I hope that you will do the same.

Have a safe and happy summer. It's time to refresh and regroup and get ready for the 2015-2016 school year!

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FROM YOUR AREA 2 DIRECTOR



I would like to remind all school board members of the learning, training, and networking opportunities that are part of the NYSSBA Convention that will be held this year in New York City October 18-20. I encourage every school board member to avail themselves of this learning opportunity. As community leaders, we must continue our learning if we are to truly lead in providing the best for our children within the fiscal constraints of our communities. Conference and hotel reservations opened on June 1st. If you have not yet done so, please register; we can continue to learn and grow together in NYC.

In the most recent edition of *OnBoard*, Robert Vecchio, school board president of the William Floyd School District, was announced as the recipient of NYSSBA's *Champion for Change Award*. As NYSSBA President Lynne Lenhardt commented in the article, "The NYSSBA Champion for Change is a champion for children who fosters creative change that enriches educational opportunities and inspires other school board members to make similar or even greater contributions." From my perspective, across the districts I represent in Area 2, I believe many of you could have qualified for this recognition, as well. Over the past several years, as I have had the opportunity to interact with many of you, I am regularly impressed with the leadership, creativity, and inspiration you provide within your school districts. Our conversations always center on "what is best for kids" and then how we can do more with less and how will we surf the ever-changing tide that comes out of Albany and the SED. You are all champions for the children within your districts. My sincerest hope is that community members and district employees take the time to say, "Thank you". On behalf of all children within Area 2, I say, "Thank you". I hope you have a restful and rejuvenating summer. And, as the song goes, I'll "see you in September."

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THANKS TO 2014-2015 FOUR COUNTY LEADERSHIP

On behalf of the membership, thank you to those Four County members who have given so much of their time, energy and whole lot of real caring to the governance of Four County. A huge thank you to:

President **Kathy Guenther** (Penn Yan)
First Vice President **Kathy Hart** (Victor)
Second Vice President **Caroline Nevil** (Bloomfield)
Immediate Past President **Anne Morgan** (WFL BOCES)
Legislative Committee Chair **Bill Buchko** (Gananda)
Legislative Committee Vice Chair **Beth Thomas** (Canandaigua)
Presidential Appointees:
Jeanne Durfee (WFL BOCES) & **Chuck Rothfuss** (Gananda)

A special recognition to **Anne Morgan** who completes her many years of service to Four County leadership and the Steering Committee. She began as Legislative Committee Chair in 2006 and has served continuously with that group since that time. Thank you **Anne!**

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THANKS & FAREWELL

To All Four County Members who complete their board service this year:

*We thank you for your commitment to our children,
to your communities, and to public education!*

Michelle Raeman – Canandaigua
John Fredrick – Dundee
Matthew Comacho – Dundee
Jessica Bailey – Geneva
Grace Simonds – Honeoye
Rob Crowder – Newark
Judi Buckalew – North Rose-Wolcott
John Uvegas – Phelps-Clifton Springs
Christina Ganzon – Seneca Falls
Rick Wigle – Sodus
Lisa Shaw – Sodus
Craig Wyckoff – South Seneca
Patrick Bolger – Victor
Karen Moore - Wayne

FOUR COUNTY SCHEDULES MANDATORY TRAINING DATES

BOARD GOVERNANCE

September 12, 2015

&

FISCAL TRAINING

February 6, 2016

**Both will be held at the
Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES
Regional Support Center
Newark NY**

**Please encourage your newly elected members
to attend the training in person to reap the added
benefit of interaction with
other board members in the room.**

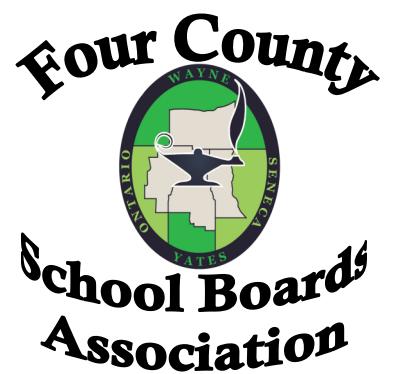
Member cost:

Governance \$85.00 Fiscal \$105.00

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Turner Construction – Facts & Figures

Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P.C. – Facts & Figures, Fiscal Training

Wegman's – Facts & Figures

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NYSSBA Summer Law Conference—July 9

COLSBA Directors' Meeting Albany—July 9

Rural Schools Conference—July 12-14

NYSSBA New Board Training Buffalo—July 17

FCSBA Steering Committee—July 21, August TBA

NYSSBA Parliamentary Procedure Webinar—July 27