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Bridgewater-Raynham Education Association committees

Below is a list of all BREA Committees. Most members came through volunteering. Some positions were assigned. The "Members' Benefits" committee was established after the year began. Volunteers are needed as contacts in each building. This committee deals with items such as Verizon Wireless and BJ's memberships.

Negotiations: Lil Holbrook, Anita Newman, co-chairpersons
Chris Slater, Marla Harrington-Sohegan, Frank Daniels, Matt Perry,
Marie Fahey, Dan Cox, Scott Blake, Donna Holt, Jennifer Tibbets, Bev Saccocia

Grievance: Anita Newman, chairperson
Jeff Sylvia, Nadine Bradshaw, John H. Kearney, Sandra Tsika, Lauren Sacco, Dennis Principe, Julie Sergio, Lil Holbrook, Lynda Teixeira

Political Actions: Jim Osenkowski, chairperson
Greg Thomas, Bill Barber, Kathy Voller, Mike Teixeira, Chris Carr,
Linda Fregeau, Sarah Castro, Kathy Jankins, Sandra McMullen, Helen Collis

Ways and Means: Dee Weeks, chairperson
Nidhi Walia, Gail Nunes, Janine Chuckran, Meghan Cleary, Cheri Szymczuk, Kathy Gibson, Ann Marie Lewis, Elaine Aveni, Pamela Fitton

Health & Safety: John H. Kearney, chairperson
B-R: Scott Blake, Michelle Beshansky, Mark Mosher, Tanya Bejarano,
Marie Burke, Mary Ellen Sargent, Lorna Hickey;
RMS: Kitty Richards, Danielle Chapman;
WMS: Ellen Chiocca-Carey, Donna Tyson, Sharon LaFrenaye;
LaLiberte: Donna Riendeau, Carol Price, Murray Ross;
Mitchell: Heather Cashman, Gina Acone, Susan Williams;
Burnell: Stephanie Nakamura, Heather Miller, Denise Lindsay; **Merrill:**
Carol Webber, Marcia Larson, Teresa Mastria

Social: Natalie Winsor, chairperson
Pat Anania, Ashley Rodrigues, Mary Benigni, Mary J. Dooley, Barbara Murdoch, Dolores Panterna, Lisa White, Susanne Gibbs, Jalane Phaneuf, Julie Mitchell, Sarah Castro, Christine Madden, Priscilla McRae, Debbie Moura, Grace Burstein, Kate Dickmann, Nicole Boulay, Dina Danielson, Linda Biela

Members Benefits: Janine Chuckran, chairperson
Gail Nunes

Local Political News:

Bridgewater: Selectmen Marybeth Lawton's and Herbert Lemon's terms are up this year. Both have filed for reelection. Others filing are Anthony P. DeSilva Jr. and Christopher T. Flynn. School Committeeman Joseph Gillis Jr.'s term is up this year. He has filed for reelection. At present no one is opposing him.

Raynham: One selectman's position is open. At present, Joseph Pacheco has filed papers to run. School Committeeman Susan O'Brien's term is up this year. She is not seeking reelection. At present, no one has filed to run. Both towns' elections will be Saturday, April 28. The BREA will hold a "Meet the Candidates" session on Tuesday, March 13 at 4 PM in the Williams Middle School library. All the candidates have been invited to attend so that they may describe their platforms and answer questions. It's a great chance to hear where each of them stand on issues in one session. Please try to attend.

BREA website

Have you visited the web page of the Bridgewater-Raynham Education Association? What you'll find there:

- ⇒ Links to contact your legislators
- ⇒ Sample letters for maternity and lateral advancement
- ⇒ Past issues of BREAD
- ⇒ Links to courses offered in Southeastern Massachusetts

www.bridgewater-raynham.massteacher.org



Disco Ball!

Friday, March 23
7:00-10:00
Bridgewater Vet's Club



Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased from building reps or Natalie Winsor (high school). Check can be made out to BREA. Proceeds benefit Mitchell's Monsters Fund and the George H. Mitchell Scholarship Fund.

Your help is needed again. As in the past, Natalie asks for donations of desserts and silent auction items. Often departments, teams, or grade levels have come together to make donations.

GPO/WEP Update

From MTA website:

The House version of the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82) now has 222 bipartisan cosponsors; the Senate version (S. 206) has 15 bipartisan cosponsors. The following congressmen from Massachusetts are cosponsors of H.R. 82:

Michael E. Capuano
William D. Delahunt
Barney Frank
Stephen F. Lynch
Martin T. Meehan
James P. McGovern
John Olver
John F. Tierney

Congressmen Edward J. Markey and Richard E. Neal have not signed on to H.R. 82. Both have been cosponsors in the past.

Senators Kennedy and Kerry have also been cosponsors in the past. Sen. Kerry is currently cosponsors of S. 206.

Thank the members listed above who have cosponsored the bill and remind them that we need them to continue to advocate for movement of this important legislation.

Go to the BREA website if you do not know what GPO/WEP is.

There will be a Retirement Seminar by the MTA and BREA at Williams in the Library on Tuesday March 20th. There will be 2 sessions - 2:30 to 3:30 and 3:30 to 4:30.

Member news



The grandfather of Sharon LaFrenaye(WMS) passed away.

Jim Osenkowski has a surplus of timeshare vacation weeks available for use at the Westgate Villa Resort in Kissimmee, FL. It is located just outside Disney World and can be used a variety of weeks during this summer. It can also be traded for a variety of other locations. It can be used as a one BR that accommodates four, or a two BR that accommodates up to 8. If interested e-mail him at JasCore@aol.com or call him at 508-884-3289.

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