

# B.R.E.A.D

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THANK YOU!

The BRE received letters of appreciation for our endorsement and help during this past election. The texts of which are on this page.

Dear Friend:

I wanted to take a minute to send my sincere thank you for all your help and support in our election on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Two years ago we were on the other side of the table but we continued fighting and kept our message of a forward looking approach out there. Two years later the people responded and joined in supporting our message that will ensure a bright future in Raynham for our children, economic development in Raynham, and our public safety departments.

That is something I am proud of, and you should be too. And know that without your friendship and support this is something that would never have become a reality.

Again, I thank you so much for standing with me and I look forward to working with you over the next three years!

Sincerely,  
Joseph R. Pacheco  
Selectman

To: The members of the B.R.E.A.  
From: Jim Zahakos  
Date: April 29th, 2007

I want to sincerely thank the Bridgewater Raynham Educators Association and all its members for your endorsement of my candidacy for a position on the Bridgewater Raynham Regional School Committee. Unfortunately for me, the voters chose my opponent. I do believe her heart is in the right place for the students of the district and that she will be a voice for them.

Although I cannot fight for the children and the teachers as a member of the school committee, I will continue to do so as a private citizen. You can do the same. The members of the school committee and the selectmen must hear from each and everyone of you every time it is necessary. They are our elected officials and they need to hear from us. Education is not what it should be in the district, but I think we can make a difference if we attend school committee and selectmen's meetings on a constant basis.

Again, I want to thank you and I hope the situation improves for all concerned.

## "Citizens for a better Bridgewater"

A citizens group, working for the passing of the contingency budget, has been organized and will meet on Monday, May 21 at 7pm at the Bridgewater Senior Center. They will continue their work on a grass roots campaign. Volunteers are needed. All staff-especially Bridgewater residents, are urged to attend.

I would like to thank all those who volunteered to hold signs at the polls on election day and/or at the rally the day before. The amount of support that was shown for our endorsed candidates did not go unnoticed. Together we can make statements. Please realize that I will be asking for a small amount of your time again when a decision is made regarding a vote on a contingency budget. Again, Thank you! Jim Osenkowski (Political Vice president)

The town of Bridgewater will hold a vote for an override on Saturday, June 16, from 7am-8pm. This is a very important vote for our schools and our colleagues. We all need to be active and help out with whatever needs to get done. Raynham town meeting is May 21.

## Disco Ball!

The Mitchell Monster Dinner Dance was a huge success! This fundraiser collected a record profit of \$5500 for the George H. Mitchell Scholarship Fund and the Mitchell's Monsters Fund.

The Williams Middle School had a faculty/student basketball game in March to raise funds. This event raised about \$1200 to the Mitchell Funds.

Bev Mitchell (wife of George Mitchell) sent the following thank you to Natalie (chairwoman).

Dear Natalie,

You did it again-another great night! I can't thank you enough for all your work-and for the wonderful committee you had to help you.

Everything was perfect-the food, the speakers, the music, and the silent auction. I hated for the night to end..

This was the best dance so far!! You should be very proud of yourself!!

Fondly,  
Bev

Again thank you to all who helped out, donated, and attended this worthwhile cause.

## Member news

On May 1 members of the BREA retired group enjoyed a luncheon prepared and served by Mr. Brogna's class at Cafe 129 at B-R Regional High School. The food was delicious and the service was excellent. Retirees gave Cafe 129 a five star rating.

Unfortunately our list of retirees is neither complete nor totally accurate so if you know any retirees who would like to join our group please contact Helen White at [hwhite08@earthlink.net](mailto:hwhite08@earthlink.net) Dues are just \$10.00 a year.

No new sunshine news received. The BREA is looking for a sunshine fund coordinator for the coming year while Julie Mitchell takes the year off to be with her newborn. If you are interested, please contact Chris Slater (WMS) or John Souto (WMS). Guidelines can be found on the website.

### SUMMER CONFERENCE ESP RAFFLE WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO ESP TRAINING

Will you contribute a handcrafted or gift item for the raffle? Your donation will benefit fellow ESPs across the state and bring awareness of ESP talents to the Summer Conference.

Please notify John Souto if you have crafts to donate.  
**We need your contribution no later than July 13<sup>th</sup>.**  
For more information call 1-800-542-5504

#### *Ideas for contributions:*

Knitted or crocheted items (hats, mittens, scarves, socks, baby items)

Artwork (watercolors, oil paintings, photographs)  
Ceramics or pottery, Weaving, Quilted or sewn items  
Gift certificates for bookstores or restaurants  
Handmade soaps, Maple products, anything handcrafted  
(wooden items, beadwork, etc)

## BREA Semi-Annual Meeting

Monday, May 21

4:00pm

Raynham Middle School