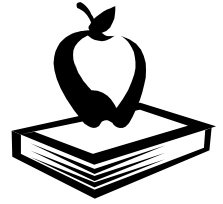


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## BREA SOCIAL

Natalie Winsor thanks everyone who attended the recent social at Harry's La Casa Mia on November 1. About 90 people attended and free door prize drawings were offered for bottles of wine and gift certificates. The BREA thanks Natalie for organizing this event.



### **Ballot initiatives**

Ballot initiatives are statutes that may be placed on general election ballots that if passed become law. Many of the initiatives are related to revenues which public schools rely on. Here are some to watch out for:

- ◆ Petition to eliminate the state income tax (it did receive 45% of the vote last time)
- ◆ Petition to prevent cities/towns from raising property taxes beyond 1% without voter approval (we know how well the 2.5% is working in Bridgewater)
- ◆ Get rid of the property tax on motor vehicles

These initiatives would have devastating results on public schools from preK through the state college system as well as other services like parks, roads, bridges, and health care. A required number of 67,000 signatures are needed to get the Legislature to consider enacting the proposal. If the Legislature does nothing, another 11,099 signatures are needed to get an initiative on the ballot. MTA would like to warn members not to sign these petitions as folks will be out trying to collect signatures over the next couple of weeks as well as possibly during May, June, and July.

There is going to be a new scoreboard for the baseball field at the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School this spring. This scoreboard is being dedicated to, Matthew Cream, a BR student from Raynham who passed away this summer.

Parents of Matt's friends are sponsoring an adult dance for family, friends, and teachers to raise money for the scoreboard. The dance will be held at the Vets Club in Bridgewater on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be raffles, some items will be auctioned, a DJ, and light refreshments will be served.



Please contact Teresa Proule at the Raynham Middle School, or at home 508-697-6786, if you would like to buy a ticket ( \$15 ); make a donation; or have an item that you would like to donate towards the raffle. Thank you.

### **VOTE**

Members will be receiving ballots for the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board. The MTA is asking all members to submit their ballot with the vote of Karen Mitchell selected.

### **Head's Up**

I know it's early, but as schools plan retirement parties, please give the information to your building rep to share with the Executive Board and our retirees. You may also send info to [bridgeraynea@comcast.net](mailto:bridgeraynea@comcast.net).

# Retiree News

- ⇒ On Oct. 23, members of BREA RETIRED held their annual fall luncheon at the Grand China Buffet. Maggie Silva and Billy Walker won door prizes.
- ⇒ Nancy Flynn is enjoying frequent trips to Minnesota to visit with her daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren.
- ⇒ Eleanor Calvin traveled to Alaska with her family. Their marvelous trip included panning for gold and riding in a cart behind a team of sled dogs.

A committee has been formed to honor our colleague and friend Linda Handricken who passed away June 2006. Linda taught in the system for the past 20 years and was an active member of the community. The legacy she leaves behind continues to touch the many children and adults who were a part of her life.

The Friends of Linda Handricken would like to celebrate her dedication to her students and families by purchasing books for both the Mitchell Elementary and the Williams Middle School Library. If your family would like to contribute a donation towards the purchase of books, please make a check payable to BRRSD. Each book will have a name plate designed by her family on the inside cover of the book in memory of Linda.

With your help, our friend Linda's influence, inspiration, and love of learning and literature will continue to touch generations to come.

Thank you for your generosity.

## Member news

Nancy Malone (WMS) became a grandmother to Alex Crockett Malone.



The daughter of Anne Hall (retiree) was married in September.

The mother-in-law of Clare Grenon (WMS) passed away.

BREA sunshine info can be sent to Caryn Greenberg at [metrodsn@aol.com](mailto:metrodsn@aol.com) or at Williams Middle. Guidelines may be found at <http://bridgewater-raynham.massteacher.org/sunshine.html>. Any member news can be sent to John Souto at [bridgeraynea@comcast.net](mailto:bridgeraynea@comcast.net) or MES/Central House

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