

NJEA and UCEA MARCH IN UNION!



Three years ago, Union County Education Association began to march in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Union Township. We started with a handful of people. In our second year we doubled our numbers, and last year we doubled again!

This year, the parade organizers dedicated the parade to NJEA and all those who work with our state's children in public education. Our leadership went into action, and began planning a great presence at the parade. Representatives from all over the state joined UCEA and our county locals on our march down Morris Avenue in Union.

If you are interested in seeing some of the parade, you can go to the UCEA website, www.unioncountyea.com, and follow the link on the home page. Hope to see you there next year!

Union County Shows Support for ESP of the Year!

Annually at the NJEA ESP Conference, honorees from each county are recognized for their integral roles in New Jersey's public education arena. This year, Lisa Palin (pictured with NJEA President Joyce Powell and many members from Union County) earned Union County's nod for her service to Roselle. Lisa is not only seen in her local as president, but she also represents Roselle at the county and national levels of our organization. Once again another person of quality illustrates how important our support professionals are to the daily business of our schools. Thank you, Lisa, for your service and commitment to our organization and our members.

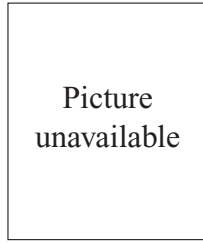


Candidates for NEA Representative Assembly, NEA-RA Minority Concerns, and NJEA Delegate Assembly



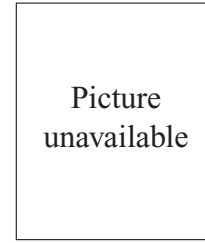
Michael Boyd
Roselle
Reliable
Dedicated
Trustworthy

I am running for a delegate seat for the NEA-RA. I have worked in Roselle for seven years as an inclusion assistant. I am building rep for my local and a member of the Minority Leadership & Recruitment Executive Committee for NJEA.



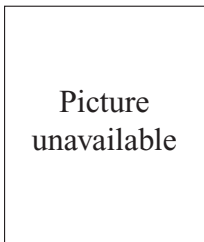
Joan Dorsey
Roselle
Dependable
Responsible
Benevolent

I am the Secretary to the Principal at Dr. Charles C. Polk E. S. and the Recording Secretary for my local association. I have worked in Roselle for 20 years and have been active in my association for 18 years. I desire to bring out the best in students, parents and staff. Thank you for your support.



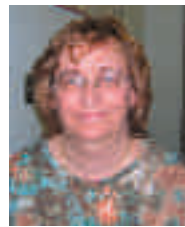
Guadalupe Ferreiro
Elizabeth
Trustworthy
Insightful
Determined

During my 15 years experience as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, I have advocated bringing legislation and critical issues for meeting students needs in today's challenging environment. It is my goal to empower students to identify and achieve their optimal academic and social/ emotional growth. Thank you for your support.



Leon H. Flanagan
Plainfield
Organized
Advocate
Dedicated

Experience: PEA Executive Committee, PEA Negotiations Committee, PEA Health and Safety Committee, State PERS Board Member, NJEA ESP Committee Chairperson, attended ten NEA RA's



Catherine Francis
Hillside
Dedicated
Experienced
Dependable

Experience: Hillside EA Rep, Publicity Chairperson, Negotiations Chairperson, PD Chairperson, Vice President, and President. UCEA Representative, NJEA DA Rep., NJEA Convention Committee, NEA RA Rep. for 6 years. I hope you will let me represent you this year in Washington, D.C..



Terry Franklin
Hillside
Dedicated
Committed
Responsible

Union County NEA/RA Representative at 4 of the last 5 conventions. Lead Math Teacher at W.O. Krumbiegel Middle School UCEA Representative Council member



Frank Furino
Union Co.
Vo-Tech
Enthusiastic
Motivated
Dependable

Experience: President UCVTEA, President Vocational Cosmetology Educators of NJEA, UCEA LAT, UCVTEA Negotiations, Grievances and Legislation Committees, NJ State Board Examiner for Cosmetology



Anjanette Highsmith
Rahway
Energetic
Dedicated
Reliable

I have been a local rep for 5 years and have served as the elections chair for my local. Also, I represented Union County on two NJEA committees. I have attended 2 NEA-RAs, and I look forward to representing you this summer in Washington, D.C.

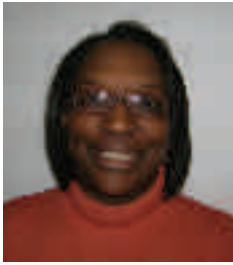


Minnie Mozee
Elizabeth
Experienced
Dedicated
Committed

A member of EEA, UCEA, NJEA, and NEA for 25 plus years! Presently serving on the Executive Board, Co-Chair Public Relations, Elections, Scholarship and Paul D. Please allow me to continue representing all of you. Vote for me for NEA/RA Ethnic Minority Concerns delegate. I am an advocate for members' rights. I'm asking for your continued support.

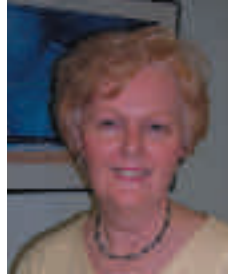
All members should be aware of proper voting procedures. Read the balloting instruction carefully. Failure to abide by the correct procedures, may result in your ballot being voided.

Ballots will arrive in the mail around April 23rd and are due back by May 8th.



Lisa Palin
Roselle
Dedicated
Involved
Committed

I have been working in Roselle for 10 years where I currently serve as President. I also serve on numerous committees of UCEA and NJEA. Vote for me so that I can represent you at the NEA-RA in July. Thank you for your support.



Rosemary Reilly
Cranford
Concerned
Committed
Conscientious

This will be my 9th RA. They are always informative. NJEA Election Committee - 10 years, UCEA Rep - 17 years, NJEA Environmental Ed. Committee - 5 years, LAT - 5 years, local rep - 20 years. Thanks for your consideration.

NJEA Member

Benefits

NJEA Member Benefits seeks to enrich the lives of all members and their families by offering programs designed to **save money and increase buying power.**

Through NJEA Member Benefits, there are over 250 opportunities to save in New Jersey.

Through ACCESS, members have 170,000 opportunities to save money.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE WEB GIVE AWAY EVERY MONTH ON WWW.NJEA.ORG!

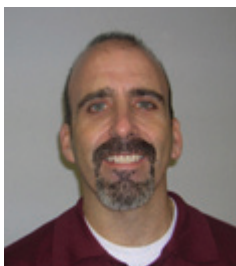
Our state and national organization work hard to provide opportunities.

Take a look on the website and see how much you can save!

Candidates for the National Education Association Representative Assembly Washington, D.C. July 1 to July 6th, 2008
Vote for 9 for RA and Vote for 3 for Minority Concerns

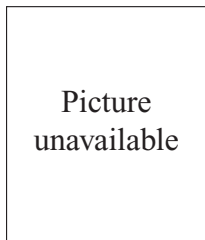
- Michael L. Boyd*
- Joan Dorsey*
- Guadalupe Ferreiro*
- Leon H. Flanagan
- Catherine Francis
- G. Terry Franklin*
- Frank Furino
- Anjanette Highsmith*
- Minnie Mozee*
- Lisa D. Palin*
- Rosemary Reilly
- Paul Ridgway
- Ann-Margaret Shannon

*Denotes Candidates also running for NEA Minority Concerns



Paul Ridgeway
Rahway
Organized
Resourceful
Dedicated

In addition to teaching math in Rahway, I am also a math coach with the CAMS consortium. I have served as building rep, Executive Rep, NEA rep on the local, and state level, VP of UCEA, and I am currently the chair of NJEAs Member Benefits Committee.



Ann-Margaret Shannon
Union
Energetic
Dedicated
Capable

Over the past 15 years my participation includes: Local Assoc. Rep, County Rep, NEA-RA delegate, NJEA-DA and DA alternate, NJEA Government Relations Committee, NJEA Executive Committee Member for Union County.



MEET-A-MEMBER

At our UCEA Professional Development overnight in January, we asked a few of the attendees to answer the following question: What is something you learned from the workshop(s) that you can use in class/school? Here's what they had to say!

Chrystal Allen

Roselle

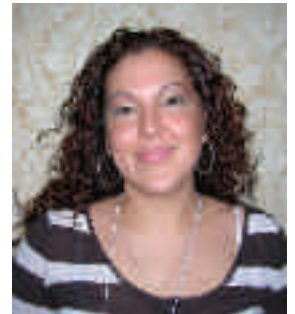
I attended the workshop on succeeding with difficult students. This workshop has helped me to understand students with challenging behaviors by addressing the individualized needs of these students and fostering positive relationships.



Dina Zayas

Elizabeth

In succeeding with difficult students, the instructor provided us with ideas for appropriate reinforcers and positive incentives, as well as, supplemental material that I plan on utilizing in my own classroom, such as how to build behavior support plans that actually work!



Mae Dumas

Roselle

I attended the workshop on Diversity: Multicultural Manners in an Educational Setting. The workshop made me aware and sensitive to the multicultural mannerisms of students within the classroom without showing bias or stereotyping.



Derek Peters

Elizabeth

In Multicultural Manners, I was encouraged to be sensitive to various cultures. As our schools become more diverse, it is imperative that we continually educate and update our knowledge of other cultures. It is important to get to know our students beyond the obvious traits. By learning more about individual student's interests, we can improve our chances of having better student achievement and cooperation.



John Bogner

Union

I will speak to my principal about posting a "Student's Rights" in every classroom to promote a safe school environment for each child.



Jackie Gordon

Brittany Byron

Lauren Christie

Stacey McDermott

Westfield

In our workshop on ADHD, we learned new activities and strategies to keep students who need movement engaged in learning.

Donna Lahens

Michele Yamakaitis

Susana Silva

Roselle

Look at a child holistically
Be aware of a student's cultural diversity
Determine the basis of a student's behavior
to effectively help that student overcome obstacles



Thank You, Teachers!

May 6, 2008 will be National Teacher Day, a time for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives. National Teacher Day is always the Tuesday of the first full week of May, so the actual date varies from year to year. The whole week -- this year May 4-10 -- is designated Teacher Appreciation Week by the National PTA. It is a time to strengthen support and respect for teachers and the teaching profession. The history of Teacher Day goes back to 1944.

The origins of National Teacher Day are a bit murky, but it is known that an Arkansas teacher, Mrs. Mattye Whyte Woodridge, began corresponding with political and education leaders as early as 1944 about the need for a national day honoring teachers. One of the leaders she wrote to was Eleanor Roosevelt, who persuaded the 81st Congress to proclaim a National Teacher Day in 1953.

In the late 1970s, the National Education Association, its Indiana and Kansas state affiliates, and its local affiliate in Dodge City, Kansas, all lobbied Congress on behalf of creation of a national day celebrating teachers. Congress declared March 7, 1980 as National Teacher Day for that year only.

NEA and its affiliates continued to observe Teacher Day on the first Tuesday in March until 1985, when NEA and the National PTA established Teacher Appreciation Week as the first full week of May. The NEA Representative Assembly then voted to make the Tuesday of that week National Teacher Day.

Few other professionals touch so many people in such a lasting way as teachers do. National Teacher Day is a good time to recognize the contributions that educators make to our community -- and to thank those special teachers who have made a difference in each of our lives.

Recognizing and celebrating the important roles and contributions of educators can take many forms. Some suggestions for in school activities are:

1. Hang a sign on each classroom door saluting, by name, the teacher within.
2. Have National Honor Society, Student Council, or other student groups furnish punch and cookies for the teacher's lounge on Teacher Day.
3. Give teachers candy, apples, or other food gifts with appropriate notes attached (e.g., fortune cookies with a note about how fortunate the school is to have a teacher of such high caliber).
4. Provide balloon bouquets and flowers for every teachers' lounge.
5. Set up a lunchtime "Relaxation and Rejuvenation Spa" on Teacher Day, where teachers are treated to hand, foot, back, and neck massages, perhaps while being serenaded by a student or parent playing a mellow cello.
6. Invite a local newspaper reporter or editorial writer, or a local TV news personality, to spend a day as a guest teacher or classroom observer, and then to publish or air his or her observations on what being a teacher is like today.
7. Suggest that local media outlets either publish or broadcast quick interviews where local citizens--both well-known and not--answer one question: what teacher had the greatest influence on your life? This can also make a great topic for a call-in radio show on Teacher Day.

Thank you teachers for all you do to make education happen in Union County!

THANK YOU ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS

National Professional Secretaries Week and National Secretary's Day was created in 1952 through the work of Harry F. Klemfuss of Young and Rubicam. Klemfuss recognized the importance and value of the position to a company or business. His goal was to encourage more women to become secretaries. Using his skill and experience in public relations, Klemfuss, promoted the values and importance of the job of secretaries. In doing so, he also created the holiday in recognition of the importance of secretaries.

Today, the title is changing and evolving. But, the recognition is equally important. There are two new terms in use today. They are "Administrative Professionals" and "Executive Admins". The two names sometimes mean different roles and responsibilities to different companies. Both are broader terms, that encompass more positions than the original "Secretary" role.

The name change recognizes and acknowledges that the role has changed significantly since 1952, and for the better at that. And in Harry Klemfuss' day, these positions were the realm of women. Today, you find some males in these positions. The most common ways of recognizing your Administrative Professional(s) today are:

- Flowers
- Cards, often with shopping gift certificates
- Take them to lunch
- Candies
- Assorted Gift Baskets

Another Successful UCEA Professional Development Overnight at Ocean Place Spa and Resort!



Opportunity to Give Time and Talents!

During our last UCEA Representative Council meeting, we heard from two amazing groups that reached out to us for some assistance. Please consider giving what you can. Also, pass the word about these ideas on to your friends and family!

A representative from Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway spoke to us about recruiting volunteers for the hospital in a number of different capacities. The hospital needs people to serve as patient advocates, transporting patients to and from physical therapy, clerical positions, and answering phones in the emergency room and the OR. If you or someone you know might be interested in this, please have them contact Hank Goldberger at 732-499-6033 or e-mail hgoldberger@rwjuh.com.

We received information from Second Chance Toys, too. This program was developed by a Union County teenager. The organization wants to help the environment as well as needy kids. They rescue and recycle used plastic toys in order to refurbish them and give them out to needy children. Since plastic is not biodegradable, this project not only makes a kid happy with the gift of a toy, but it also keeps that plastic out of our landfills for a few more years! If you have any used toys at home, that could be given to this group, please contact Second Chance Toys at 908-789-2993 or e-mail slipton@secondchancetoys.org. Ask about their ideas of instituting this program in our schools!

UCEA TRIPS

<p>Gypsy (Patti Lupone) Saturday, May 3, 2008 Includes: Bus; front mezzanine seat.</p>	<p>\$110 per person Lv. 10 AM Ret. 6 PM</p>	<p>The Little Mermaid Sunday, June 22, 2008 Includes: Bus; orchestra seat</p>	<p>\$135 per person Lv. 11 AM Ret. 7 PM</p>
<p>November (Nathan Lane) Sunday, June 1, 2008 Includes: Bus; orchestra seat.</p>	<p>\$119 per person Lv. 11 AM Ret. 7 PM</p>	<p>Young Frankenstein Tuesday, July 29, 2008 Includes: Bus; orchestra seat</p>	<p>\$125 per person Lv. 3 PM Ret. 11 PM</p>
<p>Bronx Zoo \$35 adults, \$30 senior & child (2-12) Sunday, June 8, 2008 Includes: Bus; Zoo package.</p>	<p>\$35 adults, \$30 senior & child (2-12) Lv. 9 AM Ret. 6 PM</p>	<p>A Catered Affair (Harvey Fierstein) Sunday, September 21, 2008 Includes: Bus; orchestra seat</p>	<p>\$125 per person Lv. 11 AM Ret. 7 PM</p>
<p>Movin' Out (NJ PAC) Dinner included \$120 per person Thursday, June 12, 2008 Lv. 4 PM Ret. 11 PM Includes: Bus; orchestra seat; dinner</p>		<p>Victorian Weekend in Cape May TBA Saturday, Oct. 11 - Monday, Oct. 13, 2008 Check the UCEA website (www.unioncountyea.com) for details May 1, 2008.</p>	

Make check payable to: UCEA (Separate check for each trip)

We cannot accept cancellations for theater trips, unless we have a waiting list.

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TPAF Elections to be Held

The annual meeting of the Union County Members of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State TPAF Convention, will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at the UCEA Office, 77 Central Avenue, Clark, NJ 07066. Delegates and alternates will be elected. The meeting will be held on Saturday, October 18th, 2008 at 10 am at the Holiday Inn, East Windsor, NJ.

UCEA Workshops

We are in the process of putting together the workshop program for 2008-2009.

Please send suggestions for topics to the UCEA Office no later than May 10, 2008.

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UNION COUNTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD VACANCIES

From time to time, vacancies occur on the Board. I am seeking nominations for positions that may open.

The Union County Professional Development Board is composed of fifteen members, seven teachers (nominated by UCEA), two college representatives, two district administrators, two school board members, and two members of the general public. The Board has the delegated authority of the Commissioner of Education to:

- Review and approve the in-service professional development programs of local school districts under the standards established.
- Initiate and direct district self-evaluation programs so that there is a constant dialogue between and among all those with a stake in the professional development of and/or in-service for teachers.

If you are interested in being nominated, please send a resume to the UCEA Office.

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