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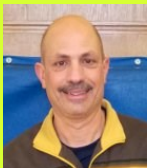
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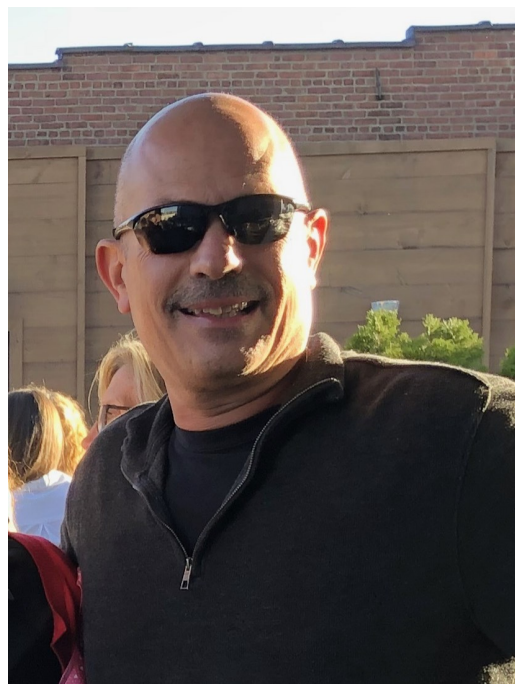
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Farewell, Vice-President of Operations, Joe Mangini!



Wishing a happy and well-deserved retirement to VSTA VP of Operations, Joe Mangini! Joe is a 37 year veteran Physical Education teacher from District 24. Over the years, he held many positions within VSTA such as Negotiations Committee member since 1993, Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chair, and the District 24 Student Awards Committee. He served as an Executive Board Member for 15 years, teacher Unit Leader for 9 years at W.L. Buck Elementary School. In 2014, Joe became the Vice-President of Operations for the VSTA. Thank you, Joe for your years of dedication to the students and teachers of Valley Stream! We wish you well!

New Teacher Contract

The new teacher contract passed with a 73.3 passing rate. The vote of 500 "yes" to 182 "no" votes were reported on June 3rd after a year and 5 months worth of meetings with the Negotiation Team and the Negotiation sub-committee. Thank you to all who served and those who voted and made their voices heard!

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Turns Out, Those Who CAN, Teach...

As educators we loathe that phrase, that luckily, we don't hear too often anymore, but it really came into my mind during this "new normal" (another saying I despise) of remote teaching. Let's be honest, who rallied, seemingly overnight, like teachers did? That crazy week in March, teachers in NY, particularly those of us in the VSTA, gathered our materials, and were sent home, unbeknownst to all, that we were not going to return. And yet, we didn't miss a beat. Some VSTA members were already well versed in the technology utilized by their district, some were not, but either way, WE GOT THE JOB DONE! Was it perfect? No. What is smooth and chaos free? No. Was it ideal? HELL NO. But we did it nonetheless. A colleague said it best—"I feel like I'm on call 24 hours a day—reading and responding to messages from students, parents and administration...it's like everyone in the school has my cell phone number"! That being said, we still pushed through, many of us with our own school-aged children at home sitting by our side with their own school work and more...

I always write this editorial as a reminder that the summer break is such a necessity for us teachers to recharge our batteries—but this summer we need it more than ever. It should also serve as a reminder that in true form, educators rose to the occasion and can in fact, do anything, under any unforeseen circumstances because it turns out that that old phrase was wrong all along, because those who CAN, teach.

Wishing you all a healthy, safe and restful summer!

Congratulations, Retirees!

VSTA extends warmest wishes to the retirees of 2020! Please join us in celebrating the following members who dedicated their lives to the students of Valley Stream:

South: Patricia Antonelli, Paula Hansen **North:** Karen Ehrlich, Susan Filoteo-Knapp

Central: Tina Kosel **Memorial:** Lynne Pravada, Anne Buith

District #13: Denise Phillips (J. A Dever), Susan Shulman (Willow Rd.)

District #24: Laurie Celona-Arnone (R.W. Carbonaro), Joan Blyskal (W.L.Buck), Jennifer Brotman (W.L.Buck), Maria Censoprano (R.W. Carbonaro), Cheryl Gimpelman (W.L. Buck), Linda Karlin (R.W. Carbonaro), Joseph Mangini (W.L. Buck)

District #30: Mary Kay Ficarotta (Clearstream Ave.) Ralph Laudano (Shaw/Forest Rd.), Patricia Phillips (Shaw Ave.)

Attention All Retirees

**For the 2020/2021 Newsletter, we'd like to bring back the
"Retiree Notes" segment!**

**Please send all notes to Newsletter Editor,
Ginger Calderaro at: Caldo202@gmail.com**





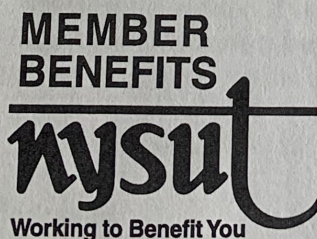
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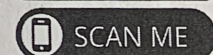
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