

MAY/JUNE 2018

TOGETHER

ANNUAL RETIREMENT & AWARDS DINNER!

The Annual Eden Central Schools Retirement and Awards Dinner was held on Thursday, June 7 at Pearl Street Grill and Brewery in Buffalo. Despite not having any current ETA retirees in attendance, five previous retirees and their guests joined nearly sixty others for a relaxing evening of appreciating each other. ETA members were recognized for years of service, with fifteen reaching the 20 year milestone and seven more with 25 years of service to the students of Eden. ETA members also nominated fellow members as well as support staff for special awards. Receiving this year's awards were: Nancy Bryant, Theresa Buziak, and Mark Stephens (President's); Sara Fiorella, Karen Inman, Katie Mathis, Ray Neil, and Christine Polek (Appreciation); and Laura Feasley, Colleen Kot, and Sarah Roberts (Leadership). Larry Millson was also recognized for receiving the 2018 NYSUT Leadership Award and Amy Steger for being selected as a National Board Fellow for the upcoming school year. After dinner, Mrs. Anzalone recognized all district retirees, including ETA's Steven Clancy and Joe Mesi.

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CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES!

JOE MESI

Joe Mesi is retiring after twenty-six years in the Business Education Department at Eden. In his time at the Junior-Senior High School, he was known to put his creative computer skills on display, recognizing teachers on milestone birthdays as well as athletes who didn't turn in uniforms. The children at GLP have recently also grown to love Mr. Mesi and his sense of humor, especially appreciating his signature 'mustaches'.

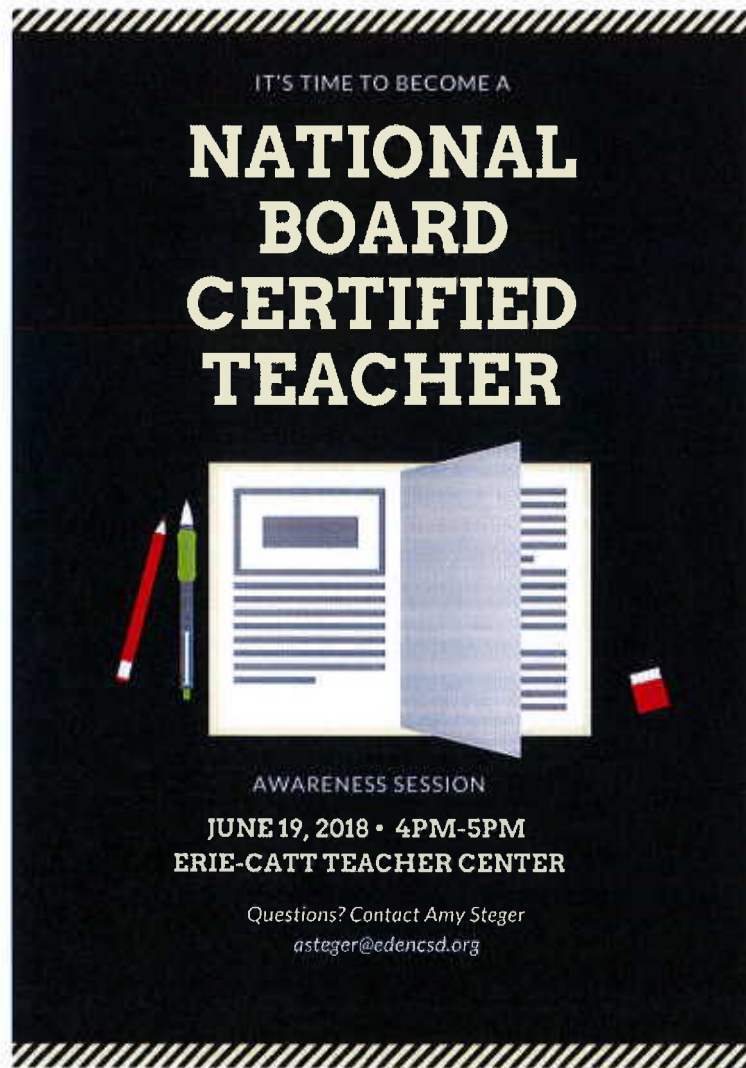
Sports have always been a huge part of Joe's personal and professional life. A Lake Shore graduate, Joe earned a Division 1 football scholarship to Marshall before deciding to play basketball on championship teams at Husson University (Maine). Joe stayed in Maine, where he began his teaching and coaching career, eventually returning back home to Western New York. Joe coached many seasons of Boys Varsity Basketball at Eden. He is an extremely dedicated Buffalo sports fan, having had Bills season tickets for many years.

Joe and his wife, Sally, plan to continue to reside in Angola, close to the lake where Joe enjoys boating and fishing. Joe and Sally have two children who live in the area, and are looking forward to more time with the grandchildren they adore.

STEVE CLANCY

Although only with us for a few short years, Steve Clancy is leaving with an impressive career in educational media. Before coming to Eden, Steve was a Library Media Specialist for over fifteen years in Niagara Wheatfield and Buffalo Charter Schools before becoming a Children's Librarian at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library. Early on in his career, Steve was a writer and editor an educational technology magazine in Philadelphia, named Managing Editor of Media & Methods. He was also a book reviewer for School Library Journal. Steve decided to become a school librarian about midway through his career because he wanted to work with kids. The students of Eden have surely benefitted from this decision! In retirement, Steve plans on selling his large but empty house in Amherst and moving back into the City of Buffalo to be closer to the fun. He also plans on escaping Buffalo winters with warm-weather getaways. Steve has found his time at GLP rewarding and especially enjoyable. According to Mr. Clancy, "It is a wonderful school with a great faculty and staff, and terrific kids and families!"

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Newsletter Editor
social committee chair

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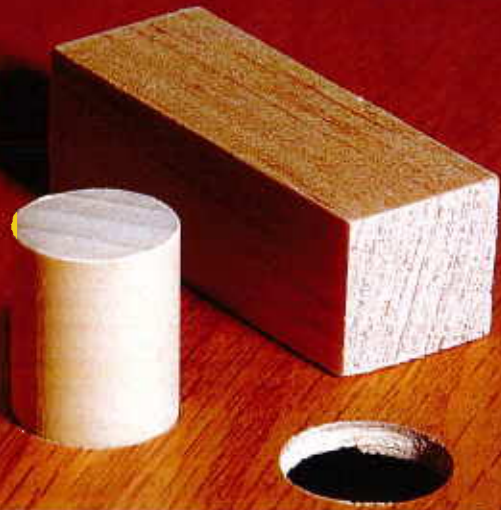
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For an additional fee, Plan participants can add an Elder Law Rider and/or Business Protection Rider that provides access to attorneys who specialize in these areas.

President's Message

As an eventful school year winds down, let's congratulate Joe Mesi and Steve Clancy on their retirements. We all wish you many many years of health and happiness with your families! Now for a very long list of "thank yous" to those who worked exceptionally hard this year.:

Officers: Larry Millson VP, Laura Feasley Treasurer, Teri Lester Secretary

Head Reps: Kim Mangino, Susan Gianiodis, Lorry Malkowski

Building Reps: Jason Bernardone, Erin Radke, Judy Maynard, Kathy DeGroat, Annette Bahun, Amy Porter, Monica Donovan, Paul O'Connor, Phil Archabald, Carrie Hamlett

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Newsletter: Amy Steger, Lorry Malkowski

Retirement: Lorry Malkowski

Sick Bank: Beth Levakoff

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Nominations and Elections: Johanna Funke

Social: Michelle Berne

Website: Lorry Malkowski

Vote Cope: Larry Millson

Political Action: Carrie Hamlett, Kathy Klopp

Thank you to Larry Millson who organized the budget phone bank and to our volunteers: Sandi Ploetz, Carrie Hamlett, Chris Naughton, Laura Feasley, Kim Mangino, Monica Donovan, Christine McTigue, Karen Inman, Ed Myers, Susan Gianiodis, Katherine LaVerdi & Lynn Morgan

Negotiations: Eric Cooper - chair, Laura Feasley, Kathy DeGroat - records and updates, Chris Naughton, Lisa Nicastro, Katherine LaVerdi, Steve Jones, Carrie Hamlett & Larry Millson

District Wellness Committee: Colleen Kot, Denise Ulman, Dana Fazzolari, Michele Falkides, Jen Carriero Shana Cole, Shannon Fitzgerald

Labor Management Oversight Committee: Paul O'Connor, Colleen Kot, Paula Farrell, Shana Cole

Thank you to Amy Porter for her efforts with the Pye benefit.

Thank you to Lynn Morgan for the remind updates and notices.

Thank you to Larry Millson for being our point person on VOTE NO and all who supported this successful effort.

White Card Ambassadors: Monica Donovan, Kathy DeGroat, Kathy Klopp, Lynn Morgan, Jason Bernardone, Brandi Woodard, Kim Mangino, Paul O'Connor, Erin Radke, Annette Bahun, Judy Maynard, Christine McTigue, Lorry Malkowski, & Susan Gianiodis

Thanks for stepping up to Rep - Johanna Funke, Randy Perison, and Kevin Witman
Your work is appreciated, meaningful, and valued!

Enjoy your summer and the time away. There are challenges ahead, and much to accomplish. We will hit the ground running in the fall. Notices will be sent to your home emails if needed. Rest up!

In solidarity,

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