



ROBS - RETIREES OF BRENTWOOD SCHOOLS

ROBS ELECTION OF OFFICERS COPY OF THE OFFICIAL BALLOT MAY 4, 2018

PRESIDENT NICHOLAS SICILIANO		Nominations from the Floor	
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT BARBARA MASCARO			
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT ADRIENNE EASTMAN			
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ELECTION

1. Written notice announcing the time and place of elections shall be mailed/emailed to each member in good standing at his/her last known address at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election.
2. A contested election shall be by secret ballot.
3. Only NYSUT members in good standing present at the election meeting may vote.
4. Each member shall be given reasonable opportunity to nominate candidates for office at the election meeting.
5. If no candidate receives a simple majority for his/her office, a runoff election of the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be held.

TERMS OF OFFICE

1. Duly elected officers shall serve a two (2) year term commencing July 1st. Each officer shall remain in office until his/her successor assumes office.

MEETINGS

General Meetings are held at the Brentwood Public Library, 2nd Avenue and Third Street at 10:00 a.m. on the first Friday of the month unless otherwise noted.

May 4 - Election of Officers & America's Vet Dogs with Cliff Adler

June 1 - Luncheon - see flyer on back page

ROBS CARES

CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

Pronto, the community action group we support, is in need of dry and canned goods, paper products and toiletries. Please bring your contributions to every meeting. Thank you.

New and/or gently-used children's books are being collected for the Books to Home Program at every meeting. Please donate.

OFFICERS

- Nick Siciliano - President
kpnici@aol.com
- Kathy Guleksen - 1st VP
- Harriet Pepine - 2nd VP
- Nancy Churchillo - Secretary
- Carmen Roldan - Treasurer
- Phyllis Goodwin - President Emerita
- Dot Zuckerman - Founder

AFFILIATIONS

ROBS is proudly affiliated with NYSUT, AFT, NEA, AFL-CIO, RC21 & NYSARA.

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TALK TO US

The phone numbers, home addresses, and e-mail addresses of all the Officers and Executive Board Members are in the Directory should you wish to contact us.

Stories, ideas for stories or columns and news items are always welcome.

This newsletter is all about us.

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NICK'S NOTES

By Nick Siciliano

Shortly, we will be holding elections for officers to lead **ROBS** for the next two years. As I have written several times, if **ROBS** is to continue, you must step up and volunteer to run for an office in this organization.

Thus far, we have had very few retirees who have expressed an interest in running for office. As Carmela has written, if you do not get involved, this organization will cease to exist. If there are aspects of this organization that you do not like, you have the opportunity to make changes.

Other former officers and I are willing to help, but it is time for others to run this organization.

Please do not let this organization end. **DO YOUR PART** and run for office.



DO YOU JUST BELONG?

**Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
 Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?**

**Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?
 Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?**

**Do you take an active part to help the work along?
 Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belong?**

**Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick?
 Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?**

**Come out to meetings often and help with hands and heart.
 Don't be just another member, but take an active part.**

Think this over, friend and member.

You know right from wrong.

Are you an active member or do you just belong?

(Ed. Note: This poem has been reprinted many times with many titles, and in various versions. Most claim it's anonymous and some credit Joseph Servocky.)

IT'S ALL ABOUT US

By Carmela Criscione

Well it's a brand new year. They seem to come quicker each year, don't they?

We've had our snow. March came in like a lion but seemed to leave as a lamb. I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday and new year.

We've included in this issue a full listing of member birthdays by month. This information is also available in the Directory in alphabetical order. I'm guessing there will be a run in the Hallmark Card Stores as we rush to stock up on your birthday greetings. Please let me know if you are not on the list. This was prompted in part because we are celebrating a very special birthday.

Florence Corkery (Elementary/PP) celebrated her 100th birthday on February 1st. All her friends at ROBS sent her a dozen red roses to help celebrate. We are also reprinting a lovely article **Marge Kirchner** wrote about her several years ago (see pages 4-5.) Do you have a special birthday, anniversary, event that you would like to tell us about? Please contact me.

Ruth Teich's grandson, Matthew, was appointed on January 18, 2018, as the Commissioner of Keep Islip Clean - East Islip. He is going to be 20 years old in May. This appointment comes after be-

ing a member of the East Islip Chamber of Commerce for several years. Let's see, he will be 35 in 2033. We have to keep track of this young man.

Sadly, his grandmother, **Ruth Teich**, (Elementary/NE) passed away the end of December. She was a dear friend of 37 years, and I shall miss her greatly. We also lost **Lillian Jason** (School Nurse Teacher) in December.

We started the new year with sad news as well. **Carl Fogliano** (Social Studies/HS), and **William Dargan** (Special Education) both passed in January. February 2nd brought the news that **Les Black** (Superintendent) had also died. Rich Loeschner (current Superintendent) sent out a nice notice about Les' passing. We've reprinted it in this newsletter (see page 8.) In late March, **Jim Nanos** lost his brother Ronald after a long illness. Condolences to all who lost someone in their lives.

On a personal note I am proud to say that my niece's husband, Richard, has been honored with the Suffolk County Asset Bright Light Award. This is given to teachers, administrators and others who bring technology into schools. There was a dinner on January 28 at the Timberpoint Country Club with over 100 attendees. He re-

ceived a certificate, mug, tote bag and a bright light lapel pin which actually lit up. Congratulations to all.

I have, since November, tried numerous times to contact **NYSUT** regarding the Journalism Competition. The emails came back undeliverable, so I have to assume that the contact people we dealt with are no longer there. Others have not been replied to at all. I think that is highly unprofessional and a discourtesy to the **NYSUT** membership. We now hear that there will be NO competition this year. **NYSUT** wants to save money. The **NYSUT** page still does not inform us of the competition's status. In the past five years they have changed the criteria, filing dates and judging standards five times. This past year we had many interesting and worthy articles to share. It is a shame that we will be unable to do so.

Remember...

IT'S ALL ABOUT US!!!



ROBS SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Scholarship Committee will shortly be receiving letters and applications from Brentwood High School's 2018 graduating seniors.

ROBS has been committed from its very beginning to fostering the educational goals of Brentwood students pursuing careers in education.

We will be accepting contributions at all our meetings, and checks can be sent directly to **Carmen Roldan, Treasurer**.

Checks should be made out to **ROBS** with "scholarship fund" on the memo line and sent to Carmen Roldan, 49 Linda Lane, North Babylon, New York 11703.

In the past, our members have been very generous. There is great need. Now more than ever we need motivated young people entering the teacher rolls.

As always, thank you for your support.

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY TO FLORENCE CORKERY



Nick,

I am happy to announce that my Mom, Florence Corkery, will be 100 years young on February 1, 2018. Due to her fiery can-do spirit, she is sharp, mobile and still keeping the family on our toes. She enjoys shopping and going out to lunch. We recently had brunch with Marge Kirchner. Florence still bakes Irish Tea Cakes and lemon meringue pies. She still knits, just finishing an Irish Fisherman Baby Blanket. She's an avid reader partial to biographies of entertainers and politicians. She enjoys old movies and could be a guest programmer on TCM. She's a big fan of Dancing with the Stars critiquing the costumes more than the footwork. Crossword puzzles are part of her daily routine.

She delights in the accomplishments, antics and adventures of her 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

She loves to reminisce about her 20 years teaching at Pine Park. She still hears from students in her second and third grade classes. Aside from her family, she knows that teaching in Brentwood was a calling and the best career she chose.

Florence worked at Pine Park from 1963 to 1983. She'd be thrilled to hear from former colleagues. Birthday wishes can be sent to 224 Connetquot Rd. Bayport NY 11705 or an email to kt.corkery@gmail.com. Thanks for sharing this.

Kate

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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Happy birth



Islip Councilwoman Congratulates Latest Centenarian

Town Councilwoman Mary Kate Mullen attended Le Soir restaurant in Bayport recently, in celebration of Florence Corkery's 100th birthday. The new centenarian is a Bayport resident, who retired from teaching after two decades at Pine Park Elementary School in Brentwood. The celebration included fine dining in the company of friends and family, while receiving a Citation of Recognition presented by Councilwoman Mullen. Florence is a founding member of the Bayport-Blue Point Chamber of Commerce, former legal secretary, past co-owner of Buoy 4 Tavern in Blue Point, mother of three, grandmother of six, and proud great-grandmother of three—adding the milestone birthday to a lifetime of storied accomplishments.



Nick-

100 Thanks to ROBS for the birthday greetings and bouquet. The roses are gorgeous. Florence was thrilled by such a thoughtful gesture from her ROBS friends. She enjoyed her celebration. She received several proclamations and the Suffolk County News ran a wonderful story.

Weather permitting we hope to attend the next ROBS meeting.

Kathryn Corkery



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Emma Lewis in the middle of the top row,
Florence Paffe Corkery left front row.

A GRACIOUS LADY

FLORENCE PAFFE CORKERY

by Marge Kirchner

Florence A. Paffe Corkery was born on February 1, 1918 at St. John's Hospital in Brooklyn to Anna Mullan and Otto Paffe. She was an only child, the apple of her father's eye, and the beloved niece of Kathryn Paffe. A very shy child, she attended PS 137 in Brooklyn's Bushwick section. She was an excellent student and skipped a couple of grades. It was then that my mother met Florence at PS 137 when they were both in 8B. My Mom took her new classmate under her wing, showing her all the ins and outs of being an 8th grader. A friendship soon blossomed.

They both graduated from grammar school on January 30, 1931. Both of them were listed as students with "A" averages, and their teacher was Miss Schuster. They took the challenging test for Girls' High School and both passed and were anxious to attend the prestigious school on Nostrand Avenue in Brooklyn.

They didn't live too far from each other and traveled together. Flo sometimes stopped to pick up Emma at her house, but my grandmother was said to be very stern and not too friendly. Florence really preferred walking "up the hill" to my loving great-grandmother's house to meet her friend.

Flo was more surprised when my mother, Emma Lewis, told her she would not be returning to Girls' High for the tenth grade because she was getting married. That didn't happen, and neither Flo nor I know about what she did before marrying my

neither Flo nor I know about what did happen before marrying my Dad in 1936.

Flo graduated from Girls' High in 1935 and was admitted to St. John's University that same year where she paid \$8 per credit. Florence excelled in her studies at St. John's, became a member of Delta Psi Gamma sorority and graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1938 with a Business Degree that was printed on actual sheepskin.

Her first job was in Manhattan where she was a legal secretary to a Maritime lawyer. She loved her job, her boss was very kind, and it was a great experience for her.

During that time, Flo met the love of her life, John Corkery, a sweet, funny and kind man who stole her heart. In 1940 they eloped. Although Florence was raised a Catholic, she and John began attending Grace Gospel Church, a non-denominational Protestant Church in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn where my family were also members.

John was a very loving man who, like her father, provided a lot of fun. They welcomed three children: Florence in 1943, Kate in 1948 and John in 1952. They lived in Woodhaven, Queens until 1954 when they moved to Bayport.

Florence was a very "hands on" mom who was known to design and make incredibly beautiful costumes and sets for all the plays her children were in. She reveled in her children's accomplishments and took them to dancing lessons, had them participate in the Sparklers and promoted their love of reading. She and John also took advantage of living very close to the Great South Bay and encouraged their children to catch all manner of sea life. They also had a boat and traveled those same waters to Fire Island for fun-filled family outings. They also took family vacations to the Caribbean. The family had a wonderful life together, and the kids were well-loved and appreciated.

As Flo, Kate and John got older, the ever-determined Florence decided she wanted to go back to school for a teaching certificate. She adored being with little children and thought being a primary teacher would be perfect for her. Therefore, Florence attended Adelphi University for her teaching certification and began work at her beloved Pine Park School in 1963 when she was 45 years old.

Florence was hired by Dorothy Grimm and was assigned to second grade in Room 12. She loved her job and for the next twenty years made a profound impression upon students, parents, teachers and the staff.

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Florence always says that teaching at Pine Park was a family affair. Her husband and children were also involved in Pine Park activities, everything from icing cupcakes to building sets for school plays. Florence feels she was very fortunate to have been a part of the Pine Park family. Actually, the Brentwood School District was very fortunate to have had Florence Corkery as one of their teachers.

And me? Her daughter Kate taught in the room next door to me at Loretta Park, and we became fast friends. One day her Mom picked her up from work and I waved to her as they were leaving. The next morning Kate asked me what my mother's maiden name was. I told her "Emma Lewis" and that answer forever enriched my life.

My mother, who died at age 53, was a fairly quiet woman who didn't share much about her life, but Florence filled me in on the person I never knew. She told me about the girl who helped her adjust to her new class in 8B, who had many friends, but always had time for someone in need and who rewrote the play "Little Women" so it could be performed at school. There were costumes and sets, and I could barely imagine my Mom doing something so "public".

Florence also had told me many times about my Mom being bright, being President of their graduating class and capable in whatever she undertook. Flo also tells me she could have seen my Mom as an early Bella Abzug.

These are treasured stories for me and I am ever grateful for all the circumstances that have made Florence Corkery my friend. She is a kind, precious woman who is a blessing to my life and who I love deeply.



Kate Corkery, Florence Corkery and Marge Kirchner
at a recent ROBS Luncheon.

Ed note: this article first appeared in Issue 4/2015 and it is worth re-printing on this gracious lady's 100th birthday.

ROBS DIRECT
New Members
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Last Name	First Name	Address	City	St.	Zip	Home Phone
DeLillo	Barbara	33 Second St.	Brentwood	NY	11717	631.435.19
Dougherty	Kristina	174 Revere Dr.	Sayville	NY	11782	631.256.60
Dougherty	Kristina	1619 Mission Hills Blvd.	Clearwater	FL	33759	
Eichner	Patricia	4403 Livorn Loop	Myrtle Beach	SC	29579	
Franchi	Edward	52 Ocean Ave. Apt. 25	Bay Shore	NY	11706	
Hansen	Merry	4625 N. Jademoor Dr.	Beverly Hills	FL	34465	352.746.01
Jacobs	Lori	100-56 Baker Ct.	Island Park	NY	11558	516.889.23
Kane	Johanna	412 Chelsea Dr.	Islip	NY	11751	631.446.19
Kimbell	Stacey R.	84 Ithaca St.	Bay Shore	NY	11706	631.968.69
Kuebler	Mark	14 Turin St.	East Patchogue	NY	11772	631.447.27
Kuebler	Linda	14 Turin St.	East Patchogue	NY	11772	631.447.27
Sekac	Evelyn	265A Glen Rd.	Monroe	NJ	08831	609.642.65
Shuvall	Alberta	40 Penny Dr.	Huntington Station	NY	11746	631.424.22
Tschernia	Denise	PO Box 263 140 Hewlett Ave	Point Lookout	NY	11569	
Tschernia	Denise	807 S. Atlantic Ave.	Cocoa Beach	FL	32940	
Verdi	Janet	75 Burling Ln. N.	West Islip	NY	11795	631.669.12

NOTARY ADDENDUM
and Corrections
7-2018

	Cell	Email	Bday	Bldg	Dept.	Ret. Yr
022	631.245.9117	retiredone2017@yahoo.com	12.07.1951	Adm.	Funded Pro	2017
067	631.891.9204	krissisu@yahoo.com		1/1 Twin Pines	Sp.Svs.	2002
	631.891.9204					
	516.818.0721	pteich2662@gmail.com	02.06.1962	WMS	Guidance	2017
033			08.21.40	SW/NE		1990
051		loripaint@gmail.com	03.01.1957	East Kdg.	Sp/Hrg	2017
043	516.639.2131	jaykay31@gmail.com	10.31.47	Adm.	Music	2010
079		SRKimbell@yahoo.com	10.16.1954	Sonderling	English	2017
075	631.922.5338	buzzsaw38@live.com	01.21.1961	NMS	Art	2016
075	631.790.0466	Kueblercookie@mac.com	02.19.1962	Sp. Ed		2017
082		evsekac148@hotmail.com	6.28	Adm.	Music	2008
033	516.702.1678	birdiemae53@aol.com	03.25.53	BldGrd		2017
	631.836.0800	dsheildsnotary@yahoo.com	06.01.1957	WMS	Guidance	2017
040	631.835.2887	anystring@aol.com	11.16.1956	NMS	Art	2017



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

We've been asked to mention members' birthdays. Here they are.

January

02 - Jacqueline Petrozza
 03 - Ronda Brooks
 03 - Paula Moore
 03 - Marie Poppo
 04 - Mary Flatley
 06 - Edythe Welch
 08 - Judy Buitenkant
 08 - George Roth
 13 - Edith Erder
 13 - Sarah Robilotto
 14 - Peg Cameron
 16 - Amy Leftenant
 16 - Diane Pekrul
 18 - Bill Eagen
 19 - Kathleen Wall
 20 - Marvin Cooper
 21 - Mark Kuebler
 23 - Martin Hochheiser
 24 - Nicki DiPietro
 25 - Kris Dougherty
 25 - Dorothy Gordon
 28 - Claire Geraci
 29 - Diana Mallon
 29 - Peggy Palmer
 30 - Maxine Berlin
 30 - Esther "Kitty" Hayes
 30 - Patricia Lawther

February

01 - Florence Corkery
 02 - Denise Perrino
 03 - AnnMarie DiSibio
 03 - Matthew Fauvell
 03 - Dorothy Lesser
 03 - Lynda Romano
 03 - Clinton Spahr
 03 - Barbara Sweeney
 04 - Theresa Poland
 05 - Claire Sullivan
 06 - Patricia Eichner
 07 - Margaret Modelewski
 08 - Myra Feeney
 12 - Stephen Bencze
 15 - Debbi Warsaw-Curley
 19 - Linda Kuebler
 19 - Karen Riley
 19 - Joan Scully
 20 - Haydee Tirado

February (con't)

25 - Patrick Mitchell
 25 - Rosemary Moriarty

March

01 - Lori Jacobs
 02 - Ellie Talarek
 03 - Jean Elarde
 03 - Eugene Gelfand
 03 - Ray Newcomb
 04 - Don Kubicsko
 04 - Leon Weissman
 08 - Joseph Fasano
 09 - Frank Spencer
 10 - Barbara Britt
 11 - Barbara Rhein
 17 - Karen Scharf
 20 - Michael Bannon
 22 - Adrienne Eastman
 22 - Barbara Foreman
 22 - Maria Rutigliano
 24 - Sylvia Warren
 25 - Alberta Shuvall
 25 - Herbert Laub
 31 - Victor Cipolla

April

04 - Janet Carroll
 04 - William Mullady
 04 - Thomas Olivieri
 04 - Carol Rosenbluth
 06 - Laurie Constantino
 06 - Elizabeth Packer
 07 - Kathleen Guleksen
 12 - Lorraine Occhiogrosso
 13 - Denise Variello
 14 - Sherry Calderaro
 14 - Sandra Chase
 15 - Jennie Court
 15 - Lynne Shewan
 16 - Andrew Caruso
 17 - Mercedes Wharton
 18 - Maureen Stevenson
 21 - Fred Schieferstein
 22 - Karen Steiger
 22 - Maureen Staley
 25 - Larry Sommers
 27 - Paul Cohen
 28 - Maureen Finnegan

April (con't)

28 - Mary McManus
 29 - Gerald McCarthy
 30 - Richard Griffin
 30 - Albert Pfaffe

May

01 - Goldia Bulluck
 01 - Eleanor Steffen
 02 - Lynn Evans Mand
 03 - Honey Aves
 04 - Arlene Diaz
 05 - Arnette Barnes
 06 - Harry Haden
 08 - Carole Sobocinski
 10 - Felicia Bruce
 10 - Debbi Gonzalez
 11 - Petra Merenguelli
 12 - Beverly Lovings
 14 - Bobbi Illingworth
 15 - Joanne Albanese
 16 - Hank Salerno
 16 - Jackie Stark
 18 - Ralph Muckle
 19 - Patricia Goedel
 19 - Phyllis Ramjattansingh
 19 - Marge Tusinski
 21 - Lillian Masten
 21 - Martin Riger
 22 - Robert Wilcox
 24 - Gerald Cohen
 24 - Sandra Curcio
 25 - Carol Anecreonte
 25 - Audrey Kutin
 27 - Miriam Friedman
 28 - Yvonne Bohm
 29 - Joi Garvin
 29 - John O'Connor
 29 - Drew Robinson
 29 - Irene Combatti Slavick

June

01 - Denise Tschernia
 02 - Toni Acunzo
 03 - Joseph Purcell
 04 - Louise Pagels
 04 - Maxine Shifrin
 05 - Edith Filosa
 06 - Lorraine Keen

June (con't)

06 - Joanne Tomasino
 07 - June Dawson
 09 - Barbara Terlecki
 11 - Phyllis Bauman
 12 - Barry Friedfertig
 12 - Anthony Spitznagel
 12 - Louise Stoffa
 13 - Lynn Ferraro
 14 - Lillian Neal
 15 - Marge Kirchner
 16 - Robert Kay
 16 - Helen Kelly
 16 - George Klein
 19 - Sandra Brobston
 19 - Cathleen Browman
 20 - Toni Acnzo
 20 - Michael Lambert
 21 - Alida Thorpe
 23 - Ron Guzas
 25 - Oneida Lee
 26 - Lois Hanan
 26 - Charlotte Klein
 26 - Jacqueline Walsh
 27 - Richard Abato
 29 - Janet Baron
 30 - Alice Neidig

July

01 - Linda Eckert
 02 - Joanne Brown
 02 - Gail Budiansky
 04 - Eleanor Roode
 04 - Mary Ruffino
 05 - Martin Eckert
 07 - Diane Neesham
 07 - Grace Fishenfeld
 08 - Nancy Churchillo
 08 - Gloria Hanneman
 08 - Ruth McCalla
 08 - Theresa Roucolet
 08 - Robert Shanley
 09 - Rose O'Connor
 10 - Peter Ferrante
 11 - Carmela Criscione
 13 - John Rohatsch
 13 - Grace Tuffin
 15 - Carol Comerford
 15 - Audrey Competello

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

Birthdays can also be found in the Directory which is in alphabetical order.

July (con't)

15 - Lis Dicce
 15 - Nick Geraci
 15 - Anne Mygland
 16 - Carl Perrino
 17 - Steve Rochester
 21 - Clem Stancik
 22 - Carol Hurley
 23 - Shirley Dushenchuk
 23 - Lillian Padilla
 26 - Amalia Moise
 26 - Bernard Hahnke
 27 - Claudia DeBellis
 27 - Dean DePoy
 27 - June Farbman
 28 - Carmen Roldan
 28 - Evelyn Sekac
 31 - Marilyn DePlaza

August

02 - Raymond Liebert
 02 - Ray Therien
 05 - Noreen Hayes
 05 - Vicki Lipkowitz
 08 - Leonora Green
 09 - Elizabeth Stosuy
 10 - Pat Baumberger
 10 - Loretta Ellington
 10 - Lucille Fink
 11 - John Sherin
 12 - Esther Monticello
 12 - John Leeman
 13 - Maryanne Edwards
 13 - Eleanor Love
 14 - William John
 15 - Mary Saikin
 15 - Ellen Bresloff
 15 - Phyllis Goodwin
 20 - Elaine Levy
 21 - Merry Hansen
 22 - Vernell Spencer
 25 - Janet Gerwartzman

September

02 - Gloria Costello
 03 - Ann Hutnick
 03 - Peter Vercillo
 07 - Francine Yalof
 08 - Robert Tagner

September (con't)

09 - Rose Marie Brousseau
 09 - Marilou Gee
 10 - Nanette Santa Croce
 11 - Kathleen Maroney
 11 - Jan Levy
 11 - Laura Alicastro
 11 - Christin Veech
 14 - Ellen Edelstein
 14 - Barbara Festa
 15 - Irene Spano
 16 - Richard Graziano
 18 - Marti Davidson
 18 - Marguerite DelBene
 18 - Scott Lyons
 21 - Carmen Pepine
 22 - Bernice Raperto
 25 - Winifred Ashburn
 26 - Leatrice Wiley
 27 - Richard Roth
 29 - Diane Spagnuolo
 29 - Christian Thorpe
 30 - Veronica Cowan
 30 - Karen Storjohann

October

04 - Sue Arzillo
 08 - Janice Oehler
 08 - Marcelle Santillana
 10 - Helene Antwarg
 11 - Sue Lanchantin
 11 - Nick Siciliano
 12 - Ruth Greco
 12 - Ruth LaRocca
 14 - Emma Howard
 15 - Cheryl Castano
 16 - Stacey Kimbell
 17 - Cynthia Fennick
 20 - Susanna Bouza
 20 - Rachel DeCeasaro
 20 - Letty Sustrin
 23 - Beverly Fischer
 24 - Joan Nagle
 25 - Christina Ayasse
 25 - Florence Briggs
 25 - Maureen Galvin
 25 - Valerie Kujawski
 26 - Betty Lantz
 27 - Deborah Berkman

October (con't)

27 - Clifford Giles
 27 - Elmon Kazandjian
 27 - Theresa Piombo
 28 - Carole Bruno
 28 - Margaret Demers
 28 - Shirley Stamm
 29 - Michael DeSousa
 31 - Ann Becherer
 31 - Johanna Kane
 31 - Valerie Vismale

November

06 - June Cardenas
 06 - Bo Messina
 08 - Maxine Stromberg
 09 - Charles Brown
 11 - Lois Heinley
 11 - Lynn Hughes
 11 - Mary Mento
 11 - William Seifert
 13 - Peggy Mazza
 13 - Marianne Gruskin
 16 - Janet Verdi
 16 - Donald Andwood
 16 - Sylvia Hubacker
 19 - Mildred Eisenberg
 21 - Warren Walker
 22 - Joan Cook
 22 - Hilda Forrest
 22 - Estelle Hoyt
 25 - Andrew Book
 25 - Michael Campanile
 27 - Barbara McNicholas
 27 - Barbara Mascaro
 29 - Leon Barsky
 29 - Lois Morella

December

02 - Kenneth Gaherty
 03 - Douglas Super
 03 - Ginger Battiste
 03 - Ann Maria Battaglia
 04 - Fran Brida
 04 - Edward Hannan
 06 - Charlotte Gross
 06 - Theresa DellaBella
 08 - Concetta Gennaro
 10 - Marge Friesleben

December (con't)

10 - Anthony Gennaro
 11 - Fern Sasso
 12 - Harriet Helman
 13 - Barbara Hubbard
 15 - Kate Corkery
 16 - Grace Ausili
 20 - Rose Lucido
 22 - Jim Nanos
 24 - Pauline Lonschein
 25 - Iris Bowers
 25 - Catherine Rosario-Rodriguez
 26 - Orieta Blanco
 30 - Bob Cresko
 31 - Barbara Sergi

Did we forget you? Please let Carmela (tecnouquen@aol.com) know. All information is taken from the 2016-2017 directory plus addenda. The directory is in alphabetical order. If you are not on the list, you may not have sent in your dues and are not a member of **ROBS**.

Do you have a milestone birthday coming up? **ROBS** has its first 100th birthday member, **Florence Corkery**, who achieved it on February 1st (see pages 4-5.)

Let us know if there is something you want to share with all of us.



SPA FOR SMALL BIRDS

by Claudia De Bellis

I thought folks would enjoy these pictures I took last week, from my bedroom window, of four birds enjoying the heated birdbath. It's kind of a "Spa for Small Birds". With temps being around 8°, the birdbath is the only source of liquid water nearby for birds. We sited it beneath the window so I can just open the window and pour water out to re-fill it. Wishing everybody hot cocoa and marshmallows.



Ladies and Gentlemen:

Last night the Brentwood Community lost one of its treasures. Les Black passed away Thursday, February 1st. Les began his career as an Elementary School Teacher at North in 1967. Les served as Vice President and President of the BTA, Principal at Pine Park, Director of Elementary Education, Associate Superintendent and finally Superintendent from 1994 until he retired in 2006. For those of us who were fortunate to work for him we will always remember his sense of humor, gentleness, and his ability to make everyone feel special but most importantly he was a fierce advocate for Brentwood kids and schools. He deeply loved this community and his positive impact and imprint will never be forgotten. There is one more thing; the multiple standing ovations and the long, long applause you gave him this past September meant a great deal to him and moved him deeply.

Rich Loeschner
Brentwood Superintendent
(via email)

*Ed. Note: Visit our website, **ROBSNY.ORG**, to see featured videos of former Brentwood Superintendents, Les Black and Dr. Louis Nannini, who turned 100 in December 2017.*



TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

What if the brilliant, twinkling stars
that bring the dark night sky to life
are windows looking out of heaven?

And the very moment when
we're wishing on those stars,
hoping that the loved ones we have lost
are happy, safe and free...
maybe they are looking at those same stars
from the other side,
making the same wish for us...
sending us all their love.

I'm wishing you the comfort
of loving memories
and the feeling that you'll always be
connected to one
so close to your heart.

Sharon Valleau



March, 2017

William Lapp - Principal
Beula Vincent - Music

April

Irene Barahal - Elementary
Dolores Herrman - Elementary
Joseph Padilla - Social Worker
Yvette Zimmerman - Secretary

May

Hal Paster - Social Studies
William Lown - Coordinator Physical Education

June

Maddi Dwyer - Elementary & BTA Activist

July

Marilyn Hallam - Secretary
Grace Mauro - Secretary
Daurice Synder - Dance Instructor

October

Ivy Rosenthal - Physical Education
Joyse Trespel - Elementary

November

Tommy Marsden - Buildings & Grounds Foreman
Elizabeth Norton - Elementary
Janet Thorkelson - Music

December

Ann Bass - Secretary
Lillian Jason - School Nurse Teacher
Ruth G. Teich - Elementary



ROBS Luncheon

June 1, 2018 12-3 PM

Villa Olivetti

645 Middle Country Rd., St. James NY 11780 631-265-9228

Appetizer

Farfale Marinara

Salad

Mesculine

Entrees

Eggplant Rollatine - stuffed with ricotta and mozzarella in tomato sauce

Grouper Francese - white wine and lemon sauce

Chicken in Raspberry Sauce

Sole Francese - white wine and lemon sauce

Chicken Zingara - with artichoke and mushrooms in pink sauce

Chicken Villa Olivetti - with tomato, melted mozzarella in light brown sauce

Unlimited White Wine, Red Sangria and Soda

Coffee and Cannoli Cake

Cost per person: **\$26**

Deadline is: May 25, 2018

Please make your check out to **ROBS** with "**Luncheon**" written on the memo line and send to: **Valerie Vismale**

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