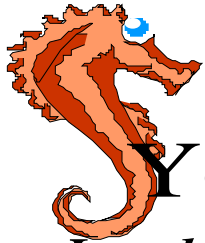
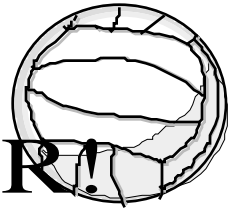


# PEA Advocate



## Have a great summer!



## You've earned that R. & R!

### Local members attend NJEA/RA caucus

On Saturday June 9, Barbara Alderfer, Mike Kruczek, Carol Mertz and Doug Morris attended the pre-convention caucus to discuss issues prior to the Representative Assembly in Los Angeles this summer.

The main issue was the NEAFT Partnership Document that creates a third group which "shall have the authority to make decisions and to advance common goals, but it shall be required to operate in the conformity with policies and directives of the governance bodies of the NEA and AFT. The NEAFT Partnership shall provide the two organizations with a common front in dealing with critical educational and social issues. it shall also advocate, support and coordinate mutually agreed upon national, state, regional and local activities."

The NJEA opposes the partnership. This was approved in a motion at the January 20, 2001 Delegate Assembly meeting because there does not appear to be any real fiscal restraints on this third

Since it appears the document will be approved, leadership feels that some fiscal controls are necessary, thus the following new business item:

"The Representative Assembly directs that a preliminary budget relating to projected activities covered by the NEA-AFT

Partnership document shall be distributed each year to the Board of Directors at its fall meeting. Further, at each subsequent Representative Assembly meeting,

beginning in 2002, a report of actual monies expended, the source of those monies in the NEA program budget, and the Partnership activities (as outlined in the document) that were funded shall be distributed to the delegates."

Another item that will be introduced deals with a large loan to Education Minnesota (merged MEA and MFT). Two years ago, a motion to forgive \$2.6 million in owed dues was narrowly defeated (41 votes in 8600+) because they had prematurely merged and could not generate the necessary dues payments.

Even though Education Minnesota has made some payments, they now want the loan forgiven.

### Retirement and Recognition Dinner

The PEA Retirement/Teacher Recognition Dinner was held at Harker's Hollow Golf Club on Thursday, June 7th.

Eighty seven people attended to honor Ronnie McDonald and Bob Stem, Sr. as well as the six people recognized as teachers of the year by the district: Linda Exley, Marie Gepes, Libby Moskaitis, Jeanne Wikert, Joan Marzano and Michael Hinkle.

The food was great and music was provided by Tom Drago and his partner. A special thank you to Darlene Eger, Nick Stelmak, Phil Rohm and Chip McFadden for speaking on behalf of the retirees. This party was only possible through the hard work of the people on the social committee: Barb Alderfer, Lynn Allegger, Margie Markus, Lil Mortimer, Stephanie Rasley, Tara Zurowski and Karen Volkert.



Also retiring this year but not in attendance were Sandy Groller, Diane Lasser, Ray Rush, and Stephanie Wydner.

Remember that the first Thursday in June will be the date for next year's dinner as well.



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## “Where have all the young ones gone?”

Where have all the young ones gone?

Long time leaving.

Where have all our teachers gone?

Gone to classrooms everywhere.

~~Gone to schoolyards everywhere~~

### ***Pension Enhancement***

NJEA Government Relations staff and representatives from various coalitions working on the N/55 legislation had a good meeting with Senate Majority leader John Bennett. He has assured them that the Senate version, S-2450, has bipartisan support. He indicated that the Senate will act upon this legislation before the end of June. Earlier, Assembly Majority Leader Paul DiGaetano made the same commitment. The Pension and health Benefits Review Commission reviewed A-3506/S-2450 at their June 8 meeting and approved the bills. They will now move to the Senate and Assembly floors for a vote. Members are encouraged to continue contacting their

### ***High School Teachers at ETTC presentation***

On Tuesday, June 9, local coordinator Mike Kruczek along with Jacqui Brown and Doug Morris went to the East Brunswick present programs they had created through a grant provided to the Educational Technology Training Center.

Brown did a very detailed power point program dealing with William Shakespeare as an ornithologist. The main idea of the program showed Shakespeare's use of wildlife in his writings. Morris did his on Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller as industrialists/philanthropists.



## **NEAFT Partnership Document**

### **Goals and Projects:**

#### **1. Advocating for interaction and collaboration throughout the organizations - at local, state, regional and national levels by:**

\*Developing models for and facilitating interactions at all levels to increase joint action on issues of common concern.

\*Using the expertise of leaders, staff and consultants to facilitate work on joint projects at all levels.

\*Facilitating opportunities for members of NEA and the AFT to learn about their counterparts in the other organizations and its affiliations - at local, state, regional and national levels. The interactions shall be designed to build relationships between the organizations at all levels.

#### **2. Engaging in joint projects on issues of mutual interest by:**

\*Holding jointly planned and executed conferences on substantive topics of common interest; following up with joint activities at all levels

\*Creating opportunities to learn and work together on issues of mutual concern, such as teacher quality, professional development, technology and school safety.

\*Creating opportunities for joint staff collaboration and training.

\*Coordinating legal actions

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\*Creating joint national publications and/or including sections within existing national publications to present issues of common concern and to report on joint activities.

\*Achieving collective bargaining rights in non-bargaining states.

\*Fostering conversation and joint activity among corresponding constituency groups in each organization.

\*Coordinating joint political education and information.

\*Working to achieve appropriate funding for public education.

#### **3. Increasing cooperation by:**

\*Assisting states and locals in joint organizing ventures.

\*Developing joint strategies to counteract anti-union competing organizations and initiatives

\*Creating forums and opportunities for learning about the experiences of merged states and locals

#### **4. Coordinating, with the appropriate AFT and NEA departments, the ongoing delivery of services to AFT-NEA merged states and locals.**

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