

Membership  
Update



June 25, 2014

From the President...

## Legislation Update

Last Friday, not only did we celebrate the last day of school, but we also celebrated a most successful legislative session that resulted in the passage of several bills that will positively impact teachers and students. The following bills were passed by the Senate:

- ◆ Cyclical Teacher Evaluation Bill—allows teachers who are rated Highly Effective evaluated every three years and teachers rated Effective every two years. Teachers rated Developing or Ineffective will continue to be evaluated annually until they attain an Effective/Highly Effective rating. Should this bill receive final passage, more information will be provided as to the identification of HE/E teachers to be evaluated next school year.
- ◆ NECAP Moratorium Bill — prohibits the use of any standardized test from preventing a student from graduating high school prior to 2017.

In addition to the passage of the above two bills, a bill was also passed to expand all day Kindergarten programs across the State as well as a bill to change the layoff notification date from March 1 to June 1.

We await to see the Governor's action on these bills.

## Paul E. Vorro Retirement

PTU Executive Director, Paul Vorro is retiring effective June 27, 2014.

Paul has worked in public education for 45 years in numerous roles from teacher to Superintendent of Schools in North Providence.

He has served as PTU Executive Director since June 2003.

Our best wishes go out to Paul for a happy retirement!



## PTU Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the following PTU Scholarship winners:

- ◆ **Jake Castillo** who is the son of Jill Fallon, a teacher at Lima/Reservoir Avenue schools. Jake will be attending Gordon College and his area of study is History.
- ◆ **Kelsey Kurbiec** who is the daughter of Dot Kurbiec. Kelsey will be attending the University of RI and her area of study is Health Science.

Best wishes to Kelsey and Jake in their academic endeavors!



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### End of the Year Party—Aqua

Over 275 teachers attended last Friday's end of the year party! We wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer recess!

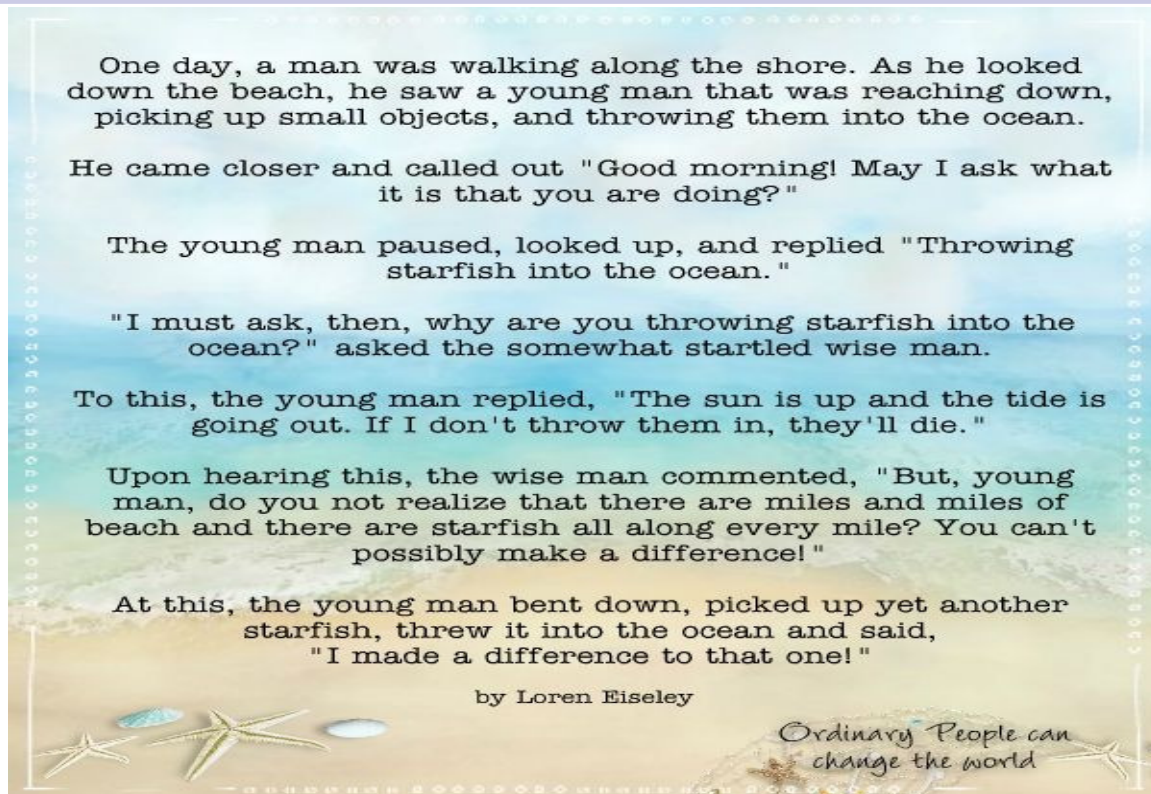


### Reminders....

- ◆ **Special Membership Meeting**  
A Special Membership Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.  
Location to be announced.
- ◆ **PTU Summer Office Hours**  
The Union office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday during summer recess. The office will be closed on Independence Day and VJ Day.
- ◆ **Teacher Schedules**  
Teachers should receive their complete teaching schedules for the 2014-15 school year no later than August 11th.
- ◆ **Orientation Day**  
Tuesday, August 26, 2014

## From the President...

### Congratulations Retirees



Thank you for making a difference for hundreds of students everyday of your careers...

Edward Abbott  
Rossy Ayala  
Lorine Bibbs  
Dorothy Curry  
Deborah Doyle  
Jacqueline Fish  
Maureen Fitzpatrick-Joyce  
Paul Gingras  
Stephen Landes  
Laurie Magnette  
Patricia Maymon  
Karen O'Callahan  
Joseph Polhemus  
Joanne Robertson  
Paula Rotondo  
Gloria Turchetta  
Kathleen Winsor

Diane Acton  
Claudia Barrett  
Omer Brault  
Elizabeth Daniels  
Julia Feliz  
Lory Fitzgerald  
Susan Friendson  
Theron Green  
Ruth Hirst-Trottier  
Paul Marchessault  
Patricia Maynard  
Alicemarie O'Connor  
Jenny Prull  
Linda Jennings  
Augusto Santana  
Lillian Turnipseed  
Rosemary Wittels

Elida Araujo-Picard  
Nancy Barnes  
Lucille Capobianco  
Carolann D'Arcangelo  
Sharon Fennell  
Christine Fitzgerald  
Patricia Fortin-Major  
Margaret Harrington  
Julie Latessa  
Christine Mathieu  
Candace McCall  
Phyllis Oelbaum  
Jane Quirk  
Juan Rodriguez  
Steven Smith  
John Varadian  
Linda Zagarella

Richard Ardito  
Valerie Benton  
Rosemary Casale  
Nicholas DeCamp  
Jose Fermin  
Frank Forster  
Sharyn Fuller  
Patrick Kelly  
Patricia Lupoli  
Lydia Mattera  
Sarah Morenon  
Virginia Olivelli  
Domenic Ravo  
Lizandra Riojas  
Marilyn Tsonis  
Jean Warner  
Elodie Zukauskas

## From the President...

### In Memoriam

*"I am a firm believer that a teacher lives on and on through his students.  
Good teaching is forever and the teacher is immortal."*

— *Jesse Stuart*

This past school year, we lost three of our fellow colleagues.

***Gary Duffy — February 12, 2014***

Graphic Arts teacher at PCTA

***Judith McGowan — June 9, 2014***

Science teacher at Central High School

***Timothy Barnes — June 10, 2014***

Social Studies teacher at E-Cubed Academy

