

From the President: Congratulations, Retirees!

Every member of the BEA bids you a fond farewell as you begin your new lives, hopefully filled with good health, happiness and contentment. May the years ahead provide many new adventures.

Jean Abies - Ross - 18 years

Jan Cochrane - Flaherty - 14 1/2 years

Karen Costa - BHS - 3 years

Marsha Dimmen - BHS - 7 years

Jane (Jill) Herget - Morrison - 14 years

Rhoda Kesselman - BHS - 16 years

Lucille King - BHS - 16 years

Kathleen MacDonald - Flaherty - 11 years

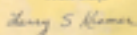
Mary Jane McDermott - Flaherty - 30+ years

Marie O'Connell - East - 14 years

Nancy Sims - East - 25 years

You have all done very important and wonderful work serving the town of Braintree and its young people.

Yours truly,



Larry S. Kramer

We Stand to Lose our Rights to Bargain Health Insurance - Please Act NOW!

Right now, Massachusetts legislators are considering two proposals involving health insurance:

- 1.) a proposal by the Mass. Municipal Association (MMA) to strip away our right to bargain about our health benefits
- 2.) a proposal supported by the MTA and public employee unions that preserves our bargaining rights with a neutral arbitrator (if the parties deadlock in negotiations) that will ensure that a settlement is fair to both the municipality and employees.

The MMA has mounted an aggressive lobbying effort and we need to quell it with thousands of messages to both state representatives and senators.

Please visit www.massteacher.org and click on the ACTION ALERT link that will guide you through writing to your legislators. You may compose your own message or use the message on the site. Follow the instructions and your message will be delivered automatically to the State House.

Please include the following points in the message:

- to support our collective bargaining and oppose the MMA proposal or any other proposal that would eliminate collective bargaining for health insurance.
- to protect retirees by including them in the process.

Please do it AS SOON AS POSSIBLE for the sake of all of us and our families.

BEA Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to those four, well deserving Braintree High School seniors who received this year's \$1,000 BEA Scholarships on Wednesday, June 2nd at the Annual Scholarship Night at Braintree High School:

Ms. Larissa Foye...Simmons College - 11th Annual Frank Garofalo Award
 Ms. Lindsey Heger...Clemson University
 Mr. Brandon MacAleese...UMass at Amherst
 Mr. Kevin Devlin...Bridgewater State College

Best of luck to you all in your studies!

Race to the Top 2

The BEA Board of Directors voted at its May meeting to direct me to sign a memorandum of understanding regarding the federally funded grant application called the Race to the Top (RTTT). This agreement establishes a framework of collaboration, roles, and responsibilities in support of Massachusetts in its implementation of an approved Race to the Top grant project.

This memorandum of understanding was signed by Dr. Karzberg, representing the administration; Mr. David Cunningham, representing the Braintree School Committee and by me as the BEA representative. Without all three signatures, Braintree could not participate in the application process. If you have any questions about RTTT call Holly Belmonte, or Christine Giacomozzi or me.

Yours truly,

Larry Kramer

Benefits for Summer Fun

Be sure to visit

www.mtabenefits.com

before you head out this summer. Discounts and packages include offerings from:

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 Jacob's Pillow
 PawSox and Brockton Rox
 Six Flags, New England
 York's Wild Kingdom
 Alamo, Hertz, National, Zipcar
 Chatham Health and Swim Club

"When asked what learning was the most necessary, he said, 'Not to unlearn what you have learned!'" -邓小平(Deng Xiaoping)

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