

*Waltham Public Schools
Retirees' Corner Newsletter
July 2018*

Congratulations to the new retirees



The Retirees' Corner wishes to welcome this year's retirees.

Joel Antonini	WHS Housemaster and CTE teacher
Andrea Arnold	WHS Secretary to Principal
Mary Burke	Northeast Preschool teacher
Michael Carrafiello	Kennedy custodian
Mark Chicco	WHS custodian
Erin Collings	WHS Security desk
Leah Cosby	WHS Social Studies teacher
Gregory DeMeo	WHS Principal
Karen DeMeo	Central Office secretary
Valerie Dube	McDevitt Special Education teacher
John Maguire	WHS Business teacher
Wayne McCarthy	WHS Graphic Communications teacher
Marie Rivera	Kennedy Food Services
Sandra Villa	Plympton teacher

Many thanks for your years of service (over 350) and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and "as busy as you want" retirement.

Congratulations to the team of Patricia Burke, SueEllen Lydon-Daddona, and Anna Monti



This team, founders of Fitch and Family, have organized get-togethers at local restaurants about 4 times a year, for the past 15 years. The June 13th gathering, held at Fiorello's on Farwell Street in Newton, was attended by 44 people, representing seven schools.

Congratulations to Officer Ann Frassica



Officer Ann Frassica was presented with the Massachusetts School Resource Officer of the Year Award by the Massachusetts Juvenile Police Officers Association at the New England School Safety Conference in April 2018.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018



On June 3, 350 students graduated from Waltham High. One hundred and ninety-four students received recognition at the Scholarship and Awards Night, totaling more than \$500,000 in scholarships. We wish them success in all future endeavors. Click on Scholarships to read about the many scholarships offered, many founded in memory of former colleagues.

Items of interest

[Check out this link](#), which will give you an idea of the design and curriculum plans for a new Waltham High School. As of this date, the site has yet to be determined.

Check out this link for news of new Grade 9 program, called ChangeMaker Academy, www.changemakerwhs.weebly.com. This program has been made possible through a \$300,000 Barr Foundation Grant to support the planning and implementation of the above plans for the new Waltham High School.

Make sure you keep up to date on actions affecting retirement benefits at retireescorner.org and click on Helpful Links to find the *REAM link* or on Legislative and Health Care Updates.

Since the Spring, two more Waltham Public School graduates have been identified as published authors. Go to retireescorner.org and find them in Waltham Graduates in the News.

On a sad note, since late Spring, we have lost one more retiree. All retirees who have passed in the past 3 years are identified at retireescorner.org under Obituaries.

Please share this newsletter with other colleagues who may not receive email or who may not yet have responded to remain on the mailing list. If they want to do so, [just click here](#) and type YES.

We are sending out a feeler to ask your help in what we hope will be a new feature of this quarterly newsletter. We would like you to share a wonderful memory or an insight about colleagues who have passed but who are remembered fondly. Each newsletter will put forth some names and we ask you to submit a good memory, indicating whether you want that memory posted with your name attached or anonymously. Email your reflections to retireescorner@gmail.com.

Elementary

Eileen Long

Helen Flynn

Jack Pinzone

Middle

Paul Bolduc

Lucille Hanna

Al Garnache

High School/Vocational

Frank Strazzullo

Sarah Giacalone

Dick Collins

Have a wonderful summer!

