

# MRTA Action Line

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# APPLYING FOR EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITES

Almost everyone wants to have the approval of their supervisors. We may report to work early, stay late, volunteer to do the little extras that can be beneficial for others. This is understandable. However, please be considerate of those people already doing these extras. I have always asked that MRTA members not apply for extra curricular positions that are currently being filled by our members.

If you are considering applying for an extracurricular position, please ask the person currently fulfilling that position if they intend to continue. If they indicate that they will be continuing in that position, then please do not apply.

I would like to ask everyone to comply with the following procedure. If you hold an extra curricular position and will NOT be re-applying for that position, please send an email to me with that information. When the posting appears for extra curricular activities, I will email everyone the positions that are open. I ask everyone for their cooperation.

### **OUR HONORED GUEST GALA**

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2009 Time: 6:30 pm Cocktail Hour

7:30 pm Dinner

Place: Battleground Country Club

Manalapan, NJ

Cost: \$80 per person RSVP by Friday, April 3, 2009

#### THE HONOREES THIS YEAR ARE:

Donna Banafato, Barbara Barnes, Patricia Davis, Patricia Engle, JoAnn Fanto, Farley Galietti, John Geran, Nadine Greenspan, Paul Loeb, Marilynn Knapp, Carol Layman, Barbara Lyttle, Pamela Main, Sara Nau, Margaret Poole, Mary Ann Reese and Samuel Turner

## WE ARE ONE, OR ARE WE?

It has come to my attention that some members are running to the administration with concerns that should be handled within our association. If you have concerns regarding fellow workers and their job performance, don't go to an administrator. Talk to that individual about your concern. If you are uncomfortable going to them, then ask a building rep to intercede. We do not want to see our members "turned in" by fellow members.

Everyone has their own responsibilities. When we don't fulfill those responsibilities, it often adds an additional burden to others. Let us work together as MRTA members, as colleagues. There may come a time, when all else fails, that the only recourse left to us is to involve the administration. But that should be the LAST RESORT. I certainly hope we can learn a lesson from the back of this flyer.

## Sabbatical Application Deadline is March 15th

March 15th is the deadline to apply for a sabbatical leave for the 2009-10 school year. The MRTA contract provides for a sabbatical for the pursuit of full time graduate study. Nine (9) credits per semester constitutes full-time graduate studies.

If you are interested in full time graduate work and have been employed in the school district for at least seven years, you may receive a sabbatical. A teacher on sabbatical leave receives one-half of his/her salary. You receive pension credit for the full year since you continue to make pension contributions based on your full salary. Credit on the salary guide is earned while on sabbatical leave.

Application forms should be available in the principal's office in each building.