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## *President's Newsletter*

*June 2008*

June . . . is the time for retirement of our sixteen (16) TEA friends and colleagues. It is with mixed emotion that we let them go on to enjoy their future adventures even though each has earned this right of passage through many years of dedicated hard work on behalf of students. Special recognition is extended to: *Ann Ainslie* (Niles), *Jane Austin* (Wass), *Dorie Bourke* (Boulan), *Jerry Cooper* (Baker), *Karen Cooper* (Baker), *Marcia Giera* (Smith), *Jennifer Goedel* (Schroeder), *Mary Ann Hennig* (Athens HS), *James Hannick* (Boulan), *Deborah Jones* (Hamilton), *Sherry King* (Hill), *Judith Kubicki* (Boulan), *Sandy Lauder* (Bemis), *Dennis Raetzke* (Leonard), *Julie Semivan* (Bem/Cost/Leon), and *Laurie Shappee* (Larson). **Happy Trails!** June is also a time to reflect back on the past year and to anticipate the future. The future will present new challenges; some of which have not been seen before and others of which we cannot imagine. Whether it is a family issue, a move to another home, the impact of the current economic climate, effects of health or the outcome of a presidential race, the future is guaranteed to bring new adventures, on-going insights into one's self, and opportunities to overcome adversity. Adversity can reveal and shape character. With all of this in mind, the priorities of relaxation, rejuvenation and the time to just reconnect . . . need to be savored. **Happy Summer!**      *Roberta Masters*

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**\*\*General Membership Meeting:** See you at the **TEA General Membership meeting to be held on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** at the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights, MI 48071. This is a time for all TEA members to hear first hand the progress of negotiations from the TEA Team and to clarify any questions. Bring your own refreshments for it is anticipated to be hot on Monday. A map and direction can be downloaded from the TEA website at [www.iammea.org/tea](http://www.iammea.org/tea).

**Bargaining Update:** No tentative agreement has been reached to date. The parties have scheduled dates later this summer for joint negotiations.

**TEA Representatives:** It is that time of year to once again say thank you to the many TEA building representatives/delegates and our TEA, MEA, NEA delegates, Region 7 Delegates, SODA Council delegates, along with committee chairpersons and volunteers, for their contributions this year. The Executive Board appreciates the time and effort they have spent working for the Association and looking out for the rights of all members. I offer my personal and special thanks to Joe, Debbie, Cindy, Tony, Larry, Caryn, Marilyn and Betsy along with

Joe Cusmano, MEA Uniserv Director, for their dedication and continued support. It is appreciated more than you can imagine.

**MESSA Update:** Delta Dental Adds Implant Coverage- Effective July 1, 2008 your MESSA / Delta Dental will be updated to include coverage for dental implants that are used to replace missing teeth. There are several types of implants, and MESSA / Delta will be covering *endoste* implants. They will be covered with the same percentage co-payments, and time and frequency limitations as other prosthodontic services (**Class III benefits**). The payments for these implants will apply to the members' Class III annual maximum.

**New MESSA Card:** Members will receive a new MESSA card soon. Please remember to destroy the old card/s once you receive the new ones.

**TEA Scholarship 2008:** The Troy Education Association awarded over \$7000 in scholarship to students this year within two categories. Athens High School recipients selected by the teaching faculty are: Michael Barton (\$1000) and Zachary Lynn (\$1000). In addition, the TEA member scholarship committee awarded Caitlin Cramer (TEA parent-Teri McCormick at Smith) a \$500 scholarship. Troy high staff selected Kayla Belanger and Stela Tereziu to each receive \$1000 scholarship. Kristin Garofali (TEA parent-Charlie Garofali-Larson) received the \$1000 TEA Member's child scholarship along with a \$500 scholarship presented to Laura Petersen (TEA parent-Hans Petersen-Baker). Niles Community High School staff award a \$1000 scholarship to Rayvon Colton in recognition of his education efforts. We congratulate all graduating seniors and applicants to the scholarship process. The Association also contributes money toward the George Ku Memorial Scholarship which is presented to multiple graduating seniors.

**Summer Communications:** During the summer months, the TEA will update articles and information through the website. If necessary, bargaining communications appropriate for dissemination will be sent through US mail to home addresses. Please be sure your TEA Building Representative or Crisis Representative has your current address information.

If you need to reach Roberta Masters during the summer for TEA business, please use only the following contact information: email - [teaprez@gmail.com](mailto:teaprez@gmail.com); home office phone number 248.828.2812; home fax number 248.828.2918 Thank you!

#### **June Calendar of Events**

June 03	TEA Representative Assembly at Smith Middle School (4:10 PM)
June 02, 05	TEA/TSD Joint bargaining sessions
June 09	General Membership Meeting in Madison Heights
June 10	TEA PR Committee meeting at Hamilton Elementary (4:00 PM)
June 13	K-8 Students-Full Day; 9-12 Students-AM only (HS Exams); PM Teacher Workday
June 16	K-12 students AM only; AM kindergarten students only; (HS Exams); PM Teacher Workday
June 17	K-12 students AM only; PM kindergarten students only; (HS Exams); PM Teacher LAST Workday
June 18	All Final Grades are due by 4:00 pm
June 23	MEA Scholarship Golf Outing, Mason
July1-July 6	NEA National Conference -Washington, D.C.

*The TEA Wishes everyone a safe, happy and restful summer. . . .you deserve it!*