

## Presidents' Report for November 10, 2016 CWZ Executive Meeting

### **Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

Thank you one and all for helping to make our first year as co-presidents go smoothly. We feel very much supported by everyone on the Executive Committee. We also feel very welcome at all of your county meetings. We are proud to represent our zone at NYSRTA Executive meetings as well. We are looking forward to our second year in office, all because we have a great team behind us.

### **Fall 2016 County Meetings Attended:**

September 7<sup>th</sup> Wyoming County – Sandy (Monroe County was the same day.)

September 8<sup>th</sup> CWZ Annual Meeting

September 21<sup>st</sup> Western Zone Annual Meeting in Buffalo, invited to attend by Doris Kirsh

October 3<sup>rd</sup> Yates – Vice President Mary Ellen

October 4<sup>th</sup> Wayne – Sandy

October 14<sup>th</sup> Steuben – Jane & Sandy

October 20<sup>th</sup> Seneca – Sandy AND Ontario – Jane

We did not attend Monroe, Livingston or Orleans this fall.

Please notify Jane and Sandy of your upcoming meetings as soon as you know the date. Try not to schedule when another county has chosen a date so we can attend each county. The meeting dates and places will be forward to Bill Lesniak for the CWZ webpage as well. Bill will post your newsletters on the website, so please make sure he has a copy.

Please double check to be sure a newsletter/invitation is sent to us so we can be sure to attend your meetings.

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The **NYSRTA 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention** is now behind us. Hopefully, you feel pleased with the efforts of the many ideas and suggestions that fueled the major topics displayed throughout the event. The theme was a combination of ideas. The Keynote Speaker and the six workshop topics came from direct suggestions from members either at our November 2015 meeting or in follow up emails. Many of the pictures in the booklet came from members, as well as the last page dedication to two former “strong women” who led us in the past. *Many hands make light work*, and we sincerely thank everyone for doing their part to make the convention successful.

## **What's Next?**

**Membership:** The challenge ahead for the Central Western Zone and for NYSRTA is to bring new members to the organization. We are still in need of a Membership Chairperson(s). This is a critical position for our group. Please consider taking on this role or asking someone you know to step up to this post. Each member can help by bringing in at least one new member this coming year.

**Allegany County:** Another challenge is to investigate the status of Allegany County, which has not had executive officers in about three years. One thought, could they join with another county? We hope to investigate this possibility in the upcoming year.

**Defeat the Constitutional Convention Vote in November 2017:** Each individual needs to educate anyone you come in contact with over the next few months about the process and implication of this very important vote in November 2017. We will be speaking about this when we visit your meetings this year.

Again, thank you all for your support of the Central Western Zone.

Jane Behnk and Sandy Kushner