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FALL CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017

Dear Presidents:

On behalf of Nassau Region PTA, it is my pleasure to invite you and the members of your PTA to Nassau Region's 110th conference, to be held at Elmont Memorial High School at 555 Ridge Road, Elmont, on Thursday, October 19, 2017.

We have put together an evening of important and informative workshops that will allow your members the opportunity to attend two workshop sessions. All workshops are intended to enhance your PTA expertise, strengthen your leadership skills, and advance your advocacy efforts. Fall Conference also offers you and your members the opportunity to meet Nassau Region Board members and to network with other members of PTA units and councils throughout Nassau County.

Conference registration begins at 6:00PM. The first session of workshops begins promptly at 7:00PM and will run until 8:15PM. The second session of workshops will run from 8:30PM to 9:45PM.

The pre-registration fee is \$10.00 and includes a guaranteed informational packet. At the door registration is \$15.00. The postmarked deadline for pre-registration is **Tuesday, October 3, 2017. Please remember that any registration postmarked after the 3rd will be at the door price of \$15 and packet is not guaranteed.**

Boutique items will be available for sale during the evening.

Please share this information with your membership. There is a workshop of interest for everyone. Training is an essential element to running a PTA. It is the responsibility of all officers (Bylaws Article VIII, Section 6); to attend local, regional and/or state training workshops throughout the year.

Please join us on October 19th!

Sincerely,

Pat Assortato

Region Director



SESSION 1 7:00-8:15PM

1. **HOW TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL PARP PROGRAM: (Double Session Workshop)** Calling all PARP Chairs! Hear from the experts. Nassau Region PTA 2017 PARP Winner, Garden City PTA, will share their winning program entitled “Blast Off to Reading.” This is an interactive workshop, so please bring your questions. We will also show you how to use the Pick A Reading Partner Toolkit. **Presenters: Helen Hoffman, NYS PTA Secretary and Donna Kraus, Garden City PTA PARP**
2. **BYLAWS AND PROCEDURES: (Double Session Workshop)** This workshop will teach you how to update/amend your bylaws with ease. It’s easier than you think. This is a hands-on workshop. You will be using computers to navigate the wizard. Please bring your current bylaws, Procedure manual (if you have one), and any and all related questions. This is an extremely important workshop that shouldn't be missed. **Presenter: Tricia Barbato, Nassau Region PTA Bylaws Chair**
3. **BUDGETS, BANKING AND BEYOND:** How is your unit handling its finances? Should you use electronic banking? Are PTAs allowed to accept PayPal? Here’s the place to get all your budget, banking, insurance and treasury questions answered! We will also cover monthly financial reporting and audits. This workshop is recommended for current (and future!) unit treasurers and presidents. **Presenter: Patricia Genco, Nassau Region PTA Treasurer and Pam Naso, Nassau Region PTA Sponsorship Chair**
4. **REFLECTIONS, LET’S GET STARTED:** Learn all you will need to know to run a smooth and successful reflections program. **Presenter: Marie Guilietti, Nassau Region PTA Reflections Program Coordinator**
5. **GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING A MEETING IN A SMOOTH AND ORDERLY MANNER:** Tools, preparation and tips for presiding. **Presenters: Helene Goldsmith, PRP, Nassau Region PTA Parliamentarian & Fran Kulik, Past Nassau District PTA Director**
6. **ADVOCACY HOT POINTS: YOUR GUIDE TO TAKING ACTION:** Briefly explore the hot topics affecting education on Long Island. Share tips & best practices for adding your voice to the chorus of PTA advocates making a difference for all children. **Presenter: Sarah Henris, Nassau Region PTA Legislation Resolutions Chair and Patrice Rachlin, Nassau Region PTA Legislation Events Chair**
7. **HOW PTAs CAN RESPOND TO THE CURRENT DRUG TRENDS:** When parents, schools and communities work together using proven evidence based prevention strategies to address substance use issues, there is a reduction in risk factors and an increase in protective factors that show a reduction in youth problem behaviors. This workshop will explore how PTAs can be proactive to address the ever changing world of drugs in our communities. **Presenter: Susanne Smoller, Nassau Region PTA Health/Wellness Chair**
8. **HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE TRANSITION AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES:** This presentation and discussion will review the essentials that parents and students with disabilities need to know about the accommodation process in the higher education setting. **Presenter: Orval Jewett, Professor/Counselor, Coordinator/Facilitator, Student Personnel Services, Center for Students with Disabilities**

SESSION 2 8:30-9:45PM

1. **PARP** - CONTINUED FROM SESSION 1. *Presenters: Helen Hoffman, NYS PTA Secretary and Donna Kraus, Garden City PTA PARP*
2. **BYLAWS & PROCEDURES** - CONTINUED FROM SESSION 1. *Presenter: Tricia Barbato, Nassau Region PTA Bylaws Chair*
3. **IRS AND PTA.....HOW TO FILE THOSE TAX FORMS!** - 990-N or 990EZ? Do we need to file a Schedule A? What exactly is a 501(c)3 and why is it so important? This workshop will walk you through the requirements and time tables you need to know to file your taxes by this year's deadline and protect your tax exempt status. All PTA treasurers are encouraged to attend. Find out what every unit must send to the IRS before they contact you! *Presenter: Patricia Genco, Nassau Region PTA Treasurer and Jeanette Meoli, Nassau Region PTA IRS Special Assignee*
4. **NATIONAL PTA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE:** The National PTA School of Excellence is a recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students. Learn how your school can earn this recognition. *Presenter: Marie Saint Vil, Nassau Region PTA Conference Programs Chair*
5. **ETHICAL LEADERSHIP:** Learn how to accomplish your goals with fairness and integrity no matter the size of the group you are working with. *Presenter: Diane McPartland, Nassau Region PTA Secretary, NYSPTA Leadership Training Specialist*
6. **UNDERSTANDING DIVERSITY:** It isn't what you think it is. Join us to have a better understanding of Diversity and how it can benefit your PTA and your community. *Presenter: Lawrence Johnson, Nassau Region PTA Diversity Chair*
7. **TEEN SEXTING PREVENTION & CYBER SAFETY:** Protect yourself, tweens, and teens from the risks associated with the use of electronic communication devices. *Presenter: Katerina E. Cameron, Prevention Education Coordinator, The Crime Victims Center, Parents for Megan's Law*
8. **RAISING SOCIALLY SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN:** Quite a tall order that there are no hard and fast formulas for. This workshop involves an array of talking points, backed with information for discussion regarding awareness of emotional intelligence and specific skills for engagement, that help to pave the way. *Presenter: Ms. Doreen Hantzschel- SCOPE*
9. **PATHWAYS TOWARD CHANGE: Strengthening Effective Relationships With Families & Communities.** Families are the foundation of a society. When they are healthy and strong, communities thrive. On Long Island, a tool was developed to help PTAs, school districts and community organizations identify resources, relationships and opportunities to deepen family and community engagement. Come, learn about the "Pathways Toward Change Tool" and how it is being used by school districts to open conversation, identify/address challenges. *Presenter: Angela M. Zimmerman, M.P.A., Coordinator, Family Support Long Island @ Molloy College*
In the event of inclement weather, please visit our website at www.nassaupta.org for conference information.



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DIRECTIONS TO:
Elmont Memorial High School
555 Ridge Road, Elmont, NY


From the East:

- Take the SOUTHERN STATE PKWY WEST
- Take ramp right for Southern Parkway West toward New York (13.3 mi)
- At exit 13, take ramp right for Central Avenue toward Valley Stream (0.2 mi)
- Keep straight onto Linden Blvd (0.3 mi)
- Turn right onto Elmont Road (0.4 mi)
- Turn left onto Dutch Broadway (0.1 mi)
- Turn right onto Ridge Road (0.1 mi)

From the North:

- Take RT-135 South toward Seaford (7.8 mi)
- At exit 4W, take ramp right for Southern Parkway West toward New York (12.8 mi)
- At exit 13, take ramp right for Central Avenue toward Valley Stream (0.2 mi)
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