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Floral Park Memorial PTSA Presidents' Message

We hope you all enjoyed your holidays. It's hard to believe that the New Year is upon us. We would like to introduce our new Executive Board to you:

- **Valerie Trifon and Barbara Terpening** – *Co-Presidents*
- **Margaret MacDonald** – *1st Vice President*
- **Donna Leone** – *2nd Vice President*
- **Amanda Weigl** – *Recording Secretary*
- **Michele Greco** – *Treasurer*
- **Lisa Todaro** – *Corresponding Secretary*

The Board has been busy at work. Our biggest fundraiser, "Supermarket BINGO," was a huge success and appeared to be enjoyed by everyone! A big "Thank You" to Lisa Cardalena for a job well done!

Emma Martin and Peggy Schlechter have been working very diligently since August on this year's Reflections program, "Diversity Means..." Entries were submitted November 30, 2011 to Nassau Region PTA. (Read below about this year's winners.)

Thank you to our Floral Park Memorial Marching Band, for their performance at our October meeting. We all got to enjoy their rendition of "King Kong," which is their competition piece for this year. Special congratulations to the drum section on winning 1st Place at the NY State Championships. We are very proud of all of you on a fantastic season.

Thanks to Irene Lazaroff, Morgan Trifon and all of the volunteers who baked for our cake sale during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Be sure to visit the PTSA website. Donna Leone has been constantly updating it with valuable information. To date, 14,500+ visitors have viewed the website. We would also like to thank Patricia Mirabile for forwarding the daily school announcements so they can be posted.

We are in need of two PTA members who would like to serve on our nominating committee this year. This committee will recommend individuals who are willing to serve as PTSA officers for the 2012-2013 school year. Those who are interested can contact any Executive Board member. In addition, if you are interested in being considered for office or making a recommendation of someone to be considered please contact any of the above officers or Debbie Meyfohr.

Remember: It is never too late to join the PTSA and support all of the programs and scholarships we bring to the students. You can contact Darlene Lanza at DLanza823@yahoo.com for more information.

Wishing you all the best in the New Year.

*Barbara Terpening
Valerie Trifon
FPMHS PTSA Co-Presidents*

***The PTSA website is continuing to add new content every week. The Daily Announcements section is the most viewed, followed by Important Messages. We hope you visit our site often and let us know if there is anything you would like to see on the site by using the My Forms tab or the Message Board.*



REFLECTIONS

The PTSA would like to thank all the participants of this year's Reflections program. The theme was "Diversity Means..." Students entered in the dance choreography, visual arts, literature, and photography categories. **We would like to congratulate the school winners.** In the **Visual Arts** category the winners are *Abid Khan, Anne Cresci, and Megan Schoen.* In the category of **Photography** our winners are *Emma Annunziato and Caroline Cerina.* *Katarina Fradenburg* is our winner in the **Dance Choreography** category. In the **Literature** category our winners are *Dan Morgan, Darlene Hodge, and Amanda Tracey.* Be sure to come to the Poetry Coffee House on Tuesday, April 17th at 7:30 pm this spring to view all of the winning entries.

We also would like to recognize the five students from our school who were selected to represent Nassau County at the state level—Emma Annunziato, Caroline Cerina, Katerina Fradenburg, Dan Morgan, and Amanda Tracey. This is truly a tremendous achievement! We wish them luck at the state level of competition!

A special thanks to Emma Martin who was our teacher coordinator once again this year!

Peggy Schlechter
Reflections Chairperson

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Sottile's Spotlight

*Dear Parents, Students, Faculty and Community
of Floral Park Memorial High School,*

“A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”— Margaret Mead

The days between Thanksgiving and the New Year are often filled with hustle and bustle. In fact, it's difficult sometimes to find a minute to reflect on what it is that drives the frenzy that characterizes the holiday season. But when those few moments occur, and we are presented with an opportunity to think about why we do what we do, we are reminded of our family, our friends and those people who make a real difference in the everyday lives of our children.

Floral Park Memorial High School is extremely fortunate to have the strong support base that it has from the school community. A strong component of that base is our PTSA. Our PTSA works behind the scenes to help our students in many ways. Whether they host meetings to keep parents informed of important issues affecting their children's all around well-being or organize events that increase the sense of community around our school, we count on our PTSA to support our efforts at every turn. And you always come through.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Wishing you and yours a safe and joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Sottile

Principal, Floral Park Memorial High School

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PTSA Scholarship Awards

Each year the Floral Park Memorial High School PTSA sponsors scholarships for graduating seniors. The scholarships are based on personal growth or overall school improvement.

The applicants will need to answer the following four questions:

1. what school, community activity or personal experiences have contributed most to their personal growth
2. what their future education plans are
3. what career they plan to pursue
4. why this scholarship would be important to them

The criteria for the scholarship is as follows:

1. The applicant must have attended Floral Park Memorial High School from at least the beginning of the tenth grade.
2. The applicant must provide evidence of the intention to pursue higher education (either a 2-year or 4-year college, or a technical/vocational school).
3. The applicant must demonstrate significant personal growth or overall school improvement.
4. The applicant must have demonstrated participation in school and/or community activities.
5. The applicant must be a current member of the PTSA.

To become a member of the PTSA, seniors can pick up an application in the Guidance Office. The deadline to join is March 1, 2012. Scholarship applications will also be available in the Guidance Office at the beginning of February and must be returned by April 15, 2012.

Good luck to all applicants!

Marianne Fox

Scholarship Committee Chairperson



PTSA Website

Don't forget to bookmark the PTSA website or save it in your Favorites list so you can easily access the Daily Announcements and other important information.

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