# **April 2022**

# **THE VOICE**

of the Cheektowaga Central Teachers’ Association

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**President’s Report**

 CCTA President Luke Silliman has been and will continue to share out reports with the CCTA Membership regarding various New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) and American Federation of Teachers (AFT) matters, policies, and resolutions.

 When this information is shared out to the CCTA membership, what is being shared is what actually was said in meetings or written in memos.  Personal opinions or stances are not shared during these reports written by CCTA President or Executive Board Members.  CCTA Members may disagree with the AFT’s,  NYSUT’s, or the CCTA’s stance on a particular issue and are free to express  displeasure to their  building representatives or any CCTA Executive Board Member.   CCTA members are encouraged to do so.  This will help the CCTA and our President make our members' voices heard on a local level at the Erie County Council of Teacher Union Presidents (ECCTUP) meetings and on both a state and national level.

**Highway Clean UP!!**

 The spring highway clean-up will take place again this year. Gerry Orgek will sending emails with more information and the paperwork that is required to meet the highway clean up guidelines. Please consider getting involved and bringing your family out for this endeavor. Gerry provides snacks and refreshments to the volunteers that day.

**Budget Time**

It is that time of year again when the CCTA joins forces with the

 Board of Education to help get the budget passed. This year we are asking for everyone to help out by making contact with your parents via email and or a phone call.

In the past we have given a random set a families to those who volunteered but after last years’ initial defeat we are asking for more. An email will be sent to all CCTA members as the vote approaches with a flyer on who can vote and how. In addition, a script of what to say and/ or email will be attached instead of printed due to the paper shortage.

The second effort is a letter to all NYSUT members that live in our district informing them of the election time, date and encouraging them to get out and vote. Elayn Higgins will create the flyer with the district and organize the mailing for our district.

**One more Social**

 The Executive Board voted at the April meeting to hold one more social before the end of the year celebration. Due to Covid, many opportunities to catch up with colleagues were cancelled. This spring, the social at Bobby J’s was a huge success. People from all buildings were laughing, smiling and once again together. The next social is at Bobby J’s on May 20th.

**Calendar of Events**

**May** 11th – Executive Board

 20th– Spring Social

 17th – Budget Vote

 17th – Unity Shirt Day

 27th-30th – Memorial Day Holiday

**June** 8th – Executive Board Meeting

 15th – End of Year Celebration

 20th – Juneteenth Observed

 23rd – Last Staff Day