



SPECIAL EDITION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR NEW PTA BOARD MEMBERS:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CT PTSA NEW ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS INFORMATION

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Your New Officers for 2011-2013

CT PTSA is Proud to Announce our New Executive Committee:

President: Mr. Jim Accomando

President Elect: Mr. Don Romoser

Membership Support VP: Ms. Melinda Saller

Government Relations VP: Ms. Jackie Madore

Inclusivity Outreach VP: Ms. Kathy Huber

Secretary/Treasurer: Ms. Helen Craye



National PTA Announces Dues Increase

Dear PTA Presidents and Leaders,

For over 100 years, the PTA has been the organization that our nation's families rely on to represent public education and children. PTA is the bedrock of most school communities, providing a place for parents and teachers to belong to a greater organization designed to improve their schools and children's lives.

As PTA members, we belong to a group that promotes better choices for our children. A group that utilizes its' collective power to achieve the goals of improving the health and welfare of all children.

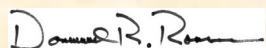
Over the past ten years, National PTA has wrestled with continuing to leverage our collective power while still providing the services that are needed at the local level. The past ten years have been marked by increasing costs and further demand on all of National PTAs resources. National PTA has instituted various cost cutting measures over the years to attempt to keep pace with these rising costs. With consideration of the rising costs, the expense reductions already implemented and increased demand for services, the National PTA Executive Board decided it should recommend the first fee increase in ten years.

At the National PTA Convention recently, delegates took these many struggles into account and vigorously discussed the issues facing our organization. It was after much debate that delegates voted to raise National PTA's portion of the member fees from \$1.75 to \$2.25. With this change, the member fee for the combined Connecticut PTSA and National PTA will increase from \$5.00 to \$5.50 beginning July 1, 2011.

Although we all know that this is a difficult time to be implementing a fee increase, PTA remains an incredible value. For the cost of two Sunday papers, PTA members belong to a group that uses its' power to give everyone a choice and offers enjoyable experiences for students and families.

Thank you for your service to your PTA/PTSA, your community and, most importantly, our children. It takes leaders to make an organization great. Thank you for being a leader.

Take care,



Don Romoser

Vice President, Membership

Connecticut PTSA

New Board Member Orientation And Board Leadership

July 30, 2011

9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Hamden Middle School
2623 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden

AGENDA

NEW BOARD MEMBER TRACK

9:30 – 10:00 am

Conference Registration

Joint Sessions

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Just Between Friends Webinar
Auditorium (BO*)

*Presenters: Erick Dickerson, Director of Business
Development and Julia Consolino,
Director of Training and Support*

Concurrent Optional Offerings

11:35 pm – 12:30 pm

Budgets, Financial reports and tax forms
– Auditorium (FR*)

*Presenter: Helen Craye,
Secretary/Treasurer*

12:35 pm - 1:25 pm

Passive Fundraising –
Media Center (FR MB*)

Presenter: Don Romoser, President Elect

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10 Tips for Recruiting
More PTA Members
Media Center (upstairs) (RR*)

*Presenter: Melinda Saller, Membership
Support Vice President*

12:35 pm - 1:25 pm

Beyond Your Bylaws – Policies & Procedures
Auditorium (BO*)

Presenter: Sally Boske, Executive Director

1:30 pm – 2:10 pm

Lunch
Cafeteria

1:30 pm – 2:10 pm

Congress of Council Presidents' Meeting
Cafeteria

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Cafeteria

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Officer Information Reporting 2011

It's that time of year again . . . time to update your officer contact information! For each unit or council to retain your State and National PTA "good standing" status, you must update officer contact information each year. Even if your officers didn't change, we still need this information. Why? So we can send you important news, tips and advice that'll help you run your PTA efficiently and effectively.

Updating your officer information is easy! If you're already using Just Between Friends, the official PTA communications and membership management system, just click here <http://learnjbf.com/transitioningtutorial.html> for a step-by-step tutorial. Not sure if your unit or council is using Just Between Friends? Find out by visiting www.JustBetweenFriends.com and clicking on the "Contact Us" button. A knowledgeable, friendly Just Between Friends Customer Support Representative will get back to you.

Not using Just Between Friends yet? It's simple to enter your unit or council. Just visit www.JustBetweenFriends.com/PTAquickstart. It'll only take you about 10 minutes to get started. You'll need your National PTA ID # when you get started, so be sure to have it handy. Don't know your National PTA ID #, and then click here <http://www.ctpta.org/unit/>

Just Between Friends is an online system that was developed to help PTAs efficiently communicate with their school community; earn revenue for their unit; and manage membership. Using the system, you can even create paper or online directories and manage volunteer activities. The system also helps parents to manage their hectic lives by providing them with tools to easily access and organize their family's activities.

Even if you don't have any prior computer experience, it's easy to use the system. Just click on www.LearnJBF.com for lots of how-to information; step-by-step instructions and a schedule for live training.

Whether you're currently using Just Between Friends or starting to use it, you must update your officer contact information. Don't delay, do it today!

PTA[®] Reflections unleashes your artistic talents

Dance Choreography

Photography

Film Production

Musical Composition

Literature

Visual Arts

2011-2012 THEME : “DIVERSITY MEANS”

Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized.

STATE DEADLINE: JANUARY 20, 2012

ALL UNITS MUST HAVE THEIR ENTIRE TO THE STATE BY THIS DATE!!

Questions? ab_connectitut.pta@snet.net

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PTA REFLECTIONS

Communications Made Easy with Just Between Friends

You know how important communications are to growing your membership, engaging current members and retaining membership. That's why Just Between Friends, the official PTA communications and membership management system, has built a robust communications module.

There's no need to pay for email services because Just Between Friends is offered free to PTAs and parents in your school communities. And, unlike email services and listservs, with Just Between Friends when you send out notices and deadlines, you can send automatic reminders.

Just Between Friends has an email template library for you to choose from. Plus, you have the ability to insert your PTA logo, our state PTA logo and your school colors. It's as easy as browsing for your images, uploading them and selecting colors.

Need to attach forms, flyers or newsletters to your email? That's simple with Just Between Friends. When you send emails you can attach files of the most popular formats.

Sending emails about events and deadlines using Just Between Friends? Events and deadlines automatically appear in the recipient's email in-box, on their personal start page and on their customizable calendar. So, your single email reaches them three times. You'll never have to hear, "I didn't see that email!" again.

In June, Just Between Friends presented a workshop and several labs at the 115th National PTA Convention and Exhibition and showed how easy it is to communicate using the system. If you didn't have an opportunity to attend the convention, please visit www.LearnJBF.com where you can discover how to use the communications module. Don't delay – you can begin communicating efficiently today!

If you're not using Just Between Friends, it's easy to get started. Visit www.JustBetweenFriends.com/PTAquickstart to enter your unit. If you have questions, click on **Contact Us** and a Just Between Friends Customer Support Representative will promptly help you.

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UNIT TREASURER'S REPORT
(Membership Fees Payment Reporting Form) **2011-2012**

PTA UNIT NAME: _____

TOWN/CITY: _____

DATE: _____

PRESIDENT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____

EMAIL: _____

TREASURER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____

EMAIL: _____

PLEASE CHECK THE MONTH YOU ARE REPORTING: (Submit your dues monthly)

Sept. ___ Oct. ___ Nov. ___ Dec. ___ Jan. ___ Feb. ___ Mar. ___ Apr. ___ May ___ June ___

Total # of Members _____ x 5.50 per voting member = TL: \$ _____

Make checks payable to *CONNECTICUT PTSA* and forward to above address. Thank you

PLEASE TAKE NOTE – INFORMATION ON DUES AND INSURANCE!

- For a unit to be eligible for PTA Insurance coverage, payment is due to CTPTSA office by October 15th, 2011. **PLEASE DO NOT DELAY YOUR BENEFITS!**
- Membership Dues = \$ **5.50** per voting member (CTPTSA= \$3.25 + NPTA= \$ 2.25)
- If CT PTSA does not receive a dues payment **by December 1, 2011**, your PTA will be considered not "In Good-Standing" with the CT PTSA and the National PTA, therefore, risking all benefits and tax-exempt status.
- A voting member is equivalent to one individual person. One member = One vote
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OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE PAYMENT REC'D: _____ **REGION #:** _____ **CK#:** _____ **AMT:** _____

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For all Board Members*

To register visit our website at www.ctpta.org

*Bring your entire board!!! FREE Training to help
your PTA run smoothly and efficiently!*