



# THE MEMBERSHIP

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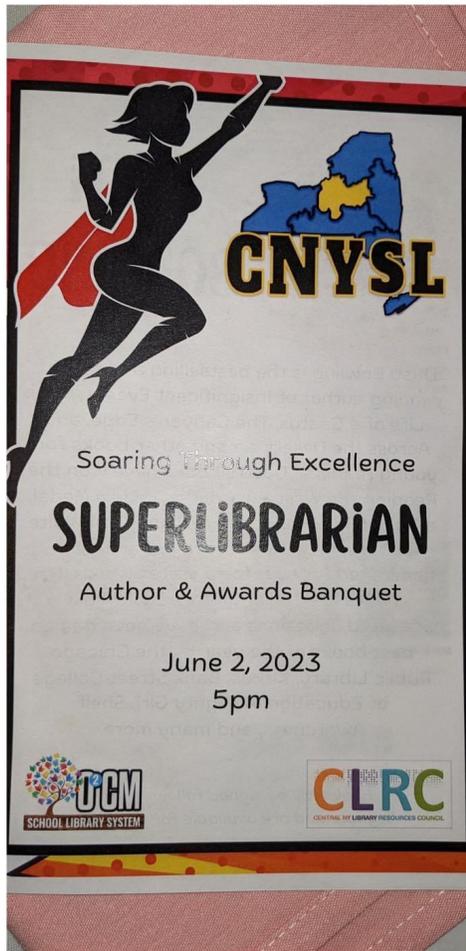
## President's Notes - Michael Perkins

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RETIREES!

Timothy Meaney	Richard Duggan
Deborah Balcourt	Jennifer Schrader
Susan Bingham	Lisa Eipp
Julie Boedicker	Jennifer Scicchitano
Caroline Brackett	Deanna Fitzpatrick
Jon Peterson	Suzanne Shanahan
Barbara Randall	Stephen Shoults
Jennifer Roethel	Martha Grener
Craig Dowler	Tammy Annicharico



# More Amazing Teachers



Deb Abbott, Stonehedge Librarian, was honored as one of Central New York School Librarians Soaring Through Excellence Super Librarian Award.

Congratulations, Deb!

# Honoring 50 Years of Service Through Scholarship

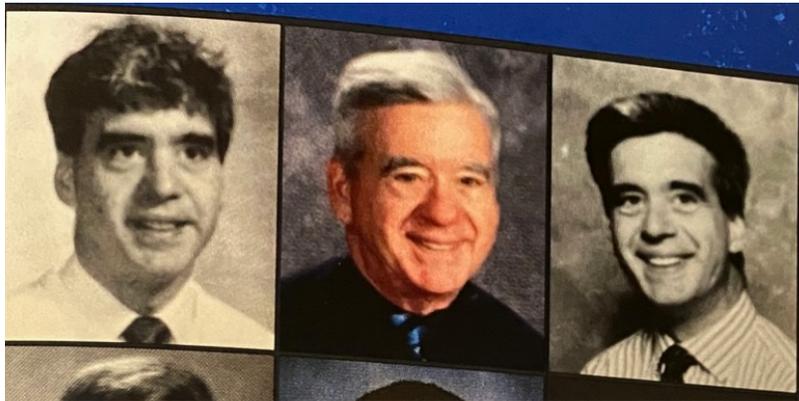
The West Genesee Teachers' Association is happy to announce the creation of the Richard C Duggan Scholarship Award. This award is possible because of a generous donation from a big fan of Rick's. Mr. Duggan has inspired and engaged multiple generations of the WGCSD community for the past fifty years. This is a wonderful way to recognize his service to West Genesee and continue his support of students.

The West Genesee Teachers' Association will award this scholarship every year to support a student who has demonstrated a commitment to service to the West Genesee community.

The West Genesee Teachers' Association Richard C Duggan Scholarship is a grand total of \$4,000, awarded over four years, in twice a year increments of \$500.

Senior, Sean Alvaro is the inaugural recipient of the Richard C Duggan Scholarship.

If you would like to make a donation in Rick's honor to the scholarship fund, please write a check to the **WGTA, 25 West Genesee Street, Camillus NY 13031**.



## **Sick Bank Update**

Two contracts ago we negotiated and established a sick bank for WGTA members. This benefit was created as 90 day gap coverage for major medical situations and provides paid sick days for members between used contractual sick days and disability insurance. Several of our members have benefitted from this option.

When we initiated this benefit eight years ago all participating members were required to donate 2 contractual sick days to the sick bank. In addition, new members participating in the sick bank benefit have donated two contractual sick days. We are quickly reaching the end of the available donated days and need to plan on restoring the sick bank.

Next school year, all members wishing to stay with the sick bank option will be required to donate two additional sick days. If you're a participant in the sick bank and would like to continue you don't have to do anything. Your two sick days will be deducted at the start of the school year. If you want to opt out, you will be required to contact the district office requesting to be removed from the sick bank. If you're not a participant of the WGTA sick bank and want to participate in this free insurance click on the link below, complete the form and send it to the district office department of business prior to October 5th 2023.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/19-hHn2Lx\\_vHcx96EXNhHW7IX33OxDEjcAY6D26toPHg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/19-hHn2Lx_vHcx96EXNhHW7IX33OxDEjcAY6D26toPHg/edit?usp=sharing)

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- Retiree members up to age 70 may elect coverage up to \$100,000 by answering some medical questions.

### LIVING BENEFITS FOR LONG-TERM CARE

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### LIFE INSURANCE

Protecting your loved ones is one of life's greatest responsibilities. Along with the grief that comes with losing a family member, survivors may suddenly be faced with costly expenses, debts, and a loss of income. Your death benefit can be used to help pay these expenses or for other items such as tuition or savings.

### YOURCARE360 ONLINE RESOURCE GUIDE

This program includes access to YourCare360, providing an online resource that can help to guide you and your family through the caregiving journey.



Learn more by scanning the QR code to the left,  
visiting [memberbenefits.nysut.org](https://memberbenefits.nysut.org)  
or calling 800-626-8101.

For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits.

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