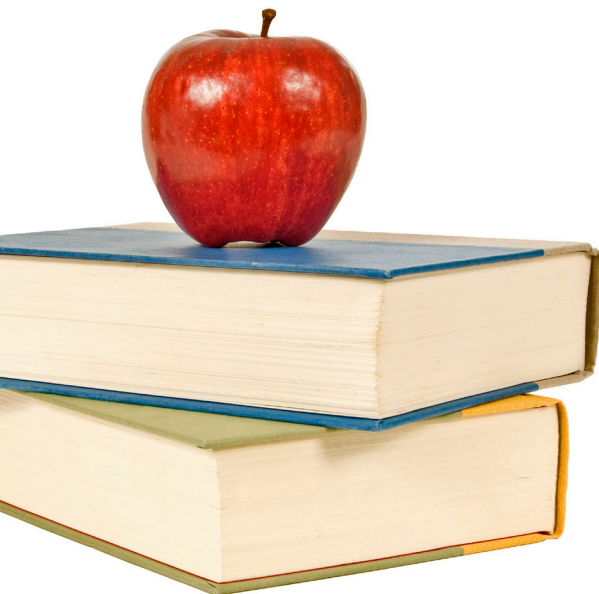




Staff Recognition Dinner



| May 16, 2014 |

Medinah Shrine Center
550 N. Shriners Drive in Addison

PROGRAM

Welcome

Donna Craft Cain,
District 88 Board of
Education President

Dinner

Service Recognition Awards

Outstanding Achievement Awards

Presentation of Retirees

Closing Remarks

Dr. Scott Helton,
District 88
Superintendent

Master of Ceremonies

Chuck Sheridan

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DINNER COMMITTEE

Maria Bazaldua

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Rebecca Cibulka

Denise Cochran

Ben DiFilippis

Vanessa Duffin

Neenah Federick

Nina Fedorchuk

Timothy Gillen

Ann Kimpton

Patty Kraegel

Sharon Kucik

Julie Mazzone

Nancy Oskin

Pam Sifuentes

Doug Wildes

Marilyn Zydlo



Service Recognition Awards

ADDISON TRAIL

R.J. Budler
Jason Bugajsky
Adam Cibulka
Michael Kennedy
Eric Norberg
Kevin Redding
Robert Serio

DISTRICT 88

10 years

WILLOWBROOK

Nelda Byers
Matthew Clapper
Robert Delaney
Kirk English
Scott Forcash
Melissa McCann
Melvin Graham
Scott Grobstein
Terry Harrell
Ivan De Jesus Jimenez
James Kedvesh
Joseph Konney II
Maureen Lindhorst
Miguel Molina
Michael Phillips
Eduardo Romero Jr.
Beata Zawojksa

15 years

Carolyn Erwin
Colleen Hickey
Andrew Mitchell
Mark Olson
Charlene Restivo

Brett Blair
Jim Bolsinger
Deborah Degeorge
Patty Engelmann
Ben Fenske
Maritza Francisco
Charles Hoehn
James Larosa
Timothy Lavorato
Janis Piedra
Gary Strzelczyk
Eastman Tiu

20 years

Levonne Cescolini-Boyer
Michael Farina
James Hoeflinger
Ron Kolodziej
M. Soledad Levulis
Karen L. Madej
Kirsten Olson
Patti Vendegna
Judie Vitiritti-Lynch

Jean Barbanente
Carl Rezek
Jian Zhang

Karen Feyereisen
Pete Montgomery
Julie Rasso
Virginia Short

25 years

Edward DuBeau
Megan Salgado

James Janos

30 years

Matthew Reiter

Outstanding Achievement Awards



ADDISON TRAIL
John P. Turner



WILLOWBROOK
Jeffrey Reher

2013-14 Retirees

ADDISON TRAIL

Mike Farina
John P. Turner

WILLOWBROOK

Nelda Byers
Maggie Dickow
Elizabeth Gray
Andy Isaacson
Ann Kimpton
Joyce Kordas
Bryan Murphy
Linda S. Nystrom

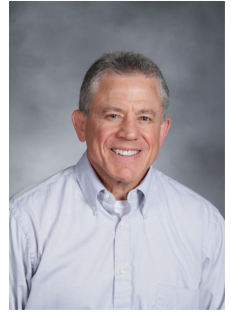
Mike Farina, *Addison Trail*

Mike joined District 88 in 1994 after four years as an educator in Arizona. After 23 years as an educator, Mike has worked at both Willowbrook and Addison Trail as a physical education, health education and science teacher. Mike earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Minnesota. His father was a physical education teacher and a wrestling coach, and Mike feels that education was in his blood.

Mike was fortunate enough to have the ability to coach wrestling for 10 years between both high schools. The thrill of victory in coaching wrestling was Mike's favorite part of his job. He also enjoyed teaching weight training and adaptive physical education classes. The students might have had various life challenges, but they had great attitudes toward learning.

Mike's favorite and fondest memories involve his experience coaching. Winning the sectional tournament and having a program that was ranked nationally come to mind. He was able to see so many young men develop and progress after lots of hard work.

Mike has many plans for the future, starting with focusing on his health and getting back into shape. He plans to hike all of the national parks. Mike also will be spending more time with his wife, Cindy.



John P. Turner, *Addison Trail*

John's ties to District 88 began as a student at Willowbrook. While he departed for a few years to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Illinois, he found himself returning to the district for a student teaching opportunity at Addison Trail. In 1981, John began his teaching career at Addison Trail and has been a science teacher for 33 years. He also has been the science department chair since 2006.

John started the Horticulture Club for Addison Trail and has been the advisor for 33 years. However, his green thumb did not begin there. As a youth, John worked for the park district, providing landscaping services for many years. A college professor encouraged him to consider taking that experience and turning it into a horticulture profession.

While John has great memories from his coaching experiences, he recalls how the annual Flower Show connects

the community to the school year after year. He also recalls how his students responded positively to receiving a T-shirt after they began excelling academically. He said the ability for faculty and staff to think outside the box on ways to encourage students is why District 88 is set apart from other districts.

John is looking forward to what comes his way as he begins his retirement with his wife, Deborah, his children Lisa, Colleen, Corby, Mark and Clayton and his grandchildren. He plans to keep himself busy with landscaping projects and his grape vineyard in Wisconsin.



Nelda Byers, Willowbrook

In 2004, Nelda began her career with District 88 at Willowbrook. She has worked as the Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction. Nelda was no stranger to the school systems though. She had previously worked at District 200 for 17 years. She was enticed to work in a school setting because she felt it was an environment of growth and enthusiasm.

Although she said her favorite memories are too many to list, she does recall having to improvise during the summer of building construction. The staff members were placed out of their element and had to work all together in a classroom. They had to figure out how to make it work – over many laughs of course. Another memory involves creating the senior recognition ceremony that was implemented in 2012. The program was designed to have the underclassmen gain a sense of direction of where they wanted to be

by their senior year.

It is the students' enthusiasm, energy and candidness that Nelda will miss after her retirement. Her advice to new employees is to jump in with both feet. Don't be afraid to ask questions and challenge the status quo.

Retirement will enable Nelda to spend more time with her husband, David, her children Ann (Trent), Mary (Chris) and David and her grandchildren Aidan, McKenna and Rosalie. Nelda plans to spend time in her Wisconsin lake home, travel, renovate her home, garden, read books and babysit the grandkids.



Maggie Dickow, Willowbrook

Maggie began her employment with District 88 in 1992 as a math teacher. She served as an educator for 39 years, with teaching experiences in Missouri and Decatur. During her tenure at Willowbrook, she served as the freshmen class sponsor, math team coach, North Central accreditation committee chair, chairman of the staff development committee and math department chair for more than 10 years.

Maggie earned her bachelor's degree from Monmouth College and her master's degree in teaching from Webster University.

Since her first years with the district, the school spirit within the community has seen a positive change. The students and staff have a great sense of Warrior Pride. And this will be what Maggie misses the most when she retires. Many friendships were established through the years and will be missed during the transition to

retirement.

Maggie advises new teachers to "keep trying. If it doesn't work the first time, change it and keep trying." Teaching is likened to gardening – planting a seed in the youth. As a teacher, you have the opportunity to see students become adults and see the results of your efforts come to fruition.

Maggie anticipates finally being able to sit and read some good books. Maggie and her husband, Russ, will take longer trips to New Jersey to visit their grandchildren Mia and Madison. She also will continue her work with the Illinois State Board of Education to develop the math model curriculum project.



Elizabeth Gray, Willowbrook

Elizabeth has served as an educator for 33 years. She began her career teaching at Grant High School in Fox Lake.

Elizabeth joined the District 88 team in 1982, traveling between Addison Trail and Willowbrook. She then worked as a math teacher for Addison Trail for six years before moving to Willowbrook for the remaining 25 years.

Elizabeth's interest in teaching was inspired from her own interactions with her math instructors. She also had an interest in coaching from her own high school and collegiate gymnastics experiences. While at Wheaton College, Elizabeth majored in mathematics, earning her bachelor's degree. She attained her master's degree in education from Northern Illinois University.

Elizabeth expressed her favorite part of the job was being in the classroom, seeing students experience the "aha" moment. For 29 years, Elizabeth coached girls and boys gymnastics as a head

coach and an assistant coach. She enjoyed being able to connect with students outside of the classroom. Elizabeth saw athletes set goals and reach those accomplishments. The daily contact with students and staff is one of the things Elizabeth will miss the most in retirement.

Elizabeth will begin her retirement hitting the ground running. She will undertake remodeling her home. She also will have the ability to travel the state in her role as an athletic official during the girls gymnastics season. Lastly, Elizabeth has quite a few projects that have been started that she will now be able to finish.



Andy Isaacson, Willowbrook

Andy joined the District 88 team in 1981, traveling between Addison Trail and Willowbrook before firmly taking root at Willowbrook. As an educator for 34 years, Andy has served Willowbrook as a Spanish teacher and social studies teacher. Along with his teaching duties, Andy coached gymnastics, cross country and basketball for 28 years.

Andy completed his U.S. history and Spanish degree at Illinois State University before going on to complete his master's degree in history from Northeastern University.

Andy had a larger-than-life coach who impacted his life tremendously and influenced his decision to become an educator. His coach taught him the concept of pay it forward. As Andy maneuvered his way through his career, he maintained his desire to make an impact on the lives of the students.

Having ties to the community would be an understatement for Andy's passion to give back to community members what they have given to him. He has had a unique opportunity to connect with

so many students throughout the years because of his gold coins. Andy is stopped everywhere he goes by community members who tell him they still have their gold coin.

Continuing his parent and student motivational work will keep Andy busy in retirement. He will enjoy spending time with his wife, Kristie, and his children Emily, Michael and Dallas.



Ann Kimpton, Willowbrook

Ann joined the district in 1995 and has served Willowbrook in the capacity of reading teacher, English teacher, literacy department chair and Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction. Ann was instrumental in starting Mindprints, a student literary art magazine that is still in circulation today.

Ann's parents and grandparents were outstanding role models. They helped shape her decision to become an educator. She was able to see the true value of education through the path her father journeyed. Ann completed her bachelor's degree in English education and journalism at University of Illinois. Her master's degree in reading was completed at Northern Illinois University.

Working in an environment where everyone supports each other made coming to work very enjoyable for Ann. She said it was great to work in such a warm place, where the comrade and fellowship provided favorable memories. The faculty and students are what makes

the place tick and are what will be missed the most by Ann.

Ann wants new teachers to know there is a community of support available to them. Take advantage of your colleagues for their support and mentor capabilities. Ann's own mentor has been her husband, Paul, who has always encouraged her to reach for the stars.

In retirement, Ann will continue writing and speaking with young people about her adventures of music series. She also will enjoy spending time with her husband, her children Inga (Mark) and Aaron (Crissy) and her grandchildren Henry and Teagan.



Joyce Kordas, Willowbrook

After graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with her bachelor's degree in business education and her master's degree in educational administration from University of Illinois, Joyce began her career as a business teacher in District 214. She joined the Willowbrook faculty in 1992 as a business teacher and has since served the district as a Human Relations Committee member, Student Council sponsor, Business Professionals of America sponsor and building coordinator for Goals 2000.

Joyce's fondest memories of District 88 have been planning the school dances and dressing up as Glinda the Good Witch from "The Wizard of Oz." She also was honored by being named Teacher of the Year. Joyce has spent so much time with the students and her colleagues that she will find herself missing them in retirement.

Joyce comments how technology has grown leaps and bounds from her earlier years. There are so many ways a teacher can use technology in the classroom and expand the students' learning

experience. She also noted how meaningful and purposeful the staff development has become.

Joyce plans to keep busy in her retirement. She plans to get involved and travel with her church mission trips. Joyce also intends to volunteer with an animal shelter. Her husband, Don, and her daughter, Kelsey, are just as eager to spend time with Joyce.



Bryan Murphy, Willowbrook

Bryan's participation in high school athletics sparked his interest in a career in teaching and coaching. He admired and respected his teachers and wrestling coaches and wanted to be just like them. He desired to be that person others could look to for help.

Bryan attended Eastern Illinois University and received his bachelor's degree in physical education, driver's education and health education. His master's degree in health science was attained at Governors State University.

For the past 33 years, Bryan has served the Willowbrook community in a wide capacity - health, physical education and driver's education teacher; assistant and head dean of students; assistant soccer and baseball coach; head wrestling coach; PBIS coordinator; sophomore class sponsor, Student Council sponsor, Ski Club sponsor and Letterman Club sponsor. Bryan also was instrumental in starting the Scuba Club, where he certified 45 people at a quarry in Wisconsin.

Having the opportunity to coach with his sons is by far his favorite experience at Willowbrook. Bryan had the opportunity to see many young people grow and mature from the local kids club wrestling program to winning conference and state championships.

Bryan encourages new teachers to, "Treat a man as they would or could be, and they will be what they would and should be." He is forever gracious to the district that was so good to him and his family.

Bryan's future plans include traveling and spending time with his wife, Mary, his children Bryan (Megan), Brandon (Kristie) and Michelle (Clay) and his grandchildren Bradley, Wesley, Maura, Shannon and Brandon.



Linda S. Nystrom, Willowbrook

Linda has come full cycle with her career at Willowbrook. After graduating from Willowbrook, she attended University of Illinois, earning her bachelor's degree in math education. She later attended Northern Illinois University and earned her master's degree. Her passion for math allowed her to stay connected through tutoring, while actively serving on the PTA. Linda also has served for more than 17 years on the School District 45 Board of Education.

After having other teaching opportunities at Conant and Palatine high schools, Linda returned to Willowbrook in 2003 as a math teacher. Linda will retire with 38 years of experience as an educator. While working at Willowbrook, Linda has served as a math team coach, a mentor to first-year teachers and has supervised numerous student teachers.

Linda has found watching the students learn as an enjoyable part of her job. She has always strived to figure out

what she can do to have students understand math. Her goal is to not have students say they hate math. She takes great pride in showing struggling students they can do it.

The math team success is part of her notable memories. She remembers how the students worked hard and qualified for the state competition. She also recalls how excited the math team members were when they won the candy bar contest. But the greatest experience was having the opportunity to have her son in her class.

Retirement for Linda will include traveling in the fall, scrapbooking, photography, completing a genealogy search and enjoying life with her husband, Glenn, and her children Bethany and Robert.



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Mission:

To work for the continuous improvement of student achievement

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21st-Century Vision:

A learning community that welcomes, excites and challenges