

EDEN DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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From the Superintendent



Dear Eden families,

Have you noticed an extra spring in your step? Are you smiling just a bit more? Winter is over...no more snow days! I am sure you won't miss those 5 a.m. phone calls from me for a while.

Without exception, Eden families and Eden CSD employees are the best when it comes to caring about children. Just recently, the Board of Education accepted a donation from the Eden Co-op for the GLP playground, a donation of a Steinway Studio piano from Eugene Winter, hundreds of families participated in the Eden Autism Walk, and all donations have been received for our new digital sign in front of Eden Elementary School. Our District concerts, athletic competitions, and Elementary and Jr./Sr. High musicals fill seats (and bleachers) every night, with very enthusiastic audiences. Wherever I go, I share with people just how proud I am to be a part of such an amazing town and district. As we head into the next two months and all the PK-12 activities, if you find yourself standing next to someone else who cares about Eden children, please take a moment to say thank you.

In addition to all of these activities, our number one priority is to keep our students safe. Each year, we conduct numerous emergency drills, which are important to our students and employees to ensure that we are prepared to respond in an emergency. In the next month, our District will be conducting a lockdown drill in coordination with local police and emergency services. When the call goes out that one of our buildings is in a lockdown drill, these agencies will respond. In the next few weeks, you will be receiving more information about this drill. It is important to us that you understand and know what to do as a parent or community member.

In this edition, you will find information about our 2014-2015 school budget, which was approved by our Board of Education at its April 8th meeting. Our Board of Education, Budget Advisory Team and Administrative Council have spent countless hours listening to and discussing clear priorities for maintaining a high level of academic programming. Without question, those of you who attended GEA rallies and wrote to our legislators made a difference. Yes, our cuts and reductions are a reflection of the \$1.1 million of state aid that we are not receiving this year. To be sure, we are saddened by these cuts and reductions; but, without your voice, we may not have seen any additional restoration aid in the state budget. Just last week, in order to close the budget gap, our Administrators, Supervisors, Director of Finance and I agreed to take a one day salary reduction, and our teachers approved a reduction in their health care benefits. Once again, Eden children come first.

Our Board of Education President, Michael Byrnes; Director of Finance, Thomas Murphy; and I will be conducting budget presentations throughout the community. If your organization is interested in having us present the details of the budget to you, please call me at 992-3629. We will be happy to come to you.

Happy Spring! Enjoy the sun and warm weather. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me.



PROPOSED BUDGET -- EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL

2014-2015

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Junior/Senior High School Cafeteria

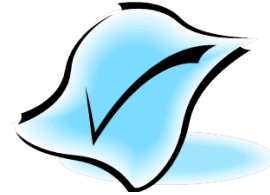


BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Junior/Senior High School Foyer



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual School District Budget Hearing of the Eden Central School District, Erie County, New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Eden Central Junior/Senior High School, 3150 Schoolview Road, Eden, New York. Voting on the budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015, electing three members of the Board of Education to commence July 1, 2014, and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by law will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Eden Central Junior/Senior High School, 3150 Schoolview Road, Eden, New York.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

VOTING ON CANDIDATES

To be eligible to vote on May 20, 2014
a person must be:

1. A citizen of the United States.
2. At least 18 years of age.
3. A resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to May 20, 2014.
4. Not otherwise prohibited from voting under election law, that is, a convicted felon or adjudged mentally incompetent.

Candidates for Board of Education
Vote for three candidates:

Gary Sam
Michael Breeden*
Michael M. Byrnes*
R. Colin Campbell*
Write in vote

*Indicates Incumbent

PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED

Acceptable documents include a driver's license, voter registration card or a utility bill.

Three positions to fill three-year terms.

PROPOSITION NO. 1 (ANNUAL BUDGET)

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Eden Central School District, Erie County, New York, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, as proposed by the Board of Education in the total sum of \$26,396,480, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

YES

NO



PROPOSITION NO. 2 (BUS & VEHICLE PURCHASES)

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

To adopt the following resolution: RESOLVED: (a) That the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Eden Central School District, in the County of Erie, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to acquire various school buses and vehicles, and to expend therefore an amount not to exceed \$260,000; (a) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$260,000 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; (b) that funds may be appropriated from the unappropriated fund balance; (c) that the District is authorized to issue serial bonds to finance all or part of said cost, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and (d) that, in lieu of bonds, the District is authorized to enter into one or more installment purchase contracts for the purchase of some or all of said buses and vehicles, for a term of not to exceed five (5) years; and a tax is hereby voted to pay each installment on any such contract.

YES

NO



PROPOSITION 3 (CONVERSION OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND)

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

To adopt the following resolution: RESOLVED: (a) That the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Eden Central School District, in the County of Erie, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to convert the "Capital Reserve Fund—2007" pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York (the "Fund"); that the fund shall become known as the "Capital Reserve Fund – 2014" of the District; that the Fund shall be converted for the purpose of funding the construction, reconstruction, addition to, renovation, alteration and improvement of District buildings, facilities, grounds and real property, including the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection therewith, advertising for a potential capital project, hiring of a construction management team or architects with the purpose of preparing the District for a potential capital project, consultative services for district need for appropriate building usage; that the ultimate amount of such Fund shall be not greater than \$8,000,000 plus interest earned thereon; that the probable term of the Fund shall be not longer than ten years; and the sources of the monies for the Fund shall be (b) funds from the "Capital Reserve Fund—2007", (c) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, (d) amounts from unappropriated fund balance as designated by the Board of Education from time to time; and (e) to the extent specifically directed by the Board of Education, State aid received as reimbursement for expenditures by the District in connection with District capital improvements and for expenditures from the Fund, and (f) such other sources the Board or the voters of the District may direct, all as permitted by law.

YES

NO

PROPOSITION 4 (CAPITAL PROJECT FEASIBILITY STUDY)

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that (a) the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Eden Central School District (the “District”) is hereby authorized to undertake a District feasibility study and potential project planning consisting of the recommendations for the reconstruction and renovation, in part, and the construction of improvements to various District buildings (and the sites thereof) to implement various health, safety, accessibility and code compliance measures and various other measures, and to expend therefore an amount not to exceed \$20,000; (b) that funds may be appropriated from the unappropriated fund balance; (c) a tax is hereby voted in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 to finance such study’s cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board; (d) in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$20,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and (e) that funds may be used from the “Capital Reserve Fund – 2014” established in Proposition #3.

YES

NO

MEMBER BOARD OF EDUCATION

THREE POSITIONS TO FILL THREE-YEAR TERMS—VOTE FOR ANY THREE:

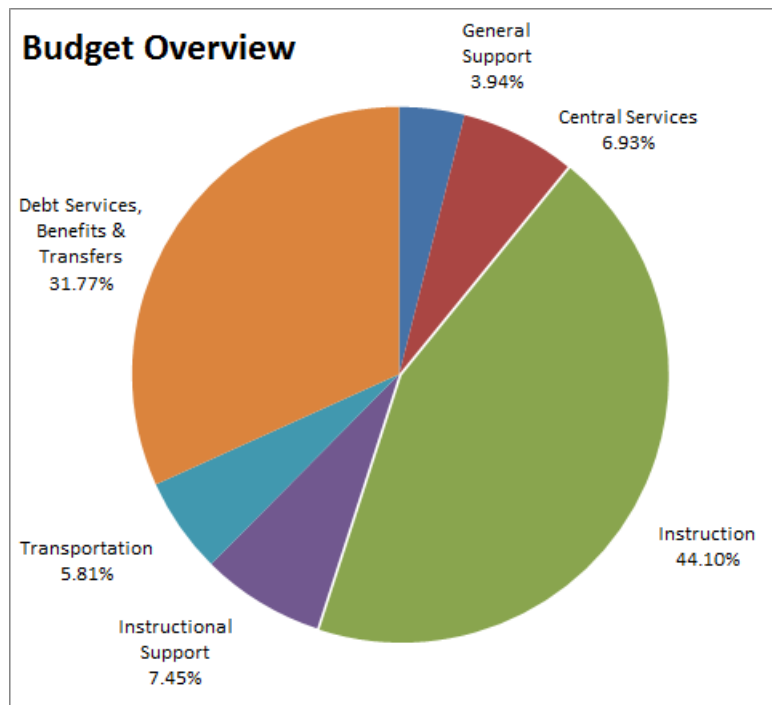
GARY SAM _____

Write in Vote: _____

MICHAEL BREEDEN _____

MICHAEL M. BYRNES _____

R. COLIN CAMPBELL _____



BUDGET OVERVIEW
SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

<u>GENERAL SUPPORT</u>	2013-14 BUDGET	2014-15 BUDGET	<u>INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT</u>	2013-14 BUDGET	2014-15 BUDGET
Board of Education	15,615	17,350	Library & Audio/Visual	141,611	134,456
District Clerk	950	944	Educational Comm. & TV	0	-0-
District Meetings	2,185	3,289	Computer	471,429	623,472
Central Administration	234,674	226,079	Attendance	21,251	21,251
Business Administration	243,078	222,838	Guidance	294,183	309,926
Auditing Services	28,300	29,269	Health Services	151,741	156,268
District Treasurer	55,628	58,666	Psychological Services	113,603	123,634
Tax Collector	15,804	15,804	Social Work Services	24,600	25,975
Purchasing	1,810	1,810	Pupil Personnel Services	113,559	113,290
Fiscal Agent Fees	2,700	3,000	Co-Curricular Activities	85,762	65,336
Personnel Services	15,319	15,319	Interscholastic Sports	393,510	392,859
Legal Services	85,000	63,000			
Public Information	2,700	3,000	TOTAL	1,811,249	1,966,467
Unallocated Insurance	83,690	87,875			
Association Dues	7,375	8,603	TRANSPORTATION		
Water & Sewer Assessments	56,700	56,700	District Operated	1,556,313	1,470,943
Refund – Real Property Tax	15,000	15,000	Garage	34,839	31,506
BOCES Administrative Charge	120,739	120,739	Contract Transportation	0	30,000
BOCES Capital Expense	47,252	90,812			
BOCES Capital Project	0	-0-	TOTAL	1,591,152	1,532,449
TOTAL	1,034,519	1,040,097			
GENERAL SERVICES			DEBT SERVICE, BENEFITS & TRANSFERS		
Custodial	849,211	853,386	Census	-0-	-0-
Maintenance	663,317	608,604	State Retirement	662,317	648,341
Data Processing	328,040	328,040	Teacher Retirement	1,351,261	1,734,038
Central Printing	39,402	39,402	Social Security	946,851	980,242
TOTAL	1,879,970	1,829,432	Workers' Compensation	149,155	127,625
INSTRUCTION			Unemployment Insurance	10,000	76,774
Curriculum	164,512	138,620	Medical Insurance	2,887,475	3,069,760
Supervision	751,511	736,454	Bond Anticipation Notes	0	0
Research & Evaluation	12,387	11,320	Lease/Purchase Buses	0	0
Inservice Training	39,586	39,586	RAN Interest	0	0
Regular School	7,252,834	7,704,236	Installment Purchase	0	-0-
Handicapped	2,358,556	2,335,090	Other Debt	537,189	148,447
Occupational Education	655,446	655,446	Transfer to Debt Service Fund	1,551,484	1,550,615
Special Schools	20,890	20,942	Transfer to Federal Fund	50,000	50,500
			Transfer to Capital Fund	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	11,255,722	11,641,693	TOTAL	8,145,732	8,386,342
			TOTAL GENERAL		
			FUND EXPENDITURES	25,718,344	26,396,480

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela

Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.

George Washington Carver

CONVERSION OF 2014-15 BUDGET TO THREE COMPONENTS



ADMINISTRATION	2013-14 BUDGET	2014-15 BUDGET
Board of Education	18,750	21,583
Central Administration	234,674	226,079
Finance	347,320	331,387
Legal Services	30,000	23,000
Personnel	-	-
Public Information	2,700	3,000
Central Printing	39,402	39,402
Central Data Processing	330,122	328,040
Other Special Items	315,756	364,729
Curriculum Development	164,512	138,620
Supervision Regular School	751,511	736,454
Research, Planning & Development	12,387	11,320
Employee Benefits	639,126	633,726
TOTAL	2,886,260	2,857,340
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PROGRAM		
Legal	55,000	40,000
Personnel	15,319	15,319
Instruction	12,138,561	12,721,767
District Transportation	1,556,313	1,470,943
Garage Building	34,839	31,506
Contract Transportation	-	30,000
Community Service	-	-
Other Transfers	50,000	50,500
Benefits	4,970,860	5,602,802
TOTAL	18,820,892	19,962,837
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CAPITAL		
Operation of Plant	849,211	853,386
Maintenance of Plant	663,317	608,604
Refund of Taxes	15,000	15,000
Debt Service	537,189	148,447
Transfer to Debt Service	1,551,484	1,550,615
Other Transfers	-	-
Benefits	397,073	400,251
TOTAL	4,013,274	3,576,303
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	25,720,426	26,396,480



ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Eden Central School District provides for the use of absentee ballots at all district votes and elections. Applications and ballots for this vote will be available beginning Monday, May 5, 2014. You may request an application by calling 992-3629 or writing the District Clerk at 3150 Schoolview Road, Eden, New York 14057 no later than Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

The completed application must be returned and received by the District Clerk. If approved, an official ballot will be mailed to the applicant.

If desired, an application may be completed in the office of the District Clerk no later than 3:30 p.m., Monday, May 19, 2014. The application will be reviewed for eligibility and, if approved, an official ballot will be provided to the voter at that time. It is recommended that the Clerk's office be called at 992-3629 to assure that the Clerk is available at the time of the anticipated visit.

A ballot may only be counted if received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote, Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED OR HANDED TO THE VOTER ONLY.

Any questions regarding this process should be directed to the District Clerk's office at 992-3629 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Eden Elementary Students of the Month

By *Patty Steinmetz*



February:

Grade 3: Alyssa Johnson, Peter Mroz, Caden Profic, Shanahan Roach, Shauna Sickau.

Grade 4: Ella Fallon, Lydia Kobie, McKenna Rice, Madelyn Smith, Emily Wagner.

Grade 5: Lauryn Brown, Emily Krawczyk, Madison Pye, Kaitlyn Schmitz, George Senus.

Grade 6: Savannah Battleson, William Bourkney, Jack Kernitz, Abbilyn Puckhaber, Alexis Vullo.

March:

Grade 3: Elizabeth Agle, Brynn Hall, Jenna Lake, Nevaeh Paradiso, Owen Wade.

Grade 4: Joseph Barth, Julia Kuster, Stephanie Lorden, Benjamin Shephard, Daniel Torres.

Grade 5: Allison Banko, Emma Cooper, Aaron Myers, Kaelei Spina, Sara Wilkins.

Grade 6: Robert Grunder, Jordyn May, Jennifer Panaro, Jansen Rauker, Rachel Wach.

Paper recycling dumpsters are available at the Jr./Sr. High School and at the GLP. The dumpster from Eden Elementary had to be moved to the GLP due to space constraints and wind blown papers.

Pi(E) Day!

By *Johanna Funke*



Mrs. Johanna Funke's fifth and sixth grade regrouped classes celebrated Pi Day on March 14 by making Pi pies, reciting the digits of Pi, dressing up in Pi attire, and singing songs about Pi. Students learned what Pi is and how it is used during the class periods leading up to Pi Day.

(Right) Sixth grade regrouped top three Pi pies ~ Megan Walsh, Amanda Prieschel, Justin Reed.

(Below left) Fifth grade regrouped wearing self-made Pi shirts ~ Eliana Mormina, Paul Winiecki, Allison Banko, Brooke Woodard.

(Below right) 5th grade regrouped top three Pi pies ~ Paul Winiecki, Noah Brosnick, Sara Wilkins.



Curriculum Corner

By Kelly LaRosa



It is important to note....

The Board of Regents recently released recommendation results from the workgroup meetings in Albany. This group was charged with the task of taking input from various groups across the State and formulating potential changes in policies without reshaping the Regents Reform Agenda. The release of the recommendations has caused some misleading headlines in the media.

As we wait for further clarification and adoption, we must remember that implementation of the new learning standards is NOT delayed. All students will continue to receive instruction that is aligned to the Common Core Standards. These standards will ensure that students are college and career ready. Our teachers and administrators continue to work together to ensure our students receive the quality instruction that is necessary to exceed these expectations.

Highlights from the other recommendation memos include the direction to define strategies for State assessments results to help shape instruction, the redefining of competency levels and clearer guidelines on how to use a wide range of data to determine a student's need for support services. Additionally, the New York State Department of Education is continuing to seek a waiver with the United States Department of Education to allow students with severe disabilities to be tested at their instructional level rather than chronological age.

It is exciting to witness the Board of Regents shape new policy while continuing on the path of education reform. We must continue to work together to ensure the students of Eden receive the best instruction and curriculum to prepare them for the careers of tomorrow.

Change is not easy, but it can be exciting! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone (992-3688) or email. I look forward to speaking with you.

Cavalcade of Cars 2014

By Jeff Cervoni

On the first weekend of March, the Eden Chopper Club had the opportunity to show off some of their hard work at the Hamburg Fairgrounds.

Students participated in the Annual Cavalcade of Cars, car and motorcycle show. The show consisted of classic car and bike enthusiasts, parts and service suppliers, and local dealerships. The students of the club had the opportunity to display three of their motorcycles at the show and explain the build process to hundreds of patrons. Pictured are Keven Keubler, Joe Haier and Mr. Saramak.



2014 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

By Barbara Thomasulo

Mr. Cervoni has announced the 2014 Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Laura Harms is the Class of 2014 Valedictorian with an average of 99.227. Andrew Feldman is the Class of 2014 Salutatorian with an average of 98.245.

Laura is the daughter of Mark and Catharine Harms of Weller Drive. She is the President of National Honor Society, a member of the Chamber Orchestra and Embers. She is a past participant in JV Soccer, and German Club, where she served as the treasurer last year. Laura played in the pit orchestra for the school's musical for five years and has been chosen twice for both the All-County Orchestra and Area All-State Orchestra. She also was in a string quartet that played monthly at the nursing home last year, as well as, weddings and school events. Laura will attend Grove City College in the fall, where she will major in Marketing. She hopes to become a market research analyst in the future.

Andrew, "AJ", is the son of Brian and Michelle Feldman of Merrill Place. He is a member of the golf, basketball and track teams, Jazz Band, Swing Singers, and UNYTS. He is Student Council Vice President, National Honor Society Treasurer, and Varsity Club President. Andrew will attend Ithaca College in the fall, where he will major in Television and Radio. He hopes to work at ESPN or NBC Sports in the future.

Rounding out the class of 2014 are: 3. Andrew Pszonak, 98.12;

- 4. John Morrow, 97.92;
- 5. Bailey Marshall, 97.31;
- 6. Karlie Bley, 97.15;
- 7. Bridget Peterson, 97.12;
- 8. William L.F. Stewart, 96.74;
- 9. Henry Ohmit, 95.99;
- 10. Mikaela Nelson, 95.75.



Yoga and You

By Amy Steger

The girls in Mrs. Theophilus and Mrs. Steger's fifth grade classroom just completed the first ever Yoga and You group. The girls met with Mrs. Steger once a week to participate in teamwork, stress reducing, confidence and self-esteem building, friendship and social skills activities. These activities were infused with yoga poses, to teach a life-long stress reducing exercise. As a culminating event, the girls welcomed, Chellse Lavtar, a local youth yoga instructor. Chellse spoke to the girls about healthy lifestyles and taught a full yoga class.



Kean Named "Business First Outstanding Teacher"

On Monday, March 10th, Business First was here to profile Mr. David Kean as an outstanding teacher. Dave was nominated by his students and will be highlighted in the "Guide to Western New York Schools". This guide celebrates 25 outstanding teachers in WNY and will hit newsstands in June.

Congratulations Mr. Kean! Thank you for the great work you do for the students of Eden.



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Eden Central School – Embrace, educate, empower

MISSION:

In collaboration with the community, the Eden Central School District pursues our tradition of excellence in personal and academic achievement. We provide a positive and respectful learning environment that places students at the heart of all activities. Students are afforded the tools and opportunity to realize their potential within our global society, while cultivating the understanding necessary to fully appreciate their journey.

VISION:

ECSD is a collaborative learning community that embraces the individuality of each student, educating and empowering them to become productive citizens in an ever-changing and diverse society.

Budget Message

Thomas Murphy, Director of Finance

The 2013-2014 school-year is quickly coming to a close. The close of one year finds us looking forward towards the next school year. To begin the process we have put together the 2014-2015 budget, which was adopted April 8, 2014 by the Eden School Board in the amount of \$26,396,480. This represents an increase of 2.62% over the 2013-2014 budget, while staying within the allowable tax cap of 1.78%. The Board of Education, along with administrators, faculty, staff, parents and community members began working on the budget in mid-November. New to this year's budget process is the Budget Advisory Team (BAT).

The Budget Advisory Team is comprised of School Board members, Administrators, the Superintendent, union representatives, parents and community members. One of the reasons for the formation of this advisory committee was to involve the community more throughout the budget process. There are many components that go into the budget and having one or two community forums truly is not enough time to explore all the different facets of the budget.

Another reason for the BAT committee is to generate ideas. The more that people examine an issue, generally means more possibilities when looking for solutions. Given the continuation of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (New York State taking back funding normally given to districts) there were tough choices to be made, and many ideas were generated while looking for solutions this year. The BAT faced an initial budget gap of \$2,102,584. Throughout many meetings and several months, multiple ideas were exchanged - there were no suggestions that were not valued and examined. Our sincere thanks go out to the entire BAT committee for the countless hours examining the multiple presentations, facts, and figures.

Fifth Annual Raiders Respond Day is May 16th, 2014.

The Eden Central School District will be participating in the fifth annual Raiders Respond community service project where faculty, staff, and students will work together to make a difference in this great community.

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Mr. Michael Breeden, Vice President	2014
Mr. Colin Campbell	2014
Mr. Scott Henderson	2015
Mrs. Barbara Henry	2015
Mrs. Patricia Krouse	2016
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