



# PEA Advocate

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## Meet our negotiators

This edition is dedicated to making our negotiators more familiar since most members do not know *all* (in many cases *most*) of them.

Keep in contact with them by clicking on their names to send an e-mail message.

Also let them know you appreciate their sacrifices when you see them next time.

*George Chilmonik*

PHS - Math

31 Years Teaching



George lives in Bethlehem with his wife Jennifer and children Wade & Addie. As a past PEA president, treasurer and negotiator, he is well aware of the pitfalls ahead. He believes that "... morale and test scores are low and that a good contract may solve both problems. We need parity with other schools in all parts of our guide.

The new contract will determine how many of you stay in the district, your retirement

income, or if you feel that you are being compensated fairly. The administration received raises averaging 7.4% and we deserve equal treatment. We all know how difficult it is to teach in this district with requirements that seem to change daily.

The administration has made it clear that they want a longer school day and a longer school year.

I have made it clear that this will require a lot of money. When we meet with the board on March 14th, the team will present a proposal with:

- no "givebacks";
- common sense work rules;
- increased benefits; and
- a pay increase that should keep many of you from running out on us.

A high personnel turnover and low test scores are symptomatic of a much larger problem.

Respect, dignity and a fair contract may be the cure for the problem."



*Susan Angelozzi*

Green Street

10 Years Teaching

Susan lives in Phillipsburg. She's been involved with SMT, various curriculum committees, building rep, etc. "As a resident & taxpayer ... (& teacher), I want to have the opportunity to work for a contract that is equitable with other districts in the state of NJ."



*Adrienne Fisher*

Andover-Morris

23 Years Teaching

Adrienne lives in Bethlehem with her husband Russ & 3 children: Rich; Jennifer and Jeff. She has served on many committees over the years and feels that she "... knows the needs of the teachers. I hope to bring a new face ... and will sincerely try to negotiate a fair contract ..."





**Bob Jiorle**

PHS - Art

28 Years Teaching

Bob lives in P'burg with his wife Jacki (a secretary with School Base) and children Samantha & Alex. Activities include Art Club, Musique & Art Nouveaux program and others. Bob has 3 years experience on previous negotiation teams.

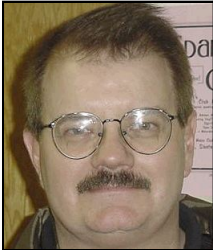


**Jeff Quinn**

PHS - Math

16 Years Teaching

Jeff lives in Palmer Township with his wife Carol and children Thomas & Chelsea. Jeff accepted a position on the team because he "... always wanted to but was always coaching & didn't have the time."



**Chuck Malitsch**

PMS

28 Years Teaching

Chuck lives in Lower Saucon Twp. with his wife Judith & children Phillip, Douglas & Jennifer. He's been the boys' basketball coach for the past 14 years. He accepted a position on the team so that he can "... give something back to (the PEA)."



**Beth Smith**

PMS - Art & Music

13 Years Teaching

Beth lives in Nazareth with her husband Ron and sons Brandon, Nicholas & Angelo. She is involved in lots of activities (ex. student clubs, building rep, etc.) and "felt (negotiations) would be something I could participate in ..."

## Social Activities

Barb Alderfer, social chairperson, has announced the following events between now and the end of the year. Contact your social rep if you would like to attend any of these gatherings.

- **St. Patrick's Day celebration** on Friday, March 15, at Zio's Trattoria in Fork's Twp. from 3-5 p.m. Cost is \$5 plus a cash bar.
- NYC trip on Saturday, May 18, to see **42nd Street**. Buses will leave around 8:30 a.m. and return around 7 p.m.
- A **NYC Gourmet Food trip** scheduled for Sunday, April 28, is already booked solid. Look forward to more gourmet food trips next year!
- Look here for details about the Retirement Dinner in near future.

## Editorial Policy of the PEAdvocate

The PEAdvocate is the official newsletter of the Phillipsburg Education Association (PEA.)

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PEA membership also encompasses the Warren County Education Association (WCEA), New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) and the National Education Association (NEA).

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