

# The Tattletale

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Where did the summer go? A special thanks to Willis Carrier who invented the air conditioner in 1903!!

Next month at the October 6 meeting, one of our own members will speak about self-publishing a book. Laura Dell will bring her book, Braking Kane, with her or you can pre order them at: [www.amazon.com/Braking-Kane-Struggle-Laura-Dell/dp1503322904](http://www.amazon.com/Braking-Kane-Struggle-Laura-Dell/dp1503322904) and have them autographed that day.

At the May 17, 2017 meeting, we will have a visit from Loretta Molinare, who is the Branch Manager of Westchester Visiting Nurses, in charge of Putnam and Dutchess. She will explain the myriad of services which are available to us.

The position of Program Chair is available if anyone is interested. It is fairly simple. First, a phone call is made to Four Brothers Restaurant (or any other place) to book a date. Then call someone to speak from a list which will be provided. The more people who help in a small way, the better the organization runs. Please help!



So, where are we headed next?? The Putnam County Retired Teachers' Board are open to new ideas, preferably with not too much work attached!! Sometimes the simplest ones work best. We've helped with students scholarships, animals with a 4H trophy, and the needy in our community with the food pantry donations. WHAT'S NEXT?

PLEASE SEND IN  
YOUR \$12 DUES TO  
SUPPORT OUR  
SCHOLARSHIP PRO-  
GRAM TO

**Nancy Keller**  
**15 Equestrian Way**  
**Poughquag, NY**

PCRTA donated a trophy given out at the 4-H Fair in July

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## MEMBERSHIP HELP!

Due to changes to teacher's privacy the schools have not provided any information on who retired this past year. I then went to all the teacher's union presidents to gain this information and only Brewster responded. I email the presidents several times, wrote three snail letters to the Unions at their school addresses but nothing worked. I got Mahopac's retiree from a retiree this year who had the names. Please Help! Ask around and send me any names of 2016 teacher retirees only from Carmel, Putnam Valley or Garrison schools. We would love to invite them to the October luncheon.

Nancy Keller (Nancy@nancykeller.com)

Luncheon Speaker will be

Laura Dell

Self-Publishing



**DON'T FORGET TO BRING A NON-PERISHABLE ITEM TO THE LUNCHEON INCLUDING SOAP, TOILET PAPER AND TOOTHPASTE.**

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Every 20 years, voters are asked to revise the State Constitution. It establishes our fundamental rights to a free public education, prohibits the reduction of our pensions and outlines our right to workman's compensation. It also includes the right to be a member of a union, collective bargaining and providing for social welfare needs.

Opening the Constitution in November of 2017 affects not only teacher pensions, but also public and private organized labor and environmental provisions for the "Forever Wild" stipulations. Social welfare advocates want to maintain aid for the underprivileged.

Although the Constitution has been revised 9 times since 1777, a convention could cost the taxpayers millions of dollars. In recent years, 2 changes were made by separate ballots on Election Day. One was to allow casinos in New York, and the other was for the government to go "paperless". Why not use this venue for any other changes? Why open Pandora's box and lose what we've fought so hard to achieve?