

# WA-WM PTA Councilor

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## President's Letter

April is Awards month! Now is the time to nominate your programs and people who have helped make your PTA so successful this year. Awards are a way to highlight the great things that your PTA is doing and thank those who have made it possible!

There are still a few days left to get your awards in and if you have any questions about awards, please feel free to contact Heather Justham at 414-750-1285 and she will be happy to help you!

April is also WI PTA Convention time! We have a number for representatives that are attending this year's



convention in Racine. If you have someone in your PTA that you would like to have attend but are in need of funds to make it happen. Please contact me so that we can find a way to solve your problem. As WI PTA Convention Chair, I am very excited to have so much representation from the West Allis-West Milwaukee PTA Council!

## Important Dates

- ◆ Scholarship Applications Due—April 8
- ◆ Council Meeting—April 10
- ◆ Council Awards Due—April 10
- ◆ WI PTA Convention—April 19 & 20
- ◆ RSVP to Awards Banquet—May 1
- ◆ Council Meeting—May 1
- ◆ Awards Banquet—May 10

Deadline for May's Issue of the *Councilor* is Monday, **April 22, 2013**. Send items to Gena at [kraemer-family93@aol.com](mailto:kraemer-family93@aol.com)

## Nominations for 2013—'15 Board

Nominations were made at last month's Council meeting and announced/posted on the website on March 7, 2013. The nominations again are:

- ◆ President—Laura Weaver
- ◆ 1st Vice President—Amy Repati
- ◆ 2nd Vice President—Gena Kraemer
- ◆ Treasurer—Heather Justham
- ◆ Secretary—Deb Gast

If you should have any questions about the nominees or the election process,

please contact Laura Weaver or anyone on the board. Contact information is on the back of this newsletter as well as the council website.





# Wisconsin PTA News

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[www.wisconsinpta.org](http://www.wisconsinpta.org)

Convention Packets have been mailed to all local unit Presidents. This year's convention is in Racine and has been organized by our own Laura Weaver!

Use the form below to register for convention. See you in Racine!

Convention is a great way to get to meet other PTA leaders from across the state. There will be many opportunities to celebrate the successes of the year and share ideas for the future. There are valuable workshops such as: **Social Media Ethics for PTAs**, **How to Safeguard Your Tax Exemption**, and **Membership Strategies to Increase your Voice**.

**2013 WI PTA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

REGION: PTA NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

YES: I want to volunteer at the convention! (You will be contacted.)

REGISTRATION FEE:  Online  Paper  PTA Package Plus  PTA Package Plus + Registration, PTA Membership Luncheon & Banquet

Meal Selections (Please check meals attending along with credits indicated):  
 PTA Package Plus \$125.00  PTA Package Plus + Registration, PTA Membership Luncheon & Banquet \$175.00

WORKSHOP SELECTIONS (Please indicate workshop number only):  
 Session 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice [ ] 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice [ ] 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice [ ]  
 Session 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice [ ] 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice [ ] 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice [ ]  
 Session 3: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice [ ] 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice [ ] 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice [ ]

Check ALL That Apply:  
 Attending for 1<sup>st</sup> Time  
 Non-Member  
 LCAdm 1  
 LCAdm 2  
 LCAdm 3

Payment Information:  
 Registration: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meals: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, please contact:  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If you have any special medical concerns or allergies, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!  
 We can't wait to see you there!

## 104th Annual Wisconsin State PTA Convention & Business Meeting

April 19—20, 2013 in Racine, WI

Check out the WI PTA website for more information.



# National PTA News

1250 N. Pitt Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 ♦ (800) 307-4PTA (4782) ♦ Fax: (703) 836-0942 ♦ E-mail: [info@pta.org](mailto:info@pta.org)

[www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

As of April 1, 2013, Title I PTAs can request donated Kindles—The “Official E-reader of National PTA”—to support their family reading events. The National PTA® announced Amazon Kindle will be the exclusive sponsor of a new Family Reading Experience program to be hosted by local PTAs in cities across the United States. Throughout 2013, the National PTA and Kindle will work together to encourage family involvement with their children’s reading.

Log on to the National PTA website and apply today!

Registration is now open for the 117th Annual National PTA Convention & Exhibition! Contact Laura Weaver if you are interested in attending. Council is planning a road trip!





# Local Unit News

**Walker PTA** is taking reservations for their annual rummage on Saturday, May 4.

**West Allis Central PTSA** is taking reservations for their annual rummage held in the Central Field House also on Saturday, May 4th.

Deadlines for newsletter submission are:

**Apr 22      May 20**

Send event info, article submission, flyers, etc. for Newsletter or for the website to Gena Kraemer, [kraemerfamily93@aol.com](mailto:kraemerfamily93@aol.com). Any questions or comments? Call Gena at 414-545-4005.

## Committee News

[www.wawmpta.org](http://www.wawmpta.org)

The **Awards Committee** will be meeting after the April 10th application deadline to review all submitted applications. The banquet has been announced and the invitation is included in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Heather Justham at 414-750-1285.

Volunteers will be needed for committees for next year's council. These committees include:

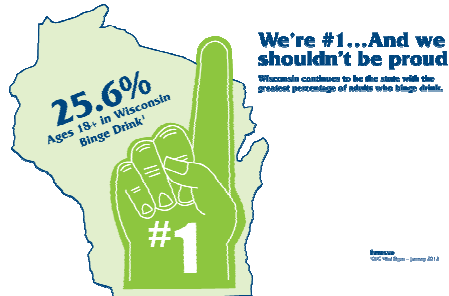
- ◆ Awards Committee
- ◆ Founders Day Carnival
- ◆ Membership Committee
- ◆ Scholarship Committee
- ◆ Reflections Committee

If you have any interest in learning more about the committees, please contact Laura Weaver at [council-president12@gmail.com](mailto:council-president12@gmail.com)



# April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Did you know?



Binge drinking means drinking 5 or more alcoholic drinks within a short period of time for men or 4 or more drinks in a short period of time for women. Wisconsin continues to be the state with the greatest percentage of adults who binge drink.

City of West Allis Mayor Dan Devine and Village of West Milwaukee President Ron Hayward have proclaimed April as Alcohol Awareness Month in their municipalities. They have joined the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence as well as countless others in this designation.

Did you know.....

o First use of alcohol at age 12 or younger – prevalence of lifetime alcohol dependence is 41%

First use of alcohol at 21 years of age – prevalence of lifetime alcohol dependence drops to 11%

Talk to your children. The West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Coalition provides support for the West Allis community to help raise healthy, drug free children. Visit the Coalition website [www.wawmcc.org](http://www.wawmcc.org) for resources, important news, upcoming events and ways you can become involved.



**West Allis  
West Milwaukee  
Community Coalition**

# Join us at the 2013 Awards Banquet!

*Join us in celebrating your  
successful PTA year!*

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*What: West Allis-West Milwaukee PTA Awards Dinner  
Hosted by the West Allis-West Milwaukee PTA Council*

*When: Friday, May 10, 2013*

*Time: 6:00 pm*

*Where: Knights of Columbus  
1800 South 92<sup>nd</sup> Street*

*Hors D'oeuvres dinner  
\$15.00 per person*

*Please RSVP by: Wednesday, May 1, 2013*

Heather Justham – justham@wi.rr.com or 414-750-1285  
Laura Weaver – councilpresident12@gmail.com or 414-530-6616

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**School Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of people attending** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$15** \_\_\_\_\_  
Please make check payable to WAWM PTA Council

**Names of everyone attending**

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# WA-WM PTA Council Meeting Minutes

## March 6, 2013

WAWM PTA Council Meeting Minutes  
March 6, 2013

| <u>Call to order</u>    | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Adjourned</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 6:30 PM by Laura Weaver | See sign-in sheet | 8:20             |

### Approval of Minutes

*Minutes of the previous meeting approved and filed.*

*Minutes were also approved and filed for an Emergency Executive Board Meeting held on March 1, 2013. From this meeting, it became apparent that software is needed for smooth transitions of Council Treasurers.*

**MOTION:** *A motion was brought forward by Heather Justham to purchase Money Minder software, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cristin and motion was approved.*

### Treasurer's Report

*Treasurer report was approved and filed. An amended report will be filed next month.*

### Nominating Committee Report

Since no nominating committee was formed, nominations were made from the floor:

- President, nominee Laura Weaver
- VP 1, nominee Amy Repati
- VP 2, nominee Gena Kraemer
- Treasurer, nominee Heather Justham
- Secretary, nominee Debbie Gast

Elections will be held at the April meeting.

### Committee Chairs Needed

Carnival  
Awards  
Scholarship  
Principal's Breakfast  
Reflections (maybe)

### School Reports

#### Central/Hale/Learning Center

- Career Fairs going on at all three schools
- ACT preparation is priority
- We will have 2 certified trainers in our district for Restorative Practice
  - Consequence based behavior modification

#### Legislative Report (Brian Vissers and Laura Weaver)

- Brian provided a written report
- Laura encourages us to visit the State PTA website to view how PTA stands and to find addresses for legislators

#### Superintendents Report (Kurt Wachholz)

- Art and Music Showcase
  - We are lucky in our district to still have art and music in curriculum as it has been cut in many districts
- Mr. Wachholz also provided a written report on the state budget and how it impacts our district

#### Teacher Rep (Lynn Burke from Lincoln)

- Student registration was very strong
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade planning conferences are successful
- Staff at Lincoln has been trained in "Capturing Kids Hearts"

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**2012—'13 Officers**

**Laura Weaver, President** . . . . . 414-530-6616  
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**2012-'13 Committee Chairs**

**Heather Justham, Awards**—414-750-1285  
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**Gena Kraemer, Carnival**—414-545-4005  
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**Kristen Gurtner, Reflections**—414-604-3061  
gurtnerk@wawm.k12.wi.us  
**Amy Repati, Scholarship**—414-376-1563  
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We have open opportunities for chair positions on several standing committees. Contact Laura Weaver for more information about any open committee.



**Stay connected—Like us on Facebook!**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/West-AllisWest-Milwaukee-PTA-Council/133994419984876>

We really want to hear about how great PTA is in West Allis-West Milwaukee! This is the fun part of Council, sharing ideas and information so that we don't have to re-create from scratch every year. Share what works & what doesn't! Send info & pics to Gena Kraemer at kraemerfamily93@aol.com.

***WA-WM PTA Council***  
***2012—'13 Meeting Topics***  
***Apr 10—Year End/Officer Training***  
***May 1—Auditing/Budgets/Taxes***  
***Jun 5—No Topic, Year End***  
*Invite your fundraising chair, your nominating committee, your treasure—we want to hear what you are doing in your local units—what works & what doesn't!*