



2011-2012 SCA Executive Board Biographies and Contact Information

Christy Weppler, SCA Executive President – Christy grew up in Manhasset and along with her husband, Bob, graduated from the high school in 1982. She attended Hobart and William Smith Colleges and graduated in 1986 with a BA in Education and Psychology. While teaching special education at Jamaica High School and then elementary education in New Hyde Park-Garden City Park, she received her MA in Curriculum and Teaching from Hofstra University in 1990. Until her first child was born, she taught in the NHP-GCP School District as a permanent sub, a computer and enrichment teacher and a fourth grade teacher. In 1994, she received the honor of Math Teacher of the Year for elementary school teachers and has been recognized in Who's Who Among American Teachers several times. During the years when she had her 3 daughters, she created a Toddler Class, which she ran out of her house and then brought to the Congregational Nursery School, where she taught until her last child entered the 3's. Then, she spent her time volunteering at Munsey Park School as co-chair of the Book Fair, National Library Week and the Promotional Party, a room rep, a member of the enrichment committee for 7 years, a Halloween Party Prize Chair (MP and MS) and then the SCA President for 2 years. She also is a member of the Booster Club, served on the Tower Foundation for 3 terms, has been a Girl Scout leader for all of her daughters (and still is) and co-directs the children's music at the Congregational Church, where she has served on the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Deacons. Christy lives here with her husband and daughters Catherine (10th grade at the high school), Sarah (7th grade at the Middle School) and Lauren (3rd grade at Munsey Park). She is excited to once again work with the SCA in her hometown.

Lisa Belinsky, High School SCA President - Lisa Belinsky, High School SCA President—Lisa and her husband Larry met while attending SUNY Albany and moved to Manhasset in 1994. All four of their children have attended Manhasset Public Schools. Their eldest daughter Victoria is currently a senior at Gettysburg College and son Drew is a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania. Tara and Olivia, twins, are currently in 10th grade at Manhasset. Lisa graduated college with a BA in Communication and worked in the Public Relations/Special Events field representing many private corporations and not-for-profit clients. Since coming to Manhasset she has been; a founding Board member of Manhasset CASA, involved with the Adventures-in-Learning Parent Network, a 10-year catechist and coordinator for the St. Mary's Religious Education program—where she also volunteered for the Family Mass and Parish Mission Statement committees. Lisa also has been active with the schools and SCA. For the SCA Executive level, she has served as Executive Vice President and most recently as Historian. In addition, she served on the 2005-2007 SCA Bylaws Revisions Committee. At Shelter Rock she has been a room representative, Grade Level Chair, Diversity Day Chair and Vice President. She also volunteered for several committees including Book Fair, Harmony's Way, Holiday Gift Program, Red Ribbon Week and the Staff Appreciation Luncheon. During her children's Secondary School years Lisa has served as a Grade Level Chair and a Shared Decision Making Liaison. She also worked on many committees including; Book Fair, Community Education, Frolic and Welcome/End-of-the-Year Picnics. She is looking forward to continuing her involvement with the SCA in her first year as the HS SCA President. Feel free to contact her at lisabelinsky@gmail.com.



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Laura Tranchina, Middle School SCA President - Laura grew up in Yonkers, New York and attended Our Lady of Victory Academy High School in Dobbs Ferry. She went on to Manhattan College and graduated with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and received an M.B.A. in Finance from there as well. She worked as an engineer and also as a financial analyst in the electrical industry for 12 years. Laura and her husband, Steve, moved to Manhasset in 1994. They have a son, Stephen (15) and a daughter, Gabriella (13). Stephen will be entering his sophomore year at Manhasset High School in the fall and Gabriella will be entering 8th grade at the Middle School. Laura has been an active member of the Manhasset Committee, serving as Treasurer for the Women's Club of Flower Hill, volunteering as a CCD catechist at St. Mary's Church and collecting gifts and donations for the Secret Santa Program for needy children of the Manhasset Great Neck EOC. She has been actively involved in Munsey Park as a member of the Shared Decision Making Team, Room Rep for both children, Bus Parent, volunteer of various committees including, Book Fair, Library Week, Character Matters and Halloween Party as well as serving as Co-Chair of the following committees: Photo Day, Enrichment and 6th Grade Yearbook. At the Secondary Level, Laura has been Co-Chair of Photo Day and Hospitality. She is looking forward to her second year as SCA Middle School President. Her contact info is 627-3265 or tranchinas@msn.com.

Tricia Cash, Munsey Park SCA President - Patricia and her husband, Stephen moved to Manhasset in 2000. Their son Liam attends Munsey Park School currently in 4th grade. Patricia graduated from Stony Brook University with a BS in Education. She also has a Masters Degree in Elementary Education as well as a Masters Degree in School District Administration. Patricia has a Common Branches certification as well as a license as a School District Administrator. Prior to the birth of her son Patricia worked in the New York City Board of Education for 12 years. She taught 3rd, 4th and 5th grade in general education, inclusion, gifted programs and self-contained special education. Patricia was also the technology teacher for Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Before taking a family leave of absence Patricia was the Technology Staff Developer for the district, where she trained teachers and administrators to utilize technology in the classroom. After her son, Liam entered Munsey Park, Patricia began volunteering at the school and has served as room representative for three years, as a chair for the lunch committee and volunteered to help on Red Ribbon Week Committee, photo day, International Day, Book Fair, Guess Who's Coming to Read, Ice Cream Social and Spirit Wear. In addition to volunteering at Munsey Park School, Patricia is a Tower Foundation Board member and teaches Faith Formation at St. Mary's Church. Patricia is looking forward to an exciting year in her new position as SCA Munsey Park School President. Her contact information is 365-3189 or tricia1204@yahoo.com.



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Nancy Schlaefer, Shelter Rock SCA President - Nancy and her husband Eric have three children at Shelter Rock: Jay in 5th grade, Alex in 4th, and Leyna, who is entering Kindergarten. Nancy had a 20-year career in financial services, retiring from Citigroup in 2005. She started her career at Smith Barney in Institutional Equity Sales and most recently served as a Director in the Institutional Equity Sales Trading Division. Nancy graduated from New York University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. At Shelter Rock, Nancy has co-chaired the Book Fair, Holiday Gift Program, Photo Day, and helped create and manage the school's first Kids' Holiday Bazaar. She has also volunteered for Guess Who's Coming to Read, the SCA Luncheon, National Library Week, and Staff Appreciation. Nancy has been a Room Rep for four years and a Grade Level Chair for 4th grade. In addition, Nancy served as Corresponding Secretary for the Plandome Woman's Club for the last two years and is currently the Recording Secretary. Her contact information is 627-0818 or schlaefer1@mac.com.

Peggy Gajdjis, SCA Executive Treasurer - Peggy and her husband Nick moved to Manhasset in 1998. They have three daughters in Munsey Park. Stephanie (7th grade), Sophia (5th grade), and Kathryn (2nd grade). Peggy graduated from New York University with a BA in Accounting and International Business. She started her career at Ernst and Young where she acquired her CPA license and her husband Nick! She then joined JP Morgan working in their financial emerging markets group. After obtaining her MBA in Finance and Economics from New York University, Peggy transferred to JP Morgan Investment Management working as an account manager for corporations, pension funds, and non-profit organizations. Peggy has enjoyed volunteering every year at Munsey Park in various activities such as parent room rep, book fair, photo day, Red Ribbon week, and the Halloween party. She is excited about her new position and is looking forward to dusting off a few cobwebs. She can be reached peggypkg@gmail.com.

Deirdre F. Curtis, SCA Executive Secretary - Deirdre and her husband, Chip, who is a Manhasset native, moved to Manhasset in 1995. They have two sons: Andrew, a 7th grader and Tim, a 9th grader. Deirdre grew up in Connecticut and Ohio. She received her undergraduate degree from Duke University in 1981, where she was a member of the Residential Judicial Board. After college Deirdre worked in sales for Procter & Gamble in the Midwest, and then relocated to New York, working first as an account executive for Merrill Lynch and then as a trader liaison for Moseley Securities Corporation. She attended New York Law School's evening division, where she was a member and Articles Editor of the Law Review, and received her JD *cum laude* in 1990. Deirdre worked as a litigator for 15 years with the law firm LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, focusing on antitrust, trademark/intellectual property, and insurance company class actions. In 2005 she moved into law firm management, and is currently the Director of Practice Services for Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, where she manages the Paralegal, Litigation Support / Electronic Discovery and Practice Services groups and the firm's Women's Initiatives Committee. She has been a room representative for each of her sons at Shelter Rock, chaired the prize committee for the Shelter Rock Halloween Party for four years, and has been the SCA Fair Publicity Chair since 2006. Her contact information is 627-2565 or dfcurtis@dl.com.