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FELIX FESTA MIDDLE SCHOOL TO HOST APRIL 29TH MEETING

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**Dinner at 5 and General Meeting
to start at 6**

ITEMS OF INTEREST

ROSTEA Banquet

Friday May 16, 2008

The **Mag Lev Competition** will be held at SUNY New Paltz May 22th.

Web Site for **NY State Energy** information is www.NYSERDA.org

The **ROSTEA Web Site** is up and running!!

<http://www.rostea.org>

If a ROSTEA meeting is cancelled an announcement will be made through e-mail as well as WHUD 100.7 FM radio

A Message from the President

Dear ROSTEA Members:

On behalf of NYSTEA, I want to thank the Peter Palko from Genpak in Middletown for providing a very interesting atmosphere for our March meeting. Everyone that attended walked away with something they didn't know. Again thanks to Mike for making all the arrangements. We also voted to donate \$100.00 to the NYSTEA Scholarship Fund.

Our next meeting will be hosted by Ralph and the guys from Felix Festa Middle School on Tuesday, April 29, 2008. Ralph promises that there will be some good eats. As I said last month, we will be selecting our Teacher of the Year at this meeting. If you have not sent in a nomination yet and would like to, please e-mail it to Ralph and bring a copy of it to the meeting. The application is on the website. Please take some time to look over the application and nominate one of our many worthy colleagues. The TOY will be presented at our end of the year banquet in May. The banquet this year will be May 16, 2008. Please check the web site for more information.

ROSTEA is in need of someone to be Vice President & Newsletter Editor for next year. If you or someone you know is interested please let me know at our next meeting. Our organization is strong because of you.

Once again our next meeting will be at Felix Festa MS on April 29, 2008 at 5:00PM. If you haven't made a meeting yet, maybe this will be the one. Bring a friend. See you there.

Yours in Technology,
Jan F. Stark
President

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ROSTEA 2007-2008 Meeting Schedule

Please contact Mike Brondolo if you have ideas or suggestions for meetings.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Oct 30, 2007(Tues)	Suffern Middle School
Nov 29, 2007(Thurs)	Port Jervis High School
Jan 24, 2008(Thurs)	Chromalloy Orangeburg, NY
Feb 28, 2008(Thurs)	North Rockland High School
Mar 27, 2008(Thurs)	Genpack Middletown, NY
Apr 29, 2008(Tue)	Felix Festa MS West Nyack, NY
May 16, 2008(Fri)	ROSTEA Banquet Civile's Haverstraw, NY



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Location - Lower Hudson Valley - Northern Westchester @ Somers Middle School
Room 102 - 9am to 3pm

June	Friday	27 - The ABC's	grades K -4
	Monday	30 - The Four E's	grades 5 - 6
July	Tuesday	01 - Energy Trilogy	grades 7 - 12
August	Monday	11 - The ABC's	grades K -4
	Tuesday	12 - The Four E's	grades 5 - 6
	Wednesday	13 - Energy Trilogy	grades 7 - 12

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Somers Middle School Route 202 Somers, NY 10589
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NYSTEА CONFERENCE 2008 SYRACUSE, N.Y.

by Ralph Lapidus & Alan Horowitz

When Alan Horowitz and I arrived at the NYSTEА conference (at about 7:30 pm on Wednesday, April 2nd), we had been traveling for around 3 1/2 hours. Add to this my full day in school, I was really tired... but very hungry! There was one destination that had been on our mind since we found out that the 2008 conference was going to be held in Syracuse... the *Dinosaur Barbecue* restaurant. The ribs and chicken at the Dinosaur Barbecue are so incredible that the line to get inside is usually around the block. But, since it was a weekday night, there was only about a 15 minute wait to get a table. To make a long, delectable, and satisfying story short, our hunger was totally satisfied and we were not disappointed.

With our stomachs full, it was a successful start to what we consider a very rewarding conference. After signing in at the registration table the next morning, we were enlisted to help sell 50/50 raffle tickets to benefit the NYSTEА scholarship fund. It was easy to sell over \$500 worth of raffles to the generous attendees, because they, like all of us, are aware of the great need to recruit future Technology Education teachers.

Okay, enough with the “fluff stuff”, getting down to the “meat” of the conference... the interest sessions were varied, mind-provoking, and well attended. We went to the “Technology Education: NYSED Update” during the first session.

Mr. Phil Dettelis (who took over for Eric Suhr), from the NYS Education Department, explained the purpose of the NYSED/NYSTEА Technology Education ‘Summit’. It is our understanding that the summit will help update and align Technology Education with the most recent documents (Technology Content Organizers) generated by the SED. A group of stake holders were chosen to be on the summit committee, with a good number from NYSTEА. The goal of the summit is to produce action statements (or plans) for the future of Tech Ed. This summit is a step forward for our discipline, and hopefully, Technology Education will flourish as a result.

The overall theme of the conference was Energy, and there were many presentations related to that topic. Everything from wind power to fuel cells were presented. We attended sessions on the usage of a white board to teach technical drawing, TSA (Technology Student Association), building boats on a budget, uses of *Chief Architect* software, and nanotechnology. The vendor area offered up-to-date products and information that Technology Education teachers use. Our good friends from *Kelvin*, *Shortess-Rawson*, and *DEPCO* were in attendance. In addition *Goodheart/ Wilcox* has verbally agreed to advertise with us in the future. Many of the conference participants asked about the status of the helicopter project that was being built by Alan and his students at the Felix Festa Middle School. There was a great deal of surprise and disappointment when they found out the project had been terminated by the district administration.

We also attended the Awards Ceremony where our own **Eddie Andrews** received NYS Regional Teacher of the Year recognition. At the Scholarship Banquet, the speaker presented information about “Peak Oil”, explaining the gloomy outlook for oil-dependent countries. As usual, the conference was enjoyable and an invigorating experience for us. As we have often said, one of the biggest opportunities you get while attending a conference is the chance to interact with peers in your profession. I certainly recommend the experience to all. Next year’s conference will be in Lake George, NY, at Fort William Henry. Lots more information will follow regarding NYSTEА Conference 2009... and we hope to see you there!!

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Number of Guests _____

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In Rockland County:

NYS Thruway to Exit 13N(Palisades Pkwy North) to Exit 10 (North Middletown Road), Right at traffic light (Germonds Road), Follow Germonds Road, Cross Rt. 304, continue straight to Middle School entrance on left

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