

2009-2010 SCA Executive Board Biographies & Contact Information

Karen Blando, SCA Executive President - Executive President – Karen and her family moved to Manhasset in 1996. She and her husband, Joe, have two children: Catherine (10th grade, Manhasset High School) and Joe (8th grade, Manhasset Middle School); and two dogs, Lucy and Jack. Karen spent her formative years in Kansas City where she attended high school in the Shawnee Mission School District before receiving her B.S. in Finance from Kansas State University. After working as a commercial lender in Kansas City for a regional bank and later in asset management for ITT/Hartford, Karen and her husband Joe moved to New York City in 1991. Karen began her Wall Street career at Cowen and Company and after an extended stint at Bank of America, is currently employed as a Director with Macquarie Capital USA in the role of equity sales. Karen has been an active community member with the Manhasset Association of Girl Scouts and as manager of the Manhasset Middle School Hockey Team. Her involvement in the Manhasset School system began at Shelter Rock as a Class Parent for each of her children, Halloween Party Volunteer, 6th Grade Activities Chair and finally as a Splish Splash Chair. At the Secondary level, Karen served as Grade Level Chair in the Middle School and most recently as Ways and Means Treasurer. Karen is thrilled to begin her newest position as SCA Executive President. Her contact information is 365.1827 or karenblando@mac.com.

Diane Gershkowitz – Executive Vice President – Diane has resided in Manhasset since 1997 with her husband, Ross, and their two sons, Christopher and Daniel . Christopher is a Manhasset HS graduate, class of 2006 and Daniel attends the Middle School. Diane is a Fordham grad and worked in the Fashion industry for over 14 years. She currently works part-time while remaining active in the Manhasset Community. Diane has volunteered for the SCA in many capacities. Diane has been room rep, grade level rep, chaired the SCA Fair journal, served on the Shared Decision Committee, chaired the SR Staff Appreciation Luncheon, was the Executive Membership Committee Chair, the Nominating Committee Chair, and served on the SCA BY-Laws Committee for 2 years. In addition Diane served on the Shorehaven Community Board, has chaired LNO for the Manhasset Women’s Coalition against Breast Cancer and has remained active with this organization for many years. She is celebrating her 10th year as a volunteer CCD Catechist at St. Mary’s **Church**. Diane can be reached at 627-0653 or dtdierks@optonline.net.

Jeanine Toes, High School SCA President - Jeanine grew up in Dix Hills, Long Island, and attended Half Hollow Hills High School East. She graduated from College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts, with a B.A. in Economics in 1986 and worked at Prudential Securities for 13 years as an Institutional Sales-Trader, specializing in Nasdaq stocks for the Equity Markets division, and later as management. Jeanine and her husband, Jim, moved to Manhasset in 1992 and have four children: Alexandra (12th), Juliana (9th), both at Manhasset High School, Connor (7th), Middle School, and Emma (1st) who is at Munsey Park. She has been actively involved with Munsey Park as a Class Rep for all four of her children, Grade Level Chair, Transition Team Co-Chair, and on the Shared Decision Making Team. At the Secondary level, Jeanine has been Co-Chair of the Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Co Chair of Photo Day for the Middle School and High School. Jeanine has also been a member of the SCA Nominating Committee. She is excited about her newest position as SCA High School President. Her contact info is 627-8721 or jptoos@optonline.net.

Caroline Kenlon, Middle School SCA President- Caroline grew up in Manhasset and attended Munsey Park and Manhasset High School. She and her husband, Sean, also from Manhasset, have four children. Kade (9th) and Kelly (8th) at Manhasset Secondary School and Caroline Rose (6th) and Kyle (4th) at Munsey Park. Caroline has actively served the Manhasset community, most recently completing her first year as Middle School SCA President. She has also held positions as Munsey Park Grade Level Chair and Room Representative, co-chair of the Elementary Enrichment Program, and President of the Women's Club of Flower Hill. She has actively served on the Board of the Tower Foundation and the Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer. She holds a B.S. in Dance and Psychology from Skidmore College and a M.A. in Dance Education from NYU. Caroline is excited about continuing in her second term as Middle School President for the SCA. Contact Information- 627-4556 crk7@optonline.net

Christy Wepler, Munsey Park SCA President - Christy has lived in Manhasset all her life, attended Munsey Park School and graduated from Manhasset High School in 1982 along with her husband, Bob. They have 3 daughters, Catherine (13), Sarah (10), and Lauren (6). Catherine has completed her first year at the Middle School. Sarah and Lauren are at Munsey Park. Christy received her B.A. with honors from Hobart and William Smith Colleges with an individual major in education, psychology, and sociology, and her M.A. with distinction from Hofstra University with a major in curriculum and teaching. She began her 20 year career as a teacher at Jamaica High School where she taught special education for a year. She then worked in the New Hyde Park/Garden City Park School District teaching computer education, enrichment and fourth grade until her first child was born. As a stay-at-home-mom, Christy began a two-year-old/toddler class out of her house, which she then brought to the Congregational Nursery School in Manhasset, where she taught for another 7 years. After her first child entered Munsey Park, she began volunteering at the school and has served as a co-chair of Parents as Reading Partners, the Book Fair, and the Sixth Grade Promotional Party, the chair of National Library Week, a class mother, a bus parent, a member of the Enrichment Committee for 7 years, the arts and crafts chair at the SCA Fair, and a Halloween Party volunteer. In addition, she has been a girl scout leader for 7 years and was on the Tower Foundation for 6 years. She also is chair of the Board of Christian Education and helps direct the children's music at the Congregational Church of Manhasset. Christy is excited to serve as president at the school where she began her schooling. Contact Information: 365-2101; wazyabc@aol.com

Mary Jane Reilly – Shelter Rock SCA President - Mary Jane and her husband, Bob, moved to Manhasset in 2000. They have three children at Shelter Rock: Jack and Ben, who are in third grade, and Michael in first grade. Mary Jane graduated from the University of Scranton with a BS in Accounting and an MS in Counselor Education. She also has a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from Fordham University. Prior to the birth of the twins, Mary Jane was the Dean of Students at Fordham University. Mary Jane has been an active member of the Manhasset community, serving for two years as the co-president of the Mothers Group of Manhasset, and as a SCA Grade Level Chair and Bulletin Board Chair at Shelter Rock School. She is currently on the board of the Manhasset Student Aid Association and teaches religion at St. Mary's Church. Mary Jane is a career counselor with Brady and Associates CareerPlanners, LLC, with an emphasis on helping clients understand their natural abilities through the use of the Highlands Ability Battery. Contact information: 627-5432, mjreilly515@verizon.net

Jill McCarney, SCA Executive Board Treasurer Jill and Jim, her husband of 23-years (who grew up here), have lived in Manhasset since 1994. They have three daughters: Tara (21) and Megan (20), both attended public school in Manhasset, and Dana, a sixth grader at Munsey Park. Jill received a B.S. in Nursing from Georgetown and an M.A. in Nursing Administration from NYU. She worked eleven years in pediatrics at Mt. Sinai Hospital before becoming a stay-at-home mom and community volunteer. Jill has served as Treasurer of Manhasset Newcomers Club, President of AHRC, President of Strathmore Vanderbilt Women's Club, as well as a Girl Scout Leader. Her SCA duties have included Grade Level Chair, Book Fair Treasurer, Enrichment Committee Chairperson, and SCA Fair Money Room Co-Chair. Contact information: 627-6061; jmccar2@aol.com

Kathleen Kosciusko, SCA Executive Board Secretary – Kathleen and her family moved to Manhasset in 2005. Her and her husband, Michael, have 3 girls. Ella is a 3rd grader and Eva is a kindergartner at Munsey Park, and Anna turned 1 in May 2009. Prior to moving to Manhasset, Kathleen was part of the executive team at Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting). While at Accenture, Kathleen was a consultant, implementing software systems for large companies. She also focused on an HR role responsible for defining and implementing the partner pay structure. Since her oldest daughter started elementary school, Kathleen served as the Membership Co-Chairperson for the SCA. She was also class mom for two years and volunteered for programs including but not limited to: book fair, Guess Who's Coming to Read, and Character Matters. Kathleen can be reached at 627-3505 or at kosciuskokm@hotmail.com.