

PUBLIC POLICY REPORT
CELIA SEROTSKY CHAIR

During the past year that I have served as Chair of the Public Policy Committee, the following actions have been taken:

- Monthly articles have appeared in *The Branch* keeping members informed of public policy priorities at all three levels of the organization, local, state and national.
- E blasts have been sent to all members relating information about election procedures in New York State that have changed recently.
- E blasts have also been sent giving members information about local elections, such as school board elections
- I have received, read and used information from monthly communications from Nan Scinta, New York State Public Policy Chair. I have responded to her as well, letting her know what we are doing here in Poughkeepsie.
- With the help of Betty Harrel we organized an effort to join with Day One Early Learning Communities to support their efforts by donating craft items made by many of our members, especially Marticia Madory and the interest group Pins and Needles.
- With Betty Harrel, we responded to a request from Day One Early Learning Communities to provide an informational training session for the graduates of their teacher training programs. Our training session included best practices for writing a strong resume and conducting a good interview. Our members who will provide the training are Cyd Averill and Carol Vaccara.
- I helped update our website when asked to do so and regularly check the site to determine if any new information needs to be added.