



# NYSUT Retiree Council 22

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## RC #22 Executive Board

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## President's Message

by Barbara Barosa

Well Election Day has past!! We worked very hard on the Constitutional Convention issue and we won an important battle. The proposal failed in huge numbers against holding a convention. Union voters all over our state came out in force to stand against those who want to diminish our rights and personal liberties in New York State. I want to thank all those people who made phone calls, sent out post cards, wore buttons, had signs on their lawns, had VOTE NO magnets on their cars, spoke to others about the importance of voting NO, posted on Facebook to "Vote No" and most importantly came to the voting booths to VOTE NO!! NYSUT members led the charge with a clear and concerted effort to defeat this detrimental proposition and union members all over New York State united in the effort to defeat this potentially dangerous resolution. I would personally like to thank all of you for a job well done!

But there is still so much more to do. We have Supreme court cases coming down the pike and the outcomes could prove very detrimental to all labor unions! Support our active members and realize what could happen to the whole labor movement without unions and the financial support to unions! We can give to VOTE/COPE now to help in that effort. Our dollars make a difference. We would not have the retirement benefits we currently enjoy without our union and the working conditions of today's teachers are a result of union activism and proactive efforts at the negotiations table. We cannot afford to let those contractual rights to become diminished or greatly reduced. Please, do whatever you can to give to VOTE/COPE, or increase your yearly contribution level. Now is the time!! There is a VOTE/COPE form included in this issue for you to use. Please do your best to give whatever you can!! It will make a difference.

On Thursday, November 2, 2017, many members of the RC 22 Executive Board attended the NYSUT Regional Conference for Long Island retirees at The Watermill Restaurant in Smithtown. We had approximately 250 attendees who heard from many knowledgeable speakers on a variety of subjects in the morning workshops. The attendees were addressed by Paul Pecorale (NYSUT Vice President), the NYSUT Suffolk and Nassau Regional Office directors, Rosemary Catanzariti and Florence McCue (our E.D. Directors) and, of course, Joan Perrini (our Suffolk Office Retiree Specialist). We then heard from Tom DiNapoli (NY State Comptroller). We are very lucky to have a comptroller who knows the value of our TRS and ERS system and how important it is to protect it. Mr. DiNapoli is committed to making sure our pension funds are not raided, as some other states

have done, remains fully funded and will continue to flourish and provide NY retirees with the security they need to continue to live and invest in New York. TRS and ERS members put millions of hard earned dollars back into the New York economy. We must thank Joan Perrini who did a wonderful job of organizing, directing, recruiting and advocating for such a great conference day. We appreciate all your hard work Joan and Long Island retirees are so lucky to have you.

We have elections of RC 22 officers coming at our next Spring General Meeting. We hold a general meeting, usually at BEES headquarters tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 2018. The exact date will be published again in subsequent issues. We need officers to insure the longevity and effectiveness of our organization. Please consider running for a position. The positions are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

If you would like to serve as an officer, please fill out a declaration to run, (to be included in the late winter newsletter), and send back to Barbara Barosa, current President of RC 22 at 8 Robin Hood Lane, E Setauket, NY 11733 or send a formal email declaring your intent to run for a specific position to [rc22pres@gmail.com](mailto:rc22pres@gmail.com) before May 1, 2018. We will also take nominations from the floor at our Spring General meeting. Please attend our June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and exercise your right to vote for your representatives and officers. Use your voice!

RC 22 is also planning a trip to tour Grand Central Station and a walk on The High Line on Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Further information will follow in the early winter newsletter, but if interested, put the date in your calendar.

Also, for planning purposes, our Spring Luncheon will be on Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> at a new location, the Bellport Country Club. Again, more reservation info will be in our early winter newsletter.

Have a great holiday season. Be happy, stay healthy and keep safe wherever you go!

Look for more RC 22 newsletter issues with more important registration information in Early February!!

## **Important Dates to Remember:**

### ***RC 22 Spring Luncheon***

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Bellport Country Club

### ***RC 22 Spring Trip***

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Grand Central Station Tour and A Walk on the High Line, NYC

### ***RC 22 Spring General Meeting***

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

BEES headquarters, Patchogue, NY

**A big “Thank You” to all those who helped with the defeat of the Constitutional Convention Proposition.**



Retirees making Con Con calls at the NYSUT phone bank.

# SUPPORT RC 22



As a NYSUT retiree, you are a lifetime member of RC 22; however, without financial support from you, RC 22 cannot represent you at county, state and national conferences and meetings. We ask you to contribute an annual \$5 participation fee. If you pay dues to an operating retiree chapter, (Eastern Suffolk BOCES, (BEES), Mattituck-Cutchogue, Patch-Medford, Riverhead, Rocky Pt. and Wm. Floyd), your \$5 fee will be forwarded to RC 22 by your chapter. If you do not pay dues to one of these chapters, please fill out the form below and send it with your \$5 check payable to **RC #22**.

**Mail to:** Bill Rockwell, RC #22 Treasurer 30 Carmen Blvd. Brookhaven, NY 11719

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: *(please print clearly)* \_\_\_\_\_ Local you retired from: \_\_\_\_\_



## Pension Deduction Authorization Form



**VOTE-COPE is the New York State United Teachers political action fund.  
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The undersigned authorizes the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS) or the New York State Employees' Retirement System (NYSERS) to deduct from each of my regular defined-benefit pension payments the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (per month) and to forward that amount to VOTE-COPE, PO Box 5190, Albany, NY 12205-0190. I understand that this monthly amount will continue to be deducted until revoked by me in writing.

This authorization is made voluntarily and without fear of reprisal and with the understanding that the making of contributions to VOTE-COPE is not a condition of membership in any labor organization, will not impact the provision of my defined-benefit pension and that VOTE-COPE will use the money it receives to make political contributions and expenditures in connection with federal, state and local elections. This authorization shall remain in full force and effect for all purposes until revoked by me in writing.

I expressly acknowledge and understand that the deduction, as specified above, be withheld monthly and that NYSUT will transmit this authorization to the appropriate retirement system. I hereby certify to NYSTRS and NYSERS that I am a member of NYSUT, an employee organization entitled to receive union deduction payments as provided by law.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pension # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Local from which you retired \_\_\_\_\_

**Contributions to VOTE-COPE can also be made online at:**

**<https://www.nysut.org/my-nysut/reference/toolkit/member/political-action/vote-cope>**



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Local # \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (Make check payable to VOTE-COPE)

Please provide your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form to: VOTE-COPE, PO Box 5190, Albany, NY 12205-0190**

# NYSUT Member Benefits... more than just insurance!

***As an additional benefit to NYSUT members and their families, your union membership allows you to participate in more than 40 programs & services endorsed by NYSUT Member Benefits.***

These offerings include crucial products that you may already purchase such as life, auto & homeowners insurance, unbiased financial services and expert legal advice. But your NYSUT membership also allows you to participate in a variety of shopping, travel and personal programs that can help you save on everyday purchases and those special occasions.



**Our endorsed shopping/travel/personal programs offer savings on numerous online purchases, including:**

**Theme Park & Movie Tickets  
Hotel & Vacation Discounts  
Car & Truck Rentals**

**Office Supply Discounts  
Retail Store Discounts  
Concerts & Sporting Events**

**Electronics Discounts  
Ski Tickets  
Car Buying Service**

Participation in Member Benefits-endorsed programs also gives you a trusted advocate ready to assist you with any issues or concerns with any of our programs.

## **Member Appreciation Month coming in February 2018!**

As a show of thanks to the more than 600,000 NYSUT members that comprise this labor union, NYSUT Member Benefits will once again be holding our annual Member Appreciation Month celebration in February 2018.

Special prize drawings will be held each day of the month. To be eligible to win, you must be a member of our voluntary MAP Alert email service.

Sign up any time through the end of February 2018 to be eligible to win... but if you join MAP by January 31, 2018, you'll have the most chances to win!

To learn more about Member Benefits-endorsed programs & services, visit ***memberbenefits.nysut.org*** or call **800-626-8101**.



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