



NYSUT Retiree Council 22

Newsletter
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President's Message

by Barbara Barosa

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season with good friends, family, good health and holiday cheer. We have experienced a bit of snow in New York and the migration to the south has officially begun. Be safe in all your travels and enjoy your winter where ever that is.

We have much planned for this spring. We have elections of all officers at our spring general meeting! The meeting is held on June 6, 2018, and usually at BEES headquarters. There is a form included in this edition to run for an office with RC 22. We represent several thousand retirees on the entire east end of Long Island. It is a large geographic area with a wide group of retiree chapters that function in a variety of ways. RC 22 officially represents your interests at NYSUT Representative Assemblies, at LIPC meetings and at monthly LIRDC meetings. Retirees are an important part of NYSUT and we are called the "daytime army." We can go to meetings when active members are in classrooms or make phone calls when needed during the work day. We stay involved in important political matters that impact retiree lives, as well as education in our state and we need to be vigilant and heard, especially by our elected officials. I hope you will consider running for a position, it is imperative that we remain strong and focused.

Taxes are our new worry in New York, especially on Long Island. With the new Republican tax code bill, many retirees will find themselves in a difficult situation. Average property taxes combined with

state and local income taxes that can be written off as deductions for Long Islanders may be quite a bit above the \$10,000 cap. See your accountant and find out where you stand. It seems the campaign promises have been broken and the middle class will be paying more while the CEO's, businesses and millionaires get a huge tax cut! "Remember in November," when elections happen again.

This issue also contains the registration for the RC 22 trip to Grand Central Station on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. We will have a guided tour, a trip to Chelsea Market and a walk on the High Line. There will be a lot of walking so wear comfortable shoes and layers for the weather in late May. Forms need to be filled out completely and sent to Laura Cappetta who is organizing and collecting checks. We appreciate your cooperation in that endeavor. Remember there are only 51 spots and these trips usually fill quickly on a first come basis.

In the next edition will we print the reservation form for the RC 22 Spring luncheon. That will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at the Bellport CC, starting at 12 noon. We will be having a gardening expert talk to us about sustainable gardening, as well as a host of NYSUT speakers. Please attend for a lovely lunch, socializing and learning some new information. Hope to see you there.



RC # 22 Spring Trip-Grand Central Station Tour and Walking the Highline

Wednesday May 30,2018

\$105 for members/paid contribution fee or \$110 non-paid and guests

*Guided tour of Grand Central Station, with its over 100-year history. Lunch at Stout NYC, leisure time at Chelsea Market and a walk on the High Line, (a NY City park built on elevated 1930's freight rail). We will be walking, wear appropriate footwear!
Cost includes 3-course lunch, deluxe motor coach, guided tour and all tips except for bus driver and tour guides.

SEND MAIL CHECKS AND FORMS TO:

Laura Cappetta, RC 22 Exec Board
38 Panamoka Trail
Ridge, NY 11961

Email: Teach871959@yahoo.com or cell 516-702-2094

(before March 20, 2018, reservations accepted on a first received basis!!)

****51 person maximum!! Be at bus departure site at least 15 minutes before departure time, Thank you!!**

***All forms must be complete or application will not be processed!! Please print clearly!!**

Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Cell phone #: _____ Email: _____

Local retired from: _____

Pick Up location: (Check one)

_____ Office Max/Pottery Barn, Tanger 3, Riverhead, **bus departs at 7:00 AM**

_____ LIE, Exit 63 Park and Ride, behind Applebee's, **bus departs at 7:30 AM**

Lunch choice: (there must be a lunch choice for each participant, if multiple names on form)

_____ Traditional Shepherd's Pie

_____ Roasted Chicken

_____ Pan seared Scottish Salmon

Payment: ALL checks made out to RC 22:

\$ _____ \$105 pp, Member from (BEES, Mattituck, Pat-Med, Riverhead, Rocky Pt or Wm Floyd or paid \$5.00 contribution fee to RC 22)

\$ _____ \$110 pp, Non- participants or guests

\$ _____ **Optional Cancellation Insurance, \$8 pp, (requires doctor's note when cancelling)**

Retiree Council #22 Officer Declaration Form:

I, _____, declare my intention to run for the following office:
(full name)

Please check one:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

I am a retiree from:

_____ (name of NYSUT local you retired from)

_____ (signature)

Elections will be held at Spring General meeting on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at the BEES office.

Please return form before May 15, 2018, to:

***B. Barosa, RC 22 President
8 Robin Hood Lane
East Setauket, NY 11733***

And also email me rc22pres@gmail.com

Nominations will also be taken from the floor on meeting day.

**Contributions to VOTE-COPE can be made online at:
<https://www.nysut.org/my-nysut/reference/toolkit/member/political-action/vote-cope>**

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, Southampton 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: _____

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Visit memberbenefits.nysut.org or call **800-626-8101** for specific information about this program.



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Purchasing Power is an online shopping option that offers another way to purchase brand-new, brand-name products and pay for them over time through the ease of payroll deduction or ACH withdrawals. Eligible NYSUT members can enjoy access to products such as computers, appliances, jewelry, furniture, televisions, electronics, travel packages and much more.

While Purchasing Power is not a discount program, it can save you money and stress compared to high-interest credit cards or rent-to-own stores. As always, you are encouraged to shop and compare before making any purchasing decisions.

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