



# NYSUT Retiree Council 22

## Newsletter

June 2017

### RC #22 Executive Board

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### President's Message

by Barbara Barosa

Much has happened this spring! We have some new officers at NYSUT who were elected at the 2017 Representative Assembly in New York City. Our new President is Andy Pallotta who was our Vice President for many years. We have Jolene DiBrango as Executive VP and J. Phillip Abraham, as First VP. Paul Pecorale continues as another Vice President functioning as our retiree liaison at NYSUT. Now it is more important than ever to recognize the importance that unions, especially our union NYSUT, has made to our lives, careers and the quality of public education in New York State. There will be more challenges and Supreme Court decisions involving unions, especially relating to agency fee payers in the near future.

We need to remind all our active members and retirees that being a part of a union is more than just paying dues. If everyone gives a little of themselves for the betterment of the entire group, our union remains strong. To that end, we can help to keep our union strong by advocating for our union through our VOTE/COPE contributions. This is so important now because we have many big issues ahead, including stopping a Constitutional Convention on the 2017 ballot! The only way to have influence is through the political process and that takes lobbying money and activities. Please give to VOTE/COPE or increase your donation. It is easily done through pension deduction monthly. I have included a form in this issue! A little bit of money goes a long way. Retirees have reaped many benefits throughout the year because of our union, let's help our active members and protect our futures as well. Everyone will be impacted if our union does not remain strong.

We held elections at our spring business meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup> at BEES headquarters and we have elected 2 Delegates to the NYSUT Representative Assembly and 1 Alternate Delegate. Congratulations to Rosemary Brennan and

Terry Kalb who will serve as Delegates and Arlene Barresi will serve as Alternate Delegates. Thank you to all who participated in this important process.

Our next meeting is a breakfast meeting in early September. We invite our new retirees and have representatives from the Suffolk Office and sometimes Albany. It's a nice way to start the new school year and realize how lucky we are to be able to enjoy the fall weather without having to go to work daily!! Look for the flier in this edition and please join us! The breakfast will be on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am at the California Diner at 570 Service Rd, off Sunrise Highway in Patchogue, NY. The cost is \$16.00 per person! Send all checks made out to RC 22 to B Barosa, 8 Robin Hood Lane, E Setauket, NY 11733! Hope to see you there!

We also have an exciting general meeting in October at the Riverhead Public Library. We will have an RC 22 retiree, Jim Kingston, from BOCES speaking to us about his book that has recently been published. It is called *The City Island Messenger*, a World War II home front novel! It has been reported as wonderful reading and on several best-selling lists! It will be on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017, and starts at 10:00 am. Please join us!!





# Pension Deduction Authorization Card

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 \$5, \$3 or Other \$\_\_\_\_\_ (per month) and to forward that amount to VOTE-COPE, P.O. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

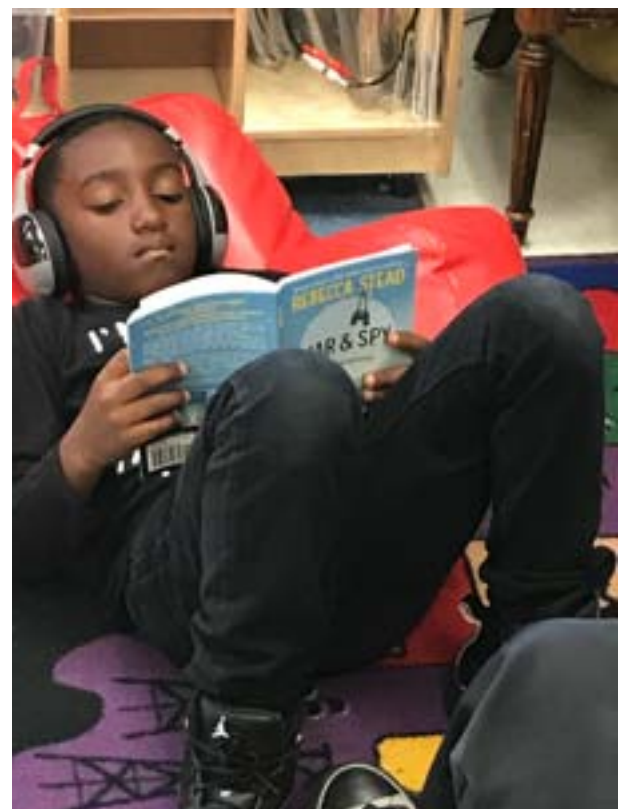
VOTE-COPE is the New York State United Teachers' political action fund.

VOTE-COPE solicits and accepts only voluntary contributions.

Contributions or gifts to VOTE COPE are not tax deductible.

## RC #22 Grants in Action

- Donna Verbeck's Garden Club-Riverhead
- Janis Ellis-Smith's Japan class presentation-Riverhead
- Mary Pettit's headphones and wireless audio books-Bellport
- Georgette Keller-ELL paired texts and writing project- Riverhead!



# RC #22 TRIP "Brooklyn Brownstone Walking Tour"

Friday, November 3, 2017

**\$110.00 for members/paid contribution fee (or \$115.00 for non-paid and guests)**

*"Explore historic Brooklyn neighborhoods and 19<sup>th</sup> century row houses in Brooklyn Heights, Park Slope, Fort Greene and Prospect Heights. We will see Manhattan skyline views, bus tour including Grand Army Plaza and WWII monuments. Lunch included at Juniors of Brooklyn!"*

## 2 available bus pick ups:

- Departs Riverhead Tanger Outlet, (near Office Max parking lot) at 7AM
- Departs LIE Exit 63, Behind Applebees's at 7:30AM

PLEASE BE THERE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF BUS! Fill out forms completely!

***We need your address, email and cell phone!!! Or forms will not be processed!!  
I need all names as well!! Please write clearly!!***

***Please mail to: Barbara Barosa, 8 Robin Hood Lane, Setauket, NY 11733***

Email address: rc22pres@gmail.com or cell 631-278-3562

**\*\*Before Aug 30, 2017! \*\*\* Only 50 seats available! Seats are available on a first Paid Basis!**

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Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Local: \_\_\_\_\_

Full home address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch choice:** \*(there must be one choice for every person, if multiple names PLEASE)

\_\_\_\_\_ Fried cod \_\_\_\_\_ Broiled cod \_\_\_\_\_ Roast ½ chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Brisket of beef

**Bus Pick-Up: Please check one**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Office Max at Tanger 3 Riverhead pick-up at AM-departs at 7:30 AM**

\_\_\_\_\_ **LIE Exit 63 pick-up 7:15 AM near Applebees departs at 8:00 AM**

**Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Active members **\$110.00 pp (paid** retirees from BEES, Mattituck, Pat-Med, Riverhead, Rocky Pt., Wm Floyd or paid contribution \$5.00 fee to RC 22)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for non-participants and **guests \$115.00 pp**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **optional \$ 8.00 daily pp insurance coverage** (With medical note only)

## **RC #22 SEPTEMBER BREAKFAST MEETING**

at The California Diner

570 Service Rd, (off of Sunrise Highway) Patchogue, NY

Wednesday Sept. 13, 2017

\$16 pp at 9:45 AM

Please mail this form with check made out to RC 22!!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_



## ***NYSUT Member Benefits offers savings, advocacy***

Your union is steadfast in its fight for better contracts, safer working conditions, fair pay, advocacy and upholding the labor rights of the dedicated women and men proudly working in the education and health care industries on a daily basis.

But your NYSUT membership does so much more! It also provides you the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of the more than 40 endorsed programs & services offered by NYSUT Member Benefits. Look to Member Benefits for crucial insurance programs such as auto, homeowners, life, disability, or long-term care insurance along with a variety of travel, entertainment & shopping options.

And participation in Member Benefits-endorsed programs & services gives you the added protection of knowing you have a trusted advocate on your side. Each of our endorsed offerings are regularly reviewed and monitored to ensure member satisfaction. Member Benefits is here to help if you should ever have any issues or concerns with any of these programs.

**The following is just a sampling of the endorsed programs & services available to NYSUT members & their families:**

- Homeowners Insurance
- Auto Insurance
- Legal Service Plan
- Financial Counseling Program
- Life Insurance
- Vision Plan
- Abenity Discounts
- Office Depot/OfficeMax
- Car & Truck Rentals
- Wyndham Hotels
- TripBeat by Endless Vacation
- Premier World Discovery



To learn more about Member Benefits-endorsed programs & services, visit [memberbenefits.nysut.org](http://memberbenefits.nysut.org) or call **800-626-8101**.



For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits. Agency fee payers to NYSUT are eligible to participate in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.