



NYSUT Retiree Council 22

Newsletter
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President's Message

by Barbara Barosa

It's almost fall. We are awaiting a chill in the air and Election Day is not far away. As many of you must already know, we have a very important item on this year's ballot in our general elections. The referendum calling for a Constitutional Convention is here!! All NYSUT members, their families and friends must make everyone aware how detrimental this referendum could potentially be to ALL!! (There is a separate Constitutional Convention newsletter coming to all Long Island NYSUT retirees!!) If you want your kids to have a free and quality public education, just vote NO! If you want public areas preserved for parks and recreation, just vote NO! If you want our environment protected, just Vote No! If you want to insure worker's rights, just vote NO!! If you believe disadvantaged students need social welfare services, just Vote NO! If you want all services and rights we currently enjoy in New York state to remain, just Vote NO! **If you want to protect your hard-earned pensions, just Vote NO!** If you agree workers have the right to organize, just Vote NO! If you don't want to spend hundreds of millions of our tax dollars to send the same politicians to Albany again, for a second salary, just Vote NO!!! This is serious and very real. We must all go to the polls and reject this dangerous referendum!! **Read** the material in our combined Long Island special newsletter on the Constitutional Convention!! We want you to **understand what is at stake**. United we remain strong!!

We have been making calls at the Suffolk Headquarters of NYSUT in Hauppauge on Tuesdays to all Long Island retirees educating them on the ballot referendum and what it means! Remember, you must turn the ballot over, it is on the back!! We believe it is referendum number 1, **JUST VOTE NO!!!** The calls are going to continue through Election Day on Tuesdays at the Suffolk office. If you would like to help, email me at rc22pres@gmail.com to sign up!! I thank all of those who gave their time for this important informational calling to our members. Some people who have been retired for 20 plus years were not aware of the

ramifications of this proposed convention! When informed they understand all of us need to go to the polls united to defeat this! Don't wait for others to do it for you! It is our responsibility to protect all of our members and we need to do it together!!

We had a breakfast meeting for all new, RC-22, 2017 retirees and current members at the California Diner in Patchogue on September 13th! Lots of people were there and heard from Peter Verdon, Suffolk Regional office director, NYSUT Vice President Paul Pecorale and RC Executive Board Director Rosemary Catanzariti! Starting your retirement is always a mixed blessing in September. You need some time to find your way, develop new routines and plan for a very different lifestyle. It takes a little time and some planning but I have yet to see a retiree who does not start enjoying themselves fairly quickly. Especially when the bad weather kicks in and you can stay in bed and not await the call that may or may not come, with a delayed opening or a "Snow Day"!

A reminder, our fall general meeting will be held at the Riverhead Public Library on Tuesday, October 3, 2017. It starts at 10 AM and we will hear from teacher author, Jim Kingston. His book entitled *The City Island Messenger*, will be discussed as well as how he got there! Please join us and keep up with NYSUT happenings!! Hope to see you then! Also, please send in your voluntary RC 22 Contribution and Participation fee! Form is included in this issue. All checks are made out to RC-22 and sent to our treasurer Bill Rockwell!!

Remember, now is the time VOTE/COPE is so important!! Please consider signing up for pension deduction or increasing it! We are going to need every penny to fight many of the forces out there who are not on our side!!

In solidarity, Barbara Barosa



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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



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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>

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: _____

NYSUT Regional Conference

for Retiree Councils 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, & 23

The  **Retiree**

~ *Keynote Speaker* ~

NYS Comptroller, **Thomas DiNapoli**

WORKSHOPS ON:

Elder Care, Health Care & Senior Issues

Update on Constitutional Convention
Information on the Election Ballot
Vote on November 7



**\$34
per person**

Thursday

November 2, 2017

8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Watermill Inn

711 Smithtown Bypass

Smithtown, NY 11787

(631) 724-3242

RC-22 General Meeting

Tuesday, October 3, 2107

Riverhead Public Library

Writer Jim Kingston in attendance!!

