



# NYSUT Retiree Council 22

## Newsletter

February-March 2018

### RC #22 Executive Board

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### President's Message

by Barbara Barosa

As winter winds down, hopefully, we look to spring for signs of new life and warmth. Unfortunately, that groundhog saw its shadow, so it might be awhile before warmer weather is here. We can only hope!

This spring we have many activities planned. In our last newsletter, we included the form for our spring trip to the Grand Central Station and a walk on the Highline. We have in this edition, a form for our annual spring luncheon at the Bellport Country Club on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, as well as, another notification of RC 22 Officer Elections. Delegates are currently voted upon in opposite years and the RC 22 President is automatically the AFT delegate designee, according to our Constitution and By-Laws, and serves as the only AFT Delegate. We need some current and recent retirees to consider running for offices. I will seek re-election one more time, and if re-elected will serve one more term before stepping down as President. I think it is time to start looking for replacements to our Executive Board, especially in the President and Vice President roles. Our current Executive Board does a wonderful job, but current time and developments require some newer retirees to be on our board to continue the good work being done to represent our large number of RC 22 retirees on Long Island. I hope you will seriously consider running for a position on our Board. We would love to have you with us!

The new tax law will have implications to Long Island tax payers. With the average local tax bill well over the \$10,000 threshold, we will see how school budgets fare in this highly-charged environment. Our active teachers are going to need help to insure Long Island continues to be a region with excellent public education.

There will be a NYSUT Representative Assembly that convenes in Buffalo, New York at the end of April. As always, retirees have a voice through their delegates and officers. We attend committee meetings and contribute to the discussions and subsequent voting with the retiree perspective in mind. Retirees have an important role in NYSUT. We are able to attend day time informative meetings, rallies, phone banks and lobbying efforts when our active members cannot. We can advocate for quality public education with our participation in Committee of 100. Some of us are grandparents and help in classrooms and activities in educating the future! Stay involved and keep abreast of activities afforded to you through RC 22. Come to informational meetings, go on trips, attend luncheons but most of all, VOTE as an educated NYSUT retiree.

With that, have a great spring and see you at some of our spring meetings and activities!! Hope to see more of you at meetings in the near future!

# Retiree Council #22 Officer Declaration Form:

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

*Please check one:*

President

Secretary

Vice President

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](mailto:rc22pres@gmail.com)*

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

## RC # 22 Spring Luncheon Meeting

At Bellport Country Club  
40 S. Country Rd, Bellport, NY  
631-286-4227

Wednesday, May 16, 2018  
12 pm (doors open at 11:45 am)  
**\$38 per person** for full luncheon

### Speakers:

Joan Perrini-Suffolk Retiree Service Consultant  
Rosemary Catanazariti- ED 52 Director  
and

**Doreen Monteleone**  
President of Bayard Cutting Arboretum  
Cornell Master Gardener

*“The Journey to Becoming a More Sustainable Home Gardener”*

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Questions? Send to: [rc22pres@gmail.com](mailto:rc22pres@gmail.com)

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

Local union retired from: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

# ***Congratulations to Our RC 22 Mini-Grant Winners!!***

I am pleased to announce there were a record number of mini-grant applications and our review committee awarded six outstanding mini-grants to our active teachers! Mini-grant awards were up to \$500 to support high quality teaching and innovation.

The winners, and all who applied, should be applauded for their commitment to their students, true professionalism, dedication and hard work! This year's recipients are:

Regina Casale, Middle Island TA  
*"Life through My Eyes: Fake News"*

Angela D'Amico, Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers  
*"Empowering Students with Dyslexia"*

Catherine Davis, Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers  
*"Fun with Pedometers"*

Tracy Harris, Middle Island TA  
*"STEM Markerspace Challenge"*

Amber Lerner & Centereach HS Earth Science Dept., Middle Country TA  
*"3-D Topography for Earth Science"*

Mary Pettit, Bellport TA  
*"The Human Body is Awesome"*

## **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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership has its privileges!

*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.*

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## Newly endorsed Member Shopping Program available for use!

We heard the requests of the NYSUT membership and spent months diligently researching new member shopping program options. The NYSUT Member Benefits Corporation is pleased to announce that the Purchasing Power Member Shopping Program is now available for use by eligible NYSUT members.

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.

Visit [nysutmbc.purchasingpower.com](http://nysutmbc.purchasingpower.com) or call **800-537-3135** to learn more.



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