



NYSUT Retiree Council 22

Newsletter

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President's Message

by Barbara Barosa

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season! May this New Year bring us all peace and joy! Hopefully the winter snow and ice will be minimal!

Well the election is over! Results are definitely not positive for educators and public employees in this country. We will continue to be vigilant and fight for the rights of our communities by insuring good quality education in our state. It is a task we cannot ignore and we will not allow the decimation of our civil and social rights that are in place currently in our state and country. Be informed and read email alerts. A lot is at stake; potentially Medicare, Social Security and other programs that are vital to retirees and families. If asked to send emails, please do so! We cannot stick our heads in the sand and let it just happen! Action speaks louder than words!! Be an activist and help insure the survival of a truly democratic and free society!

Our trip to the Twin Towers Museum on November 2nd was a great success. We had over 100 people travel to the site of the newly opened Twin Towers Memorial and Museum. It was quite moving and emotional but worth the effort. The exhibits portrayed a time in our history that none of us will ever forget. It is well done and honors the lives of so many lost. After the museum, we had lunch in Little Italy. It was a loud, fun and a tasty affair! A good time was had by all and many took home baked treats from the famous Italian bakeries in the area! A big thank you to all who arrived on time and were so cooperative. As the tour leader, I greatly appreciated that!

We have planned a trip to "*Hamilton's New York*" on Wednesday May 31, 2017. The group will tour Alexander Hamilton's home, the Morris Jumel Mansion (the site of George Washington's first cabinet meeting) and a narrated walking tour of Hamilton's Harlem! Lunch will be at the famous Sylvia's Restaurant. The group will be limited to **only 47 people**. We have a smaller bus and that is all it will accommodate. Look inside this edition for the

registration form. Get it in as soon as possible to insure a seat on the bus. With the popularity of the Broadway play *Hamilton*, that nobody can get tickets for, I expect a good turn out so don't miss it!

Our spring meetings are lined up. A spring luncheon meeting will take place again at **East Wind Caterers** in Wading River on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Last year the venue was very accommodating and parking is so easy. They are equipped to serve lunch to large crowds of 100 or more and we will be hearing from Barry Kaufman, President of New York State Association of Retired Americans. He will let us know what legislative issues are of importance to protect seniors in the state and nationally. He has great information on the status of social security, Medicare and, of course, the 2017 Constitutional Convention ballot initiative, (JUST VOTE NO!!). Mark your calendars and the spring lunch registration form will be in the late winter newsletter!

A spring general meeting will be held in June. It is scheduled for June 6, 2017, at the Eastern Suffolk BOCES union office. Meetings will begin at 10 AM! The office is located at 440 Waverly Ave, Building 4, Suite 12, Patchogue, NY. We will be having elections for two NYSUT/AFT delegates and one alternate delegate. There is a notice of election in this newsletter. If interested, please consider running and submit your name to me as soon as possible. We are also looking for a new Political Action Chair to replace Carol Conquest from Bellport TA, who has passed away recently. Carol was active on our Executive Board for many years and will be missed by all. Our sympathies go out to her family and friends.

Be a part of our organization! Get and keep involved! Now it is even more important to stay informed, be active, advocate for educational and retiree issues and stay an active part of NYSUT!! We must be a voice and stand united for what is right! The future of many depends on our actions today!!

Teaching License Registration

As of July 1, 2016, all professionally certified teachers, education leaders and Level III teaching assistants are required to register with The State Education Department in the month of their birth. There is a requirement to register every five years thereafter. There is no fee for the initial five year registration period.

Registration is done through the SED TEACH system.

To access the TEACH system, go to: www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/teach

(School guidance counselors, school psychologists and social workers are not impacted by this legislation)

Articles for Newsletter Needed

- You can write about educational issues, politics, history, travel, humor or whatever you want!
- Articles will be edited as needed.
- Our members would like to hear from you!
- Please email any article to rc22pres@gmail.com
- We appreciate in advance your efforts!



RC22 is looking for a logo. If you have any ideas, submit to Barbara Barosa at rc22pres@gmail.com

A Notice of Elections for RC 22 Delegates and Alternate

On June 6, 2017, at our spring general meeting there will be elections for two (2) delegates and one (1) alternate delegate to the NYSUT Representative Assembly.

Delegates are expected to attend monthly LIRDC meetings, and attend the NYSUT RA.

The meeting will be held at BEES, Eastern Suffolk BOCES Teacher Association office, located at 440 Waverly Rd, Suite 12, Patchogue, NY at 10 AM.

If interested in filling one of these positions, please email Barbara Barosa, RC 22 President at rc22pres@gmail.com before May 1, 2017.

Nominations will also be taken on the floor. Please attend!!

RC # 22 TRIP to Alexander Hamilton's New York City

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

\$115 for members/paid contribution fee or \$120 for non-paid and guests

*"Discover the man who became the founder of our nation's financial system, chief aide to General George Washington and one of the most influential interpreters of the U. S. Constitution. Visit his home, The Grange and Morris-Jumel Mansion where he attended George Washington's First Cabinet meeting. Go on a narrated tour of Hamilton's Harlem and lunch at the famous **Sylvia's Restaurant**." All-inclusive trip, except tip for bus driver and tour guides.*

2 available bus pick-ups:

1-Departs Riverhead Tanger Outlet, (near Office Max parking lot) at 7 AM

2-Departs LIE Exit 63, by Applebee's at 7:30 AM

PLEASE BE THERE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF BUS! Fill out forms completely! **We need your address and cell phone!!!**

***Please make all checks out to **Retire Council #22** and return bottom form below. Please mail to:

Laura Cappetta
38 Panamoka Trail
Ridge, NY 11961

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

Before March 1, 2017! Only 47 seats available! **Seats are available on a first paid basis!**

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(Where you retired from)

Name: _____ Local: _____

Full home address: _____

*Cell phone number: _____ *Email: _____

_____ **Tanger Outlet pick-up at Office Max parking lot at 6:45 AM-departs at 7 AM**

_____ **LIE Exit 63 pick-up 7:15 AM near Applebees departs at 7:30 AM**

Enclosed: _____ for Active members **\$115 pp (paid** retirees from BEES, Mattituck, Pat-Med, Riverhead, Rocky Pt., Wm Floyd or paid contribution \$5 fee to RC 22)

_____ for non-participants and **guests \$120 pp**

_____ **optional \$ 8 daily** insurance coverage (With medical note only)

Address Change

If you want to keep receiving RC Newsletters and important NYSUT information, you must keep your mailing address up to date!

If you have a change of address contact :

NYSUT Member Records
at 1-800-342-9810 x 6224

OR

Send written changes to
NYSUT Member Records
800 Troy-Schenectady Road
Latham, NY 12110

OR

Email changes to
memberrec@nysutmail.org

It may take a few weeks, but call again if changes do not occur!!
Keep up to date and current!

NYSUT MEMBER BENEFITS ANNOUNCES 4 NEW ENDORSED PROGRAMS!



Office Depot/OfficeMax

This program offers NYSUT members & their families the opportunity to save up to 80% on almost 100,000 products in all Office Depot/OfficeMax locations or online through the company's website; the average savings on items is approximately 30%. NYSUT members can save on school supplies, office supplies, ink & toner, copying & printing, and much more.

Tunstall Medical Alert

Tunstall offers a variety of medical alert products that ensure NYSUT members and/or their family members living alone can get quick assistance when they need it; the majority of Tunstall's products have a lightweight, waterproof activator that can be worn around the neck or wrist.

When pushed, the Tunstall activator signals a base unit that in turn communicates directly with the Tunstall 24/7/365 Emergency Response Center. Tunstall offers personal emergency response systems for both traditional landline and cell phone users that directly connect with the Tunstall Emergency Response Center when the activator button is pushed.

Premier World Discovery

This program offers a variety of group tour vacations designed for active adult American travelers specializing in domestic and international worldwide tours. NYSUT members & their family members who use the Premier

World Discovery program can save \$100 per person on specific tours and cruises.

Since the company's inception in 1999, Premier World Discovery has developed a lineup of more than 70 travel programs around the globe, including fully-escorted tours, unique rail tours, private-chartered European river cruises, festive holiday and New Year's getaways, and more.

Abenity Discounts

The Abenity discounts program gives NYSUT members access to approximately 290,000 exclusive member discounts across 10,000 U.S. cities, including discounted tickets for entertainment & sporting events; a variety of travel opportunities; and numerous local deals.

With the Abenity discounts program, you'll be able to enjoy substantial savings on tickets to the latest blockbuster movies or theater events, theme parks, museums & attractions, zoos, major appliances/televisions, restaurants, groceries, gym memberships, and much more!

NYSUT members can utilize their Abenity discounts program on any mobile device and gain access to exclusive local deals no matter where you are. Purchase tickets to more than 3,000 movie theaters and theme parks. There are no hidden fees and you'll receive electronic tickets immediately!

To learn more about Member Benefits-endorsed programs & services, visit 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.