



NYSUT Retiree Council 22

Newsletter
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President's Message

by Barbara Barosa

It is the holiday season! I hope you and your family have a happy and healthy season and a great new year!! But winter is on its way and I know our snow birds will be hitting the road or the skies very soon to travel to warmer locations! Safe travels!!

It seems as if Election Day was so long ago. Well some very good things happened in our important mid-term elections this year! While the two NYSUT endorsed federal congressional candidates from our local Long Island area did not succeed in winning, they came very close. We had first time candidates do very well against incumbents! Always a tough challenge! With that said, state-wide we flipped the New York State Senate to Democratic control, something that has not happened in many years. Senator Flanagan, who called NYSUT members, "*Forces of Evil*," has lost his position as Senate majority leader! NYSUT did not endorse any candidate who didn't support NYSUT on the APPR bill eliminating the requirement to use high stakes State tests as an evaluation tool for teachers. Senator Flanagan, leader of the Senate at that time, refused to put the bill up for a vote. Then much later, just before the Senate recessed, he put a bill up but with a rider to allow the state to create 200 more charter schools! This was defeated and the APPR issue is still not resolved even with major support from legislators.

NYSUT members rallied, went to the phone banks and made thousands of calls, participated in Labor walks and most importantly went to the polls to use their **VOICE!** Voter

numbers seemed very high. NYSUT members rose up against the attacks on our profession, attacks on our civil liberties, attacks on our core values and responded. We still have lots of work to do, but NYSUT members realized we are unified in our fight to maintain the quality

of our schools, the quality of our chosen profession and the quality of community life. Hopefully everyone realizes that the best way to do that is to support candidates who support education.

I want to thank all of the members of RC-22 who participated in phone banks, went on labor walks, and most importantly got the message out about how important this election was to our livelihood and future! Anyone who did not vote, lost an opportunity to use their voice! Many have fought long and hard for the right to VOTE--please use it, regardless of the election! Vote in your local school board elections, library budgets, local union elections and all community votes--it is the most important tool we have to change our future for the better! We ran many successful campaigns this mid-term and should be proud of our accomplishments to date. We know the 2020 election is just around the corner and will be more important than this one. Our work is never done, but we are up for the challenge! NYSUT is united against the real forces of evil!!

The weather has turned cold very quickly. A little snow has fallen and the holiday rush is just ahead. Happy Holidays to all. Have a joyous season filled with good health, happiness, family and friends. May our winters be mild with spring just around the corner! To all of the snow birds, use sunscreen and recharge your batteries and have a safe return in the spring!

Please visit our Facebook page and the newly launched RC-22 web site!! Only RC-22 members may sign onto our Facebook group. The name is NYSUT RC22 (Retiree Council). Send a friend request and let us know what local you retired from and you will be activated! This is a good tool for us to communicate much quicker than the slow newsletters from Albany! Please sign on to Facebook and check out the new web site!!

See you in the spring!



Notice of RC-22 NYSUT Delegate Elections Declaration Form

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

Please check: _____ NYSUT delegate

I am a retiree from:

_____ (name of NYSUT local you retired from)

(signature)

Elections will be held at Spring General meeting, June 2019, to be held at the BEES office. **Official meeting date TBA.**

*Please return form before May 1, 2019 to: B. Barosa, RC 22 President
8 Robin Hood Lane
East Setauket, NY 11733*

You can also email me rc22pres@gmail.com.

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

Happy Holidays to One and All!



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: _____



Pension Deduction Authorization Form



**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.**

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 be made online at:

<https://www.nysut.org/my-nysut/reference/toolkit/member/political-action/vote-cope>



Contribution Form



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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

Announcing the RC-22 web site!

<http://rc22.ny.aft.org/>

Check out News, Resources, Member Benefits and more!

Financial advice shouldn't be a one-size-fits-all approach!

Stacey Braun Associates, Inc. -- the program provider of the NYSUT Member Benefits Corporation-endorsed Financial Counseling Program -- understands the unique benefits and retirement options of NYSUT members and how to address your specific financial needs.

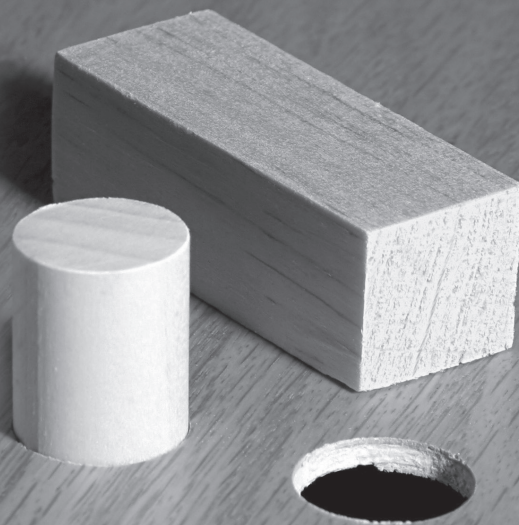
There are two types of services available: a Full-Service Program and a 403(b) Advisor Option.

Financial Planning Center

Member Benefits also offers NYSUT members access at no charge to an online Financial Planning Center. Choose from more than 100 modules on a variety of financial topics.

NEW! -- Student Loan & Debt Consolidation Services

The NYSUT Member Benefits Corporation is pleased to announce the endorsement of Cambridge Credit Counseling as a provider to assist NYSUT members and their loved ones with better understanding their student loan re-payment options and/or debt consolidation. **Learn more about this new endorsed program by visiting memberbenefits.nysut.org/cambridge.**



Expert legal assistance for NYSUT members

The program offers:

- Low annual cost of just \$85 (\$55 for retirees)
- Unlimited toll-free legal advice
- Includes Simple Will, Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy & Living Will
- Two, free, hour-long consultations with a plan attorney

Did you know NYSUT members have access to expert legal assistance for everything from preparing crucial estate planning documents to dealing with traffic violations?

Provided by Feldman, Kramer & Monaco, P.C., the NYSUT Member Benefits Trust-endorsed Legal Service Plan offers access to a national network of attorneys that deal with personal legal matters.

For an additional fee, Plan participants can add an Elder Law Rider and/or Business Protection Rider that provides access to attorneys who specialize in these areas.



Learn more by visiting memberbenefits.nysut.org or calling 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.