



NYSUT Retiree Council 22

Newsletter

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President's Message

by Barbara Barosa

I hope this winter's weather has not been too much to handle. We seem to be doing okay with snowfall accumulations, but some very cold weather has hit us in waves! So enough already- hopefully spring is on its way! We hope!

The ever changing news cycle and border security issues continue as we survived the longest government shut down in our nation's history this past December/January. We applaud and thank those government employees who continued to come to work to protect the public, without being paid and doing their jobs as they endured great financial stress. I know as a winter traveler, it would not have been possible or safe without these often under-appreciated people. Thank you.

We have had a rash of politicians throw their hats into the ring for the upcoming Presidential elections in 2020 from both major parties. We will need to be vigilant and support those candidates that support us as educators and public employees. We must be active and participate in this election that will have great consequences for us going forward as a nation. We must always remember our values and beliefs as educators in our society. What I see on the news today does not always reflect how we want our students to treat each other. We as the adults must model positive and humane behavior. We must advocate for the beliefs our great nation was founded on. Freedom for all, not only for some who are privileged and affluent. Politics are important and can affect our lives in dramatic fashion.

We have a Spring General Meeting planned for Wednesday June 12, 2019. It will be held at the BEES headquarters, Eastern Suffolk BOCES, located at 440 Waverly Ave, Building 4, Suite 12, Patchogue, NY at 10 am! At that meeting, we will hold elections for 2 delegates to the NYSUT Representative Assembly and also one alternate

delegate, should they not be able to attend. If you are interested in serving as a delegate and want to run for this position, please read the information in this edition and contact me via email.

We are planning an RC 22 spring trip to some of our Long Island Wineries. The trip will take place on Thursday May 30th. We will be visiting several wineries and a gourmet boxed lunch will be provided. A luxury bus takes you from vineyard to vineyard. We will be traveling from two easy locations, LIE Exit 63 and Tanger outlets!! These trips fill up very quickly, so fill out the application form completely in this edition and send in as soon as possible to secure your spot to take advantage of this wonderful experience!

Have a great end of winter, beginning of spring!! See you at a meeting or trip in the near future!!

Stay Informed

The following websites are great resources for retirees. Information about state and federal legislation on important issues.

New York State United Teachers
www.nysut.org

American Federation of Teachers
www.aft.org

New York State Teachers Retirement system
www.nystrs.org

New York State Alliance for Retired Americans
www.newyorkstateara.org

NYSUT Member Benefits
memberbenefits.nysut.org

NOTICE OF RC 22 NYSUT Delegate ELECTIONS

Retiree Council # 22

NYSUT Delegate Declaration Form:

I, _____,
(full name)

declare my intention to run for the following office:

Please check:

NYSUT delegate

Alternate delegate

I am a retiree from: _____
(name of NYSUT local you retired from)

(signature)

Elections will be held at Spring General meeting at the June 2019 general meeting to be held at the BEES office.

(official meeting date TBA)

Please return form before May 1, 2019 to:

Barbara Barosa, RC 22 President

8 Robin Hood Lane

East Setauket, NY 11733

And also email me rc22pres@gmail.com.

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

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: _____

RC #22 Spring Trip: A Day At The North Fork Wineries

Join us for a day at the North Fork Wineries on Thursday, May 30, 2019. Enjoy traveling on a 50 person party bus to the Riverhead Cider House, the Lenz Winery (where we enjoy our gourmet "box lunch" provided by Farm Country Kitchen in Riverhead) and the Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard.

The cost of the trip is \$105 pp for members who have paid participation fees, and \$110 pp for those who have not or any additional guests. The cost includes entry to all 3 vineyard/locations, tastings and lunch. All checks should be made payable to **RC #22**.

Please fill out this form completely! This is our only means of communication. As the trip nears you will be contacted for lunch choices!!

This trip fills on a first paid basis! **Due before April 22, 2019!!

Name: _____

Address _____

Cell phone # _____

Email address: _____

Local retired from: _____

PICK UP LOCATION: You must check one:

- LIE Exit 63 PARK AND RIDE
 Tanger Outlets, near West Elm store (Office Max)

****SEND CHECKS AND COMPLETED FORM TO:**

Laura Cappetta
38 Panamoka Trail
Ridge, NY 11961

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

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