



NYSUT Retiree Council 22

Newsletter

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President's Message

by Barbara Barosa

Spring is almost gone and it really never felt like spring! I am sure summer will be here all of a sudden in full force. I think the weather seems to be always a month later than usual! We may have June weather in July!

We had a general meeting at BEES headquarters in Patchogue on June 12th. I thank those members who attended and participated in our delegate election process. Our two NYSUT Delegates are Rosemary Brennan (Riverhead) and Terry Kalb (BOCES) who have both served in that capacity in the past and our Alternate Delegate is Arlene Barresi. Thank you ladies for your commitment and for doing such a good job! You represent RC 22 well!

We attended the NYSUT RA in Albany, NY, in early May representing retirees from RC 22. Resolutions were debated in committees, brought to the larger delegation on the floor, passed, modified or rejected and, sometimes, referred to the NYSUT Board of Directors for further analysis. Some resolutions dealt with school health and safety, expedited disbursement of Smart School bond funds, school library staffing, the broken state testing system, how to oppose Title IX roll backs, receivership issues on so called failing schools and part time adjunct college professor dues structure, to name but a few!

The NYSUT RA will be held in Albany for the foreseeable future rather than Rochester, Buffalo or New York City. This move, utilizing the new conference location will save NYSUT over 4 million dollars over the next several years. By keeping it in Albany, close to NYSUT offices/services and condensing the program to 2 days we are saving on housing, shipping, printing etc. NYSUT is always looking for ways to save our dues payers money without sacrificing the legislative process.

There will be a fall NYSUT Retiree Conference for all Long Island retirees. It will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at The Watermill Inn in Smithtown. Keynote speakers will be Randi Weingarten, President of AFT and our very own NYSUT Second VP, Paul Pecorale. There will be workshops on elder care, scams seniors should be aware of, Long Island wines and NYSUT Social Services. The price is \$34/pp and it

includes a continental breakfast and a sit-down luncheon. You will receive an invitation and a flyer is in this newsletter! This is subsidized by our state association and some local retiree groups have subsidies available as well. I hope you can attend! Make a day of it while meeting friends (new and old) and be involved!

We are keeping our eye on the retiree health insurance issue that has arisen in Bay Shore. Selected retirees have been unilaterally moved from traditional Medicare Plus and a secondary NYSHIP plan to a Medicare Advantage plan intended to mirror the Medicare Plus NYSHIP benefits. This situation is being monitored by NYSUT to see if financial harm or substandard coverage is taking place.

It is important that we remain vigilant in our support of our union to combat those out there that would erode the hard-won benefits we now have. There are no absolute guarantees no matter how long you have been retired! VOTE/COPE is one way to advocate for ourselves. It gives our people the funds to advocate on our behalf and to elect officials who respect public employees and their pension benefits. Be an activist, give to VOTE/COPE, vote your job and pensions!!

An *Experienced and New Retiree Breakfast* will be held in early September. Specifics will follow in a late July /August newsletter! A fall general meeting will be held at The Riverhead Public Library in October, as well! Look for specifics in the next newsletter. See you there!

RC-22 web site

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

Look for news, resources, member

benefits and more!

NYSUT Regional Conference

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

[for Long Island Retirees]

The Retiree

Keynote Speakers

AFT President, **Randi Weingarten**

NYSUT Second Vice-President, **Paul Pecorale**

WORKSHOPS ON:

**Elder Care, Senior Scams, Long Island Wines
& NYSUT Social Services**

Includes: *Continental breakfast • Sit-down lunch
Door prizes • Raffles*



Tuesday

October 29, 2019

8 am - 3 pm

Watermill Inn

711 Smithtown Bypass

Smithtown, NY 11787

631-724-3242

\$34

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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.

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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 _____

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: _____



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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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