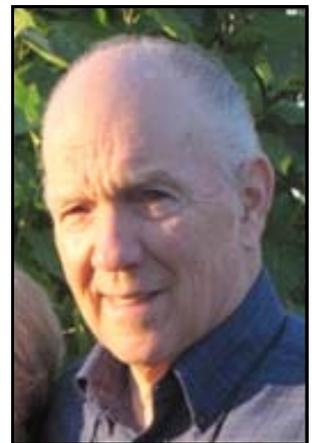




# *From the President*

Once again we find ourselves in an election year for RASCC officers and I am pleased to see some new names on the slate of officers running for the various positions. If you would like to run for any of these, please add your name to the ballot. If you know of someone you would like to nominate, please only add their name if you have their permission to do so. Also, don't forget to mail your ballot so that your choices will be counted.

On another matter, because of the College's privacy policies, we still face the difficulty of learning the names of people who are retiring. This is especially so when the retirement occurs in the middle of the school year. So if any of you know of someone who will be retiring in December or January, please let us know their names so that we may contact them regarding possible membership in RASCC.



Some of you have undoubtedly received an email recently asking for our help in supporting the Alliance for Retired Americans, (ARA), an organization composed of unions- public, private, professional and labor- as well as community groups and religious coalitions. These groups have joined together to create a political force and powerful voice for the promotion of issues important to seniors. Their efforts go toward lobbying for various bills such as the Social Security Enhancement and Protection Act, the Social Security Expansion Act, and the Social Security 2100 Act as well as fighting to keep Medicare secure while preventing changes that would be harmful to seniors.

All they are asking is a \$10 donation to help support ARA. Donation forms are available from your Retiree Council presidents, or by contacting Joan Perrini of NYSUT at 631-273-8822.

On a more personal note, congratulations to two of our RASCC members, **Pete Herron** and **Marilyn McCall**. Pete was selected to be the Torch Bearer for this year's Convocation at which Marilyn was awarded Professor Emeritus recognition. Also, this year's Golf Tournament, which recognized RASCC member **John Gallagher**, and is supported by RASCC, was the most successful one ever according to several participants.

*Bud Macy*

# Passings

## President Robert T. Kreiling

Robert T. Kreiling, Suffolk County Community College's second president, died in Florida after a long illness at the age of 85. President Kreiling was a longtime Westhampton Beach resident who moved south in retirement, died Aug. 12 at the Treasure Coast Hospice House in Port St. Lucie.

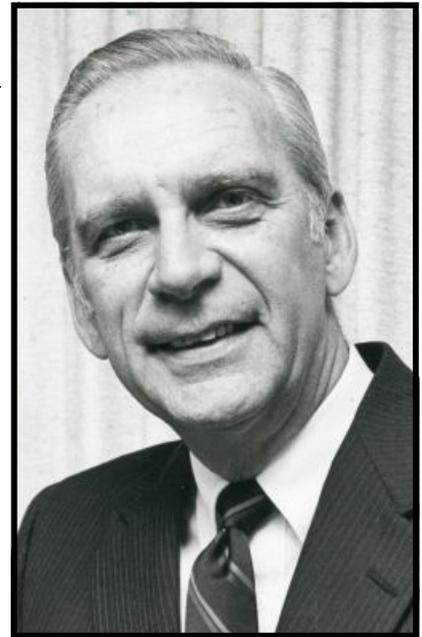
Bob Kreiling led the college from 1983 to 1991 and helped the school develop into a three-campus institution that is now the largest in the state system. He established the honors program and campus day care programs, as well as remedial programs that have contributed to the success of thousands of students at the College.

Bob joined the college staff in 1964 as a faculty member and held several administrative posts. After serving as executive vice president, he succeeded founding President Albert Ammerman.

Bob was a lifelong champion of public education, a devoted husband and father, a skilled amateur woodworker and photographer, and a determined golfer. Born in Brooklyn, he grew up in Westhampton Beach. He earned a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Albany and a master's degree from Columbia University, and spent most of his professional life in New York State public higher education.

Bob married the former Mary Lucas in 1951. In addition to raising four children together, the couple also shared a love of golf, gardening, and travel. He also was a skilled amateur woodworker and photographer. He was involved in his neighborhood owners' association in Port St. Lucie. An avid golfer, he was also a longtime member of Westhampton Country Club, and later the Legacy Golf Club in Port St. Lucie.

Survivors include his wife; daughters Jean Kreiling of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and Nancy Kreiling Kingston of Nyack; a son, William Kreiling of Spotsylvania, Virginia; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by daughter, Susan Lawless.



## *Holiday Party, December 2, Miller Place Inn*



**D**o not miss out on the most attended annual RASCC event. Great music and entertainment, a beautiful location all decorated for the holidays, excellent food, all the wine, beer and soft drinks you can consume, and best of all renewing friendships with many of your Suffolk County Community College retirees.

**Included in this newsletter is the holiday party reservation form. Please complete the form and send it is now.**

**For more pictures, information and useful links of interest to our members go to the RASCC website at**

**<http://www.rascc.org/>**

## *Suffolk Over The Years*

Ray Welch has collected photos and information about the Amermann Campus as it has changed since (and before) the College began.



Faculty Office Building (The old infirmary) ca. 1963

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“Red Square” late 1960’s



Now Veteran’s Plaza



This is site of the future Suffolk County Community College. Can you spot the Marshall (now Kreiling) and the Ross (now Amermann) buildings?

### **Ellen Shuler Mauk Honored**

At the August 27 SCCC Academic Convocation, Ellen Shuler Mauk not only was awarded Emeritus Professor but was also awarded the Distinguished Suffolk County Community College Presidential Medal.



V.P. for Academic Affairs Suzanne Johnson, Professor Emeritus Ellen Shuler Mauk, President Shaun L. McKay, Suffolk County Community College Board of Trustees Chair, Theresa Sanders, and V.P. for Student Affairs Christopher Adams.

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## Some Pension Facts

### *Did you know:*

That NYSTRS, New York State Teachers Retirement System, currently has assets totally \$106.8 billion, the largest since founded in 1921?

That the return on investments for the fiscal year ending in August was 18.9%?

That as of July 1, 2014, the system is distributing \$6.3 billion per year to retiree teachers and that is not including the monies paid to New York City retirees?

That 82% of the funds dispersed are sent to New York State residents and have a huge impact on the local economy?

That Suffolk County has the largest number of teacher retirees in the state and Nassau ranks number 3?

That Tier VI of the retirement system ranks number 2 in total numbers enrolled and when it becomes the largest tier, the first time members will be contributing more (51%) to the fund than employers?

That the pension funds (not just the teachers' fund) in New York State are funded at 97-103% of outstanding liabilities and that nationwide public pensions are funded in the range of 68-72%?

Your pensions are secure financially and economically but are politically attacked as unsustainable.

The state constitution guarantees that your pension is an individual contract between you and the state which cannot be "diminished or impaired." The call for a constitutional convention by law will be on the ballot in 2017.

*David Keefe, Retiree Representative, Teachers Retirement System 516- 741-1241*

## RC39 Website

Check out RC39 website, <http://rc39.ny.aft.org/> where you can read recent NYSUT RC39 newsletters, AFT and NYSUT news releases, and much more.

# Reminder

Remember to return the enclosed membership renewal.

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