A message from Andrew Pallotta, NYSUT President:

“Wealthy special interests have been fighting for years to undercut unions and roll back the benefits earned by working families. The Supreme Court decision in Janus vs. AFSCME shows how far they are willing to go to attack working families. Antiunion forces think they can seize this opportunity to convince our members to abandon our union in an effort to diminish their voice in the workplace and weaken their strength at the bargaining table. **We are going to prove them wrong.** NYSUT fights to protect the collective bargaining rights that help secure higher wages, quality health care and a secure retirement for our members and their families. They know that strong unions provide our members a voice in the workplace and in the halls of power.

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We have fought long and hard to protect our brothers and sisters in the labor movement, and we are not going to back down now. Our movement is stronger than ever. We are committed to working like never before to encourage every member to stick with our union. We hope you will take a minute to use the resources at www.nysut.org/janus to help fight to preserve our voice, our values and our union. This is our moment. I am confident that, together, we will rise to it.”

And from Paul Pecorale, NYSUT 2nd Vice President:

“NYSUT retirees have long been a vital force in the fight to preserve and protect our union, and that work is far from over. We are grateful for your ongoing leadership and activism, both as past in-service members and as current retirees.”

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Scholarship Recipients

- **Marjory Schuster Scholarship** – **John Robinson**, Henninger HS attending University at Albany. Grandchild of **Margaret Robinson** (Syracuse TA)

- **Robert Doyle Scholarship** – **Reese Holahan**, Marion HS attending SUNY Fredonia. Grandchild of **JoAnn Holahn** (Syracuse TA)

- **Neal Sorkin Scholarship** – **Kyle Pelvak**, Nyack HS attending University at Buffalo. Grandchild of **Doug Matousek** (North Syracuse EA)

- **Jeanette Pietrantoni Scholarship** – **Victoria Walters**, New Hartford HS attending University of Vermont. Grandchild of **Vern & Carolyn Walters** (Liverpool FA)

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It’s Time to Send in Your Participation Fee

Active membership in Retiree Council 7 is open to every NYSUT retiree of any NYSUT represented group in Election District 7. ED 7 is comprised of all units in Cayuga and Onondaga counties. Active members are those who have paid RC 7’s participation fee of $10 per year and, if required by the local, payment of local retiree fees. **Associate membership** is open to the spouses of active members.

**One important note:** If you are retired from Auburn, ESM, Jordan-Elbridge, Liverpool, North Syracuse, or Port Byron, your RC 7 participation fee is collected with the dues for your local retiree chapter and then forwarded to us. You should not use the form here or mail dues directly to us.

Participation fees are accepted at any time. However, to be able to nominate your child or grandchild for one of our June 2019 scholarships you must pay your participation fee by Dec. 31, 2018.

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We Knew This Was Coming…

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To register, call the NYSUT office at 315-431-4040.

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2018 - 19 MEETINGS

October 18 – NYSUT, E. Syracuse

November 20 – Lakeside Fire Hall, Lakeland

December 18 – Bellevue C.C., Syracuse

March 19 – Fireside Inn, Baldwinsville

April 16 – Barbagallo’s, E. Syracuse

May 21 – Justin’s, E. Syracuse

June 18 – The Lodge @ Welch-Allyn, Skaneateles
From the President’s Desk…

Loretta K. Donlon

How NYSUT and RC 7 Spent their Summer Vacations

One of the things we all say after retirement is that, “We will really enjoy an endless summer vacation.” But after enjoying it a while, and seeing our calendars fill up with appointments, the saying changes to “How did I ever have time to work??”

NYSUT and RC 7 had little time off from meetings this summer, and the work on our behalf went on full steam.

NYSUT’s project to engage members personally to mitigate the effects of the Janus decision was impressive. - 86% of all K-12 members were contacted and signed membership cards, President Pallotta noted that was over 200,000 contacts and new membership cards. Over 500 people were trained to visit members in their homes and discuss the value of union membership. What a successful massive undertaking to counteract our enemy’s efforts to email thousands of anti-union emails to NYSUT members across the state and similar activities have been underway across the country by similar organizations. This is a full attack on unionism!

This summer was also the time for the Endorsement Conference where all the NYSUT Presidents gather in Albany to review candidate positions on our issues and suggest who should have our members’ support. Of special interest and pride is the endorsement of John Mannion, President of West Genesee Teachers Association, who is a candidate for the 50th NYS Senate District right here in Central New York. He was also endorsed at the NYS AFL-CIO Convention. (Other endorsements can be found on NYSUT’s webpage.)

NYSUT also took part in the AFT Convention, our national affiliate, while RC 7 took part in Social Security’s Birthday Celebration with a demonstration on Salina Street and rallied against NYS Senator Flanagan, who stopped the bill to correct APPR from coming across the country.

Other Board meetings and a show of force in staffing the State Fair booth and annual Labor Day parade brought us to the end of another summer with great thanks to these active members. The booth crew included Margo Buckingham, Donna Breen, Marion Nydam, Mary Kay Boyle, Candace Johnson, Jan Gillette, Ann McDonell, Jean Schug, June Goodyear, William Spreter, Carol Graham, and George Roney. In addition, thanks go out to the marchers who proudly carried the RC 7 Banner in the parade – Anne Marie and Jim Voutsinas, and Jim Shults, a loyal yearly Fair volunteer. Watch for more opportunities for activism and involvement in the coming months! See you then.

RC 7 TRIP TO BURLINGTON, VT

OCTOBER 10 – 13, 2018

Kathy LaRocca at 315-466-9463 or Bella Tours bellatours.travel@gmail.com 315-652-0121

We Remember Fondly …

Baldwinsville
Louise Harkins
Lucille Maschiri

Marcellus
Barbara Rosenberg

West Genesee
Barbara DeAngelo
Richard Raafflaub
Richard Sauer

OCC
Natalia Garcia

North Syracuse
Margaret Della Valle
Louise Gilkey
Maxine Gregg
Richard Kingsbury
Alfred Knieser

East Syracuse-Minoa
Marie Barnello
Hipolita Fernandez
Norma Jenner

Liverpool
Carl Barber
Patricia Laurie
Cathleen Nappa
Elise Wengroth

Fayetteville-Manlius
Patricia Infantine

OCM BOCES
Crystal Smith

Syracuse
Helen Chappell
Joyce Dixon
Tamara Ormanian
Agnes Parrillo
Kristen Toole
Morley (Mike) Wilcox

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Sunday, October 14, 2018
SRC Arena @ Onondaga Community College
Registration begins at 8:30 am @ NYSUT Booth
Walk begins at 10:00 am

Call 1-800-227-2345 to register
Join Us on THURSDAY, October 18, 2018 for the RC 7 Luncheon at NYSUT Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, East Syracuse

Registration @ 11:30 • Meeting @ Noon • Sandwich Buffet @ 12:30 • Program after Lunch

Enjoy a sandwich from Brooklyn Pickle with tossed green salad, macaroni salad, baked beans, chips, cookies, water, soda, and, of course, PICKLES!

John Mannion, West Genesee TA President, will present on the importance of the upcoming elections and opportunities for retiree engagement.

$15 per person

Directions: Take 690 E to 481N. Take exit 7 - Bridgeport. Turn right, then left onto Brittonfield Parkway. NYSUT is on the right.

RC7 Luncheon Chair, NYSUT Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, Box 247, E. Syracuse, NY 13057

Please send reservation form and a check payable to NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 7 to: RC7 Luncheon Chair, NYSUT Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, Box 247, E. Syracuse, NY 13057

Reservations must be received by October 1. No one can be seated without a reservation.

Join Us on November 20, 2018 for the RC 7 Luncheon at Lakeside Fire District Hall, 1002 State Fair Blvd., Lakeland

Registration @ 11:30 • Meeting @ Noon • Buffet @ 12:30 • Program after Lunch

Enjoy a Camillus Catering buffet of Cavatelli in Red Sauce, Pasta Primavera, Beef Tips, Ham, Chicken Cutlets and chef salad, macaroni salad, hot vegetables, chips, dessert, coffee, tea, water, soda.

Daryl Suzanne Files, InterFaith Works Coordinator of Volunteer and Donor Relations, will share program information and volunteer opportunities for working with children.

$21 per person

Directions: From Syracuse, take 690 West to exit 5, State Fair Blvd. Turn left onto State Fair Blvd. Hall is on your left. From Auburn, take 695 toward Syracuse, then merge onto 690 W toward I-90. Take exit 5 to State Fair Blvd. Turn left onto State Fair Blvd. Hall is on your left.

Please send reservation form and a check payable to NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 7 to: RC7 Luncheon Chair, NYSUT Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, Box 247, E. Syracuse, NY 13057

Reservations must be received by November 1. No one can be seated without a reservation.

**PLEASE SEND A SEPARATE CHECK FOR EACH LUNCHEON EVENT.**

Please Note: Our newsletter is posted on the RC 7 Website before it is printed and mailed from NYSUT Headquarters. Be sure to check the site for luncheon information and avoid sending in a late reservation due to unexpected printing and/or mailing delays.
Union-endorsed benefits
designed for NYSUT members

Whether it’s our endorsed homeowners or auto insurance plans, life or disability insurance, financial or legal service plans, or any of our travel, entertainment or shopping offerings, NYSUT members have the Power of the Union behind them when participating in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.

There’s no need to go it alone when Member Benefits has your back! Member Benefits acts as your advocate for any program you participate in, and we’ll do our best to quickly resolve any issues or concerns you may have.

The following is just a sampling of the dozens of endorsed programs & services available to NYSUT members and their loved ones:

- Auto, Home & Life Insurance
- Vision & Dental Plans
- Legal & Financial Services
- Hotel & Vacation Discounts
- Member Shopping Program
- Car & Truck Rental Discounts
- Competitive Savings Rates
- Retail Store Discounts
- Sports & Concert Tickets
- Theme Park Discounts
- Car Buying Service
- Heating Oil & Propane Savings

We encourage you to take the time to explore the Member Benefits website and find out all we have to offer NYSUT members.

The Power of the Union

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.

Sept. 2018

- 10/18 @ NYSUT, E. Syr
- 11/20 @ Lakeside FD, Lakeland

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