RC 7 Officers Elected in May

RC 7 held its election at the May 20th general membership meeting at Orchard Vali, Lafayette. The Elections Committee announced the following results:

**Officers:** Loretta Donlon, President; Candace Johnson, First VP; William Spreter, Second VP; Mary Jo Roberge, Secretary; Carol Graham, Treasurer.

**Board of Directors:** Phillip DelloStritto, Joanne Heisler, Sylvia Matousek, Lilli Rastegar, Marjory Schuster

**AFT Delegate:** Loretta Donlon  
**Alternate:** Margo Buckingham

**NYSUT Delegates:** Loretta Donlon, Margo Buckingham, Sylvia Matousek  
**Alternates:** Marjory Schuster, Ed O’Rourke

Scholarship Recipients

At the June meeting, Joanne Heisler, Scholarship Committee Chair, announced the recipients of this year’s scholarships.

**Robert Doyle Scholarship:** Matthew Dardone, Liverpool High School, sponsored by Joe Pesce, Solvay Retiree.

**Barbara Jacques Scholarship:** Mary Elizabeth Dristle, Jordan-Elbridge High School, sponsored by Ann McDonnell, Syracuse retiree.

**Jeanette Pietrantoni Scholarship:** Kyle Cappelletti, James-Dewitt High School, sponsored by Michelle Cappelletti, Marcellus retiree.

**Neal Sorkin Memorial Scholarship:** Connor Cook, Baker (Baldwinsville) High School, sponsored by Vina Cook, Baldwinsville retiree.

**RC 7 Scholarship:** Timothy Garraffo, Baker (Baldwinsville) High School, sponsored by Elizabeth DeFazio, Syracuse retiree.

Any child or grandchild of an active* RC 7 member that is a senior graduating from any New York State public high school or any private/parochial high school whose staff is NYSUT affiliated and plans to enter a profession requiring higher education at an accredited institute of learning is eligible to apply for a scholarship in 2018. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

*Participation fee must be paid by December 31, 2017.

See page 3 for participation form.
From the President’s Desk…

Loretta K. Donlon

Retirees Vital Action This Fall

NYSUT and RC 7 have had a very active year. With elections in both, members have been reading about our state and our national affiliates, AFT, ARA and NEA, defending our issues in this climate of continuing attacks.

Whether it has been the attacks on health care that filled our televisions, keeping our heads spinning and our minds filled with worry about how it would affect retirees or the threats to cut Medicare and Social Security, it has not been a calm summer.

That being said, New York retirees have one vital battle closer to home that they must focus on for the next few months. It is one which can affect an unbelievable range of values that we often take for granted, including a free public education, protection under the law, the right to negotiate and join a union, safe guards for the environment, workers’ compensation, separation of church and state and, of course, preserving our pension from being “diminished or impaired”, to name just a few!

Our vital battle this fall is to convince everyone that it is not in their best civic, financial, or environmental interest to support the Constitutional Convention proposal on the November ballot. Are we ready for the battle? I hope so!

Just vote "NO" on your November ballot!

RC 7 President Loretta Donlon presents Donna Breen with the NYSUT Community Service Award.

Westhill
Helen Bruce
Margaret Clancy
Joseph Paterniti
Catherine Poniatowski

Jordan-Elbridge
Mary Elizabeth Bateman
Natalie Cook
Ronald Hawker, Sr.
Albert Maloney

Auburn
Eleanor Ramos
Linda Riblet + Skan
Margaret Savage

Skeaneateles
Lillian Marsden
Cleolée Paradise

West Genesee
Susan Blumer
Margaret Faulkner
Marjorie Gannon
Virginia Gildea
Peggy Palmer
Richard Pontello

Tully
Richard Mitten

Westhill
Joseph Camerino
Paul Hoag
Beverly Lynch
Donald Lohr
Florence Marquardt
Jane Oriente
Mary Palmisano
Florence Schumacher +NS
Arlene Simms

Fayetteville-Manlius
Mona Crockett
Jeanette Deland
Jean Hayes
Charles Humphleby +ESM
Kathleen Karcher
Gloria Miller
Warren Petty

East Syracuse-Minoa
Wenona Homer
Philip Wilcox

Union Springs
Henry Slywalk

Marcellus
Joseph Kundell
Leora O’Sullivan

Syracuse
Dolores Antonacci
Helene Armannsberger
Arnold Berger
Rose Bradtke
Mary Anne Brinson
Margaret Caderet
Patsy Campolieta
Elizabeth Dixon
Shirley Dixon
Neil Driscoll
Christopher Harrison
Edward Kokernak
Margaret Lorini
Karen Magnarelli
Debra Martin
Carol Porter
Joanne Powell
Robert Provost
Caroline Ryder
Doris Sage
Alfred Sanville
Beatrice Smith
Louis Stark
George Vendetti
John Vercillo
Charles Wollowitz
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We Remember…

Registration at 8:45; Class 9:00
30 minutes for lunch included in the time. Bring a bag lunch or order pizza as a group.

You MUST bring your Driver’s License and payment to the class.

Call 315-431-4040

NYC’s 6th issue
Trip includes:
- Roundtrip motor coach transportation
- Three nights at Embassy Suites Inner Harbor
- Three breakfasts at the hotel, two lunches and two dinners
- Admission to:
  - Spirit of Baltimore Dinner Cruise
  - Annapolis Harbor and US Naval Academy Cruise
  - Camden Yards Tour
  - Self-guided tour of National Aquarium, Ft. McHenry, and B&O Railroad Museum
  - Wine Tasting at Thousands Island Winery

Cost is based on number of travelers and room occupancy.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
Sunday, October 15, 2016
Onondaga Community College
Registration begins at 8:00 am
NYSUT Booth
Walk begins at 10:00 am
Walk with “NYSUT RC 7”
Go to makingstrideswalk.org/Syracuse or call 1-800-227-2345 to register and JOIN OUR TEAM!!
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 2018 scholarships you must pay your participation fee by December 31, 2017.

NYSUT RC 7 TRIP RESERVATION FORM
Please complete the following form for each traveler and return to Bella Tours and Travel Inc. 305 Vine Street, Suite 9, Liverpool, NY 13088
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