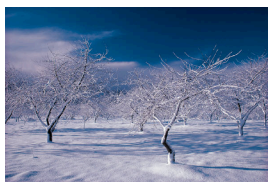


# Central Square Retired Teachers' Association



## The Newsletter of the Central Square Retired Teachers' Association of CSTA

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## **Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Seasons Greetings**

Now that the holidays are upon us, let us take the time to give thanks for our families and friends.  
May the New Year bring much health, wealth, and happiness to one and all.

## **CSRTA Luncheon**

**Date:** Friday, May 18, 2018

**Time:** 12:00 noon

## **CSRTA Dues**

In order to apply for the CSRTA Scholarship, your dues have to be paid by December 31<sup>st</sup>. See page 2 if you have not yet paid your dues. **NOTE:** Checks need to be made out to CSRTA from now on, according to the bank. Dues to some health issues I have been having, I am later than usual in getting this newsletter issue out to you. Please be sure to have your dues postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup> if the CSRTA Scholarship is of interest.

## **Congratulations to our 2017 Retirees**

Helen Bolen  
Candace Carroll  
Christine Ciciarelli  
Neil Dennison  
Patricia DeVivo Beers  
Sharon Grande  
Dale Greabell

John Heins  
Lorraine Houck  
Frances Knighton  
James Kuhl  
Shelly Lee  
Sarah Lekki  
Sandra McGuane

Rebecca Mera  
Mary Catherine Pugh  
Daniel Schroth  
Lynn Stevenson  
Diane Tallents  
Lois Volcko  
Judith Windhausen

# Sign Up Today for CSRTA

*What can you do to support the Central Square Retired Teachers' Association?*

Join the CSRTA (Central Square Retired Teachers' Association) by filling in the information below with a check made payable to: CSRTA, and sending it to...

**CSRTA  
c/o Laura Turner  
7237 Willow Road  
North Syracuse, NY 13212**

If you are already a member of CSRTA, your dues for 2017-2018 are due by Dec. 31, 2017 to be considered for the CSRTA Scholarship. New members, your first year dues are free!

If you have any questions about dues, please contact Laura at the above address or by phone: (315) 427-5847 or email: [ltmcridr0918@gmail.com](mailto:ltmcridr0918@gmail.com)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB (for Friendly Service use):

MM/DD/YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my \$10.00 Dues Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Fund Contribution (any amount is appreciated): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CENTRAL SQUARE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
FALL MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2017  
Greenview Country Club

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Cassie Richmond at 1:15PM. She extended a welcome to all members in attendance. Three newly retired members were recognized: Helen Bolen, Shelly Lee, and Dan Schroth.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following report was issued by Treasurer Laura Turner:

Beginning Balance	\$1093.39
Deposits	
Dues	\$316.00
Newsletter	\$200.00
Expenditures	
Brewerton, Central Square, and North Shore Pantries	\$ 75.00 each
Project Bloom	\$100.00
Golisano Children's Hospital	\$ 75.00
Delta Kappa Gamma Education Award	\$100.00
Postage	\$ 88.20
Envelopes	\$ 32.39
New Balance	\$988.80

Thank you notes were received from Golisano Children's Hospital and the food pantries. Dues were collected.

**NYSUT RETIREE REP**

Anne Marie Voutsinas reinforced the importance of Voting NO on Proposition One to have a Constitutional Convention. She distributed postcards for all in attendance to write a message to other NYSUT members to get out the vote on November 7th.

**CSTA UPDATE**

Joe Barbera, our CSTA representative, was unable to be at the meeting but sent the following report:

- The feedback from the Central Square Health Insurance meeting on Tuesday seemed to be mostly positive.
- Lynn Dowler, a Middle School teacher, is the new CSTA president replacing Linda Meredith.
- Andy Voight is the new NYSUT Labor Relations Specialist working with the Central Square School District. He replaces Tim Fay who retired.
- Voting NO on the upcoming Constitutional Convention is very important. Currently the State protects an individual's rights to be a member of a union and the right of collective bargaining. It also protects public employees' pensions and any reduction of benefits. The convention is very costly to tax payers. Changes can be made without having this Convention.

**VOTE-COPE**

Bill Spreter was unable to attend this meeting. He sent the following report:

- Last Friday the **US House of Representatives passed a budget for this year**. This includes:

1. Cuts to Medicare and Medicaid.
2. Vouchers for Medicare, turning it into a coupon to purchase private insurance. It will not keep costs down.
3. Increases the age for Medicare to 67.
4. Cuts funds to SNAP.
5. Cuts taxes for corporations and billionaires.
6. Cuts to Medicaid that pays for 71% of senior care in Nursing Homes.

Since the Senate rewrote the rules it will be able to pass this budget by a mere 51 votes not the usual 60. Please call your Congressperson and voice your opinion.

**Congressman Katko- 315-423-5657**

**Congresswoman Tenney 315-732-0713**

- **Affordable Care Act Changes:**

1. Cut subsidies to insurance companies...premium hikes will probably hit the middle class.
2. Cut enrollment time so fewer people can enroll.
3. Shut down computers for days or hours to prevent people from enrolling.
4. Offer cheaper insurance with substandard coverage for young, healthy people. With them out of the general market, it will boost costs for sicker people.

- **Proposed Tax Reform:**

1. No deductions for state and local taxes...this is harsh for NYS.
2. 47% of cuts go to the top 1%.
3. Some middle class taxpayers may have an increase in taxes.
4. The lowest rate of 10% will increase to 12%.
5. Cuts for low to middle income tax payers are phased out but not for the wealthy.
6. Constitutional Convention: **Vote NO.** Protect the guarantee of public education, collective bargaining, workmen's compensation. the forever wild lands of the Adirondacks, and public pensions. Save \$50-359 million that the convention could cost. **Vote on November 7th.**

## **PASSING**

A moment of silence was held in honor of Tim Ryan who passed away this year. He was a Middle School Science teacher.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications for this year's scholarship will be in the next newsletter.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be May 18, 2018 at Greenview Country Club. Please ask at least one retiree you know to attend with you. This is a social gathering but it also keeps us updated on events that effect education in CS, the state and the nation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned following an inspiring presentation from Monica Johnson. Monica is a 1991 graduate of CSCSD. At age 29, she became blind due to Type I diabetes. She told her story of resilience and positive attitude that led her to a productive life. She lives independently, travels to speak to groups, and mentors other blind people.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren Lalley  
Recording Secretary

# CSRTA SCHOLARSHIP

## AWARD AMOUNT:

A \$400.00 scholarship to be awarded one time.

## CRITERIA:

The Central Square Retired Teachers' Association wishes to award this scholarship to a member's child/grandchild who will be attending college next year. The applicant must be the biological, adopted or step child/grandchild of a CSRTA member. He or she must be attending a 2- or 4-year college in any field of study. The CSRTA member must have paid their dues by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year for the applicant to be eligible.

## QUALIFICATIONS:

- ❖ Two current recommendations from two different people from the community or from an academic background
- ❖ List of activities both in and out of school
- ❖ Essay on: "My Most Memorable Teacher"
- ❖ High School GPA or 85-100 or college GPA of 2.0 or better  
(Must include a high school or college transcript)
- ❖ The attached application, essay, recommendation letters and transcript must be returned to  
**Elaine Suskin, 6200 Gulfstream Path, Cicero, NY 13039**  
**Any questions**, contact Elaine at the above address,  
or call her at (315) 698-6869,  
or email her at [RHDiv@twcny.rr.com](mailto:RHDiv@twcny.rr.com)  
(please put CSRTA Scholarship in the subject line)
- ❖ **MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>.**
- ❖ **Applications will only be considered if submitted on time, are complete, and if the CSRTA member is current with his/her dues (paid by December 31<sup>st</sup>).**
- ❖ **It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that all parts of the application are turned in. Applicants will not be notified if applications are incomplete.**
- ❖ This scholarship is subject to change, upon review.

## ❖ Application for the CSRTA Scholarship

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CSRTA Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

High School/ College: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA as of January: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list activities in and out of school.

(Class office, clubs, sports, volunteer work, community work, etc.)

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

University or college attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach transcripts, recommendations, and the typed essay "My Most Memorable Teacher" and submit to **Elaine Suskin, 6200 Gulfstream Path, Cicero, NY 13039.**  
**MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## NYSUT Member Benefits... more than just insurance!

***As an additional benefit to NYSUT members and their families, your union membership allows you to participate in more than 40 programs & services endorsed by NYSUT Member Benefits.***

These offerings include crucial products that you may already purchase such as life, auto & homeowners insurance, unbiased financial services and expert legal advice. But your NYSUT membership also allows you to participate in a variety of shopping, travel and personal programs that can help you save on everyday purchases and those special occasions.



**Our endorsed shopping/travel/personal programs offer savings on numerous online purchases, including:**

**Theme Park & Movie Tickets  
Hotel & Vacation Discounts  
Car & Truck Rentals**

**Office Supply Discounts  
Retail Store Discounts  
Concerts & Sporting Events**

**Electronics Discounts  
Ski Tickets  
Car Buying Service**

Participation in Member Benefits-endorsed programs also gives you a trusted advocate ready to assist you with any issues or concerns with any of our programs.



### **Member Appreciation Month coming in February 2018!**

As a show of thanks to the more than 600,000 NYSUT members that comprise this labor union, NYSUT Member Benefits will once again be holding our annual Member Appreciation Month celebration in February 2018.

Special prize drawings will be held each day of the month. To be eligible to win, you must be a member of our voluntary MAP Alert email service.

Sign up any time through the end of February 2018 to be eligible to win... but if you join MAP by January 31, 2018, you'll have the most chances to win!

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. Agency fee payers to NYSUT are eligible to participate in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.