NYSUT retirees have valuable resources in the areas of politics and organizing – experience, wisdom and time to volunteer. As our retirees expand their involvement in NYSUT’s political and organizing programs, we expect it will create a large positive ripple effect with other retirees, in-service members, communities and legislators.

The goal is to provide uniform, high-quality programming tailored to meet the needs of each region. Each workshop will contain a political and organizing component. Half-day versions will offer an introduction to topics and best practices, while full-day versions will include a hands-on approach and discussion.

**Participate in electoral political action** — Integrating retirees into NYSUT’s statewide coordinated efforts to elect pro education and pro-union legislators.

**Attend a Candidate Pipeline I workshop** — One of the most exciting and impactful programs is our candidate pipeline. With the help of NYSUT, members receive training on running for elected offices, such as the school board and other local races.

**Participate in a postcard campaign** — The Social Security Advisory Board (SSAB) advises the Social Security Commissioner, Congress and the president on policies related to the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance program and Supplemental Security Income program. Comprised of seven members, the SSAB has significant influence with the Social Security Administration. This campaign will advocate for adding Dr. Eric Kingson to the SSAB.

Attention New Retirees

“Mobilizing our army of more than 200,000 retiree members is critical to NYSUT’s mission, to unionism and to the labor movement.“

~Paul Pecorale, 2nd VP
From the President’s Desk…

Loretta K. Donlon

Recharging Our Batteries

After all the political involvement in the past months, we can count the holiday season as a short recess in our very active involvement in advocating for retiree issues.

We can enjoy the sweet victory of regaining the House of Representatives on the federal level and the Senate in New York State. Two feats that were only wished for before the election, and retirees were a great part in those changes.

Awareness and action were the drivers in every retiree council these past months. Just think how many of us knocked on doors or drove other members to do that person-to-person campaigning. And think how many members the callers from the phone banks contacted across the state. We were like a hive of 240,000 moving parts.

Retirees were involved and can savor the many victories across the state, and sigh with relief that we do not have to listen to any more ads on TV with statements far from the truth!

But remember this season is just an in-between time out.

As the new Class of 2019 takes over in Congress, our battles to defend Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid will be raging. The last session’s tax cuts will be looking for funds to pay for the cuts going to the one percent at the top!

So enjoy the holidays with your families, relax and only worry about lumpy gravy, but be ready to continue the fight to preserve your earned benefits for yourself and the next generation. Ready, set…recharge!!

We Remember Fondly …

Baldwinsville
Janet Bitz
Rita Mullen
Raymond Schwenn
Eldora Snow

West Genesee
Robert Castilano
Mildred Price
Mary Ann Valenti

North Syracuse
Violet Aquello
Joyce Michauds
Irene Piczkur
Joyce Wheaton

East Syracuse-Minoa
Helen Carnahan
OCC
Milton Sack
CCC
Eileen Fitzgerald
Liverpool
Jane Enos
Marilou Leonard
William Luttinger
Norma McCull
Jean Sullivan
Donald Yurkonis + NS

Jordan-Elbridge
Donna Jesmer

Syracuse
Richard Bellanger
Elizabeth Birmingham
Bernice Bradway
Ronald Bruzdzinski
Mary Cartner
Jean DiPaola
Lena Freeman
Timothy Greer
Diane Norton
Gloria Novak
Norma Thompson
Patricia Tierney
Joan Tumolo
Prudence Tylenda
Lucille Willis

Tully
Ruth Cook
Salvay
Kent Proctor

Auburn
Mary Lee Schweitzer
Charles Atwater

Fayetteville-Manlius
Charles Durgey
Peter Hartman
Charlene Hughes

Marcellus
Doris Carpenter
Terry Owens

SAVE THE DATE
NYSUT REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR RC 7 & RC 8
Wednesday, May 29, 2019
Doubletree, East Syracuse

Invitation coming in the spring!
Join Us on December 18, 2018 for the RC 7 Luncheon at Bellevue Country Club, 1901 Glenwood Ave., Syracuse

Registration @ 11:30 • Meeting @ Noon • Lunch @ 12:30 • Program after Lunch
*Valet Parking Available*

Jay Guss, retiree from Syracuse TA, will present “Fire Safety Tips for Seniors” and will entertain us with seasonal favorites.

$25 per person

Directions: Bellevue Country Club is located near the intersection of Bellevue Ave., Glenwood Ave., and Velasko Road. From Syracuse, take 690W to Geddes St. Turn left and continue on Geddes to Bellevue Ave. Take a right onto Bellevue and a left onto Glenwood. The restaurant is on the left.

If you require any device or accommodation as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act, or need a dietary accommodation, please contact Mary Hanus at mary.hanus@gmail.com.

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Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon – December 18, Bellevue Country Club

Name ______________________________________ Phone __________________________

Email ______________________________________

All entrees include garden salad, seasoned vegetables, rolls, dessert, and beverage.

Please indicate entrée choice below. If including multiple reservations, indicate names clearly next to choices.

_____ Lemon Chicken Breast with artichoke hearts, tomatoes, and lemon, whipped potatoes

_____ Pan Roasted Tilapia with crushed tomato relish, rice pilaf

_____ Pork Loin with caramelized apple cider reduction, roasted potatoes

Number of reservations ______ at $25

Amount enclosed $_________

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 December 1. No one can be seated without a reservation.

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Welcome New 2018 Retirees!

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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Please mail membership form with your $10.00 check payable to NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 7 to:

RC 7 Membership Chair
 c/o NYSUT
 4983 Brittonfield Pkwy - Box 247
 East Syracuse, NY 13057

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Retiree Council 7 Membership Form 2018 - 2019

Name _____________________________________________

Address ___________________________________________

City __________________ State ______ Zip ______

Phone ______________________________ Email __________________

District retired from ___________________ Position

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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.
Shopping & travel benefits designed for NYSUT members

NYSUT members and their loved ones have access to dozens of endorsed shopping, travel & personal programs available through NYSUT Member Benefits. And unlike with purchasing products available to the general public, 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. Whether you are participating in one of our shopping/entertainment/travel offerings; auto, homeowners or life insurance plans; or financial or legal services, NYSUT members have the "Power of the Union" behind them.

The following is just a small sampling of the endorsed programs available to the NYSUT membership.

**Purchasing Power Member Shopping Program**
Are you looking to purchase a new laptop computer, washer/dryer or refrigerator? The Purchasing Power Member Shopping Program allows NYSUT members to purchase products such as these and many more while paying for them through the ease of payroll deduction or ACH withdrawals. NYSUT members save 20% on their first order with Purchasing Power.

**Abenity Discounts**
Seeking exclusive member discounts on tickets to the latest blockbuster movies or theater events, the hottest concerts & sporting events, or the coolest theme parks & attractions? NYSUT members have access to thousands of nationwide and local discounts with the Abenity Discounts program. Abenity also offers an app for iPhone or Android smartphones available at no charge.

**Grand Circle Travel**
The Grand Circle Cruise Line & Grand Circle Travel program is committed to providing international travel, adventure and discovery opportunities that offer impactful and intercultural experiences. This program offers NYSUT members and their loved ones the opportunity to save $100 per person on tours or receive a discounted rate on specific trips if acting as a group organizer.

**Cambridge Credit Counseling**
NYSUT members are eligible to receive free, no-obligation debt and student loan consultations with one of Cambridge's certified counselors. Cambridge also offers a unique web portal available at a reduced rate that can help explain the various options when paying down student debt, including student loan forgiveness programs, income-based repayment options and more.

The Power of the Union

To learn more about Member Benefits-endorsed programs & services, visit [memberbenefits.nysut.org](http://memberbenefits.nysut.org) or call 800-626-8101.

For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits.

Nov/Dec. 2018

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