

From the President's Desk...

Loretta K. Donlon



Please enjoy our guest columnist's "Letter to Santa" which reviews many of the issues YOUR UNION has been dealing with this past year! Thanks to Bill for sharing!

The New Year is usually the time for Resolutions, but since, like many, I rarely keep them for more than a month, I'd rather share my Holiday letter to Santa. Maybe he will grant these wishes in 2020.

Dear Santa,
You know I do believe in our democratic system, our legislators and our executive branches, but sometimes they may need a push. I hope you can help. Here's my list:

For those wonderful young teachers, could you possibly find a way to forgive those burdensome college loans, especially when they teach in high needs schools? And could you ease the restrictions that APPR legislation placed on how they conduct their classes?

And, Santa, would you give their schools more social workers, more psychologists and a workplace violence plan to make students and teachers safer from threats both inside and out?

Also, don't forget funding. The Rochester City schools laid off almost 100 teachers and staff just this January. That shouldn't have happened if Foundation Aid had come from the State as was dictated by the courts. You know that kids are our future, Santa!

This is an election year, Santa. Could you make sure every American has the right and opportunity to vote in a free and fair election without any outside interference?

Santa, you believe in goodwill to all and brotherly love. Persuade our leaders to embrace all Americans without malice or anger toward any group, and allow those fleeing oppression and persecution a safe haven.

Santa, please give our leaders wisdom to avoid war and the tools to seek peace in a world beset with factionalism and fighting. May the spirit of love found in the Holidays persist through the year in all the world.

And the greatest gift, Santa, is saving our planet for future generations. The youth have called our generation to take up the cause of preserving and protecting Mother Earth. Pray that we do so.

Finally, Santa, give our legislators and leaders civility and understanding, traits that have been sorely lacking in recent years. Allow them to come together to find solutions to common problems and pray that divisions created can be healed and a common purpose restored.

PS- Oh by the way, knowing that you, like me, are an Older American, I did not leave you with milk and cookies. (I worry about your sugar.) Instead enjoy this kale salad and fruit with non-fat dressing. You can drink deep, too, of the green tea on the mantelpiece.

And as you whisk away on your sled, don't forget fair and decent health care for all!

And to all, Goodnight!

~Bill Spreter, 2nd Vice President, RC 7

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Join Us on **Tuesday, March 17, 2020** for the RC 7 Luncheon at
Fireside Inn, 2347 West Genesee Rd., Rte. 370, Baldwinsville
\$26 per person

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

Ronald McDonald House representatives will present information about the house, its purpose,
and volunteer opportunities.

**Roasted Chicken, Riggies with Vodka Sauce, Roasted Potatoes, Carrots,
Salad, Rolls with Butter, Assorted Desserts, Coffee, Tea, and Water.**



Directions: From Syracuse, take Rte. 690W to the Rte. 31/370E exit toward Baldwinsville. Turn left onto Rte. 31/370. The restaurant is one mile down on the left. From Auburn, take Rte. 34 N to Rte. 31/370 W. Travel about 10 miles. Restaurant is on left.

Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon – March 17, Fireside Inn

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

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.

Number of reservations _____ at \$26. Amount enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

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

Join Us on **Tuesday, April 21, 2020** for the RC 7 Luncheon at
Barbagallo's, 6433 E. Molloy Rd., East Syracuse
\$24 per person

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

Onondaga Hill Tappers, a local dance group, will entertain us.

Entrée Choices: **Stuffed Chicken, Roast Beef, Filet of Sole.**

All entrees include baked potato, green beans, ice cream dessert, coffee, tea, soda, and water.

Directions: From Syracuse and the west, take Rte. 690E to Rte. 481 N. Take exit 6, turn right. At Rte. 298 – Collamer Rd., turn right. Turn right onto Kinne St., then left onto E. Molloy. From the east, take Rte. 481 N and follow the directions above. The restaurant is on the left.



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Email _____

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.

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

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- ❖ 4/21 @ Barbagallo's, E. Syracuse