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We Are RC 7!! We Are UNION for Life!



As a NYSUT retiree from a school district in *Cayuga and Onondaga Counties*, you became a part of Retiree Council 7 of NYSUT. Through this group, you can stay informed and active as a union member. All NYSUT retirees will remain a member of NYSUT for life and will receive communication from NYSUT at their addresses (US and email) of record. We work together to ensure our benefits are protected in retirement.

Active membership in Retiree Council 7 is open to every NYSUT retiree of any NYSUT represented group in Election District 7 - units in Cayuga and Onondaga counties. Active RC 7 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.

Some locals in RC 7 have Chapters established for their retirees. Some locals keep an updated list of their retirees as part of their local membership. This is sometimes confusing. (See related story on page 2.)

If you retired from *Jordan-Elbridge, Liverpool, North Syracuse, Port Byron, or Syracuse City*, your fees are collected by your local (or chapter) and includes the voluntary RC 7 participation fee that is then sent to RC 7. The fees collected in these cases are determined by the local. You should use the local's address when sending in your check.

If you retired from *Auburn, Cato-Meridian, Skaneateles, Southern Cayuga, Union Springs, or Weedsport*, your fees are collected by CORN (Cayuga-Onondaga Retirees of NYSUT) and forwarded to RC 7. Send your check to CORN

Please mail membership form with your \$10.00 check payable to NYSUT RC 7 to: RC 7 Membership Chair
NYSUT Syracuse Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Pkwy, E. Syr. NY 13057

Retirees from **other locals** in this RC should send their check to the NYSUT Syracuse Regional Office as listed below.

Please be sure to keep your information updated with NYSUT and RC 7. If you have a new address, phone number, or email address, you may update on the NYSUT website, email AnneMarie.Voutsinas@nysut.org or leave a message at 315-431-4040. It's critical that we have current contact information. We don't want to lose touch!

Earlier this past month, a group of RC 7 members met to send out reminder post cards for voluntary participation fees. Thanks to Kay Murphy, Ann Lamprey, Michael Kester, Bruce Schauer, and Hail Ferron worked with 3rd VP Candace Johnson to complete this task.

If you are receiving this newsletter, but have not yet paid your fee, it's not too late to send it in. Your voluntary fee supports the many activities of the RC, including participation in the NYSUT governance meetings and our scholarships. Help us keep up the fight for the issues we care about! *We are RC 7 - Union for Life!*

Retiree Council 7 Membership Form 2023 - 2024		
Name	_____	
Address	_____	
City	State	Zip
Phone	_____	
Email	_____	
District retired from	_____	
Position	_____	

RC 7 SCHOLARSHPS
RC 7 awards up to four \$2000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors whose parents or grandparents are active members of RC 7. Applications are available on the RC 7 website and are due by May 1st. Scholarships are presented to recipients at our June luncheon. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Lilli Rastegar, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at mslillirastegar@gmail.com

Did You Know...



Take advantage of **FREE Member Benefits**

<https://memberbenefits.nysut.org/free-member-benefits>

UPCOMING RC 7 TRIP

BOSTON HARBOR
September 29-30, 2024
Cost dependent on number of participants.



Contact:
Kathy LaRocca at
315-466-9463
for more information.

From the President's Desk...

Loretta K. Donlon



This issue's column is from Lilli Rastegar, one of five RC 7 Directors. Lilli is a Syracuse Teachers Association retiree and currently serves as the treasurer of STARS, the STA Chapter of Retirees.

Hmmm....join which group? Where do I pay dues?
What does the acronym stand for? What is a NYSUT retiree to do?

NYSUT has 46 Retiree Councils in New York State. As a member of a Local Union in Election District (ED) 7, once we retire, we move onto Retiree Council (RC) 7. In Central New York, RC 7 encompasses the counties of Cayuga, Onondaga, and RC 8 encompasses the counties of Oswego, Oneida, and Madison. As a retiree from a school district in one of these counties you belong to NYSUT RC 7 or NYSUT RC 8. The Central New York (CNY) NYSUT Regional Offices are in Syracuse for RC 7 and in New Hartford for RC 8 – both under the direction of Chris Colabello. Loretta Donlon is the current president of RC 7 and Jan Corn is the president of RC 8. Our Retiree Services Consultant (RSC) for RC 7 & 8 is Anne Marie Voutsinas. The two RCs have many events together since we are all located in Central NY.

As a NYSUT retiree from RC 7, you are a NYSUT member for life and a member of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT). To remain active and support our RC, you should do one of the following:

- Join your Retiree Chapter if your local has one. Your Chapter dues and your RC fee is included when you join.
- Send your Participation Fee to your local (see list on page one).
- Send in your \$10 Participation Fee to RC 7 directly.

RENY (Retired Educators of New York) was formerly known as NYSRTA (New York State Retired Teachers Association). There are chapters throughout the state. This organization is NOT affiliated with NYSUT. Paying dues to RENY does not cover membership in RC 7 or in any other local NYSUT retiree chapter.

EDs are election districts that comprise the governance structure for NYSUT. RC 7 & 8, and many other RCs from across the state, are part of ED 51. Loretta Donlon is the Director elected to represent us on the NYSUT Board of Directors. She is our voice, along with two elected delegates from our RC, who speak for us at all NYSUT governance events – such as the Representative Assembly (RA), and other delegate meetings.

As retiree members, we continue our life long union involvement for "economic, political and social advantages". (NYSUT Retiree Membership Handbook, 2018) Hope this little bit of information helps you navigate the alphabet of our UNION...

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Rocco Gonnella
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Kathleen Wenman

Jordan Elbridge

Robert Cook
Richard Platten
Veronica Swanson

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Josephine Borregine.
Lois Perry
MaryLu Proulx

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Shari Lindars
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Patricia Deacon
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James Luce
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Julie Montelone
Marilyn Ribyat
Judith Riordan
Barbara Shineman
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2023 - 2024 MEETINGS

April 16- Tuscarora CC, Syracuse

May 14 - NYSUT

See reservation form on page 3

June 18 - Traditions

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.



Join Us on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, for the RC 7 Luncheon at Tuscarora Golf Club, 2901 Howlett Hill Road, Syracuse
Registration @ 11:30 • Meeting @ noon • Lunch @ 12:45 • Program after Lunch
\$30 per person

Special Guest: Marc Natierkowski, Alzheimer's Association of CNY

Entrée Choices:

Haddock Chicken Salad Roast Beef Sandwich

All entrees include rolls, chef salad, French Fries, brownies, chocolate chip cookies, coffee, tea, and water

Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon - April 16 @ Tuscarora Golf Club

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

If you require any device or accommodation as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act, or need a vegetarian, vegan, or gluten-free meal or other dietary accommodation, please contact Mary Duffin at mduffin2@verizon.net

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

_____ Haddock _____ Chicken Salad _____ Roast Beef

Number of reservations _____ at \$30. Amount enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

**First Time Attendee? _____ District Retired From: _____

We'll make sure you find your colleagues!

Please send reservation form and a check payable to **NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 7** to:
RC 7 Luncheon Chair, NYSUT Syracuse Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, E. Syracuse, NY 13057
Reservations must be received by April 9. No one can be seated without a reservation.

Join Us on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, for the RC 7 Luncheon at NYSUT, 4983 Brittonfield Pkwy., E. Syracuse
Registration @ 11:30 • Meeting @ noon • Lunch @ 12:45 • Program after Lunch
\$20 per person

Special Guest: Suzanne Wilcox, Onondaga County Office of Aging

Buffet from Liebs and Steigerwald:

Chef's Salad, Grilled Chicken, Salt Potatoes, Vegetable Lasagna brownies, chocolate chip cookies, coffee, iced tea, and water



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Check out all your union membership has to offer!

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Legal Service Plan

Plan benefits include:

- Crucial estate planning documents (Simple Will, Health Care Proxy, Living Will & Durable Power of Attorney)
- Free telephone consultations
- Guaranteed maximum fees for specific legal matters

Financial Counseling Program

Plan benefits include:

- Unbiased objective advice
- Free telephone & virtual consultations
- Assistance with retirement planning, 403(b) savings, college savings, tax planning and more

For an annual fee, the Legal Service Plan -- provided by the law firm of Feldman, Kramer & Monaco, P.C. -- offers legal expertise on a variety of personal legal matters such as dealing with a speeding ticket or handling estate planning. Plan participants receive unlimited access to toll-free advice weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST) as well as a toll-free hotline for urgent legal assistance outside of these hours.

Meanwhile, the Financial Counseling Program -- provided by Stacey Braun Associates, Inc. -- offers unbiased, objective advice customized to your specific financial situation. The full-service program provides up to six hours of objective toll-free telephone or virtual consultations with a Stacey Braun Certified Financial Planner.*



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