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It's Time For Kudos All Around!

Scholarships to Outstanding High School Seniors

At the June meeting, **Joanne Heisler**, Scholarship Committee Chair, announced the recipients of this year's scholarships, named in honor of RC 7 members.

Robert Doyle Scholarship: **Shannon Dadlock**, ESM High School, grandchild of **John Kopf**, North Syracuse EA. Shannon will be attending Nazareth College to study Political Science.

Jeanette Pietrantonio Scholarship: **Emmett Wickersham**, Westhill High School, son of **Jim Wickersham**, Westhill TA. Emmett will be attending SUNY Fredonia to study Musical Theater.

Barbara Jacques Scholarship: **Catherine DeFazio**, CNS High School, grandchild of **Elizabeth DeFazio**, Liverpool FA. Catherine will be attending St. John Fisher to study Pharmacy.



Left to Right: Shannon Dadlock, Emmett Wickersham, Catherine DeFazio

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 2017. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.*

**Participation fee must be paid by December 31, 2016.*

RC 25th Anniversary Awards to Outstanding RC7 Retirees

At the NYSUT Regional Conference for RC 7 and 8 held in May, nine members of RC7 were honored for their continued service to retirees. Congrats to **Mary Kay Boyle, Donna Breen, Claudia Burns, Rose Hurd, Cindy Kiehl, Ann McDonell, Marie Miczan, George Roney, and Jim Shults.**

NYSUT Community Service Award to Outstanding Community Activist

Gerald Lotierzo with **Loretta Donlon**



NYSUT Communication Awards for Outstanding Publications

Bill Spreter received an Award for his article in the Jan/Feb issue of *The Central New Yorker*. Our web page, managed by **Lynn Davis**, won a First Prize in that category. **Loretta Donlon** received a First Place in the Social Media Category for RC7's Facebook Page.

STAY ACTIVE - SEND IN YOUR PARTICIPATION FEE

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. Participation fees should be received by September 1 but are accepted at any time. The membership year is July 1 through June 30.

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 the form directly to us.*



Retiree Council 7 Membership Form 2016 - 2017	
Name	_____
Address	_____
City	_____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone	_____
Email	_____
District retired from	_____
Position	_____

Please mail form with \$10 check payable to NYSUT Retiree Council 7 to:
RC 7 Membership Chair
NYSUT Regional Office
4983 Brittonfield Pkwy Box 247
East Syracuse, NY 13057

2016 - 17 MEETINGS

- September 20 - Lasca's, Auburn
- October 18 - Marriott Syracuse Downtown
see reservation forms on page 3
- November 15 - Camillus Fire Hall
- December 6 - Bellevue CC, Syracuse
- March 21 - Crowne Plaza, Syracuse
- April 19 - Springside Inn, Auburn
- May 16 - Orchard Vali, Lafayette
- June 20 - NYSUT

From the President's Desk...

Loretta K. Donlon

A Savvy Senior's Summer!

As an in-service member or a retiree, we think of summer as a time to relax - to put aside the work we usually do and whether we go away from home or not, it is "Vacation!" But in the world we live in these days, we need to reconsider this assumption. If we relax so much that we do not keep informed on the issues in the press that are anti-education and anti-senior legislation, we will find ourselves victims when fall comes.

There will be continued attacks on union rights that support our pensions, health insurance, and ability to speak out in defense of our benefits.

The growing interest in having a Constitutional Convention to reform New York State ethics in government is a rouse for those who would put our pensions, environment and rule of laws in jeopardy for their perceived profit. We must educate our families and friends to the dangers of holding a Constitutional Convention.

First the New York State Constitution guarantees a free public education. The increasing support of Charter Schools could put this in jeopardy. It protects our transportation system of roads. Some states have actually sold their roads and bridges to balance their state budgets. (We have lived with many state budget gaps without this - so far.) The Constitution regulates the state's borrowing, protects forever the wild lands and parks from sale and so many more things basic to life that people need to remember.

So our long-term summer job is to convince people to vote NO when the Convention appears on the ballot in 2017.

Another more immediate job for our summer is to prepare for the 2016 election. Of course, you will be listening to the candidates, but that will do no good if you and your family and friends do not register to vote. Analyzing which candidate really wants to enhance Social Security and really will protect Medicare will keep you busy; especially in light of Congressman's Ryan's proposed budget which would harm both.

Everyone if asked will probably say, "Oh, sure I will vote." To ensure that happens have them join The Pledge to Vote Campaign by going to **Pledge.NYSUT.org** or by signing a NYSUT post card to formalize their intent. NYSUT will call them at election time to remind them of their promise. Research shows this kind of commitment makes a real difference!

As a Savvy Senior, these are two important actions you can take this summer to help all of us in RC 7 and beyond. I hope to see you in September at the first meeting at Lasca's in Auburn. And, until then, enjoy the summer!

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Join Us on **September 20, 2016** for the RC 7 Luncheon at
Lasca's Restaurant, 252 Grant Ave., Auburn
 \$17 per person

Registration @ 11:30 • Meeting @ Noon • Lunch @ 12:30

Directions: From Syracuse, take 690 West to 695 W to the end. Exit right onto Rte. 5 W. Travel approximately 20 miles into Auburn. Lasca's Restaurant is on the left. Or take the NYS Thruway to exit 40. Turn right onto Rte. 34S. Turn left onto Rte. 5E (Grant Ave.). Restaurant is on the right hand side of the street.

Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon - September 20 at Lasca's, Auburn

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Please indicate a Meal Choice below. If including multiple reservations, indicate names clearly next to meal choice.

_____ Chicken Fruit Salad _____ Baked Scrod with starch _____ Baked Eggplant Rollette

All entrees include soup, rolls, dessert and coffee. Total amount enclosed # _____ @ \$17 = \$ _____

Please send reservation form and a check payable to NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 7 to:
 FRAN HUDSON, NYSUT Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, Box 247, E. Syracuse, NY 13057
Reservations must be received by September 1. No one can be seated without a reservation.

Join Us on **October 18, 2016** for the RC 7 Luncheon at
Marriott Syracuse Downtown - Persian Terrace, 100 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse
 \$25 per person

Registration @ 11:30 • Meeting @ Noon • Lunch @ 12:30

Parking: Hotel Syracuse Garage or Marriott Downtown Parking - \$5 Valet Parking (drop off on Harrison Street) - \$10



Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon - October 18 at Marriott Syracuse Downtown

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Please indicate a Meal Choice below. If including multiple reservations, indicate names clearly next to meal choice.

_____ Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad _____ Quiche Lorraine with side salad

All entrees include soup, dessert and coffee. Total amount enclosed # _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

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****PLEASE SEND A SEPARATE CHECK FOR EACH EVENT****

Friday Alert Is Worth It!

We get too much “stuff” on email, lots of it inaccurate. Stay informed by tapping into only reliable sources. And, the ARA is a reliable source. The Alliance for Retired Americans (ARA) the only retiree organization funded by unions, publishes a “Friday Alert” that is timely and in-depth. Wander through the website, NYSARA (New York State Alliance for Retired Americans) and you can view their newsletters and other activities that the ARA is engaged in.



The ARA has a local chapter which meets at the NYSUT Office at 10:00 on the 2nd Friday of each month. The meetings are informative and very worthwhile. In any event, do consider signing up to receive the ARA newsletter.

➤ 9/20 @ Lasca’s, Auburn
 ➤ 10/18 @ “Hotel Syracuse”

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAKING STRIDES WALK Oct. 16

- Tioga Railroad Scenic Tour
- Harrison State Park
- “Grand Canyon of the East”
- Highland Chocolate Factory Store
- \$140 per person

Walk with RC 7 - more info in next newsletter and on web site.

OKTOBER EXPRESS Oct. 21

- Tioga Railroad Scenic Tour
- Harrison State Park
- “Grand Canyon of the East”
- Highland Chocolate Factory Store
- \$140 per person

See May/June Issue for more info.

TRIPS 2017

- May - Two Days in Ottawa, Canada
- July - One Day to Alex Bay
- September - Four Days in Baltimore/Annapolis, MD

Watch for details in the newsletter, website and Facebook!