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## We Knew This Was Coming...

*A message from Andrew Pallotta, NYSUT President:*

“Wealthy special interests have been fighting for years to undercut unions and roll back the benefits earned by working families. The Supreme Court decision in Janus vs. AFSCME shows how far they are willing to go to attack working families. Antiunion forces think they can seize this opportunity to convince our members to abandon our union in an effort to diminish their voice in the workplace and weaken their strength at the bargaining table. **We are going to prove them wrong.** NYSUT fights to protect the collective bargaining rights that help secure higher wages, quality health care and a secure retirement for our members and their families. They know that strong unions provide our members a voice in the workplace and in the halls of power.

We have fought long and hard to protect our brothers and sisters in the labor movement, and we are not going to back down now. Our movement is stronger than ever. We are committed to working like never before to encourage every member to stick with our union. I hope you will take a minute to use the resources at [www.nysut.org/janus](http://www.nysut.org/janus) to help fight to preserve our voice, our values and our union. This is our moment. I am confident that, together, we will rise to it.”

*And from Paul Pecorale, NYSUT 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:*

“NYSUT retirees have long been a vital force in the fight to preserve and protect our union, and that work is far from over. We are grateful for your ongoing leadership and activism, both as past in-service members and as current retirees.”

*~Taken from the Summer 2018 edition of THE RETIREE ORGANIZER*

## Scholarship Recipients

*Marjory Schuster Scholarship* – **John Robinson**, Henninger HS attending University at Albany. Grandchild of **Margaret Robinson** (Syracuse TA)

*Neal Sorokin Scholarship* – **Kyle Pelvak**, Nyack HS attending University at Buffalo. Grandchild of **Doug Matousek** (North Syracuse EA)

*Robert Doyle Scholarship* – **Reese Holahan**, Marion HS attending SUNY Fredonia. Grandchild of **JoAnn Holahn** (Syracuse TA)

*Jeanette Pietrantonio Scholarship* – **Victoria Walters**, New Hartford HS attending University of Vermont. Grandchild of **Vern & Carolyn Walters** (Liverpool FA)

### It's Time to 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.

**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.**

#### Retiree Council 7 Membership Form 2018 - 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 District retired from \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail membership form with your \$10.00 check payable to NYSUT RC 7 to:*

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

### 2018 - 19 MEETINGS

October 18 – NYSUT, E. Syracuse  
**NOTE DATE CHANGE**

November 20 – Lakeside Fire Hall, Lakeland

*See reservation forms on page 3*

December 18 – Bellevue CC, Syracuse

March 19 – Fireside Inn, Baldwinsville

April 16 – Barbagallo's, E. Syracuse

May 21 – Justin's, E. Syracuse

June 18 – The Lodge @ Welch-Allyn, Skaneateles

# From the President's Desk...

*Loretta K. Donlon*



## How NYSUT and RC 7 Spent their Summer Vacations

One of the things we all say after retirement is that, "We will really enjoy an endless summer vacation." But after enjoying it a while, and seeing our calendars fill up with appointments, the saying changes to "How did I ever have time to work?!"

NYSUT and RC 7 had little time off from meetings this summer, and the work on our behalf went on full steam.

NYSUT's project to engage members personally to mitigate the effects of the Janus decision was impressive. - 86% of all

K-12 members were contacted and signed membership cards, President Pallotta noted that was over 200,000 contacts and new membership cards. Over 500 people were trained to visit members in their homes and discuss the value of union membership. What a successful massive undertaking to counteract our enemy's efforts to email members and knock on the doors to convince them to give up the union. New Choice NY, a group funded by Betsy DeVos and her friends, has sent thousands of anti-union emails to NYSUT members across the state and similar activities have been underway across the country by similar organizations. This is a full attack on unionism!

This summer was also the time for the Endorsement Conference where all the NYSUT Presidents gather in Albany to review candidate positions on our issues and suggest who should have our members' support. Of special interest and pride is the endorsement of John Mannion, President of West Genesee Teachers Association, who is a candidate for the 50<sup>th</sup> NYS Senate District right here in Central New York. He was also endorsed at the NYS AFL-CIO Convention. (Other endorsements can be found on NYSUT's webpage.)

NYSUT also took part in the AFT Convention, our national affiliate, while RC 7 took part in Social Security's Birthday Celebration with a demonstration on Salina Street and rallied against NYS Senator Flanagan, who stopped the bill to correct APPR from coming to the floor of the legislature when there were enough votes to pass it.

Other Board meetings and a show of force in staffing the State Fair booth and annual Labor Day parade brought us to the end of another summer with great thanks to these active members. The booth crew included Margo Buckingham, Donna Breen, Marion Nydam, Mary Kay Boyle, Candace Johnson, Jan Gillette, Ann McDonnell, Jean Schug, June Goodyear, William Spreter, Carol Graham, and George Roney. In addition, thanks go out to the marchers who proudly carried the RC 7 Banner in the parade - Anne Marie and Jim Voutsinas, and Jim Shults, a loyal yearly Fair volunteer. Watch for more opportunities for activism and involvement in the coming months! See you then.

### RC 7 TRIP TO BURLINGTON, VT

OCTOBER 10 - 13, 2018

Kathy LaRocca at 315-466-9463 or  
Bella Tours [bellatours.travel@gmail.com](mailto:bellatours.travel@gmail.com)  
315-652-0121



NYSUT & National Safety Council's 6-Hour Defensive Driving Class  
Tuesday, October 23, 2018 @NYSUT, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, E. Syracuse

Registration at 9:15 - Class 9:30 - 4:00

Class open to NYSUT Retirees, family and friends. Bring your lunch.  
\$25 per person, includes snacks.

Call 315-431-4040

**You MUST bring your Driver's License and check/cash fee to the class.**

### We Remember Fondly ...

#### Baldwinsville

Louise Harkins  
Lucille Maschiri

#### Marcellus

Barbara Rosenberg

#### West Genesee

Barbara DeAngelo  
Richard Raaflaub  
Richard Sauer

#### OCC

Natalia Garcia

#### North Syracuse

Margaret Della Valle  
Louise Gilkey  
Maxine Gregg  
Richard Kingsbury  
Alfred Knieser

#### East Syracuse-Minoa

Marie Barnello  
Hipolita Fernandez  
Norma Jenner

#### CCC

Ann Marie Scanlon

#### Liverpool

Carl Barber  
Patricia Laurie  
Cathleen Nappa  
Elise Wengenroth

#### Lafayette

Margaret Farley  
Gloria Royer

#### Tully

Patrick Fessenden  
Elsie Fuller

#### Fayetteville-Manlius

Patricia Infantine

#### OCM BOCES

Crystal Smith

#### Syracuse

Helen Chappell  
Joyce Dixon  
Tamara Ormanian  
Agnes Parrillo  
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Morley (Mike) Wilcox

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### Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Sunday, October 14, 2018  
SRC Arena @ Onondaga

Community College

Registration begins at 8:30 am @  
NYSUT Booth

Walk begins at 10:00 am

Call 1-800-227-2345 to register



Join Us on **THURSDAY, October 18, 2018** for the RC 7 Luncheon at **NYSUT Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, East Syracuse**

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

Enjoy a sandwich from **Brooklyn Pickle** with tossed green salad, macaroni salad, baked beans, chips, cookies, water, soda, and, of course, PICKLES!

**John Mannion, West Genesee TA President**, will present on the importance of the upcoming elections and opportunities for retiree engagement.

\$15 per person

*Directions: Take 690 E to 481N. Take exit 7 - Bridgeport. Turn right, then left onto Brittonfield Parkway. NYSUT is on the right.*

**Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon - October 18, NYSUT**

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 \$15. 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 October 1. No one can be seated without a reservation.**

Join Us on **November 20, 2018** for the RC 7 Luncheon at **Lakeside Fire District Hall, 1002 State Fair Blvd., Lakeland**

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

Enjoy a **Camillus Catering** buffet of Cavatelli in Red Sauce, Pasta Primavera, Beef Tips, Ham, Chicken Cutlets and chef salad, macaroni salad, hot vegetables, chips, dessert, coffee, tea, water, soda.

**Daryl Suzanne Files, InterFaith Works Coordinator of Volunteer and Donor Relations**, will share program information and volunteer opportunities for working with children.



\$21 per person

*Directions: From Syracuse, take 690 West to exit 5, State Fair Blvd. Turn left onto State Fair Blvd. Hall is on your left. From Auburn, take 695 toward Syracuse, then merge onto 690 W toward I-90. Take exit 5 to State Fair Blvd. Turn left onto State Fair Blvd. Hall is on your left.*

**Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon - November 20, Lakeside Fire Hall**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

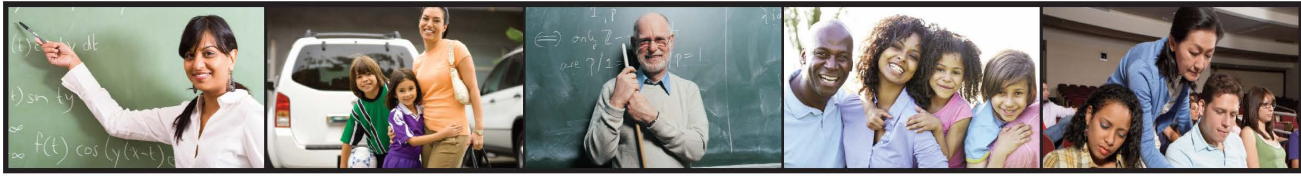
*If you require any device or accommodation as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act, or need a dietary accommodation, please contact Mary Hanus at mary.hanus@gmail.com.*

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ at \$21. Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send reservation form and a check payable to **NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 7** to:  
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**\*\*PLEASE SEND A SEPARATE CHECK FOR EACH LUNCHEON EVENT.\*\***

**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.**



## Union-endorsed benefits designed for NYSUT members

Whether it's our endorsed homeowners or auto insurance plans, life or disability insurance, financial or legal service plans, or any of our travel, entertainment or shopping offerings, NYSUT members have the **Power of the Union** behind them when participating in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.

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.

**The following is just a sampling of the dozens of endorsed programs & services available to NYSUT members and their loved ones:**

- Auto, Home & Life Insurance
- Vision & Dental Plans
- Legal & Financial Services
- Hotel & Vacation Discounts
- Member Shopping Program
- Car & Truck Rental Discounts
- Competitive Savings Rates
- Retail Store Discounts
- Sports & Concert Tickets
- Theme Park Discounts
- Car Buying Service
- Heating Oil & Propane Savings

We encourage you to take the time to explore the Member Benefits website and find out all we have to offer NYSUT members.

# 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.

Sept. 2018

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