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2021 Scholarship Winners

Benjamin Franklin once said, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." For **Maribeth Trivison** and **David Holahan** their investment has started to pay interest. Maribeth is the recipient of the **Neal Sorkin Scholarship** and David has been awarded an **RC 7 Scholarship**. Our scholars have demonstrated the character, qualities, and participation in extracurricular activities one expects from an outstanding college bound student.

Maribeth is a graduate of West Genesee High School in Camillus. Her future plans include studying Diagnostic Medical Sonography at the Rochester Institute of Technology. She has distinguished herself by being a member of the National Honor Society and the National Art Honor Society. Her extracurricular activities include volunteering in the community, sports, and dance. Maribeth's mother, Lisa, is a speech/language pathologist in the West Genesee School District. Her father is a Salvage Specialist with Progressive Insurance. Marianne Trivison, a West Genesee School District Retiree, is her sponsor.

David is a graduate of Pittsford Mendon High School in Pittsford. His future plans include studying engineering at the University of Buffalo. He has demonstrated leadership skills among his peers, most notably by achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and team captain of the Pittsford Crew Team. David's mother, Anne, is a paraprofessional in the Pittsford School District. His father, Daniel, is employed as a manager. The sponsoring retiree for David is his grandmother, JoAnne Holahan, who retired from the Syracuse City School District.

Congratulations to the Scholarship Winners! Kudos to their families for instilling the value of education and their continuing support of the next generation. The Scholarship Committee hopes that this year's recipients continue to invest in knowledge and enjoy the benefits of the interest.

Thanks to the RC 7 Scholarship Committee Members, **Beth Zader** and **Melanie Jivoff**.

*Lilli Rastegar,
Scholarship Committee Chair*



New RC 7 Board Member

Phil Cleary, recent retiree from North Syracuse, has been appointed as a member of the RC 7 Board of Directors. The vacancy occurred due to the recent death of long-time Board member, Phil DelloStritto.

Phil was a very active NSEA member, holding many elected positions and serving as a Vote-Cope chair for ED 7. He currently serves at the Treasurer to the Onondaga County Teachers.

We will officially welcome Phil at our next meeting.

Welcome New Retirees From

Auburn Baldwinsville Cato-
Meridian *Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES* East
Syracuse-Minoa **Fabius-Pompey**
Fayetteville-Manlius
Jamesville-Dewitt **Jordan Elbridge**
LaFayette **LIVERPOOL**
LYNCOURT Marcellus **Moravia**
North Syracuse Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES
Onondaga Central **PORT BYRON**
SKANEATELES Solvay
Southern Cayuga Syracuse

As a NYSUT retiree from a school in *Cayuga and Onondaga Counties*, you became a part of Retiree Council (RC) 7 of NYSUT. Through this group and your local chapter (if your local has one), you can stay informed and active as a union member and ensure your benefits are protected in retirement.

NYSUT has one of the most active and successful union retiree programs in the country. The NYSUT Retiree Services Program, part of Program Services, was established by NYSUT to help its retirees organize and to act as a service provider for those retiree groups. You can find additional information at NYSUT.org or this link: <https://www.nysut.org/members/retirees>

Make sure your information is up to date with NYSUT and RC 7. If you have a new address, phone number, or email address, please email AnneMarie.Voutsinas@nysut.org or leave a message at 315-431-4040 ext. 40.

RC 7 members who are in Florida for part of the year or all year can partake in Florida events. Contact Judith.Kalb@nysut.org for more information!



From the President's Desk...

Loretta K. Donlon

SUMMER IS ON ITS WAY OUT!

A special welcome to our new Retirees. You ended your career with the most challenging year of your life, but it will make your days of retirement even more appreciated. This issue of our newsletter contains an invitation to the first in-person meeting of RC 7 in over a year which is a sure sign that we can start putting this Covid-filled, steamy, humid year behind us.

Another definite sign that summer is on its way out is the annual breakfast hosted by Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli. The event, set during the State Fair week, calls together the elected state and federal representatives to update us on their work. Included in the audience, with State Senator John Mannion emceeding the event, were many local labor leaders including NYSUT Local Presidents and Officers from the Central NY Region; the Syracuse Labor Council President, Mark Spadafora; and Unite Here Local #150 President and President of the CNY AFL-CIO Area Labor Council, Ann Marie Taliercio.

The picture makes a great reminder for us from this pleasant and informative event. Controller DiNapoli's remarks struck an important note with the retirees in the audience. He stressed how safe and well-funded two of New York States largest pension funds were. The Employee Retirement System Fund, where he is the sole trustee, and the NYS Teachers Retirement System Fund, where he appoints a member of their 10-member Board of Trustees, are fully funded in stark contrast to many funds across the audited States.

We wish all of our in-service colleagues a safe and healthy new school year and hope we, in our role as a NYSUT Retiree, can all pledge to support them as their "daytime advocates"!



Pictured with the Comptroller are Donna Kassman, retired LRS from the Syracuse Regional Office; Loretta Donlon, RC 7 President and ED 51 Director; Margo Buckingham, Past President of RC 7; and Anne Marie Voutsinas, Retiree Services Consultant for RC 7 & RC 8.

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 Jordan-Elbridge, Liverpool, North Syracuse, Port Byron, or Syracuse City, 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. This is a change from previous years. Participation fees are accepted at any time. However, **to be able to nominate your child or grandchild for one of our June 2022 scholarships you must pay your participation fee by December 31, 2021.**

Retiree Council 7 Membership Form 2021 - 2022

Name _____

Address _____

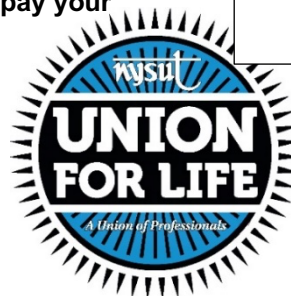
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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
NYSUT Regional Office
4983 Brittonfield Pkwy
E. Syracuse, NY 13057

SAVE THE DATE
Tuesday, December 14, 2021
for the next RC 7 Luncheon Meeting
Bellevue Country Club,
Syracuse

At the time of this publication, there is still uncertainty as to scheduling our in-person meetings. Events may change due to current conditions. It is critical that we have your email on file. Check our website and facebook page for updated info.

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MASKS COVERING NOSE AND MOUTH MUST BE WORN AT BOTH EVENTS (EXCEPT WHEN EATING OR DRINKING).

**Join Us on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 for the RC 7 Luncheon Meeting at
Traditions at the Links, 5900 N. Burdick St., East Syracuse \$27 per person
Registration @ 11:00 • Meeting @ Noon • Lunch @ 12:30 • Program after Lunch**

Ian Phillips, NYSUT Regional Political Organizer, will update us on the latest happenings in the political world and on upcoming elections.

Entrée Choices:

Traditions Chopped Salad: Crisp mix of field greens & romaine lettuce tossed w/tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, chopped cucumbers, Kalamata olives, herbed croutons with pesto Italian dressing. Accompanied with grilled pesto chicken

Little Italy Panini: Roast Chicken Breast with fresh mozzarella, ripe tomatoes, fresh baby spinach and roasted red peppers, mayo on rustic Italian bread

Carbonara Pasta: Bacon, peas, and grilled red onions ~Served in a light Alfredo sauce over penne pasta

All entrées include Strawberry Shortcake, coffee, tea, and water

Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon - October 19, 2021

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

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

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

____ Traditions Chopped Salad ____ Little Italy Panini ____ Carbonara Pasta

Number of reservations _____ at \$27. Amount enclosed \$ _____

Please send reservation form and a check payable to **NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 7** to:
Mary Hanus, Luncheon Chair, NYSUT Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, E. Syracuse, NY 13057
Reservations must be received by October 3. No one can be seated without a reservation.

**Join Us on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 for the RC 7 Buffet Luncheon Meeting at
Fireside Inn, 2345 W. Genesee Rd., Baldwinsville \$29 per person
Registration @ 11:00 • Meeting @ Noon • Lunch @ 12:30 • Program after Lunch**

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Number of reservations _____ at \$29. Amount enclosed \$ _____

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We Remember Fondly ...

Baldwinsville

Mary Dixon.
Maureen Engels
Nancy Girard
Donald Neault
Michael Pauldine
Mary Wilcox

Jamesville-Dewitt

Mary Dougherty
Richard Griffin
Grove Havener

West Genesee

Barbara Lowe
Phillip Picciotti
Beverly Walliski

OCM BOCES

Agnes Bierbaum
Mary Guanciale
William Tibbits

Liverpool

Carol Baird
Nancy Danzer
Anthony Drago
Louis House +Pt Byron
Joyce Kieloch
Angelo Museums
Richard Taylor

East Syracuse-Minoa

Linda Denee
Joyce Early
Catherine Fantinato
Robert Stronger

Westhill

James Palumbo

Jordan Elbridge

Barbara Olin
Beth Oney
Roxann Sherman

North Syracuse

Nancy Banazek
Bonnie Burkett
Laurie Gadsen
Elaine Gingold
Maria Homola
Patricia LaRose
Elizabeth Pizzuto
Karen Scholl
Leah Spara
Suzanne Warner +Solvay

Fayetteville-Manlius

Nancy Fox
Barbara Glath
Cynthia LaVaute
Larry Maxwell

Solvay

Laura Cottrell
Dolores Mae Falcone
Joseph Fernandez

Syracuse

Carol Alexander
Althea Close
Susanne DeCarlo
Mary Discenza
Jane Dischner
Floyd DuFore
Nance Geiger
Leonard Graf
Lori Janish
Lois Jackson
Theresa Kociencki
Marlene Koenig
Shiela Liegel
Virginia Logan
Patricia Karins
Grace Maxwell
Clarence McBurney
Marilyn Miller
JoAnn Mura
Patricia Nevin
Gloria Piatkowski
Paula Reichert
Anna Marie Scarson

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Paula Reichert
Anna Marie Scarson
Edward Swiatlowski
Mary Sullivan
Carol Tack
Leon Tearney
Hal Terry
Brenda Tucker-Johnson
Sharon Winchell

Tully

Bonita Wink

Skaneateles

Elizabeth Patton
Susan Spaulding

Auburn

Heather Bartman
Dorothy Marventano

Marcellus

Eleanor McGaan

Check out what your union membership has to offer!

Member Benefits Discounts & Deals

Below are the most popular vendors that NYSUT members have shopped with using MB Discounts & Deals this past year -- with a potential savings of almost \$900,000! Have you been missing out?

| <u>EAT</u> | <u>PLAY</u> | <u>SHOP</u> | <u>TRAVEL</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| HelloFresh | Six Flags Theme Parks | Samsung | TripBeat |
| Burger King | Hersheypark | Apple | Great Wolf Lodge |
| Subway | Sky Zone Trampoline Park | Dell | Carnival Cruise Lines |
| Domino's | Bronx Zoo | Lenovo | Sandals Resorts |
| Jersey Mike's Subs | LEGOLAND New York | Advanced Auto Parts | Norwegian Cruise Lines |

MB Discounts & Deals offers NYSUT members exclusive access to savings of up to 50% on restaurants, groceries and food delivery, theme park tickets, hotels and flights, oil changes and vehicle maintenance -- with more than 21,000 New York State deals and thousands more nationwide.

You can even refer your favorite local business (restaurant, coffee shop, workout facility, etc.) to join the network and provide NYSUT members with a special discount. Don't miss out... register your account today!

Member Benefits is proud to endorse MB Discounts & Deals along with dozens of other programs and services that may be able to benefit you and your family members. Take some time to explore our website to find out how we can help you make every dollar count!



Learn more by scanning the QR code to the left,
visiting memberbenefits.nysut.org
or calling 800-626-8101.



For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits. Sept/Oct 2021