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NYSUT RC 7 ELECTION HELD

Due to the cancellation of our spring meetings, RC 7 held a virtual general membership meeting via Zoom on October 13, 2020. All RC 7 members were invited to attend the meeting and those in attendance received a ballot.

At that meeting, the five (5) officers - President Loretta Donlon, First Vice President Candy Johnson, Second Vice President Bill Spreter, Secretary Melanie Mariani, and Treasurer Carol Graham - were declared elected as they ran unopposed. Loretta also serves as a NYSUT and AFT Delegate.

On the ballot there were six (6) candidates for five (5) Directors of the Board, three (3) candidates for two (2) NYSUT Delegates, and two (2) candidates for one (1) AFT Alternate Delegate. There were no candidates for the position of Alternate Delegates for NYSUT.

The Elections Committee chair Fran Hudson convened the committee members- Mary Kay Boyle, and Doug Matousek - on November 20th to count the votes. Elected to serve as Directors are Phil DelloStritto, Paul Farfaglia, Mary Hanus, Edward O'Rourke, and Lilli Rastegar. NYSUT Delegates are Margo Buckingham and Candy Johnson. AFT Alternate Delegate is Margo Buckingham.

Resumes of the officers, directors, and delegates are on the RC 7 website (<http://nysutretireecouncil7.org>). The term of office is from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023.

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 2021 scholarships you must pay your participation fee by December 31, 2020.**

Retiree Council 7 Membership Form 2020 - 2021			
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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



You may have received a letter from VOTE-COPE indicating what you are currently donating and asking you to donate a little more. It may be tempting to banish this to the recycling bin, but hold off, please. This could be in the words of the Lottery, 'A Dollar and a Dream'! VOTE-COPE will fight for us in Albany and Washington not only advocating for school funding, but legislating for safe patient staffing, adequately funding our SUNY hospital system, getting safeguards in nursing homes, pushing for an increase in social security and fighting any threats to diminish its benefits, including protections in the Affordable Care Act. Your extra investment at this time will mean greater rewards in the not-so distant future. Take a minute to complete the pension deduction form. A 'Dollar and a Dream'? An easy buck or two from your pension check each month may give you that dream. You never know!

At the time of this publication, there is still uncertainty as to rescheduling our meetings. It is critical that we have your email on file. Check our website and facebook page for updated info.



Is your information up-to-date with NYSUT?

If you have a new address, phone number, or email address, please contact Anne Marie Voutsinas, Retiree Services Consultant at AnneMarie.Voutsinas@nysut.org or leave a message @ 315-431-4040 ext. 40.

From the President's Desk...

Loretta K. Donlon



We Miss the Kids and Co-workers, But...!

Hello everyone! I hope all is going well with you and your family. We certainly are going through unusual times. We watch the news not for the ever-changing Central New York weather, but to see how things are proceeding in the virus war. And, sadly, we are shocked with the toll the pandemic is taking across the country, and, as the TV broadcast goes on, the fact that this unthinkable worldwide pandemic is not slowing down. We keep

listening for a hint that this disaster will be soon over, but we never hear a definite date. It seems our world is on hold as the feeling of isolation keeps rising in our thoughts - we can hardly remember that this all started in March!

Although we are retired, we still rush to the papers and TV to see what is happening in the schools. We are concerned about the national and local elections that NYSUT, and all of us, have been working so hard on to bring about a victory. Even the virus couldn't stop NYSUT's attention to the litany of issues besieging our in-service locals. Health and safety of our members and the students are at the top of their list. It took meetings at all levels from the Governor, the Board of Regents, to every local board of education to make sure that everyone would be protected. We can all take pride in our union's continual work and success with these issues which we now know to have life and death consequences.

The contract issues around implementing virtual vs. in-person classes, evaluation, and projected budget cuts also kept local presidents and Labor Relations Specialists constantly busy. While retirees are thinking, "Am I glad to be retired!"

Our retired members are often credited with building this union. We see that, in present times, it is a strong and vital legacy with which we are credited. Stay safe, and take pride in the legacy we have built.

Welcome New Retirees From

Auburn	Baldwinsville	Cato-Meridian	<i>Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES</i>
East Syracuse-Minoa	Fabius-Pompey	Fayetteville-Manlius	
Jamesville-Dewitt	Jordan Elbridge	LaFayette	LIVERPOOL
LYNCOURT	Marcellus	Moravia	<i>North Syracuse</i>
Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES	Onondaga Central	PORT BYRON	
SKANEATELES	Solvay	Southern Cayuga	Syracuse Tully
Union Springs	Weedsport	West Genesee	Westhill

VOTE-COPE Supports Candidates who Support US!

At the time of this publication's writing, the votes have not yet been certified in all states, but it is apparent that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, our endorsed candidates, will be the next President and Vice President of the United States. VOTE-COPE played a significant role in their victories as did the NYSUT members who called over 40,000 NEA/AFT members in Pennsylvania alone. This was no small victory. NYSUT and its allies in Labor engineered a phenomenal accomplishment. We unseated an incumbent President. Such a feat has only been done three times in our lifetime.

In local races, the State Senate seat vote tally in the 50th district was influenced, in large part, because of the VOTE-COPE support from our members. While votes seemed to indicate a win by Angi Renna on election day, absentee votes favored John Mannion by 68%. Vote counting was cut short due to coronavirus exposure, with the tally resuming after Thanksgiving. Our endorsed candidate, AP biology teacher, and West Genesee Teachers Association Leader, John Mannion surged ahead of Renna and won the race. According to the Syracuse Post Standard, the Renna team had Albany lawyers who were aggressively challenging absentee ballots with an eye to disenfranchising voters and extending the time for counting and, therefore, vote certification. Their efforts didn't hamper Mannion's election totals and we are proud that he will represent us in Albany.

In other races, NYSUT endorsed candidate Al Stirpe appears to be 1,000 votes ahead of his opponent, Mark Venesky, in the 127th Assembly district race while Senator Rachel May won re-election to the New York State Senate over Sam Rodgers. May was endorsed by NYSUT. To our east in the 22nd Congressional district, absentee votes are surging largely democratic and observers suggest that our endorsed candidate, Anthony Brindisi, will take the lead from Claudia Tenney and retain his seat.

Two candidates who represented our policies were not successful in their campaigns. Dia Carabajal, Cayuga Community College Math professor and UUP/NYSUT member, and Dana Balter, a special education educator and SU assistant professor, were defeated.

Thanks to all the candidates who carried the banner of NYSUT and organized labor. Thank you for representing our policies and practices in the state and nation. Thanks also to our member who made it all possible through their volunteering and contributions to VOTE-COPE!

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~Bill Spreter, RC 7 2nd VP

We Remember ...

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Allen Darrow
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William Davern+ OCM
Fern Dibbern
Barbara Kidd + Tully
Marilyn Mellor
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Violet Wagner
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Phillip Curtis
Ed Ely
Jacquelin Manier
Peggy Marshall
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Gail Moreland
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Priscilla Wilby

Onondaga

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Thomas Heaney, Sr.

Liverpool

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Donna Billion
Lynne Bump
Alfred Butler, Jr.
Carmelo Cicala
Jean Condon
George DeStaffan, Jr.
Robert Dunstone
Jane Elkin
Robert Gumaer
Thomas LaClair + Onon
Cynthia Loveless
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Phyllis Middleton
Carolyn Neidel
Patricia Petrie
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Congratulations to our 2020 Scholarship Winners

McKenzie Dahlin, Chittenango HS – attending University of Tampa
Sponsor: Frank Ricciardiello, ESM Retiree

Hadwynne Gross, Jamesville-Dewitt HS – attending Clark University
Sponsor: Barry Miller, FM Retiree

Drew Holahan, Marion HS – attending SUNY Binghamton
Sponsor: Joanne Holahan, Syracuse City Retiree

Samantha Snyder, West Genesee HS – attending Nazareth College
Sponsor: Frank Ricciardiello, ESM Retiree

Thanks to the Scholarship Committee: Joanne Heisler, Sue Albino, Cindy Kiehl

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