

Central Square Retired Teachers' Association



The Newsletter of the Central Square Retired Teachers Association of CSTA
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To the CSRTA Membership:

We have reached a point in the life span of this organization when we need to ask the question, where are we going next?

Our officers have participated for over twenty years, and are tired. Our newsletter editor is experiencing health issues and this will be her last published newsletter. Unless some members out there speak up, and soon, this group needs some massive restructuring or may be disbanding.

We have a healthy treasury that we need to decide where it should be disbursed. Your participation has dwindled, due to Covid, to be sure, but also the interest for this group has dwindled. When the group began, we were the connection with the active teachers, and the connection with NYSUT through the state organization. Our pensions are still connected through NYSUT. NYSUT has many services to offer us still.

Needless to say, we are at a crossroads. We have important decisions to make.

The officers have decided to make it easy for people to attend this meeting. We will meet outdoors, at Goettel Park, across from Reymore Chevy, Main Street Central Square, for a “Bring Your Own Lunch” picnic under the pavilion at the park. The date will be one week earlier than usual - **May 13th**. The time will be 12 noon as usual. You must also bring your own beverage. Glass bottles are not permitted in the park. A simple dessert may be provided by the treasury.

This is your organization. It is our connection to the state organization and other retired teachers. Please come and offer your opinions and suggestions on our future or lack thereof.

Cassie Richmond, President CSRTA

News From Joe Barbera:

The CSTA has approved a new 4 year contractual agreement that will take effect July 1. There will be a change that impacts some retirees. For CSRTA members who are enrolled in the district health insurance plan, some prescription drug co-pays are increasing. The cost of generic drugs in Tier 1 will not change. I have written a summary bulletin that is listed below. I am not sure if we will get additional information from the district or Excellus explaining the change. I do not think there are any other changes retirees need to be concerned with unless they are coaching. Coaching salaries are increasing.

SOME PRESCRIPTION DRUG CO-PAYS INCREASING, BEGINNING JULY 1ST

The CSTA has recently approved a new four-year contractual agreement that will take effect July 1. As a result of this agreement, there will be increases in some of the prescription drug co-pays in the districts' health insurance three-tier formulary. These are summarized in the chart below.

<u>DRUG LEVEL</u>	<u>30 DAY SUPPLY</u>	<u>90 DAY SUPPLY</u>
Tier 1	\$5 (No Change)	\$10 (No Change)
Tier 2	\$20 (Increase of \$5)	\$40 (Increase of \$10)
Tier 3	\$40 (Increase of \$10)	\$80 (Increase of \$20)

(90-day drug refills are through mail order only)

A mitigation pool will still be included in the new contract. CSRTA members who are enrolled in the district health insurance plan, can be reimbursed for the increases in the co-pays, for prescription drugs purchased after July 1, by applying to the prescription drug reimbursement program through the CSTA website. Members should go to cstaonline.com and scroll down to CSTA documents and click on the green button. Under the CSTA forms heading, the application form can be found by clicking on CSTA Drug Reimbursement. Instructions for sending in pharmacy receipts and completing the online form will be found there. The documents and forms are password protected. The password has not changed. If you do not know the password, you can contact Joe Barbera at jrbarbera@aol.com for assistance.

CSRTA members who have current receipts for prescriptions filled after July 1, 2021, can still utilize the mitigation pool based on the current Tier guidelines, by following the same procedure indicated above. The CSTA Prescription Reimbursement form must be completed and pharmacy receipts received by the CSTA by June 1 to allow for processing.

The new CSTA contract will be posted on the CSTA website under the CSTA Documents and Forms Page link, in the near fu

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