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## Retiree Council 7 Scholarships

Retiree Council 7 is pleased to announce that applications will be accepted for this year's student scholarship beginning **March 1, 2026**, through **May 1, 2026**. This annual award supports outstanding students as they pursue higher education and prepare for future careers in fields that require advanced learning.

### ❖ Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- **Family Membership Requirement**

The candidate must be the **child or grandchild of a Retiree Council 7 member** whose participation fee has been paid **by December 31st of the membership year** in which the scholarship will be awarded.

*Note: The membership year runs from July 1 through June 30 of the following calendar year.*

- **Graduating Senior Status**

Candidates must be **seniors graduating from a New York State public school** or from any **private or parochial school whose staff is NYSUT affiliated**.

- **Educational Path**

Applicants must plan to enter a **profession requiring higher education** at an accredited institution of learning.

- **Timely and Complete Submission**

Only applications that are **complete and received between March 1 and May 1, 2026** will be considered.

### ❖ Selection Process:

- The Scholarship Committee evaluates all submissions using an established **application rubric**. Additionally, the Committee considers:
  - Organizational involvement, especially academic-oriented activities
  - Community service
  - Employment experience
  - Extracurricular participation

These elements help the Committee identify students who demonstrate strong leadership, service, and academic commitment.

### ❖ How to Apply:

The application form and full instructions are available at:



<https://www.nysutretireecouncil7.org/scholarship.html>

Applications may be submitted **via U.S. mail or email** using the addresses provided directly on the application form. Four scholarships are awarded every year.

*Lilli Rastegar, Scholarship Committee Chair*

[mslillirastegar@gmail.com](mailto:mslillirastegar@gmail.com)

### Retiree Council 7 Membership Form 2025 - 2026

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

District retired from \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

## NOW IT'S TIME FOR THE BIGGEST ACTION YET!

On **March 8, 2026**, at the MVP Arena in Albany, join 10,000+ of your fellow NYSUT members for our largest, most powerful **Fix Tier 6 Rally** yet.

Check <https://fixtier6.org> for more details!





# From the President's Desk...

*Loretta K. Donlon*

## NYSUT Retiree Council 7 Election of Officers

Term of Office: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029

### Offices to be filled:

President and First NYSUT Delegate/AFT Delegate

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Five (5) Members – Board of Directors

Three (3) NYSUT Delegates

Three (3) NYSUT Alternates

One (1) AFT Alternate

### Nomination procedures:

The form must be submitted through the US mail or electronically

to [nysutrc7@gmail.com](mailto:nysutrc7@gmail.com) by April 1, 2026.

The form can be accessed at the RC 7 website ([nysutretireecouncil7.org/](http://nysutretireecouncil7.org/))

### Mail to:

Chair, RC 7 Elections Committee

NYSUT Regional Office

4983 Brittonfield Parkway

East Syracuse, NY 13057

The Elections Committee will meet to determine the eligibility of nominated candidates and will announce the candidates on the RC7 website on **April 19<sup>th</sup>**.

Resumes will be available at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and on our website.

### Election Procedures:

The election of officers will be conducted at the RC 7 General Membership meeting on Tuesday **May 19<sup>th</sup>** at the NYSUT Regional Office, East Syracuse.

**ALL** NYSUT Retirees of RC 7 are eligible to vote; you **do not** need to attend the luncheon. Balloting will be held from **11:30AM – 12:30PM**. Members of the Elections Committee will conduct the election and tally the ballots.

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### Officers

Loretta Donlon, President

Phil Cleary, First VP

William Spreter, Second VP

Candace Johnson, Third VP

Melody Mariani, Secretary

Carol Graham, Treasurer

Margo Buckingham,

Immediate Past President

### Board of Directors

Mary Kay Boyle      Mary Duffin

Paul Farfaglia      Kathy Froio

Lilli Rastegar

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## *Forever in our Hearts...*

### APW

Raymond Bridges III

Jane Agnes Liscum

### Baldwinsville

Patrick Cico

Helen Cook

Sally Dayger

Deborah Nervina

Darlene Retchless

### ESM

James DeLuca

### Fayetteville-Manlius

Roger Marris

Gloria Weinman

### Jamesville-Dewitt

John Becker

Hugo Polichemi

### Jordan-Elbridge

Marjorie Austin

Susan Young

### Lafayette

Susan Shannon

### Liverpool

Gloria Mae Hahn

Sandra Longo

Rosemary Sobol

### Moravia

Carmine Pennella

### North Syracuse

Barbara Sleight

### OCC

George Cable

Mary Keenan

Frances Knorr

### Skaneateles

Alyce Cowles

Martha Manilla

### Solvay

Marie Miczan

Marilyn Thornton

### Syracuse

Emily Bass

Connie Bowles

Theodore Byrd

Mary Byrne

Jean Caraccilo

Sheila Emborski

Elliot Green

Charlotte Holstein

Emma Hudson

Peter Knoblock

Mary Ann Mafriaci

William Rowland II

Larry Snyder

Catherine Spies

Linda Viscome

### West-Genesee

Francis Bliven +Cayuga CC

Harry Brown

Mary Durham

Kathleen McManus

### Westhill

Rita Valenza



Join Us on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026**, at  
*Coppertop Eventhouse, 3372 Milton Ave., Syracuse*

\$39 per person

*Registration @ 11:30 • Meeting @ Noon • Lunch @ 12:45 • Program after Lunch*

**Entrée Choices:** Chicken Milanese, Fried Haddock w/rice, Six Cheese Mac and Cheese

Side House Salad, Rolls and Butter, Dessert  
Soda, Iced Tea, Coffee, Water

*Vegetarian and Gluten-Free available upon request.*

**Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon - April 21, 2026 @ Coppertop Eventhouse**

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

*If you require any device or accommodation as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act, or need a vegetarian, vegan, or gluten-free meal or other dietary accommodation, please contact Mary Duffin at [mduffin2@verizon.net](mailto:mduffin2@verizon.net)*

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ \$39. Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

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

Chicken Milanese

Fried Haddock w/ rice

Six Cheese Mac and Cheese

**\*\*First Time Attendee?** \_\_\_\_\_ **District Retired From:** \_\_\_\_\_

*We'll make sure you find your colleagues!*

Please send reservation form and a check payable to **NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 7** to:  
RC7 Luncheon Chair, NYSUT Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, E. Syracuse, NY 13057  
**Reservations must be received by April 13<sup>th</sup>. No one can be seated without a reservation.**

Join Us on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**, at  
NYSUT, 4983 Brittonfield Pkwy., East Syracuse  
**\$20 per person**

*Registration @ 11:30 • Meeting @ Noon • Lunch @ 12:45 • Program after Lunch  
Catered by Twin Trees*

Cheese and Garlic Pizza, Chef Salad, Chicken Riggies, Utica Greens,  
Dessert: Carrot Cake or Rainbow Cake Drinks: Coffee, Iced Tea, Water

*Vegetarian and Gluten-Free available upon request.*



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