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WELCOME NYSUT MEMBERS TO UNION FOR LIFE!

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	Tully
	Weedsport	West Genesee	Westhill
			Union Springs



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From the President’s Desk...

Loretta K. Donlon

Today’s column is from Lilli Rastegar, RC7 Director and Scholarship Chair

As a group of lifelong educators, we’ve spent our careers nurturing curiosity, encouraging dreams, and believing in the boundless potential of every student who crossed our paths. We are proud to continue that legacy by supporting and celebrating the next generation of learners and leaders. Our scholarship recipients represent the values we’ve always championed: dedication, perseverance, and a commitment to growth. We are inspired by their journeys and honored to play a small part in their bright futures.

- **Avery Starowicz**, a Westhill High School graduate received Sorkin Scholarship. She will be studying Elementary Education at Salisbury University in the fall. Avery was sponsored by her grandparents, **Craig and Linda DeForest**, retirees from Westhill and Jordan-Elbridge.
- **Jacob Dolan**, a Liverpool High School graduate, will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology where he’ll study Mechanical Engineering. Jacob’s sponsor was his grandmother, **Penelope Dolan**, who retired from the Solvay School District.
- **Molly Giufre** is a recent graduate of Valley Central High School. She is an incoming freshman at Lycoming College where she’ll be studying Psychology and Sociology. Her sponsor was **Candace Johnson**, a retiree of the Liverpool School District.
- **Ryan Tabaczyk**, a West Genesee graduate, has been accepted at Clarkson University in the Mechanical Engineering program. He was sponsored by his grandfather, **John Reale**, a Syracuse City School District retiree.

I also want to thank our fellow retirees, supporters, and sponsors—your continued belief in education makes days like this possible. Thanks to Scholarship Committee members Carol Sorkin and Beth Zader. Certificates and table decoration were designed by fellow retiree Jean Van Doren.

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Join Us on **Tuesday, September 16, 2025**, at  
*NYSUT, 4983 Brittonfield Pkwy., East Syracuse*

\$20 per person

*Registration @ 11:30 • Meeting @ noon • Lunch @ 12:45 • Program after Lunch*  
*Humane CNY Updates*

**Catered Buffet by Brooklyn Pickle**

Assorted Sandwiches: Roast Beef, Ham and Cheese, Egg Salad, Tuna Salad, and Turkey  
on white, dark rye, light rye, and gluten-free bread  
Potato Salad, and Tossed Green Salad, Chips  
Assorted Cookies, Iced Tea, Coffee, Water

*Vegetarian and Gluten-Free available upon request. Please indicate on form.*

**Reservation Form      RC 7 Luncheon - September 16, 2025 @ NYSUT**

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 indicate here: \_\_\_\_\_.*

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ at \$20      Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*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 September 13th. No one can be seated without a reservation.**

Join Us on **Tuesday, October 21, 2025**, at  
*NYSUT, 4983 Brittonfield Pkwy., East Syracuse*

\$20 per person

*Registration @ 11:30 • Meeting @ noon • Lunch @ 12:45 • Program after Lunch!*  
*Hear the latest OCCRA News!*

**Catered by Liehs and Steigerwald**

Garden Salad, Vegetable Lasagna, Grilled Chicken, Salt Potatoes  
Cookies and Brownies  
Iced Tea, Coffee, Water

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Active RC 7 Members representing YOU at the NYSUT RA, Lobby Day, Social Security events and Rallies!

We hope YOU will join them at future events!

Remain an ACTIVE RC 7 Member! Send in your voluntary participation fee today!

Retiree Council 7 Membership Form 2025 - 2026

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

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

Position\_\_\_\_\_

Active membership in Retiree Council 7 is open to every NYSUT retiree of any NYSUT represented group in Election District 7 (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 dues.

The Locals who have retiree groups that collect a combined fee (determined by the group) and forward RC 7's portion to us are **Jordan Elbridge, Liverpool, North Syracuse, Port Byron, Syracuse City**. You should use the local's address when sending in your check.

If you retired from **Auburn, Cato-Meridian, Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES, Moravia, Skaneateles, Southern Cayuga, Union Springs, or Weedsport**, your fees are collected by CORN (Cayuga-Onondaga Retirees of NYSUT) and forwarded to RC 7. Send your check to CORN @ Auburn Teachers Association.

Retirees from **other locals** should send their \$10 check to the NYSUT, attn RC 7 Membership Chair, 4983 Brittonfield Pkwy, East Syracuse, 13057.