



# THE CENTRAL NEW YORKER

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## Congratulations to our Scholarship Winners

Talented, passionate, self-motivating, courageous, responsible, conscientious, dedicated, respectful, athletic are the characteristics and qualities that this year's recipients exemplify.

The Neal Sorkin Scholarship was awarded to **Michelle Sacco**, a graduate of Liverpool High School. Michelle will be attending LeMoyne College in the fall with direct entry into the Physician's Assistant Studies Program. She is in the top 10 percent of her class academically and has received numerous awards and honors. Michelle also gives back to the community as evidenced by her many hours as a volunteer. She has also participated in soccer, lacrosse, volleyball and ski club. Liverpool retiree, **Mary Lannier**, is Michelle's proud grandparent and sponsor.

**Hannah Starowicz** completed her high school studies at Westhill. She will be a freshman in the Nursing program at York College of Pennsylvania in the fall. Hannah works part time in addition to being a three-sport athlete, volunteering, student government, class secretary, and various social justice activities. **Craig DeForest**, Westhill retiree, is Hannah's sponsor and grandfather.



Great grandparent, **Maryann Dec**, Auburn retiree sponsored **Thomas Decaro**, a Port Byron graduate. Thomas will be attending Cayuga Community College in the fall and plans on becoming a teacher. Thomas has been described as an optimist who has a kind, caring and supportive nature. Currently he works part time at the Cedar Craft Wild Bird Center.

**Maxwell Lauricella** is a West Genesee graduate who will be a freshman at LeMoyne College in the Nurse Practitioner program. Thomas' sponsors are his grandparents, **Lorraine Lauricella**, Solvay retiree, and **Richard Lauricella**, West Genesee retiree. Max is known as a self-motivated individual who is hard working and talented. He plays lacrosse, golf, skis and is on the student council. Max also finds the time to work part time at the Skaneateles Marina.

Kudos to the scholarship recipients! Thanks to the Scholarship Committee, Beth Zader and Melanie Jivoff.

*Lilli Rastegar serves on the NYSUT RC 7 Executive Board and as the Scholarship Chair.*

### In Order to Serve You Better

Have you ever read that and rolled your eyes? I have! Every time I see it, I figure something is going to change and it's going to suck! But fear not! Your NYSUT RC7 officers and executive board really do want to serve you better - and we've been hard at work planning for the coming year.

Just like you - we want to be together, laugh, learn, make friends, and enjoy our well-earned retirement. To that end we conducted a poll find out what members thought about our offerings and activities. We sent a survey via email to over 1,200 members and received over 150 responses in the first 24 hours! We offered a prize drawing for those who participated and gave out the awards in June.

We wanted to know more about who our members are; what they like and what they don't. We asked you to give it to us straight - and did you ever! You told us variety, cost, location and even the weather make a difference - and we hear you. We also heard that you want ways to try and learn new things, meet new people and make newcomers feel welcome. We know we need to engage older retirees and attract new retirees to build our RC community.

Look forward to familiar fun lunches and activities with new offerings added. To keep track of the fun make sure we have your contact information and let us know if it changes. We'll be communicating via our tried and true ED7 Newsletter, website: <http://www.nysutretireecouncil7.org> and on Facebook @ nysutretireecouncil7.

We hope to make being a NYSUT Retiree in ED7 part of a great retirement!

*Phil Cleary serves on the NYSUT RC7 Executive Board and as our NYSUT PAC.*



## From the President's Desk... *Loretta K. Donlon*

### We Can't Do It Without You!

As you read in Phil Cleary's column in today's issue, you can see that your participation in the recent survey was a way of gathering your ideas and thoughts of ways to improve how RC 7 is working for you.

The Executive Board is still studying the survey results, but, even in this short time, one thing we heard was that many of you miss traveling! As a result, one new committee has been created and members have volunteered to do research and to present some enjoyable trips for our members this fall. The Travel Committee volunteers include Donna Breen, Kathy LaRocca, Jim Shultz, Patricia Tanguay, Bob Crabtree, and Margo Buckingham. This is just one example of members working for the good of all of us!

At our June meeting, members volunteered to serve on the State Fair Booth Staffing Committee and the Audit Committee. Two more examples of RC members working for all of us!

And the examples continue...Mary Duffin has joined our luncheon committee and will be working with Mary Hanus to schedule our meetings for this year. And, with the political scene fast approaching, we will soon call upon you again to help with political races.

As the Board reviews more of your comments from the survey, get ready to see your suggestions be put into action. Get ready to step up and volunteer for one of the upcoming committees and tasks, because, as I said in the title, we, your officers and board members, cannot do it alone. Decide now to be ready to step up and join the action. We will all benefit.

Thanks in advance for your help! And for staying involved and united in our union for life!

### We Remember Fondly ...

West Genesee

Camille Arsenault  
Sally Clark  
Herbert Coleman  
Margie Gibbs  
Irene Olcott  
James Pontello  
Eileen Shackleton

Auburn

Katherine Giess  
(+Skan, So. Cayuga)

North Syracuse

Eleanor Ealy  
Mary Ann Hesser  
Alan Komanecy  
Jean Morin  
Norma Mulvey

Baldwinsville

Elizabeth Donnelly

Liverpool

Madelyn Condolora  
Anne Giopulos  
Oscar Jensen  
(+Bville, Marcellus)  
Diane Koolakian  
Paul Shaver  
Joan Vodeck (+ JE)

East Syracuse-  
Minoa

Gloria Delaney.  
Yvonne Hooker  
Jennie Kapcio.  
Elaine Marko.  
Virginia Rhoades  
Rhoda Sikes  
William Taddeo

Tully

Gregory Scammell  
(+Laf, FP)  
Terry Wheeler

Syracuse

Newton Allen  
Rosalie Angotti.  
Christine Bachus  
Thomas Bocon  
Genevieve Burniski  
Eva Cook  
Nancy Dwyer (+FP)  
Mary Gersbacher  
Dolores Halbig  
Libby Hayes  
Jon Heisler  
Michael McCarthy  
Bernice McMocki  
Patricia Rudney  
Therese Smith  
Dr. Paul Stobnicke  
Anju Varshney

Westhill

John Mercer

Marcellus

Mary Ann Baner  
(+Westhill)

Onondaga CC

Sally Coman  
Laurel Saiz

Lafayette

KnowHon Foote (+Syr)  
Dorothy Kiser  
Kenneth Neuman Sr.  
Beatrice Schrader

Jamesville-Dewitt

Timothy Decker

OCM BOCES

Martha Cuddy  
Gary Eure

Fayetteville-Manlius

Carol Crolick  
Norma Garrecht  
Barbara Kesselring  
Karen Lawyea  
Gloria Mabie  
Leonora McCoy  
Kathleen Oliver

Solvay

Janet Thresh

Onondaga

Shannon Garvey  
Arlene Pollock

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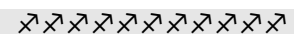
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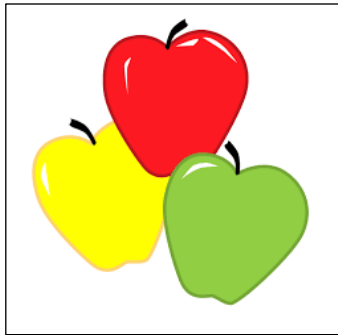
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**Please Note:** Our newsletter is posted on the RC 7 Website before it is printed and mailed from NYSUT Headquarters. Be sure to check there for luncheon information and avoid sending in a late reservation due to unexpected printing and/or mailing delays.



Join Us on **Tuesday, September 20, 2022**, for the RC 7 Luncheon at *NYSUT Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, East Syracuse*

\$14 per person

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

Sandwich Buffet catered by **Brooklyn Pickle:**  
**Turkey, Roast Beef, Ham and Cheese, Tuna, Egg Salad, and Veggie.**  
**Macaroni Salad, Fruit Salad, Chips, Cookies and Brownies, Coffee, Tea, Soda and Water.**

**Reservation Form    RC 7 Luncheon - September 20 @NYSUT**

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*If you require any device or accommodation as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act, or need a dietary accommodation, please indicate here: \_\_\_\_\_.*

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ at \$14.      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 8. No one can be seated without a reservation.**

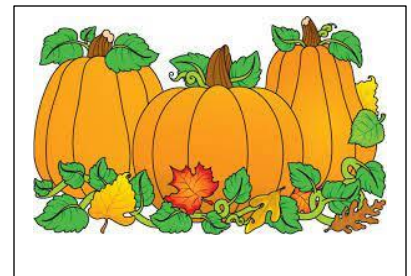
Join Us on **Tuesday, October 18, 2022**, for the RC 7 Luncheon at *NYSUT Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, East Syracuse*

\$20 per person

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

**NYSUT Election Updates**

Homestyle Fall Buffet catered by **Bella Domani:**  
**Turkey, Dressing and Gravy,**  
**Vegetable, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Tossed Salad, Rolls**  
**Pumpkin Pie, Coffee, Tea, Soda, and Water**



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Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**“The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022” Renews Hope for Action to Lower Drug Prices**

A surprise announcement on Wednesday, 7/27, from Sens. Chuck Schumer (NY) and Joe Manchin (WV) revived hopes for Democrats to pass significant legislation on a range of issues, including prescription drug prices, climate, energy, and health policy.

Central to the deal dubbed “The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022” is the prescription drug pricing reform that includes allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices, as well as a \$2,000 annual out-of-pocket cap on drug costs for beneficiaries under Medicare Part D. Senate Democrats are looking to add insulin measures to the deal. Additionally, the agreement includes three years of additional subsidies for Affordable Care Act premiums, a boost from the two years that Sen. Manchin previously approved.

The deal also includes provisions that Democrats previously thought they had lost that address climate change and tax policy. In addition to imposing a corporate minimum tax of 15 percent, the agreement calls for nearly \$400 billion in domestic energy and manufacturing investments that will curb carbon emissions.

Overall, the bill is expected to reduce the national deficit by \$300 billion and help address inflation. Democrats will likely look to push this bill forward as quickly as possible. Democrats still need the support of Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (AZ), who has previously voiced opposition to tax increases. “The deal is very promising. We hope to make the 57th Medicare anniversary summer a historic occasion,” said President Roach. “We’ve been waiting for a deal that includes Medicare drug price negotiation for decades.”

*From the August 1, 2022, NYSARA newsletter*

**2022– 2023 MEETINGS**

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September 20 – NYSUT RO  
October 18 – NYSUT RO

*See reservation forms on page 3.*

December TBA

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**Participation fees for 2022 – 2023**

**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.

**An 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.

**Please mail membership form with your \$10.00 check payable to NYSUT RC 7 to:**

**RC 7 Membership Chair**  
4983 Brittonfield Pkwy

**NYSUT Regional Office**  
E. Syracuse, NY 13057

<b>Retiree Council 7 Membership Form 2022 - 2023</b>			
Name	_____		
Address	_____		
City	State	Zip	_____
Phone	_____		
Email	_____		
District retired from	_____		
Position	_____		