

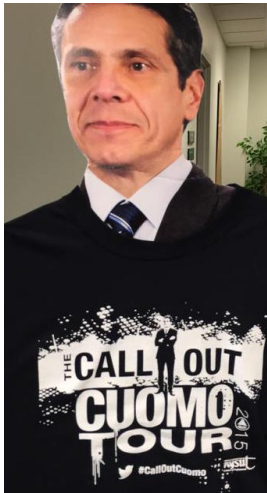


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Retirees Join Efforts at the NYS Fair: Ask Governor to “Be FAIR to Public Education”



On the opening day of the NYS Fair, retirees from around the State joined their in-service colleagues to greet Governor Cuomo as he opened the 2015 Fair.

Clad in “Call Out Cuomo” tour shirts

and prepared to discuss the current state of education with the Governor, the participants began their day at 8:00 AM – except the Governor was not in attendance to cut the ceremonial ribbon on Governor’s Day! Lt. Governor Kathy

Hochul had the pleasure of meeting and greeting the well- informed educators who flooded the Fair.

While the public wasn’t invited to enter the Cow Barn where the official ribbon cutting took place, Beth Chetney, President of the Baldwinsville Teachers Association, was able to engage the Lt. Governor in a conversation over lunch.

NYSUT members spent the day informing Fair attendees and the media of the issues facing educators today – including unfair funding for schools, excessive testing for students and harsh punishments for our teachers.



Please join us at future advocacy events. To get the latest news, check out our website and our Facebook page. Maybe the next time, our Governor will show!

*As our political season begins, it is important that we remain staunch advocates for issues that affect all of us and to support those in office who understand them. **Bill Spreter**, RC 7’s 2nd VP (pictured on the right in the photo above with Jerry Lotierzo at the NYS Fair), reminds us to remain politically active. Be sure you are registered to vote and have filed for an absentee ballot if you will not be in town when the elections are held. Many candidates, especially in local campaigns, will welcome our support for various tasks of the campaigns. Check with local campaign offices and with NYSUT for opportunities to assist in such endeavors. An hour in a phone bank or posting a sign on your lawn is invaluable. Be active on the MAC and sign up for alerts when your voice is needed for important issues that affect our in-service colleagues and students in the schools in which we spent our careers. And, to help make sure our voice is heard, don’t forget to send in your contributions to VOTE-COPE!*

Welcome New Retirees from...

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| 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 | PORT BYRON | Skaneateles | Solvay |
| Southern Cayuga | Syracuse | Tully | Union Springs |
| Westhill | West Genesee | Weedsport | |

HAVE YOU SENT 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. Participation fees should be received by September 1 but are accepted at any time. The membership year is July 1 through June 30. **See form on page 3.**

2015-16 MEETINGS

- October 20 – NYSUT
see reservation form on page 3
- November 17– Elk’s Lodge,
Camillus
- December 15 – Bellevue CC
- March 15 – NYSUT
- April 19 – Hilton Garden Inn,
Auburn
- May 17 – Lakeshore CC
- June 21 - NYSUT

From the President's Desk...

Loretta K. Donlon

A Working Retirement

As we see the summer weather fading away and the brisk fall season roll in, we should be reminded that just as the seasons change and as in all those years we returned to school from summer vacation, it is again time for us to "Get Back to WORK."

And just what is my work in retirement, you ask? Well, it is to preserve and defend the fine retirement benefits we earned and saved during our careers. We as a profession have never been under such attacks as in the past few years. There are proposals to cut Medicare, reduce Social Security, and challenges to a defined pension plan- the three pillars of our secure retirement. There is legislation like the "Tax Cap" which is strangling school districts and inappropriate testing which is demoralizing entire school staffs and usurping student learning time. These issues affect all of us as retirees.

In addition there are forces which strike at the hearts of our union. Groups like ALEX draft language which if enacted would weaken or destroy the rights of the labor movement and the benefits of the middle class that unions helped create.

This paints a pretty dismal picture for the profession of our lives. So what can you do about all this? **The answer is fight back before it is too late.** Here are two ways:

Know the issues: Find out and remind others why these issues like a Constitutional Convention should not be voted for when it is placed by law on the ballot in 2017. Learn how issues such as the Tax Cap and Fair Share affect retirees!

Contact your legislators: Protest cuts to Medicare and Social Security, tell them to support the growing legislation to enhance Social Security, and to rethink how cutting Health Care legislation like Medicare and Medicaid will affect their constituents, as well as the community they are sworn to represent.

That is our job in retirement- to advocate not just for ourselves, but also for the people in the next generation. Our collective action is the only thing that can attempt to match our multi- millionaire foes that want to remove or diminish a stable and dignified retirement for everyone. It's your job, and the rest of us are depending on you!

Use NYSUT's print and web resources and attend your RC 7 meetings for information.

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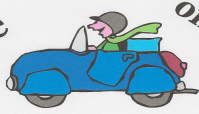
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Lower your Insurance Cost  **Reduce Points on your License**

NYSUT & National Safety Council's 6 Hour Defensive Driving Class
Wednesday October 21, 2015

At the Regional NYSUT HQ, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway
East Syracuse, NY 13057
Class is open NYSUT Retirees, their family and friends
Registration Begins at 9:15, Class 9:30 - 4:00 PM
Cost: \$25.00 per person includes Snacks
Maximum of 40 people (minimum 10) Reserve your spot now!
30 minutes for lunch is included in the time, Bring a bag lunch or order pizza as a group.

You Must Bring your License and Payment that Morning.

Please call NYSUT at (315) 431-4040 to reserve your spot.

RC 7 Trips for 2016. Niagara on the Lake - May 18-19, 2016
Bar Harbor, Maine - August 23 - 26, 2016
Tioga Oktoberfest Express, Wellsboro PA - Oct. 22, 2016

Detailed trip information will be distributed at the RC 7 luncheons and will be published in the upcoming newsletters, on the website and on our Facebook page.
Or call Bella Tours at 315-652-0121.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
Sunday, October 18, 2015
Clinton Square Downtown Syracuse
Registration begins at 8:00 am - NYSUT Booth
Walk begins at 10:00 am

Walk with "NYSUT RC 7"
Go to makingstrideswalk.org/Syracuse
or call 1-800-227-2345 to register and
JOIN OUR TEAM!!



Join Us on October 20, 2015
 for the RC 7 Luncheon Meeting at
NYSUT Regional Office
 4893 Brittonfield Parkway, E. Syracuse
 \$16 per person
Registration at 11:30 • Meeting at Noon
Catered Lunch at 12:30 • Program after Lunch

Enjoy a buffet luncheon from Tabatha's Family Tree!
 Baked Penne, Italian Meatballs, Chef Salad, Bread and Butter, Cookies, Iced Tea and Coffee

Steven Kramer, *Feldman, Kramer and Monaco, PC*, will be our guest speaker. He will present information on the NYSUT Benefits Trust Legal Plan and share legal tips for seniors, including wills, trusts and estate planning.

Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon - October 20 at NYSUT Regional Office
Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____
Number of reservations _____ at \$16. Amount enclosed \$ _____
Please send reservation form and a check payable to NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 7 to: FRAN HUDSON, NYSUT Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, Box 247, E. Syracuse, NY 13057 Reservations must be received by October 1. No one can be seated without a reservation.

Retiree Council 7 Membership Form 2015 - 2016 Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____ District retired from _____ Position _____
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Now is the time to order your **long-sleeved, union made in America denim shirt** and show your pride as an RC 7 member! The shirts will have a red logo on the right hand side of shirtfront and are available in both **Men's and Women's sizes S - 5XL**. Orders will be taken at the October meeting. **Payment for shirt must be made when ordering.** No orders will be accepted after October 20.

Men's and Women's sizes Small, Medium, Large and XL are \$35. Larger sizes for both Men and Women are priced at 2XL \$38; 3XL \$39.50; 4XL and 5XL \$41.50.

If you can't attend the October meeting, we will also accept orders via US mail. Send your order to **Rose Hurd at 201 Snowdale Drive, Syracuse, NY 13209**. Please be sure to include your check payable to "RC 7", your name, phone number, and shirt size. Shirts will be distributed at the November and December meetings.

Please mail form with your \$10.00 check payable to NYSUT RC 7 to:
RC 7 Membership Chair
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In Remembrance...

Baldwinsville

Arlene Campbell
 Henrietta Hughes

West Genesee

Ann Casler

North Syracuse

Patricia Eichorn
 H. Robert Simser

Jamesville-Dewitt

Josephine Peterfreund

Marcellus

Doris Moore

Onondaga Central

Agnes Korzeniewski
 Susie Shearer

Liverpool

Robert Kaljeskie
 Leonard Middleton
 Nancy Muraco + FM
 Maryjane Raite
 Ruth Weigand

East Syracuse-Minoa

Diane Meyer

Fayetteville-Manlius

Myrna Benedict
 Larry Caffrey
 Marceline Pelley
 Betty Smith

OCM BOCES

Dorothy Benjamin
 Donna Oberlander

Lafayette

Bernice Bush

Solvay

Mary Galko
 Angelo Greco
 Elizabeth Sedwick

Westhill

James Christy

Jordan-Elbridge

Michael Kulak

Cato-Meridian

Mona Thompson

Syracuse

Kathleen Buffington
 Barbara Burke
 Elisa Cardone
 Angela Caruso
 Robert Holl
 Kenneth Huffman
 Michael Longo
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