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Congratulations to our Scholarship Winners

Join with us as we celebrate this year's scholarship recipients. These scholarships are a symbol of RC 7's commitment to empowering the next generation of leaders and innovators.

To our scholarship winners, congratulations on this well-deserved honor! We have no doubt that you will continue to achieve great things in the future. Kudos to the network of support—teachers, mentors, family and friends—who have nurtured and encouraged you along your journey. This year's recipients are:

- Madalyn Lauricella** (West Genesee High School)
Neal Sorkin Scholarship Recipient
- Peyton Deno** (Westhill High School)
- Jack Campanella** (Westhill High School)
- JoAnna Manning** (Cicero North Syracuse High School)

Madalyn will be attending Cortland University to major in Elementary Education. **Richard Lauricella**, proud grandparent, sponsored her. Madalyn's parents, Allen and Colleen are also educators. It's in the genes! This amazing scholar was awarded the Neal Sorkin Scholarship because of her dedication, commitment and participation in various volunteer activities within her community and church.

This fall, **Peyton** will be joining the freshman class at SUNY Brockport as a Sports Management major. **Carol Bartle**, retired educator from the Liverpool District, sponsored her grandson. Peyton's dad, Matthew, works as a Probation Supervisor, and his mom, Marcella Deno, teaches Spanish in the Syracuse City District.

Jack will be a Computer Science major at Clarkson University this September. His grandmother, **Judith Campanella**, Cayuga Community College retiree, was his sponsor. Jack's father, Jason, is a firefighter, and mom Katie is a nurse.

JoAnna has been accepted at SUNY Oswego in the Family Consumer Science and CTE program. Her mom, **Maureen Donovan**, a North Syracuse District retiree, sponsored her for the scholarship. Jody Manning, her dad, is currently working as an administrator on the STEAM school project in Syracuse. He began his career as a math teacher in the city and also was Superintendent of Solvay Schools and BOCES.

Congratulations once again to our RC 7 scholarship recipients. We wish you all a future filled with continued success, growth, and fulfillment as you continue to pursue your dreams.

Thank you to Carol Sorkin (Sorkin Scholarship Sponsor) and Beth Zader for their work on the committee. Also thanks to Jean Van Doren for designing and printing the award certificates. A shout out also goes to Phil Cleary and Anne Marie Voutsinas for their photo skills.

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



*Pictured clockwise:
Lauricella Family,
Deno/Bartle Family,
Manning/Donovan Family.
Jack Campanella was unable
to attend the luncheon due
to school exams.*



From the President's Desk...

Loretta K. Donlon

AFT Convention Highlights

Today's column is the report of the AFT Convention. Margo Buckingham represented RC 7 at this event held in Houston, Texas. (See photos on page 4.)

AFT endorses Kamala Harris for President! That, along with VP Harris in person speaking to the over 2000 delegates, was the highlight of the American Federation of Teachers Convention held in steamy Houston in July. The regular business on the agenda was the election of officers (we re-elected Randi Weingarten as President, Fedrick Ingram as Secretary Treasurer, Evelyn DeJesus as Executive VP) and the passing of resolutions which govern AFT's work for the next two years.

Resolutions of particular interest to retirees dealt with AFT's commitment to seniors, including the need to require screening for elder abuse at Medicare Wellness visits and by organizing elder care workers in all settings. There was also a special order of business which called for preserving and improving the U.S. health care safety net by strengthening both Medicare and Social Security as well as fighting the corporatization of health care.

Other resolutions sought to: limit the power of and damage done by private equity firms; support women's health care and reproductive rights; save SUNY Downstate; address issues around AI and social media; adapt school HVAC systems to deal with increased high temperatures; ensure safer and healthier workplaces for all; support public school librarians in the face of book-banning zealots; and oppose the "over-reach" of the Supreme Court. Another special order of business urged opposition to the aims outlined in Project 2025 and any candidate who supports it.

Delegates were also treated to the ideas of many excellent speakers. Delegates from the entire country got to hear our own John Mannion who is running for Congress. Shawn Fain, President of the UAW, wants union leaders to set all contracts to expire on the same day, May 1. Linda Kahn, Chair of the Federal Trade Commission spoke about the reduced quality of care that results when private equity firms buy up hospitals and medical practices. Rohit Chopra, Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, offered this: if you have credit card debt problems, CFPB can help. Start a case file with them at [ConsumerFinance.gov](https://www.consumerfinance.gov). See more highlights at <https://www.aft.org/convention>.

And a final word from Randi regarding the upcoming presidential election and the Harris campaign: "We can't risk regretting that we didn't do more."

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We Remember Fondly ...

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.

Syracuse

Mary (Kate) Ackerman
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Blaise Salerno
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Margot Paronis

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Gail Karn
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Fayetteville-Manlius

Mary Casey Leib

Tully

Charlotte King

Jamesville-Dewitt

Carol Scullion

Solvay

Joan Joss

Join Us on **Tuesday, September 17, 2024**, for the RC 7 Luncheon at *NYSUT Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, East Syracuse*

\$20 per person

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



Ray Lowe of HI Wire Home, Cherry Valley Rd., Lafayette, will present a program on BEES!

Luncheon Catered by Brooklyn Pickle

Assorted Sandwiches:

Roast Beef, Ham and Cheese, Egg Salad, Tuna, and Turkey on white, dark rye or light rye or gluten-free bread

Potato Salad and Tossed Green Salad

Dessert, Water, Iced Tea, Coffee

Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon - September 17 @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 \$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 10. No one can be seated without a reservation.

Participation fees for 2024 – 2025

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.

Please note: If you retired from **Jordan-Elbridge, Liverpool, North Syracuse, Port Byron, or Syracuse City**, your fees are collected by your local (or chapter) and includes the voluntary RC 7 participation fee that is then sent to RC 7. The fees collected in these cases are determined by the local. 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** in this RC should send their \$10 check to the NYSUT Regional Office, attn Membership Chair, 4983 Brittonfield Pkwy, East Syracuse, 13057.



Retiree Council 7 Membership Form 2024 - 2025

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

District retired from _____

Position _____



2024-2025 MEETINGS

October 15 @ NYSUT Regional Office

December 10 @ Bellevue Country Club

TBD: April 15, May 20, June 17