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Paul Farfaglia Selected to fill Board Vacancy

At its meeting on October 7, 2019, the Executive Board selected Paul Farfaglia to fill the Director position created by the untimely death of Sylvia Matousek. According to the By-Laws, if any office (other than President) "becomes vacant, it shall be filled by a vote of the Executive Board until the next election is held by the General Membership." The next election will be held in May, at which time he will have to seek re-election.



Paul has been an active NYSUT member, serving as President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Delegate for his local, Jordan-Elbridge TA. He also served as the ED 7 - 8 At-Large Director on the NYSUT Board of Directors and served ten years as a Trustee of the NYS Teachers' Retirement System. The Executive Board of RC 7 agreed that his past service and multitude of experiences make him a valuable asset to our organization. *Welcome to RC 7, Paul!*



- ✓ **NYSUT's Vote/Cope** legislative agenda already includes an increase in the Cost of Living Allowance, but the RC 7 Board prepared a resolution for the NYSUT RA that, if approved, could add even more to the COLA.
- ✓ **NYSUT's Vote/Cope**, through its national affiliates, backs prescription drug reform, allowing the government to negotiate drug prices that puts them in line with lower prices in other industrialized nations.
- ✓ **NYSUT's Vote/Cope**, through its national affiliates, backs an increase in social security payments and extending its solvency well into the future.
- ✓ And, if that isn't enough, remember that your recently announced COLA increase in the TRS pension was the result of **NYSUT's Vote/Cope** legislation years ago.

If you agree that retirement legislation is needed, now is the time to increase your Vote/Cope contribution. Give to Vote/Cope!

~Bill Spreter, RC 7 VP and Vote/Cope Coordinator

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.

One important note: If you are retired from Auburn, ESM, Jordan-Elbridge, Liverpool, North Syracuse, or Port Byron, your RC 7 participation fee is collected with the dues for your local retiree chapter and then forwarded to us. You should not use the form here or mail dues directly to us. Participation fees are accepted at any time. However, **to be able to nominate your child or grandchild for one of our June 2020 scholarships you must pay your participation fee by Dec. 31, 2019.**



2019 - 20 MEETINGS

November 19 – Finally Ours, Syracuse

WEDNESDAY, December 11 – Bellevue CC, Syracuse
See reservation forms on page 3.

March 17 – Fireside Inn, Baldwinsville

April 21 – Barbagallo's, E. Syracuse

May 19 – NYSUT, E. Syracuse

June 16– The Links at Erie Village, E. Syracuse

Retiree Council 7 Membership Form 2019 - 2020

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

District retired from _____

Position _____

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

**RC 7 Membership Chair
c/o NYSUT
4983 Brittonfield Pkwy Box 247
East Syracuse, NY 13057**

From the President's Desk...

Loretta K. Donlon



A Good Rehearsal Foreshadows Success - SO VOTE!

Now that summer is history and we pack away things for picnics and yard games, we start to search for other things to entertain us. In Central New York we have more than a few theater groups to fill in our time, and we marvel at the sets and procession of the casts. A great deal of rehearsal is the reason for success just as in most things.

As our interests turn to politics, the papers, magazines, and, of course, TV are filled with news of presidential debates, disasters in the Mid East, as well as, local news. Elections, whether a year or a month away, are part of the Breaking News cycle.

And there, too, a rehearsal creates the desired outcome. The coming election of 2019 is a "dress rehearsal" for the presidential election in 2020. Some reporters have called it "the election of our lives", and, if we want to affect the future of our country, we need to be part of this year's "rehearsal". We need to encourage our family and friends to take part and vote as well. That good rehearsal should make the main performance in the election of 2020 a success and give us the outcome we want.

Pledge to VOTE in both elections. That's the only way we can promote a great show!

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RC 7 Trips Planned for 2020

Toronto, Canada

Buffalo/Western NY

Finger Lakes

Contact Bella Tours at 315-652-0121 or

bellatours.travel@gmail.com

More info coming soon!

NSEA is seeking an office secretary.

The work requires strong interpersonal and organizational skills. Hours are 9 - 4, Monday - Thursday, with reduced hours in summer. Salary is commensurate with experience. Union and school system knowledge a plus! Position available in start of 2020 and will include training. Please contact John Kuryla, NSEA President, at jkuryla@nscsd.org.

SAVE THE DATE

NYSUT Regional Conference for RC 7 & RC 8 will be held on Monday, June 1, 2020 at the Doubletree, E. Syracuse.

Invitation coming in Spring!



NYSUT & National Safety Council's
6-Hour Defensive Driving Class
Thurs, Nov. 14, 2019 @NYSUT
4983 Brittonfield Pky, E. Syr

Registration at 9:15 - Class 9:30 - 4:00
Class open to NYSUT Retirees, family and friends. Bring your lunch or order pizza. \$25 per person.

Call 315-431-4040 to register

You MUST bring your Driver's License and fee to the class.

Please Note:

In the March - April edition of this newsletter, a name appeared in the list of Deceased Members in error. We apologize to Ruben Marshall for including his name due to inaccurate information given to the RC 7.

We Remember Fondly...

Baldwinsville

Joan Gray
Steve Mauser
Donna Sochia

Union Springs

Martha Shaw

Auburn

Jean Coleman
Marjorie Connell

North Syracuse

Mary Belden
Mary Fagan
Elizabeth Hemkes
Marion Magee

Union Springs

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Ruth Emmons
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Rita Serbun
Constance Timberlake

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

Join Us on **Tuesday, November 19, 2019** for the RC 7 Luncheon at *Finally Ours, 3788 West Seneca Tnpke, Onondaga Hill-Syracuse*
\$15 per person

**It's SRP
Recognition
Day!**



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

David DeFrancis, from **Aurora of CNY, Inc**, will present information on vision health and will outline services provided by his organization.

Entrée Choices: **American Burger with Chips, Cream of Broccoli Soup and Salad, BLT Sandwich and Salad.**
All entrées include dessert, coffee, tea, soda and water.

Directions: From Syracuse, take Rte. 81S/481S to Brighton Ave. exit. Take Brighton Ave. to S. Salina St. Turn left on S. Salina St. At E. Seneca Tnpke., turn right. Travel approx. 6 miles. Restaurant is on left. From the Auburn, take Rte. 20 E to Skaneateles, turn left on Rte. 321N to Old Seneca Tnpke. Turn right - the road becomes Rte. 175. Travel approx. 5 miles. Restaurant is on right.

Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon - November 19, Finally Ours

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

If you require any device or accommodation as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act, or need a dietary accommodation, please contact Mary Hanus at mary.hanus@gmail.com.

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

_____ American Burger _____ Soup and Salad _____ Sandwich and Salad

Number of reservations _____ at \$15. Amount enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

Please send reservation form and a check payable to **NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 7** to:
RC7 Luncheon Chair, NYSUT Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, Box 247, E. Syracuse, NY 13057
Reservations must be received by November 1. No one can be seated without a reservation.

Join Us on **Wednesday, December 11, 2019** for the RC 7 Luncheon at *Bellevue Country Club, 1901 Glenwood Ave., Syracuse*
\$25per person



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

Greg Hoover will entertain us with Seasonal Favorites.

Entrée Choices: **Pan Roasted Tilapia** with tomato relish and rice pilaf, **Chicken Breast** with artichoke hearts, tomatoes, lemon and potatoes, **Roast Pork Loin** with cider reduction and potatoes.
All entrees include salad, vegetable, dessert, coffee, tea, and water.

Directions: Bellevue Country Club is located near the intersection of Bellevue Ave., Glenwood Ave., and Velasko Road. From Syracuse, take 690W to Geddes St. Turn left and continue on Geddes to Bellevue Ave. Take a right onto Bellevue and a left onto Glenwood. The restaurant is on the left. From the Auburn, take Rte. 20 E to Skaneateles, turn left on Rte. 321N to Old Seneca Tnpke. Turn right - the road becomes Rte. 175. Turn left on Velasko Rd. and follow the directions from Syracuse.

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_____ Tilapia _____ Chicken _____ Pork

Number of reservations _____ at \$25. Amount enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

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****PLEASE SEND A SEPARATE CHECK FOR EACH LUNCHEON EVENT.****



Your Union-Endorsed Benefits: Debt Consolidation & Mortgage Savings

NYSUT Member Benefits understands the challenges that the hardworking women and men of this labor union face when it comes to financial issues such as student loan re-payment options, credit card consolidation or debt management, or saving on purchasing or refinancing a home.

Student Loan & Debt Counseling Program

Your union membership allows you to receive a no-obligation debt and/or student loan consultation at no cost with a certified counselor through the Member Benefits Corporation-endorsed **Cambridge Credit Counseling** program. Cambridge provides individualized student loan counseling along with a unique web portal available at a reduced rate to help explain the various options when paying student debt; debt relief services are also offered.

UnionDirect Mortgage Discount Program

The Member Benefits Corporation-endorsed **UnionDirect Mortgage Discount Program presented by Mid-Island Mortgage Corp.** offers union members and their families savings of up to \$2,700 on lender fees and closing costs. Your union membership also entitles you to no application or processing fees; no commitment fees; no underwriting fees; no lender or broker fees; and reduced attorney and title fees.

The Power of the Union

Regardless of whether you are participating in either of the programs mentioned above; one of our endorsed insurance, financial or legal programs; or our many shopping, entertainment or travel offerings, NYSUT members receive a quality product and enjoy the “**Power of the Union**” behind them. Unlike when purchasing products available to the general public, Member Benefits is here as your advocate if you ever have any issues or concerns with our endorsed programs.

To learn more about Member Benefits-endorsed programs, visit memberbenefits.nysut.org or call 800-626-8101.



For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits.

Sept./Oct '19

- ❖ 11/19 @ *Finally Ours, Syracuse*
- ❖ 12/11 @ *BelleVue CC, Syracuse*