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The Why and How of NYSUT Endorsements

NYSUT's involvement in the political process is to gain legislation on behalf of its members and institutions and to oppose legislation harmful to our members, education, health care, working families and society at large. These efforts are successful when done in a non-partisan manner.

The endorsements involve the participation of local presidents, a statewide political action committee, and the NYSUT Legislative Department. Incumbents' voting records on education and labor issues are given great weight in considering possible endorsements.

Welcome New Retirees from...

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 Weedsport **Westhill** West Genesee

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. The form is on page 2 and on our website. Participation fees are accepted at any time. The membership year is July 1 through June 30. **To be able to nominate your child or grandchild for one of our June 2107 scholarships you must pay your participation fee by December 31, 2016.**

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 or retiree chapter and then forwarded to us. You should not use the form or mail the form directly to us.

**Please mail form with \$10 check payable to NYSUT Retiree Council 7 to:
 RC 7 Membership Chair NYSUT Regional Office
 4983 Brittonfield Pkwy Box 247 East Syracuse, NY 13057**

Time to Get Political! Time to VOTE!

First, candidates are given questionnaires and asked to respond to issues on education, health, labor, and social justice. Next, candidates are scored on their accessibility to our members and advocacy for our members. Then, their voting records are examined with input from our legislative department, the AFT/NEA and the national AFL-CIO. All of this information is shared with the statewide PAC, the local presidents, the NYSUT Board of Directors and a final decision is made.

In the 2014 Congressional election we endorsed 22 Democrats and 2 Republicans. 18 Democrats won as well as the 2 Republicans. In the N.Y.S. Senate we endorsed 36 Democrats and 14 Republicans. 28 Democrats won as well as the 14 Republicans. In the N.Y.S. Assembly we endorsed 104 Democrats and 28 Republicans. 98 Democrats as well as the 27 Republicans won.

Once again, the purpose of endorsements is to secure legislation for our members, our public education institutions and to oppose legislation harmful to those entities.

The endorsement process gives us access to our legislators. Without it, we may lose that access. In this regard, I have a motto: "If you are not at the table, you are on the menu!"

NYSUT endorsed candidates in CNY races are below. A complete list can be found at nysut.org. Those in **bold** represent Cayuga and Onondaga counties.

US President: **Hillary Clinton**
 US Senate: **Chuck Schumer**

US House: 22nd no endorsement;
 24th **Colleen Deacon**

NY Senate: 47th Joe Griffo; 48th Patty Ritchie; 49th Jim Tedisco; 50th **John DeFrancisco**; 51st James Seward; 53rd **David Valesky**; 54th no endorsement.

NY Assembly: 101st no endorsement; 117th Ken Blackenbush; 118th Mark Butler; 119th Anthony Brindisi; 120th **William Barclay**; 121st William Magee; 125th Barbara Lipton; 126th **Diane Dwire**; 127th **Al Stirpe**; 128th **Pam Hunter**; 129th **Bill Magnarelli**; 130th **Bob Oaks**; 131st Brian Kolb.

~Bill Spreter, 2nd VP and Vote-Cope Chair

2016 - 17 MEETINGS

October 18 – Marriott Syracuse Downtown

November 15 – Camillus Fire Hall
see reservation forms on page 3

December 6 – Bellevue CC, Syracuse

March 21 – Crowne Plaza, Syracuse

April 19 – Springside Inn, Auburn

May 16 – Orchard Vali, Lafayette
 June 20 - NYSUT

From the President's Desk...

Loretta K. Donlon

Get Political!

As you are enjoying the lazy last days of summer, I'd like to thank RC 7 members who participated in events held at the NYS Fair. Not only did eager members hold down the NYSUT booth at the Fair, they also joined the CNY Labor Council in their Labor Day Parade. (Look for photos on our website and facebook page!) But now is the time to get political - whether we like it or not. We all know that this is an election year. While retirees have a great voting record, our younger family members and friends don't always do so well. It's time to talk to them about registering and VOTING! There are so many issues that will have an impact on all of us for years to come.

There are other items of note I would like to share with you. In a recent email, Richard Fiesta, Executive Director of the Alliance for Retired Americans, alerted us to an immediate concern. He stated that, in a *Washington Post* report, Republicans in the House of Representatives have moved to **cut \$250 million from the Social Security administration budget**. If passed, the Social Security Administration would need to close all of its offices for two weeks, since all employees would be furloughed. Social Security's operating budget has been cut by over 10% since 2010 while the number of people receiving social security benefits grew by nearly 12%. He asked that we our local representative to reject the HOUSE LABOR, HHS appropriations bill, which underfunds the Social Security Administration. We ask you to make a call! For Representative Katko, call his local office at (315) 423-5657 or email katko.house.gov. For Representative Hanna, call his local office at (315) 724-9740 or email hanna.house.org. We have posted additional talking points on our website and facebook page.

And at its recent Convention, the American Federation of Teachers agreed to call for legislation that protects and expands the social safety net including social security, Medicare, Medicaid, pensions, and food assistance. Other notable concerns included promoting retirement security through full pension funding, investment manager transparency and accountability. In addition, the AFT supports a new Cost of Living Allowance for social security that calls for an increase in the way cost of living is calculated for seniors. The CPI-E, or cost of living for elderly Americans, is based on research showing that those 65 or older spend more than twice as much on healthcare than younger people, and that those 75 and older spend three times more.

RC 7 members continue to sit at the political table, addressing the issues that are important to us, endorsing candidates who are with us on those issues, and working to get those candidates elected. Thanks for all you do!

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Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
Sunday, October 16, 2016
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!!



In Remembrance

Retiree Council 7 Membership Form 2016 - 2017

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

District retired from _____

Position _____

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| Liverpool
Mary Grace Bader | West Genesee
Carol Anne Cooper | Syracuse
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Aniela Sember
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Al Stokes
Virginia Sullivan
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Elvira Young |
| Onondaga CC
Robert Brown | Skaneateles
Todd Abernathy | |
| Baldwinsville
Michael Canale
Thomas Ford
Jane Hale
Margaret Schrempf | Jamesville-Dewitt
Viola North | |
| Cato-Meridian
Iris Pero | Onondaga Central
Warren Moore | |

Join Us on **October 18, 2016** for the RC 7 Luncheon at
Marriott Syracuse Downtown - Persian Terrace, 100 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse
 \$25 per person

Registration @ 11:30 • Meeting @ Noon • Lunch @ 12:30 • Program after lunch
Ed Riley, Managing Partner/Hotel Syracuse Restoration, will share highlights of the restoration

Parking: Hotel Syracuse Garage or Marriott Downtown Parking - \$5 Valet Parking (drop off on Harrison Street) - \$10
 (Please see last issue of newsletter for a map.)

Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon - October 18 at Marriott Syracuse Downtown	
Name _____	Phone _____
Email _____	
Please indicate a Meal Choice below. If including multiple reservations, indicate names clearly next to meal choice.	
_____ Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad	_____ Quiche Lorraine with side salad
<i>All entrees include soup, dessert and coffee.</i>	Total amount enclosed # _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____
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 <u>Reservations must be received by October 1. No one can be seated without a reservation.</u>	

Join Us on **November 15, 2016** for the RC 7 Luncheon at
Camillus Fire Hall, 5801 Newport Rd., Camillus
 \$20 per person

Registration @ 11:30 • Meeting @ Noon • Buffet Luncheon @ 12:30 • Program after lunch
Ron Sherman will present information about the Road Scholar Travel Program!

Menu includes Baked Ham, Roast Pork, Seasoned Roast Chicken, Penne Pasta with Homemade Sauce, Hot Vegetable, Macaroni Salad, Chef Salad, Rolls and Butter, Apple Crisp, Coffee and Tea.

Directions: From the east, take Rte. 690W to 695. Exit at Warners/Camillus. At end of road, turn right onto Newport Rd. then take a quick left on Scenic Dr. just before the Fire Hall and into the parking area. From the west, take Rte. 5E to Rte. 174 through Camillus to Newport Rd. Hall is on the left. **Parking** is up the hill and **behind** the Fire Hall off Scenic Dr. Enter through the left door.

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

**Lower your
Insurance
Cost**



**Reduce Points
on your License**

NYSUT & National Safety Council's
6 Hour Defensive Driving Class

Thursday October 27, 2016

At the Regional NYSUT HQ, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway
East Syracuse, NY 13057
Class is open NYSUT Retirees, their family and friends
Registration Begins at 8:45, Class 9:00AM - 3:30PM

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.

To register for
Defensive Driving
Course, please call
NYSUT at 431-4040.



RC 7 Trips for 2017

- Ottawa, Canada - May 15-16, 2017
- Alex Bay - July 26, 2017
- Baltimore, MD - Sept. 12 - 15, 2017

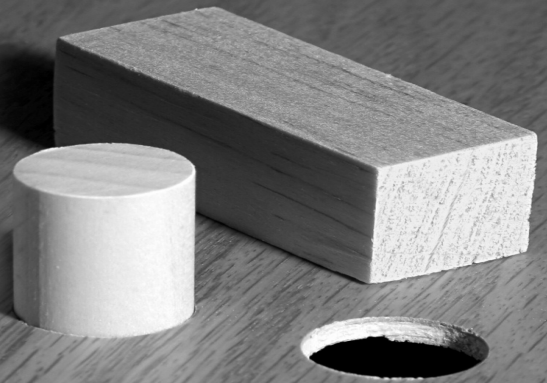
Detailed trip information will be distributed at the RC 7 luncheons and will be published in the upcoming newsletters, on the website and on our Facebook page. Or call Bella Tours at 315-652-0121.

You Must Bring your License and Payment that Morning.

Financial advice shouldn't be a one-size-fits-all approach!

Are you looking for unbiased, objective advice *specifically designed* for you and your family? With the NYSUT Member Benefits Corporation-endorsed Financial Counseling Program, you've found it.

Stacey Braun Associates -- the program provider -- understands our members' benefits & retirement options and can work with you to address your specific financial needs.



Learn more by calling **800-626-8101**
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