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Congratulations to our Scholarship Winners

This year's four scholarship recipients were chosen based on their outstanding academic achievement, a written personal statement, an essay on a current social issue, recommendations, and participation in extracurricular activities.

Emmet Starowicz, a Westhill graduate, has been accepted at SUNY Oswego in the Childhood Education Program. His grandfather, **Craig DeForest**, a Westhill retiree, was his sponsor. Emmet will be continuing in the family business of teaching, and one of the first to study elementary education. Emmet has successfully completed enough credits at OCC to satisfy freshman year requirements. He credits his interest in musical theater to Kathy Tompkins, his elementary music teacher. Participation in this activity helped to build his self-confidence. Emmet has been described as an all-around student. He has participated in school musicals, soccer, basketball, lacrosse, student government, Academic Decathlon, Future Educator's Club, and Catholic Faith Formation. For his outstanding achievements he was chosen as the recipient of the **Neal Sorkin Scholarship**, given in Neal's memory by his wife, Carol Sorkin.

Anna Rosenberger, graduated from Westhill and will be attending the University of Vermont to study Communication Sciences and Disorders. It is her hope that upon completion of her degree she will be working abroad as a speech pathologist or as a volunteer in the Peace Corps. **Mary Duffin**, her grandmother sponsored Anna, and is a retiree of the Jamesville-Dewitt School District. Anna has volunteered at various sports camps and has been employed in medical records for a local medical practice.

Brian Trivison received his diploma from West Genesee High School. He has been accepted at the University of Buffalo in the Business Administration Program. Proud grandmother, **Marianne Trivison**, a West Genesee retiree, sponsored Brian for the scholarship. Brian has worked various jobs as a cashier, laborer, and has volunteered at Francis House, Winter World University Games, as an

income tax assistant, Emmaus Ministry, St. Lucy's Christmas Giveaway, and West Genesee Boosters.

Chittenango graduate, **Jonah Sauve'**, will be attending the Peabody Conservatory at John's Hopkins University to study Music for New Media. **John Pizzuto, Sr.**, who sponsored Jonah is a retiree of the North Syracuse School District. Jonah has been a member of several musical groups: wind ensemble, jazz band, Dixieland band, and the pit orchestra for musicals. The Dixieland band has played at various sites in his community. In addition, Jonah helped organize bringing the high school wind ensemble to the elementary school, where his mom Jean Pizzuto Sauve' is the music teacher. Through this program he served as a mentor to younger music students.

This year's certificates were designed by Jean VanDoren, an SCSD retired library media specialist, thank you! Heartfelt thanks also to the scholarship committee - Carol Sorkin, Melanie Jivoff, and Beth Zader. This year's recipients truly exemplify the following quote by Karl Potter. *"Education brings great changes in the lives of those who strive the most."*



Participation fees for 2023 - 2024

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

Retiree Council 7 Membership Form 2023 - 2024

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

District retired from _____

Position _____



From the President's Desk...

Loretta K. Donlon

We Still Can't Do It Without You!

A lot has happened in the last year, but so much is still the same! We still can't do it without you!! We still need to hear from all of you and see you at our events so that we can function as a group and stay CONNECTED!

Let's thank the individuals who strive for the betterment of all of us. The Travel Committee volunteers - Donna Breen, Kathy LaRocca, Jim Shultz, Patricia Tanguay, Bob Crabtree, and Margo Buckingham. They are working to provide more opportunities for us to travel together. A group went to the Boston area in June and have a one-day trip planned to Corning on September 26. (Go to our website for more info or call 315-439-4200 to see if there are still spots available.) Tell them what places you'd like to visit.

Our Board of Directors continue to look out for your interests. As you saw on the front page, Lilli Rastegar worked with Melanie Jivoff, Carol Sorkin, and Beth Zader to select our scholarship winners. Margo Buckingham and Mel Mariani worked this summer to connect with our newest retirees. Our treasurer, Carol Graham, convened an Audit Committee this summer to review our expenditures. We thank our members Susan Gifford, Stephanie Ladd, and Ann Wasiewicz for working with her on this project. Phil Cleary kept us informed through our Social Media accounts, still seeks new ways to connect with all retirees, and joins with Bill Spreter and Paul Farfaglia to keep us up to date on legislative happenings, including NYSUT's campaign to Fix Tier 6! Mary Duffin has spent her summer finalizing plans for the upcoming luncheons. And Candy Johnson collected participation fees from almost 300 members in July and August alone! And, as I write this, we have more than a dozen members ready to staff the NYSUT Booth at the NYS Fair this Labor Day.

So, get ready to step up and be a part of 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 join the action. We will all benefit!

We Remember Fondly ...

West Genesee

Linda Paterniti
Barbara Randall
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Mary Ellen Ungerer

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Janet Oechsle

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Joy Partridge
Suzanne Sargent

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Pauline DeLuca
Barbara Mangicaro
Rose O'Connor

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Barbara Olson
Donna Rusho
Kathleen Sauro

Union Springs

Betsy Brooks

Lafayette

Eileen McEntee
Catherine Rizzo

Syracuse

Anna Louise Baker
Sehl Burns
Paul Ciciarelli.
Barbara Delaney +ESM
Martha Driscoll.
Linda Henry.
Katharine Flack
Thomas Homestead
Jimmie Jackson
Laurel Kalinoski
Mary Ann McCarthy
Rita Contino Ostrom
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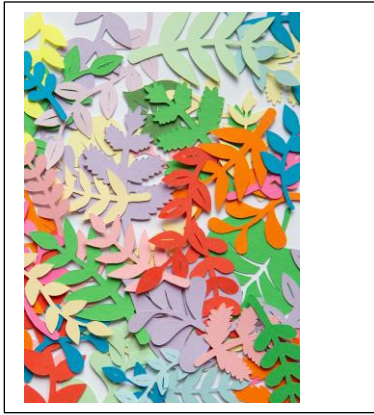
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Please Note:
Our newsletter is posted on the RC 7 Website before it is printed and mailed from NYSUT Headquarters. Be sure to check there for luncheon information and avoid sending in a late reservation due to unexpected printing and/or mailing delays.



Join Us on **Tuesday, September 12, 2023**, for the RC 7 Luncheon at NYSUT Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, East Syracuse

\$18 per person

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

Lisa Piering of OCCRA will present with special guest Assembly Member Al Stirpe.

Catering for a Cause Buffet:

Tuscan Chicken, Stuffed Haddock, Macaroni and Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Bread, Cheesecake and Cookies, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Lemonade, and Water.

Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon - September 12 @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: _____

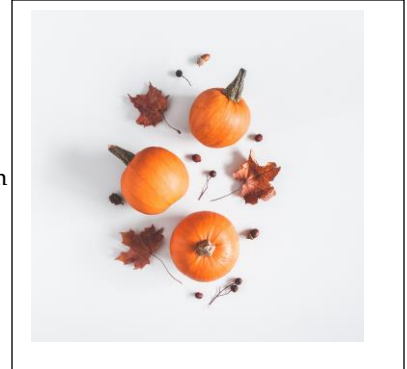
We'll make sure you find your colleagues!

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 6. No one can be seated without a reservation.

Join Us on **Thursday, October 19, 2023**, 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. Program
TBD



Francesca's Italian Kitchen Buffet:

Chicken Marsala (gluten-free), Chicken Riggies, Utica Greens, Roasted Potatoes
House Salad, Bread, Chocolate Chip Cannolis, Coffee, Tea, and Water.

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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: _____.

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

Number of reservations _____ at \$20. Amount enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

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Please send reservation form and a check payable to **NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 7** to:
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Back to school can mean a lot of different things:

- Starting a new career
- Planning for the future
- Balancing work and home life
- Making difficult decisions
- Enjoying your final year before retirement
- Recalling memories of a proud career

Regardless of what you might be doing this fall, **NYSUT Member Benefits** offers a variety of endorsed programs and services that could help make you as prepared as possible for whatever the new school year may throw at you.

Whether you are looking to save money, protect your family, or plan for the future, **NYSUT Member Benefits** is a great place to start. With dozens of endorsed insurance, legal, financial, shopping, travel, and discount programs, you are certain to find something of interest that could benefit you or your loved ones.

And speaking of savings, the **Member Benefits Discounts & Deals** program utilizes the nation's largest private discount network to offer all NYSUT members (both in-service and retiree) exclusive access to savings of up to 50% at 850,000 locations -- including more than 21,200 New York State deals. If you have not already done so, head over to mbdeals.enjoymydeals.com to create your account with your NYSUT ID number, preferred email address, and password.

You'll then be eligible to save on restaurant dine-in or take-out, flowers and gift baskets, Bose electronics, clothing and shoes, oil changes and vehicle maintenance, sporting events, hotels and flights, car rentals, theme parks, movie tickets, and much more. Members are encouraged to download the MB Discounts & Deals mobile app for the best user experience with this program.

Check out all your union membership has to offer!



Learn more by scanning the QR code to the left, visiting memberbenefits.nysut.org, or calling 800-626-8101.

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Sept/Oct. 2023

2023-2024 MEETINGS

September 12 - NYSUT RO
October 19 - NYSUT RO
December 12 - Bellevue CC
April 16; May 14; June 18
TBD
