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WELCOME RC 7 RETIREES

Auburn Baldwinsville Cato-Meridian Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES East Syracuse-Minoa
Fabius-Pompey Fayetteville-Manlius Jamesville-Dewitt **Jordan Elbridge**
 LaFayette **LIVERPOOL LYN COURT** Marcellus Moravia *North*
Syracuse **Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES** Onondaga Central **PORT BYRON**
 Skaneateles **Solvay** Southern Cayuga Syracuse Tully Union Springs Weedsport
 West Genesee Westhill

Election Results – NYSUT Members (See page 2 for a related story)

Member	Local	Office Sought	NYSUT member margin	Result
Maurice Brown	OCC FTA	Onondaga Legislature - District 15	92-8	Win
Christina Calarco	Auburn TA	Auburn City Council	+1200	Win
Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson	CCC Adjuncts	Auburn City Council	+900	Win
Heidi Nightengale	UUP - Empire State (Ret)	Cayuga Legislature - District 8	Uncontested	Win
Aileen McNabb-Coleman	Auburn/Shen/Victor (Formerly)	Cayuga Legislature - District 5	1314-912	Win
Justin Polly	FMTA	Onondaga Town Council	-6	Loss
Chris Legg	Cayuga BOCES	Skaneateles Town Supervisor	53-47	Win
Joe Miczan	Solvay School Employees	Solvay Village Trustee - Ward 1	52-48	Win
Celeste Friend	UUP - Poly	Utica Mayor	31-62-5	Loss
John Latini	New Hartford Employees Union	New Hartford Town Board - Ward 2	67-31	Win

2023 – 2024 MEETINGS

December 12- Bellevue CC, Syracuse
See reservation form on page 3.

April 16 - TBD

May 14 - NYSUT

June 18 - TBD

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.

One 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. **To be able to nominate your child or grandchild for one of our June 2024 scholarships, you must pay your participation fee by December 31, 2023.**

Retiree Council 7 Membership Form 2023 - 2024

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
 NYSUT Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Pkwy, E. Syr. NY 13057*

From the President's Desk...

Loretta K. Donlon



This issue's column is from Phil Cleary, RC 7 1st VP. Phil enjoyed a great career teaching preschool special education in the North Syracuse Central School District and as NSEA's vice president. He also serves you as a NYSUT Political Action Coordinator.

Winner Winner Chicken Dinner!

If you're a regular at NYSUT RC 7 events you'll often hear me say that we have to pay attention and vote in every election - because if we don't - today's crummy dog-catcher could become tomorrow's crummy Senator! I'm pretty sure we can all think of current elected officials that musta been really crummy dogcatchers.

But, what if we turned that notion on its head? What if we all voted every time? And, what if we worked together to get out the vote every time? And, what if we went a step further and encouraged our friends and colleagues to run for office? And, stay with me, what if we kept doing this over and over and over? I think you'd agree our nation would be on a far better path.

Need an example? Look no further than Senator John Mannion. He was a great teacher who was encouraged by his colleagues to run for president of the West Genesee Teachers Association. Then he became part of **NYSUT's candidate pipeline project** running for NYS Senate. And, now he's our endorsed candidate for US Congress!

As wonderful as that is - it's just the start. That same NYSUT pipeline is not only flowing - it is gushing! Gushing with great members who ran for and won local and county offices in November. Check out the results on page 1 - we won 8 of 10 races! All because we paid attention and voted. This cycle of educating, activating, and getting out the vote works and I hope you will consider joining us.

Let's work together to keep our pipeline flowing:

- Bone-Up on the issues that matter to you and your family
- Sign-Up for [NYSUT RC-7](#) events and the [NYSUT MAC](#)
- And, finally, **Show-Up** to vote every time and spread the word!

If you want to join our NYSUT GOTV (Get Out the Vote) team just let us know!

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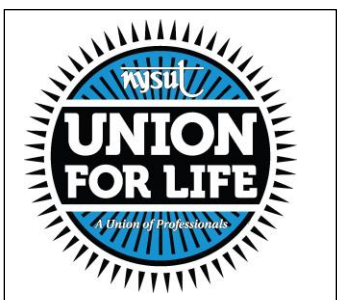
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As a NYSUT retiree from a school district in *Cayuga and Onondaga Counties*, you became a part of Retiree Council (RC) 7 of NYSUT. Through this group and your local chapter (if your local has one), you can stay informed and active as a union member and ensure your benefits are protected in retirement.

The NYSUT Retiree Services Program, part of Program Services, was established by NYSUT to help its retirees organize and to act as a service provider for those retiree groups.
<https://www.nysut.org/members/retirees>

If you have a new address, phone number, or email address, please click on the QR code. Or contact AnneMarie.Voutsinas@nysut.org or leave a message at 315-431-4040. It's critical that we have current contact information.

Attention - All Florida snowbirds and soon-to-be Florida residents:

RC 43 - the only NYSUT-sanctioned out-of-state retiree council is waiting to welcome you to the Sunshine State. We have an active, dedicated group of New York State retirees who would love for you to join a local Florida unit.

If you are interested in becoming involved with retired colleagues, even on a seasonal basis, please contact Miriam Hanan, NYSUT Retirees Services Consultant at 516-236-0276 or miriam.hanan@nysut.org who will connect you with your local unit representative.

Once again - welcome to Florida!

Join Us on **Tuesday, December 12, 2023**, for the RC 7 Luncheon at
Bellevue Country Club, 1901 Glenwood Ave., Syracuse
 Registration @ 11:30 • Meeting @ noon • Lunch @ 12:45 • Program after Lunch
 \$38 per person



Enjoy Seasonal Classics with **Peter Prunner**, Syracuse Retiree

Entrée Choices:

Salmon Grilled Chicken Eggplant Parmesan

All entrees include rolls, garden salad, seasonal vegetable, oven roasted potato, chocolate mousse cheesecake, 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.

IF YOU REQUIRE PARKING ASSISTANCE, PLEASE INDICATE ON FORM.

Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon - December 12 @Bellevue CC

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 Duffin at mduffin2@verizon.net

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

_____ **Salmon** _____ **Grilled Chicken** _____ **Eggplant Parmesan**

Number of reservations _____ **at \$38.** **Amount enclosed \$** _____ **Check #** _____ **Cash** _____

If you need Parking Assistance, please indicate here: _____

****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 December 5. No one can be seated without a reservation.

We Remember Fondly ...

Baldwinsville

Cynthia Dann
 Kenneth Ennis
 Elaine Hammond
 David Lane
 James Tudman

Onondaga Central

E. Janet Linderman

West Genesee

Carolyn Black
 Patricia Endres
 Dolores Williamson

Liverpool

Monica Carroway
 Sandra Hoag
 Patricia Lee Madsen
 Laura Lee Rush

Port Byron

Gino Alberici

East Syracuse-Minoa

Selma Cafarchio
 Constance Cox
 Wilfred Martin
 Thomas Schmidt+ L'pool

Jordan Elbridge

Edward Ramin
 Barbara Lynch

North Syracuse

Barbara Bishop
 Michael Sgobbo
 Doris Stewart
 Cynthia Tafel

Fayetteville-Manlius

James Dowdle
 Frank Park

Solvay

Sharon Cericola

Westhill

Deborah DiFino

Syracuse

Larry Brown
 Larry Freeman
 Jessica Gauda-Lane
 Margaret Glenn
 Susan Jakubowski
 Lena Massara.
 Bridget Meer
 Anthony Meggesto
 Barbara Money
 Jane Swiderski
 Johnny Williams

Tully

Robert Thompson +OCC

OCM BOCES

Margaret Ann McCarthy

Lafayette

Sharon Thomas

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.



SAVE THE DATE - RC 7 TRIP

May 15 -16, 2024 BOSTON

more info coming soon!

Being ready for the holidays can mean a lot of different things:

- Gifts for your loved ones
- Appliances for your home
- Confirming travel plans
- Entertainment for the kids
- Food delivery in case of inclement weather
- Savings set aside for unexpected expenses

NYSUT Member Benefits offers dozens of endorsed programs and services that could help make you as prepared as possible for whatever the holiday season may throw at you.

No matter what your plans may be this holiday season, NYSUT Member Benefits is a great place to start. With a number of shopping, travel and discount programs, you are certain to find something of interest that could benefit you or your loved ones.

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 products, 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.

Member Benefits also endorses life insurance programs, auto & home insurance, dental & vision plans, legal & financial services, and other programs to help protect yourself and those you care about most.

Participating in Member Benefits-endorsed programs also offers the added protection of having a trusted advocate on their side. Member Benefits staff take great pride in stepping in to support members with any questions, concerns, or issues that may arise.

Explore all that 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.

For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits. Nov./Dec. 2023

