



# Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association

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## Executive Board Minutes

April 28, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm by Karen Bloom.

### I. President's Report - Karen Bloom

#### A. Long Beach Board of Education

The Long Beach Board of Education voted on April 23rd, for the proposed 2025-26 School Budget, and it passed unanimously. The Board will put the budget up for a vote to the community on Tuesday, May 20th, 2025. In addition, there will be a Proposition on the back to vote on, to add some unused funds to our Capital Reserves in order to complete some projects next year. The community will have the opportunity to vote on the Budget, Prop 2 and one School Board Trustee position.

#### B. Negotiations: School Visits

As part of our ongoing efforts to keep the lines of communication open, I will be visiting faculty rooms during lunch periods to engage with teachers directly. During these visits, I will be discussing the upcoming contract negotiations and taking the time to listen to any concerns or feedback our teachers may have. This will be an important opportunity for faculty to voice their opinions, and for me to ensure their perspectives are considered as we move forward. I believe these informal discussions will foster stronger relationships, and help address any issues or questions that may arise as we prepare for negotiations. I coordinated dates with the senior reps in each building, and will be there from 11-1pm in faculty rooms or other areas where people eat lunch and congregate! Look for an email from your senior rep with details! Looking forward to some good chats! I had the pleasure of starting with East school last week, and thoroughly enjoyed my time there. Thank you to everyone who stopped by!

Here are the dates for each building:

East: April 24th

HS: April 29/30 (Various periods)

Lindell: May 6th

West: May 8th

Lido: May 21st

Middle School: May 22nd

#### C. Negotiations: Google Form

The Negotiations Google form was sent to your personal email address. If you have not yet received it, be sure to reach out to Dr. Garrett at [lbctapac@gmail.com](mailto:lbctapac@gmail.com) with a personal email address. We will be sending all negotiations information in this manner. Thank you to everyone who has already completed the Google form! If there are specific suggestions or

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recommendations for items to bring to the table, please be sure to complete it! I am going to leave the form open through May, since I will still be visiting schools until May 22nd. The form will close that Friday, May 23rd.

**D. Vote Cope - Good News!**

This year, our Vote Cope money, \$35, will be taken out of the May paycheck instead of June! If you do not see this deduction, and would like to contribute, please reach out to me.

**E. Eyeglass Reimbursement**

We are in year one of a two-year cycle for eyeglass/contact purchases. Members have \$400 to spend on glasses/contacts. Such coverage may be used for the members and their family.

Completed [claim forms](#) with receipts attached must be sent to the HR department in Administration.



**F. NYSUT Digital Membership Cards - Reminder**

NYSUT is excited to announce that they are transitioning to digital membership cards to provide easier access to benefits while modernizing their systems. [Click here to learn more!](#)

**G. NYSUT Offers Online Guide for a Successful Retirement - Reminder**

NYSUT has a publication for future retirees. "Your Blueprint for a Successful Retirement: An online planning guide" is posted as a resource for planning the next chapter in your life – retirement! [Click here](#). A login for NYSUT.org is required to access the online publication.

**H. Coaching Pay Dates - Reminder**

**High School**

Spring: Second check: 5/9

**Middle School**

Spring: Second check: 6/6

**I. NYS Paid Sick Leave - *It is still in effect, until July 31, 2025-Reminder***

Should you need to quarantine for a positive COVID case you still have access to the NYS Paid Sick Leave. You can only access this benefit three times, and if you used it in years past it does not reset. Once someone uses Paid Covid Leave three times, that person is no longer eligible. Please remember this can only be used for lab confirmed positive cases, and that you should notify HR once positive. The State benefit is not for your child's quarantine or positive case. The COVID Leave Form is located in your main office and can be completed once you return to work.

**J. Study Money Dates - Reminder**

There is one more opportunity to participate in the Study Program: Summer – **Friday, May 16, 2025**. Members with permanent or professional certification may apply for up to \$1,750 in study money per semester. The application is available online at [Request for Participation in Study Program— Group A](#).



**K. Annual Turn-In of Sick Days - Reminder**

If you have accumulated at least 75 sick days and wish to exercise your option of selling back unused sick days earned this year (up to 12 or 14 if you worked at Summer School or Extended School Year) you must submit a "[Request for Payment in Exchange for Accumulated Unused Sick Days](#)" form to the HR Department. The teacher must not have been absent more than 6 days during the school year for which he/she shall claim eligibility for this payment.

**L. Condolences**

Our hearts are with the family and friends of Anita Bickman, long time LBCTA member, and beloved teacher and colleague to many.

## II. Committee Reports

### A. Grievance Committee - Amy Leder

1. There are currently no grievances to report. If you encounter any issues that may violate our contract, please reach out to me at [aleder@lbeach.org](mailto:aleder@lbeach.org).

### B. Board of Elections - Grace Parisi

1. The following members are running in this year's officer and delegate election;  
President, NYSUT Delegate/AFT Delegate - Karen Bloom  
Executive Vice President, NYSUT Delegate/AFT Delegate - Jennifer Garrett  
Elementary Vice President - Jennifer Maggio  
Secondary Vice President - Matthew Hartmann  
Recording Secretary - Patricia Van Loon  
Treasurer - Jonathan Bloom  
NYSUT Delegate (2) - Molly Drake and Patricia Van Loon  
AFT Delegate (2) - Patricia Van Loon
2. In accordance with past practice and due to the uncontested election, I would like to make a motion to allow the president to strike one ballot for the uncontested election as per our constitution. A full election, especially to incur the overwhelming cost, is unwarranted.
3. After discussion by the executive board, the motion was seconded by Alison Katulka. A vote was taken, and it passed unanimously. Congratulations to our Executive Officers!

#### 4. Special Election

Due to retirements, the position of Corresponding Secretary became vacant after the petition submission deadline had passed. As a result, it was necessary to announce the vacancy and reopen the submission period for this role. A special election will be held to fill the Corresponding Secretary position. The same process applies to the AFT Delegate position, which will also be filled by special election.

- a) The following members are running for Corresponding Secretary:

Lisa Casey, Dan D'Ottavio, Ali Katulka, and Tamara Sommers

- b) The following members are running for AFT Delegate:

Dan D'Ottavio and Justin Sulsky

### C. New Members - Alison Katulka

1. Thank you to everyone who attended our Spring New Member gathering on April 25th at EGP Land and Sea. It was a great afternoon of joyful camaraderie.
2. If you know of a new member who needs a buddy, please contact me at [akatulka@lbeach.org](mailto:akatulka@lbeach.org).

### D. Political Action Committee - Jennifer Garrett

1. **ACTION ALERT! Fix Tier 6 Rally - May 6th!** We are asking ALL members to join us on Tuesday, May 6th at 3:30 pm, at the Freeport Community Parking Lot, Freeport Plaza East, in a show of solidarity and support for a **Fix Tier 6 Rally in Freeport**. Wear your union gear, bring friends, children, and parents, and stand with us as we say together: Fix Tier 6!



2. As part of our ongoing fight to demand fiscal accountability from charter schools, we are asking all members, families, and friends to participate in a synchronized social media action known as a **“Thunderclap.”** Each Thunderclap will take place on the **last Wednesday of every month at 8:00 AM.** Teachers from school districts across Long Island are asked to participate in these scheduled Thunderclaps.  
The first Thunderclap will take place at **8:00 AM on Wednesday, April 30th.** A meme and corresponding hashtag will be shared at that time. We kindly ask that you share them across your social media platforms to help amplify the message.  
We need every teacher, family member, and friend to join this Thunderclap to demand that charter schools be held accountable for how they use public funds and impact our communities. Let's amplify our message that public funds belong in public schools. Together, we cannot be ignored. Please spread the word!
3. Production of the second edition of the LBCTA Newsletter is in the works. This edition reaches an expanded distribution list that includes our NYSUT brothers and sisters residing in the City of Long Beach, Lido Beach, Point Lookout and East Atlantic Beach to keep them informed of all the great happenings in our district. If you have any thoughts or ideas for content for the next newsletter please email LBCTAPAC@gmail.com. All suggestions are greatly appreciated!
4. If you are not receiving PAC emails, please email lbctapac@gmail.com to update your contact information with a current personal email address. Thank you to everyone that has already reached out to update their contact information.
5. Please follow us on Instagram @LongBeachClassroomTeachers.
6. As always, please feel free to share your ideas on how LBCTA PAC can better serve our members. You can email your thoughts to LBCTAPAC@gmail.com.

**E. Public Relations Committee - Jennifer Garrett and Jennifer Maggio**



1. A big thank you and shout out to Rob Maggio from Lido School for proudly representing the LBCTA at the 3rd Annual Gerrin Hagen Memorial Hockey Day. Rob showed great spirit by competing in the Bubble Run event on the ice, sporting the LBCTA logo. We truly appreciate his time and positive attitude throughout the event.
2. Thank you to Ali Katulka for organizing our Spring New Member gathering. It is always a treat to get together from across the district.
3. The LBCTA End-of-the-Year Celebration honoring our retirees is just two weeks away. This year's event will be held at the Knights of Columbus in Oceanside on Thursday, May 15, 2025.
4. We hope to see many of you at the Fix Tier 6 Rally in Freeport on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.  
\*\* FIX TIER 6 ON MAY 6th!\*\*
5. We are already excited for next year! If you would like to join the PR Committee and get in on the planning of our many events, please email [jmaggio@lbeach.org](mailto:jmaggio@lbeach.org).
6. Please follow us on Instagram @LongBeachClassroomTeachers.

**F. Social Committee - Elleen Parks**

1. Happy Spring! We are looking forward to our End of the Year celebration honoring the 2025 retirees. This year Pamela Bankey, Nancy Connor, Marleen Dougherty, Dorothy Lopez, Janet Lotito, Patricia Lugo, Mayela Molina. Elleen Parks, Paula Podber and Raquel Torres-Allen will be attending the party. Please see the attached flyer to reserve your spot.

2. Support our Tier 6 colleagues by attending the Fix Tier 6 Rally in Freeport on Tuesday, May 6... Together we are STRONGER!

#### **G. Long Beach Teacher Center - John Marr**

1. Thank you to all those who have reached out to propose running a class this summer. The Policy board will be meeting in May to approve the continuation application and summer classes. Instructors will be contacted when the policy board approves your classes.
2. We now have two sizes of paper to print: 12x17 and 12x roll paper, which will allow you to print as tall (or wide) as needed. If you are interested in having a poster made for your classroom, please visit the LBTC webpage at <http://www.lbeachtc.org/banner-printing> to find a Canva template and instructions on how to send and request the posters. We will have limited hours over the summer. We ask you to limit the number of posters you request at this time as we have limited paper on hand.

### **III. Executive Vice President's Report - Amy Leder**

#### **A. APPR (Annual Professional Performance Review)**

1. The state has released APPR guidelines that went into effect March 26, 2025. We will continue adhering to our agreed-upon plan for this year. Discussions with administration about future plans will also continue.
2. Feel free to contact me if you have specific concerns regarding APPR.

#### **B. Health and Safety**

##### **1. *Air Quality***

- a) All building walk-throughs and air quality testing have been completed, and there are no concerns at this time. I am arranging a meeting with JC Broderick, Mr. DeVito, and Mr. Kramer to review the reports in person. Reports should be available in your principal's office if you need to see them. If you have any specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

##### **2. *Workplace Violence***

- a) Please refer to Mr. DeVito's email on April 23rd that provided you with a copy of the workplace violence form and information on how to find it on the school webpage. You should have also received an email from "[support@gcntraining.com](mailto:support@gcntraining.com)" titled *Workplace Violence Prevention Module*. Please make sure you complete the Workplace Violence Prevention training on GCN as soon as possible but no later than May 23, 2025. This is a MANDATORY module for ALL employees.

3. The next Health & Safety meeting is May 5th at 11am. I hope to have more updates to report at our next meeting. Staff members are encouraged to report any unresolved health and safety issues at the building level.

4. If you have any Health & Safety issues that you are unable to resolve at the building level, please email me at [aleder@lbeach.org](mailto:aleder@lbeach.org).

#### **C. Other**

1. Please consider attending the Rally to Fix Tier 6! Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:30-6:00 pm at the Freeport Commuter Parking Lot, Freeport Plaza East.
1. Save the date for our end of the year celebration, Thursday, May 15, 2025
2. It was exciting to hear that Andy Smith has been appointed as the new high school principal. Congratulations, Andy!

**IV. Vice President for Elementary Schools' Report - Jennifer Maggio**

- A. If you are interested in serving as an LBCTA Building Representative for the 2025-2026 school year, please email me at [jmaggio@lbeach.org](mailto:jmaggio@lbeach.org) or send a letter of interest to me c/o East School. The letter or email must be received by the close of business Thursday, May 22nd. All Elementary Schools need 3 reps and 3 alternates. We encourage anyone interested in supporting their colleagues and representing their building to consider this opportunity.
- B. The election for Elementary Building Representatives will take place the week of May 26, 2025. More details will follow.
- C. Our next Elementary Council meeting will be on Monday, May 19th, at 4:00 in the East School Library.
- D. Please consider donating a day to our sick bank.
- E. Please keep me up to date on any issues that you were unable to work out at your building.
- F. If you have any questions or concerns I can be reached at [jmaggio@lbeach.org](mailto:jmaggio@lbeach.org).

**V. Vice President for Secondary Schools' Report - Jennifer Garrett**

- A. JOIN US as we continue our fight to Fix Tier 6! The Long Island Fix Tier 6 Rally will be on Tuesday, May 6th at 3:30 pm, at the Freeport Community Parking Lot, Freeport Plaza East, in a show of solidarity and support for a **Fix Tier 6 Rally in Freeport**. Wear your union gear, bring friends, children, and parents, and stand with us as we say together: Fix Tier 6!

**B. Building Representative Elections – Week of May 26th**

We will be holding our **Building Representative elections** during the **week of May 26th**. If you are interested in serving as a **Middle School or High School Building Rep.**, please submit a letter of intent to [jgarrett@lbeach.org](mailto:jgarrett@lbeach.org) by the **close of business on Thursday, May 22nd**. This timeline will allow newly elected representatives to participate in our final meeting of the school year.

**Available Positions:**

- Middle School: 5 Building Rep. positions
- High School: 7 Building Rep. positions

We encourage anyone interested in supporting their colleagues and representing their building to consider this opportunity.

- C. Our next Secondary Council meeting TBD.
- D. Please consider attending our LBCTA End-of-the-Year Celebration honoring our retirees at the Knights of Columbus in Oceanside on Thursday, May 15, 2025.
- E. Thank you to members who have donated sick days to the LBCTA District Sick Bank. Please consider donating if you have not done so already.

**VI. Treasurer's Report - Jonathan Bloom**

**A. March Financial Report**

<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Revenues</u>	
NYSUT Dues	\$16,365.00	Union Dues	\$43,000.17
AFT Dues	\$9,789.57	Retirees Dues	\$217.00
Officer & Building Rep Stipends	\$28,460.87	Bowling Fundraiser	\$10,100.00
Payroll Taxes	\$9,308.94	Training Reimbursement	\$212.00
Training	\$1,499.66	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$53,529.32</u>
Bowling Fundraiser	\$2,168.65		

G2H Foundation Donation	\$8,450.00
Payroll Fees	\$329.78
Workers Comp Insurance	\$22.50
Donations	\$650.00
Bank Adjustment	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$77,054.97</u>

**B.** Please consider donating a sick day to the Sick Day Bank. I would encourage you to attend a few School Board meetings during the year. Your presence is always noted.

## **VII. Building Reports**

### **A. West School**

1. Congratulations to Dan Bailey and Danielle on the birth of their son, Braydan Jameson.
2. Congratulations to Colleen Iaboni and Joey on the birth of their son, Mason Joseph.
3. Congratulations to Dana Wachter on her engagement to Joe.
4. Thank you to our reading staff for coordinating our Poem in Your Pocket day and to all the staff and students who participated.
5. Congratulations to Mrs. Krywe, Mrs. LaPenna, Mrs. Kupferman, Ms. Way, Ms. Smith, Mrs. deBruin, and the Kindergarten on their successful play. The students did an amazing job! Thank you to all those who assisted with set and costume design.
6. Thank you to all who supported Autism Awareness Day by purchasing shirts.
7. Thank you to Alison Katulka for a fabulous Buddy Party. We had such a nice time getting to know our new members.
8. Wear your LBCTA gear and join in at the Fix Tier 6 Rally on May 6th in Freeport. We would like to have a strong LB presence.
9. Save the Date for the LBCTA End of Year Celebration on Thursday, May 15th at O'Connell Gardens in Oceanside.
10. There is a need for additional PPS staff to support social emotional needs in our building.
11. Please consider donating a sick day to the LBCTA sick bank.

### **B. Lindell School**

1. Congratulations to Brooke Connochie and family on the birth of their beautiful daughter, Mia Jeanette.
2. Congratulations to Phil Cabasino and family on the birth of their son, Tate Robert.
3. Grades 3-5 enjoyed "March Madness," a Robotics Final Competition which was engaging and creative. Congratulations to all!
4. Lindell enjoyed planting for Earth Day. Thank you to PTA for coordinating such a wonderful event to culminate classroom activities.
5. To celebrate Earth Day, Mrs. Krywe along with our Kindergarten teachers orchestrated a fabulous Kindergarten show inviting families to attend and enjoy.
6. Thank you Ali Katulka for organizing our Spring New Member gathering. It was a nice opportunity for us to connect.
7. Congratulations to Elleen Parks on the announcement of her retirement. We thank you for your years of service.
8. Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Autism Awareness Day.
9. Thank you to the Lindell PTA for an amazing Booster Fundraiser and Lindell Fun Run. The children loved learning through the "World Changer Workshop!"

10. Ms. Franceschini and Mrs. Kornacki developed a Service Learning Project for Ms. Franceschini's class. They held a crayon drive at Lindell Elementary and managed to collect 74 pounds of crayons to donate to The Crayon Initiative. The crayons will be recycled and made into 370 packs of crayons for distribution to children's hospitals across the United States.
11. Please join us for the "Fix Tier 6 Rally" in Freeport on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 from 3:30-6:00.
12. There is a need for additional PPS staff to support social emotional needs in our building.
13. Please consider donating a sick day to the LBCTA sick bank.
14. Please consider attending school board meetings.

#### **C. East School**

1. Thank you to the PTA for organizing the amazing STEAM Assembly. The students were highly engaged.
2. The 2nd grade Earth Day Celebration was a huge success. The students enjoyed singing for their parents and participating in Earth Day related activities.
3. Congratulations to Aileen Monahan, our secretary, on her retirement. Best wishes on this next chapter in your life.
4. Please make sure you are receiving LBCTA PAC emails via your personal email address.
5. Wear your LBCTA gear and join in at the Fix Tier 6 Rally on May 6th in Freeport. We would like to have a strong LB presence.
6. The LBCTA end of your celebration is quickly approaching, on May 15th. Please join us in celebrating all the retirees
7. Please consider donating a sick day to the LBCTA sick bank.
8. There is a need for additional PPS support to address students' social and emotional needs
9. Thank you to all those who purchased and supported Autism Awareness Day.

#### **D. Lido School**

1. Please consider attending the Fix Tier 6 Rally on Tuesday, 5/6 at the Freeport Commuter Parking Lot, Freeport Plaza East 3:30-6 p.m.
2. Thank you to Ali Katulka for planning and organizing the Spring New Member Gathering. A fun time was had by all who attended!
3. Save the date for our LBCTA End of Year Celebration on Thursday, May 15th at O'Connell Gardens in Oceanside.
4. Thank you to those who supported Autumn Awareness activities in the month of April.
5. Thank you to members who have donated sick days to the LBCTA District Sick Bank. Please consider donating a day.

#### **E. LBMS**

1. Please be aware that the middle school is used for several extracurricular and community activities throughout the year. It is safe to assume that any classroom may be used after school hours and/or over the weekend. Teachers are encouraged to report any issues to the main office immediately.
2. The Science prep area between the 200 and 300 hallways and the Teachers' Center have phones available for teacher use.
3. Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Anita Bickman after her recent passing.



4. Congratulations to Mr. Pross, recipient of the Long Island Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Education Leadership Association (LISTEMELA) 2025 STEM Star Teacher Award.
5. Thank you to Ms. Dean, Ms. VanLoon, and all of the chaperones who helped make the 6th grade field trip to the Cradle of Aviation a success.
6. Thank you to Mr. Biesma and all the faculty and staff who participated in making the Joe Farrell Basketball fundraiser a success.
7. Congratulations to Ms. Kohn and the cast and crew of the spring drama, "Superheroes with Great Powers Come Ordinary Responsibility"! The show was a tremendous success!
8. Congratulations to Mr. Kramme and the students in his APT course who earned the Regional Champions title and the Honorable Mention in the Toshiba Exploravision Competition.
9. If you are interested in becoming a middle school LBCTA building representative, please submit your statement of intent to Jennifer Garrett by May 22nd. You can email it to [jgarrett@lbeach.org](mailto:jgarrett@lbeach.org).
10. Please consider joining your fellow NYSUT members at the FIX Tier 6 Rally on May 6th. The rally is at the Freeport LIRR commuter parking lot on the corner of Henry St & Sunrise Hwy. starting at 3:30 pm. ALL members are encouraged to attend.
11. Please join us at the LBCTA End of the Year celebration on May 15th.
12. Please consider donating a sick day to the LBCTA district sick bank.

#### **F. LBHS**

1. Congratulations to Long Beach Riptide Robotics with finishing in the top 10 at the first Regional Competition!
2. Congratulations to the TV Studio Production and IB Film program in their recent participation in the Annual Locust Valley Film Festival.
3. Congratulations to Maggie Todaro on her recent engagement.
4. Please join us on Tuesday, May 6th in a show of solidarity for a Fix Tier 6 Rally in Freeport.
5. Please consider attending our LBCTA End of the Year Celebration on Thursday, May 15th! It will be from 5-9pm at O'Connell Gardens in Oceanside. Hope to see you there!
6. Sunshine's End of the Year party will be on Wednesday, June 18th from 5-9pm at Grandpa Tony's in East Rockaway. Be sure to pay no later than Wednesday, June 11th.

At 4:50pm, a motion was made by Alison Katulka to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Dan D'Ottavio.

#### **In attendance:**

**West:** Claudine Clark, Julie deBruin, Anne LaPenna

**Lindell:** Susan Simons, Cathy Barone, Heather Puckhaber

**East:** Jeanne Richards, Tamara Sommers, Melissa Zimmerman, Eileen Bauer, Sara Hagen

**Lido:** Dorothy Lopez, Molly Drake, Dana Monti

**LBMS:** Alison Katulka, Dan D'Ottavio, Sean Miller, Grace Parisi

**LBHS:** Stephanie Mena, Andrew Rossi, Rachel Yousha-Spitz

**Long Beach Teacher Center:**

**Retiree Representative:** Frank Volpe

**Executive Officers:** Karen Bloom, Amy Leder, Jennifer Maggio, Jennifer Garrett, Patricia Van Loon, Jonathan Bloom, Elleen Parks

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Van Loon, Recording Secretary.



# LET MEMBER BENEFITS HELP YOU PLAN FOR RETIREMENT

If you recently retired or plan to do so in the near future, it's important to prepare for the transition from in-service work to retirement.

**Maintaining NYSUT membership in retirement is crucial, especially if you're currently participating in a NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed program(s) and would like to continue doing so. This can be accomplished in one of two ways:**

- 1** Continue membership within your local if retiree membership is offered. Contact your local to find out if any retiree membership requirements are in place. You must comply with these requirements to continue your membership in NYSUT along with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and National Education Association (NEA).
- 2** Continue as an at-large member of NYSUT through the Retiree Council in your region. Contact your local to ensure you will be reported as retired to NYSUT. This will provide you with membership in the Retiree Council in your region along with NYSUT, AFT, and NEA. If you have questions about maintaining NYSUT membership or would like more information about NYSUT retiree programs, you will want to contact the NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant serving your region. You can find this information at [nysut.cc/retireeconsultants](https://nysut.cc/retireeconsultants).

More than a dozen of the endorsed programs offered by Member Benefits can be purchased through either payroll or pension deduction. These convenient payment methods offer reduced premiums or the elimination of service fees in many instances. An active NYSUT membership is required to participate in payroll or pension deduction. If you're currently participating in one (or more) of our endorsed programs, we encourage you to look into switching to pension deduction after you enter retirement.

Learn more about continuing Member Benefits-endorsed programs or the pension deduction process by scanning the QR code, visiting [memberbenefits.nysut.org](https://memberbenefits.nysut.org), or calling 800-626-8101.



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# END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION



THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

5:00 - 9:00 PM

O'CONNELL GARDENS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

2985 KENNETH PL, OCEANSIDE

\$75.00 PER PERSON

## HONORING OUR 2025 RETIREES

*Pamela Bankey, Nancy Connor, Marleen Dougherty,  
Dorothy Lopez, Janet Lotito, Patricia Lugo,  
Mayela Molina, Elleen Parks,  
Paula Podber, and Raquel Torres-Allen*

**OPEN BAR | HORS D'OEUVRES  
DINNER | DJ | DANCING**

Please use the Venmo QR code below to make payment. Please include your name and one person you would like to be seated with in the memo. If you prefer to pay by check, please return the completed form along with a check made out to LBCTA to

Patricia Van Loon c/o Long Beach Middle School, 239 Lido Blvd., Lido Beach, NY 11561.

Your name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please name one person you would like to be seated with: \_\_\_\_\_

Building: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Seating requests will be honored if payment is received by May 9th.**

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