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Fall Roundup... Legislative Wins and Up Next

Legislative Wins...

- ✓ NYSUT / Vote/Cope managed an almost \$1 billion aid increase for schools statewide. This allowed school districts to pass their budgets with an over 90% rate.
- ✓ NYSUT / Vote/Cope orchestrated APPR reform disconnecting state tests from teacher evaluation in grades 3-8.
- ✓ NYSUT / Vote/Cope has passed legislation to compensate school districts for ministerial errors which could have cost them millions in state aid.

- ✓ On the federal level NYSUT and its allies in the labor movement are continuing the fight to preserve and protect Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid from repeated calls for cuts from the White House and its allies in Congress and the Senate.

Your voice is needed in phone calls, emails, or letters to your Congressman. Please call or write to protect the programs vital to Older Americans.

What's on the legislative agenda for RC 7 members?

- ✓ NYSUT / Vote/Cope has introduced legislation calling for an increase in the COLA. The Assembly bill is A. 7273. Senate introduction is pending
- ✓ NYSUT / Vote/Cope promotes legislation to increase the retiree earning cap from \$30,000 to \$35,000. (Assembly bill A.2858 A and Senate Bill S.1866 A)

Please note: The bills and legislative achievements listed above do not represent a complete listing of NYSUT sponsored or supported legislation recently passed or introduced. It is a snapshot of legislation directly relevant to members in RC 7. Want to hear more? Come to the next RC 7 meeting!

~Bill Spreter, RC 7 2nd VP and VOTE/COPE Chair

Scholarship Recipients

Ariana Fedele, Cicero-North Syracuse HS attending University of Central Florida. Grandchild of **Theresa Fedele** (Syracuse TA)

Lindsay MacLachlan, Jamesville-Dewitt HS attending Wagner College. Grandchild of **Susan Mathewson** (Syracuse TA)

Bethany Matteson, East Syracuse-Minoa HS attending Le Moyne College. Grandchild of **Vince Ciccarino** (ESMUT)

Sierra Yonko, Tully HS attending SUNY Binghamton. Grandchild of **Joseph Long** (Tully TA)

It's Time to Send 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.**

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

2019 - 20 MEETINGS

September 17 - Lasca's, Auburn

October 15 - NYSUT, E. Syracuse
See reservation forms on page 3

November 19 - Finally Ours, Syracuse

December 11 - Bellevue CC, Syracuse

March 17 - Fireside Inn, Baldwinsville

April 21 - Barbagallo's, E. Syracuse

May 19 - NYSUT, E. Syracuse

June 16- TBD

From the President's Desk...

Loretta K. Donlon



Village People: Not just a musical group!

For all of our working life we have heard this phrase over and over - "It takes a village to raise a child". As we marked papers late at night or wrote lesson plans or worried about chaperoning a field trip, we wished we could find one of those "villagers" to help! Well, a Retiree Council needs a few hardworking "villagers" to be a success, too, just like the children we worked with!

As you read this RC 7 newsletter, think of thanking these members who helped with Council tasks over the summer. Treasurer Carol Graham needed an Audit Committee and Jim Shultz, Carol Sorkin, Mary Kay Boyle and Pat Petrie signed up of the job. So one hot summer day, they sat and reviewed the checks and financial reports Carol produces all year long to check that things are running well.

Another annual summer job that the Retiree Council is responsible for is staffing the NYSUT booth at the State Fair on Labor Day. That takes a great many volunteers. Thanks to Margo Buckingham, Jen Gillette, Candace Johnson, Debora Snyder, Carol Grahams, Cindy Kesselstein, George Rooney, Jolinda Baylis, Kathy Froio, Mary Kay Boyle, Carla Kirby, James Shultz and Denise Weeks Bush for representing us all so well to the community and giving the young students a reminder that their day job will soon be starting again.

There is another opening that needs a volunteer this year for YOU to consider. There is an opening for a member who wants RC 7 to keep on the successful track. That is a position on the Board of Directors. The Board meets once a month from 10 to 12 pm to direct the Council's business. You have seen various Board Members reporting at our luncheon business meetings to keep everyone informed.

If you would like to fill this position, fill out the Self - Nomination Form on page 4 and submit it to the RC 7 Board who, according to our By-Laws, will make the selection. The form can be sent to: RC 7 c/o NYSUT Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, Box 247, E. Syracuse, NY 13057. Attn: Loretta Donlon
The form is also on the web site www.retireecouncil7.org.

Be part of the Village...Help keep your Union Strong!

We Remember Fondly...

Baldwinsville

Daniel Ravas
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Jacqueline Steiger

Marcellus

James Mordaunt
Peggy Poorman

West Genesee

Lawrence Horan
Raymond Kallfelz
Delores Klein
William Miller
Lynn Rivett

Auburn

Susan Coomber
Patricia Palmer

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Donna Culotti
Cathy DeWane
Anne Greenwood
Joseph Healy
Regina Kelly
Marian Lillie
Joyce O'Dell
Ruth Toth
Edward Zwick

East Syracuse-Minoa

Lura Bitterman
Suzanne Rank

Jamesville-Dewitt

Sheila Gill
Helen Wase

Jordan-Elbridge

Janet Jenks

Fayetteville-Manlius

Mark Bloss
Thelma Dailey
Edward Lindemayer
Philip Resch
Mary Ann Silvernail
Lydia Vance

Solvay

Mary Entwistle

Westhill

Annabell Miller
Gordon Storrings

Lafayette

Timothy Ryan

Liverpool

Daryl Burrer
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Edwin Dunn
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Join Us on **Tuesday, September 17, 2019** for the RC 7 Luncheon at *Lasca's Restaurant, 252-258 Grant Ave Rte. 5, Auburn*

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

Choice of Baked Scrod, Chicken Parmesan, Baked Eggplant Rollatini.
All entrees include salad, bread and butter, dessert, coffee, tea and water.

Brooks Mullahy, owner of **Sunswick Farm, Moravia**, will share information about bees and the farm's honey production from the 250+ hives located in 24 bee yards.

\$21 per person

Directions: From Syracuse, take 690 West to 695 W to the end. Exit right onto Rte. 5 W. Travel approximately 20 miles into Auburn. Lasca's Restaurant is on the left. Or take the NYS Thruway to exit 40. Turn right onto Rte. 34S. Turn left onto Rte. 5E (Grant Ave.). Restaurant is on the right.

Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon - September 17, 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 contact Mary Hanus at mary.hanus@gmail.com.

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

_____ Baked Scrod _____ Chicken Parmesan _____ Baked Eggplant Rollatini

Number of reservations _____ at \$21. 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 September 1. No one can be seated without a reservation.



Join Us on **Tuesday, October 15, 2019** for the RC 7 Luncheon at *NYSUT Regional Office, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, E. Syracuse*

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

Enjoy a **John's and Sons** buffet of Cheese Manicotti, Meatballs, Chef Salad, Fruit Salad, Rolls and Butter, Cookies, Beverages.

Peter Kim, a **Regional Political Organizer** for NYSUT, will update us on the upcoming political season.

\$15 per person

Directions: Take 690 E to 481N. Take exit 7 - Bridgeport. Turn right, then left onto Brittonfield Parkway. NYSUT is on the right.

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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 contact Mary Hanus at mary.hanus@gmail.com.

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

Please send reservation form and a check payable to **NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 7** to:
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****PLEASE SEND A SEPARATE CHECK FOR EACH LUNCHEON EVENT.****

**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
Sunday, October 13, 2019**

**SRC Arena @Onondaga Community College
Registration begins at 8:30 am
@ NYSUT Booth
Walk begins at 10:00 am**

Call 1-800-227-2345 to register

**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.

For RC 7 trip info contact

**Kathy LaRocca 315-466-9463 kplarocca@msn.com
Bella Tours 315-652-0121 bellatours.travel@gmail.com**

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.

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❖ 10/15 @ NYSUT, E. Syracuse

Self Nomination Form for the position of Director Retiree Council 7

Please print the following contact information:

Name (First, Last) _____

Address (Street, City, Zip) _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email address _____

District retired from _____

Local Positions and RC 7 Committees _____



RETURN FORM BY

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