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## NYSUT Legislative, Political and Organizing Department Announces Retiree Campaigns

NYSUT retirees have valuable resources in the areas of politics and organizing – experience, wisdom and time to volunteer. As our retirees expand their involvement in NYSUT’s political and organizing programs, we expect it will create a large positive ripple effect with other retirees, in-service members, communities and legislators.

The goal is to provide uniform, high-quality programming tailored to meet the needs of each region. Each workshop will contain a political and organizing component. Half-day versions will offer an introduction to topics and best practices, while full-day versions will include a hands-on approach and discussion.

**Participate in electoral political action** – Integrating retirees into NYSUT’s statewide coordinated efforts to elect pro education and pro-union legislators.

**Attend a Candidate Pipeline I workshop** – One of the most exciting and impactful programs is our candidate pipeline. With the help of NYSUT, members receive training on running for elected offices, such as the school board and other local races.

**Participate in a postcard campaign** – The Social Security Advisory Board (SSAB) advises the Social Security Commissioner, Congress and the president on policies related to the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance program and Supplemental Security Income program. Comprised of seven members, the SSAB has significant influence with the Social Security Administration. This campaign will advocate for adding Dr. Eric Kingson to the SSAB.

**Attend a Candidate Pipeline II workshop**– This is the continuation of the pipeline project. Skills, background information and the resources necessary for successfully running for elected office are addressed.

**Virtual phone bank and Mini VAN training** – In this workshop you’ll learn how to use cutting-edge technology for retiree outreach and communication, allowing you to create a more robust retiree program.

**Storyteller workshop** – A half-day regional workshop for retirees focused on how to effectively tell your union story and relate it to the experiences of in-service members.

**Participate in the Daytime MOI** – A series of two-day trainings around the state based on the Member Organizing Institute model. The sessions include training on worksite organizing best practices. Trained retirees will be linked with in-service locals in their region who are running internal organizing programs and need assistance.

*~Taken from the Fall 2018 edition of THE RETIREE ORGANIZER*

***“Mobilizing our army of more than 200,000 retiree members is critical to NYSUT’s mission, to unionism and to the labor movement. “***

*~Paul Pecorale, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP*

### WELCOME NEW RETIREES

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 Central  
**PORT BYRON**    SKANEATELES    Solvay  
Southern Cayuga    Syracuse    Tully  
Union Springs    Weedsport    West Genesee  
**Westhill**

### 2018 - 19 MEETINGS

December 18 – Bellevue CC,  
Syracuse  
*See reservation form on page 3*

March 19 – Fireside Inn,  
Baldwinsville

April 16 – Barbagallo’s, E. Syracuse

May 21 – Justin’s, E. Syracuse

June 18 – The Lodge @  
Welch-Allyn, Skaneateles

# From the President's Desk...

*Loretta K. Donlon*



## Recharging Our Batteries

After all the political involvement in the past months, we can count the holiday season as a short recess in our very active involvement in advocating for retiree issues.

We can enjoy the sweet victory of regaining the House of Representatives on the federal level and the Senate in New York State. Two feats that were only wished for before the election, and retirees were a great part in those changes.

Awareness and action were the drivers in every retiree council these past months. Just think how many of us knocked on doors or drove other members to do that person-to-person campaigning. And think how many members the callers from the phone banks contacted across the state. We were like a hive of 240,000 moving parts.

Retirees were involved and can savor the many victories across the state, and sigh with relief that we do not have to listen to any more ads on TV with statements far from the truth!

But remember this season is just an in-between time out.

As the new Class of 2019 takes over in Congress, our battles to defend Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid will be raging. The last session's tax cuts will be looking for funds to pay for the cuts going to the one percent at the top!

So enjoy the holidays with your families, relax and only worry about lumpy gravy, but be ready to continue the fight to preserve your earned benefits for yourself and the next generation. Ready, set...recharge!!

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## We Remember Fondly ...

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Charlene Hughes

### Marcellus

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**NYSUT REGIONAL**  
**CONFERENCE FOR**  
**RC 7 & RC 8**  
**Wednesday,**  
**May 29, 2019**  
**Doubletree,**  
**East Syracuse**

*Invitation coming in  
the spring!*

Join Us on **December 18, 2018** for the RC 7 Luncheon at  
**Bellevue Country Club, 1901 Glenwood Ave., Syracuse**

**Registration @ 11:30 • Meeting @ Noon • Lunch @ 12:30 • Program after Lunch**  
**\*Valet Parking Available\***

Jay Guss, retiree from Syracuse TA, will present "Fire Safety Tips for Seniors " and will entertain us with seasonal favorites.

\$25 per person

*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.*

*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.*

**Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon - December 18, Bellevue Country Club**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*All entrees include garden salad, seasoned vegetables, rolls, dessert, and beverage.*

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lemon Chicken Breast with artichoke hearts, tomatoes, and lemon, whipped potatoes**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pan Roasted Tilapia with crushed tomato relish, rice pilaf**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pork Loin with carmelized apple cider reduction, roasted potatoes**

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ at \$25                      Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 December 1. No one can be seated without a reservation.**

*Please mail membership form with your  
 \$10.00 check payable to  
**NYSUT RC 7** to:*

*Welcome New 2018 Retirees!*

**RC 7 Membership Chair  
 c/o NYSUT  
 4983 Brittonfield Pkwy Box 247  
 East Syracuse, NY 13057**

**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 2019 scholarships you must pay your participation fee by Dec. 31, 2018.**

<b>Retiree Council 7 Membership Form 2018 - 2019</b>	
Name	_____
Address	_____
City	_____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone	_____
Email	_____
District retired from	_____
Position	_____

**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.**



## Shopping & travel benefits designed for NYSUT members

NYSUT members and their loved ones have access to dozens of endorsed shopping, travel & personal programs available through NYSUT Member Benefits. And unlike with purchasing products available to the general public, there's no need to go it alone when Member Benefits has your back.

Member Benefits acts as your advocate for any program you participate in, and we'll do our best to quickly resolve any issues or concerns you may have. Whether you are participating in one of our shopping/entertainment/travel offerings; auto, homeowners or life insurance plans; or financial or legal services, NYSUT members have the **"Power of the Union"** behind them.

### The following is just a small sampling of the endorsed programs available to the NYSUT membership.

#### **Purchasing Power Member Shopping Program**

Are you looking to purchase a new laptop computer, washer/dryer or refrigerator? The Purchasing Power Member Shopping Program allows NYSUT members to purchase products such as these and many more while paying for them through the ease of payroll deduction or ACH withdrawals. NYSUT members save 20% on their first order with Purchasing Power.

#### **Abenity Discounts**

Seeking exclusive member discounts on tickets to the latest blockbuster movies or theater events, the hottest concerts & sporting events, or the coolest theme parks & attractions? NYSUT members have access to thousands of nationwide and local discounts with the Abenity Discounts program. Abenity also offers an app for iPhone or Android smartphones available at no charge.

#### **Grand Circle Travel**

The Grand Circle Cruise Line & Grand Circle Travel program is committed to providing international travel, adventure and discovery opportunities that offer impactful and intercultural experiences. This program offers NYSUT members and their loved ones the opportunity to save \$100 per person on tours or receive a discounted rate on specific trips if acting as a group organizer.

#### **Cambridge Credit Counseling**

NYSUT members are eligible to receive free, no-obligation debt and student loan consultations with one of Cambridge's certified counselors. Cambridge also offers a unique web portal available at a reduced rate that can help explain the various options when paying down student debt, including student loan forgiveness programs, income-based repayment options and more.

# The Power of the Union

To learn more about Member Benefits-endorsed programs & services, visit **[memberbenefits.nysut.org](http://memberbenefits.nysut.org)** or call **800-626-8101**.



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

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❖ 12/18 Bellevue CC, Syracuse