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STAYING CONNECTED AND INVOLVED

As a retiree from RC7, we invite you to partake in some special activities coming this Spring, including luncheon meetings on April 15, May 20, and June 17. Thanks to our members for organizing activities for all of us to stay connected!

Don't forget to send your participation fee to remain a member in good standing. Send in your \$10 fee today. Mail to NYSUT RC 7, attn. Membership Chair, 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, E. Syr, 13057. Form is on page 2.

Please note: If you retired from Jordan-Elbridge, Liverpool, North Syracuse, Port Byron, or Syracuse City, your fees are collected by your local (or chapter) and includes the voluntary RC7 participation fee that is then sent to RC7. The fees collected in these cases are determined by the local. You should use the local's address when sending in your check.

If you retired from Auburn, Cato-Meridian, Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES, Moravia, Skaneateles, Southern Cayuga, Union Springs, or Weedsport, your fees are collected by CORN (Cayuga-Onondaga Retirees of NYSUT) and forwarded to RC 7. Send your check to CORN @Auburn Teachers Association.

NYSUT RC7 Meet-Up* at the Historic Seward House

What: Guided Tour of Seward House
When: 11:00 am Thursday, May 15th
Cost: Free to RC-7 active members (\$15 non-members)

Home of New York Governor, US Senator, Secretary of State under Abraham Lincoln, leading abolitionist, and driving force in the purchase of the Alaska Territory, William Henry Seward was a man for all seasons. Seward's beautifully preserved home is a national treasure rich in history and style. Located in the heart of Auburn, NY, Seward House is surrounded by the same flower gardens lovingly tended by Sec. Seward and his family.

No need to register. Just show up and sign-in before 11am! Go to RC7' website for info.

***Made possible thanks to a grant from NYSUT!**

One-Day Trip to Raquette Lake and Great Camp Sagamore June 11, 2025

Depart at 7:30 am from NYSUT, E. Syr

Stop and Shop at **The Old Forge Hardware Store**

Lunch Cruise aboard the W. W. Durant on Raquette Lake, then stop and shop at the **Gift Shop**.

Tour the **Great Camp Sagamore**, Adirondack home of the Vanderbilts

Cost: between \$150 - \$200, depending on number of participants.

More info: Lasting Impressions Tours, Email litours@outlook.com

Call 315-439-4200

AARP Smart Driver Class

May 5, 2025, from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm (Registration begins at 8:30am)

NYSUT Regional Office 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, East Syracuse

\$25 for AARP members, \$30 for non-members (Bring a check payable to AARP to class.)

Driving Safely and Defensively is important in all situations. During this class, we will refresh the best ways to stay safe on the road. Check with your insurance company to learn of the savings by completing this course.

Class is limited to 40 participants!

To register, call Jay Guss at 315-488-6639

Bring your driver's license, your AARP card, and lunch when you come.



From the President's Desk...

Loretta K. Donlon

RC 7 Members and Delegates ready to represent YOU!

As you know, NYSUT Retirees are an active and important part of the NYSUT structure. Our voices are loud and clear to and from our officers, our members, and our delegates. We have used our voices over the past several months in several important ways.

During this past election, we were successful in sending one of our own to Washington. John Mannion, past president of the West Genesee Teachers Association, is now advocating for us in the House of Representatives. YOU were instrumental in making that happen. Many thanks to our PAC and VOTE-COPE reps for organizing the many campaign events.

I also had the task of representing YOU at NYSUT Board of Directors meetings and AFT Retiree meetings and hearing about how our issues are shared across the state and country.

In early March, we were part of the Committee of 100 and traveled to Albany to speak with our State Legislators about educational and retirement issues that are of great concern to us. Our members shared with many Senators and Assemblymembers what YOU want them to know about the educational needs of our students, our teachers, and our retirees.

Your RC7 delegates attended an ED 51 meeting to prepare for the upcoming NYSUT RA. In addition to reviewing Resolutions, they heard from a variety of presenters speak about health care, our pensions, and aging. NYSUT Retiree Services also shared updates from NYSUT about newsletters, membership, and current challenges. Delegates will attend the RA in May. We were also scheduled to have a FIX Tier 6 rally in February that had to be cancelled due to snow! That rally is moving around the State and will hopefully be back in the Syracuse area soon.

Thanks to all of our retirees, delegates, officers, committee members, PAC and VOTE-COPE members, and to YOU for advocating for our students, our teachers, and our retirees! Keep up the good work.

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.



Retiree Council 7 Membership Form 2024 - 2025

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

District retired from _____

Position _____

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

SAVE THE DATE

NYSUT Regional Conference for RC 7 & 8
September 25, 2025
 Doubletree, East Syracuse



Join Us on **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**, for the RC 7 Luncheon at
Tuscarora Golf Club, 2901 Howlett Hill Road, Syracuse

\$35 per person

Registration @ 11:30 • Meeting @ noon • Lunch @ 12:45 • Program after Lunch
What's Happening at The Everson Museum!

Sandwich choices: Haddock, Chicken Salad, Roast Beef
 Chef Salad, French Fried Potatoes, Dessert, Water, Tea, Coffee

Vegetarian and Gluten-Free available upon request. Please indicate on form.

Reservation Form RC 7 Luncheon - April 15 @Tuscarora Golf Club

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 \$35. Amount enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

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

_____ Haddock _____ Chicken Salad _____ Roast Beef

****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 April 8th. No one can be seated without a reservation.

**Forever in our
 Heartx...**

West Genesee

Robert Burdick
 Ronald DeYulio.
 Catherine Egerbrecht
 Theresa Eisenhauer
 Chester Lewandowski
 Robert Venner Jr.

North Syracuse

Albert Baxter
 Margery Bowser
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 Barbara Snyder
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Liverpool

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 Diane Dumond
 Mary Lanzafame
 Zachary Nolan
 Norma White

Jordan-Elbridge

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 Marilyn Doner
 Gwendolyn Dowdell
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 John Francis

Lafayette

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Westhill

Marilyn Hanson

Weedsport

Suzanne Hutton



NYSUT members have access to programs and services from NYSUT Member Benefits that can help them save money, protect their family, and assist with planning for the future.

With our **Legal Service Plan**, you will receive crucial estate planning documents (Simple Will, Health Care Proxy, Living Will & Power of Attorney); free attorney consultations; and guaranteed maximum fees for personal legal matters. Plan participants receive guaranteed hourly rates along with discounted prices for referral attorneys.

Our **Financial Counseling Program** offers access to certified financial planners that provide fee-based financial counseling services. Participants can get help with retirement planning, 403(b) & 457(b) plan advice, debt management, savings, budgeting, and more.

Check out **Synchrony Bank** for some of today's most competitive interest rates on certificates of deposit, money market, and savings accounts. An optional automated savings program (which makes transfers from your checking account at another bank to your money market or savings account at Synchrony Bank) is an easy way to build your balances in higher-earning accounts.

Our online **Financial Learning Center - powered by Kiplinger's Personal Finance** – offers numerous articles designed to assist NYSUT members with achieving their personal financial goals and better understand the nuances of insurance, savings, investing, and more. This free resource is updated on a monthly basis.

Do you have student loan or general debt concerns? Our **Cambridge Credit Counseling program** is available at no cost to assist NYSUT members with better understanding general debt consolidation and student loan repayment options. Members can take part in a free consultation with a certified Cambridge counselor or sign up for a no-cost student loan debt webinar provided by Cambridge.

Take back your financial independence and protect your family for whatever the future may bring.

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



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