



THE OUTLOOK

Newsletter of the Retiree Council 12

A NYSUT-NEA-AFT Affiliate

June/July 2017



NYSUT RC 12 with AAA & HOLLAND AMERICA
 August 7, 2018 – August 26, 2018
Twenty Days Land and Sea
 Professional Journey Hosts on Land - *Ms Noordam* at Sea



LAND: Vancouver (1), Whitehorse (2), Dawson City (2), Fairbanks (2), Triple Denali (3), Anchorage (2).
Transportation: Flight, Rail, Motorcoach

Highlights -Tundra Wilderness Tour, Gold Dredge 8, Riverboat *Discovery* (includes lunch), Klondike *Spirit* Yukon River Cruise, Anchorage/Seward cruisetrain.

SEA: Cruise: Seward (1), At Sea (1), Glacier Bay (1), Haines/Skagway (1), Juneau (1), Ketchikan (1), Inside Passage (1), Disembark Vancouver.

RATES: Ocean View Cabin: \$5548.78 pp, Balcony Cabin: \$6098.78 pp
 These rates include port charges and taxes. Air fare and transfers are not included. Air fare rates are not available yet.

GREAT LAND DINING PLAN (available): 11 breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 11 Dinners

Optional excursions on land and at sea are available throughout the trip

If interested contact Kathy Lyman, NAMYL4@aol.com or Linda Zilka, ljzilka@gmail.com

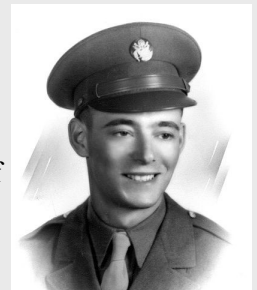
Niskayuna Retirees and NYSUT RC 12 trip to see Bandstand in NYC on Sept. 6, 2017

BANDSTAND, the Broadway Musical

Book and lyrics by Niskayuna graduate Rob Taylor



The total cost is estimated to be between \$150 and \$158, depending on the number of participants. The cost will cover your theater ticket, transportation, taxes, and driver tip. A deposit of \$120 will hold your spot and cover the cost of your orchestra seat and your bus deposit. The deposit will be due July 10, 2017 and the remainder will be due August 10, 2017.



Go to RC12.ny.aft.org for details of this trip.

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____

Address _____

Cell # _____

Email _____

Number attending @ \$120 deposit each _____

Total _____

Send this registration form by July 10, 2017 to: (Check payable to NYSUT RC 12)

Kathy Lyman, 254 Riverside Place, Alplaus, NY 12008

No refunds after August 1, 2017.

Why you Should Vote **NO** on the Constitutional Convention! *Your Rights Are at Risk !*

- Workers' compensation could be at risk. Safeguard your rights if you are hurt on the job.
- Public pensions—**The constitution guarantees your pension.** A convention could change that guarantee.
- Other states have made changes that were disastrous for employees and retirees.
- The right to unionize and collective bargain could be jeopardized.

The Outlook

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What is the Alliance for Retired Americans? Why is It Important?

By Karen Wojcik-Hess, president Capital District Chapter of the NYSARA

In 2008, I attended the ARA Convention in Washington, DC to learn more about the organization. My most memorable experience at the convention was listening to an author and activist, Doris Kearns Goodwin. She discussed her book Wait Till Next Year. In the book, she described how she shared the love of baseball with her father. She would listen to the games on radio and write down the details of the game to share with her father after dinner. Goodwin said, "It is this data collection on a subject we both loved that sparked my interest in becoming an historian."

I joined the ARA, and in 2014, I was encouraged to become an officer and came to understand more about the history behind the ARA and its commitment to retirees. ARA was created in 2001 by the AFL-CIO to create a place where all their retirees could go regardless of their professions. In 2008, the ARA came out against the privatization of Social Security when AARP did not. The ARA knew that there needed to be a partnership of community and union members to create change.

Barry Kaufmann, president of the New York State ARA, created a weekly online newsletter called the *Monday Alert*, which summarizes the national issues and local events. To receive this letter, email to president@newyorkstateara.org. He encourages you to participate, show up at events, or write letters to the editor on topics that are essential to **Senior Survival**.

Three issues that are important in New York State are noted below:

- On Election Day, November 7, 2017, it is vital to vote **NO** on the Constitutional Convention. The last convention cost **47 million dollars**, and none of the changes it proposed were accepted by the voters.
(see article above for more information)
- Safe staffing of nurses is another vital issue. Presently, there is no limit on the number of patients a nurse can be asked to care for. California passed this type of law in 2004! We need the best care for patients in New York as well.
- The NYS Health Act passed the Assembly 3 years in a row. The senate has not acted. This bill supports the establishment of single payer health care in NYS. Many of us share the conviction that our society has a moral obligation to care for the most vulnerable among us.

As Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "In the long run, we shape our lives and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die and the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility"

Our Trip To Virginia

by *Phyllis VanSteenburgh OE Teacher Retiree*

RC 12 is a very friendly travel group. It was fun to spend time with different groups having breakfast and dinner, walking on the boardwalk in VA beach, touring the Wisconsin 64 battleship and walking through the MacArthur Memorial. Having a buffet dinner on the *Spirit of Norfolk* while cruising and listening to the 40's to 50's lively dance music during our last dinner together made this RC 12 trip one that was memorable to all.



RC 12 Waits for the Parade at Norfolk' Virginia.

Listed below are additional members who have made their \$ 15 contribution to NYSUT Retiree Council 12.

*Paid through June 30, 2018

+ Paid 2+ years ahead

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Tracy Allen

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Thanks !!



RC 12 West Point Tour and Highland Cruise

Thursday, October 5, 2017

The trip includes a guided tour of the Military Academy with stops at the Cadet Chapel, Trophy Point, Battle Monument, West Point Museum, and the Parade Field. It also includes a buffet lunch at the Thayer Hotel and a sightseeing boat tour on the *Pride of the Hudson* from Blu Pointe Landing.

The cost of \$113 per person includes all of the above plus taxes, tips, and gratuities. Go to RC12.ny.aft.org for details of this trip.

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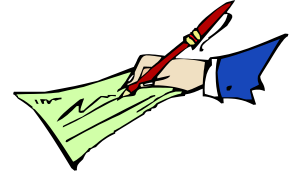
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Number attending @ \$113 deposit each _____

Total _____

Send this registration form by August 31, 2017 to: (Check payable to NYSUT RC 12)
Phyllis Nicolella, 14 Wells Street, Gloversville, NY 12078 (518)725-4060 phylc@hotmail.com
No refunds after August 31, 2017.

Retiree Council 12 Contribution Form July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018



Name _____ County _____

Address _____ City _____ Year Retired _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Original Union Local _____ You may share my email with AFT and NYSUT _____

My Assemblyman _____ My NY State Senator _____ My US Representative _____

I would be willing to work for my fellow retirees in the area of: ___ Legislation ___ Social Committee ___ Newsletter

Check this box if there has been a change in your contact information

**\$15.00 yearly contribution requested. Send to
Dolores Talmadge 206 Main Street, Fort Plain, NY 13339 Make check payable to NYSUT Retiree Council 12.
Any questions, please call (518) 993-2854 .**



Christina Darkangelo Wood, a member of Scotia Glenville TA, marches for science in Saratoga on April 22, 2017.

Marching for Science

By Carolyn Darkangelo retired from Mayfield TA

On Earth Day 2017 I joined Christina Darkangelo Wood, my daughter and Chemistry teacher at Scotia Glenville High School, for the March for Science in Saratoga. My granddaughter made signs for us.

It was quite exciting. I felt that the planned budget cuts in EPA, Centers for Disease Control, and National Institutes of Science could endanger all of us. We joined at least 500 others to express our confidence in science and its importance in our lives. Here are some of the signs people created:



**I can't believe I have to march for science!
Science saved my sister's life.
Poets for Physics
This vet loves science
Fight for Science**

Save the Date 2017

August 21, 2017 RC 12 trip to Porgy & Bess at Glimmerglass

Sept. 6, 2017 RC 12 trip to see Bandstand in NYC

Sept. 28, 2017 RC 12 general meeting at the Otesaga

Sept. 18-20, 2017 RC 12 trip to The Wild Center, Lake Placid

October 5, 2017 RC 12 trip to West Point Tour, lunch at The Thayer Hotel, & Cruise

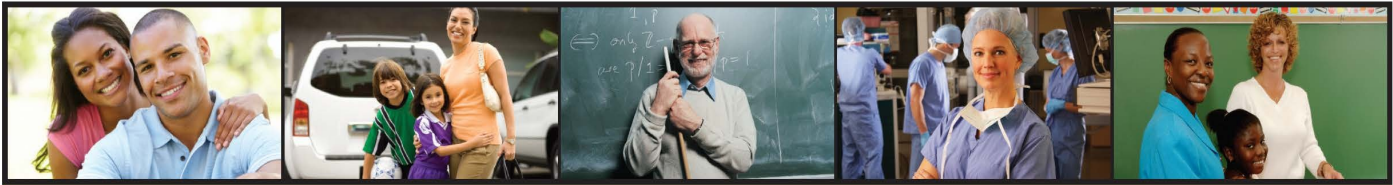
November 7, 2017 - date to vote NO on Constitutional Convention

December 9-10, 2017 RC 12 trip to It's a Wonderful Life Celebration at Seneca Falls

August 7-20, 2018 RC 12 trip to Alaska & Yukon Land and Cruise--Overnight Trip



Phyllis Van Steenburgh and Ilene Bergman visit the King Neptune Statue on the Virginia Beach Boardwalk.



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