

THE OUTLOOK

Newsletter of the Retiree Council 12

A NYSUT-NEA-AFT Affiliate

August/ September 2017

NYSUT RC 12 Fall General Membership Luncheon Meeting

Thursday, September 28 , 2017 Otesaga Resort Hotel, Cooperstown, NY

What NYSUT Retirees Need to Know !

Keynote Speakers

Floyd Cameron – *NYSUT Retiree Services Manager*

Paul Webster — *NYSUT Director of Community Outreach*



9:30 – 10:00 am
10:00 – 11:00 am
11:10 - Noon
12:15 – 1:30 pm
3:00 pm

AGENDA

Registration - The Rotunda plus coffee and tea - Ballroom
General Membership Meeting, Ballroom
Keynote speakers
Otesaga Grand Buffet Luncheon, Ballroom
Optional boat tour for additional cost of \$16.50

Luncheon Cost: \$26.00

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Please make your check out to NYSUT RC 12 and return by **September 22, 2017**, to
Sandra Bliss, 2191 Cty Hwy 33, Cooperstown, NY 13326-4101 phone: 315-725-0706 nysutrc12@gmail.com

RC #12 members: The social committee is going to offer a boat tour on Otsego Lake following the General Membership meeting on September 28. Here are the details: Glimmerglass Queen Tour Boat at 3:00 PM . The tour lasts for an hour and the ticket price is \$16.50.

_____ enclosed for the Glimmerglass Queen Tour Boat .

You may write one check for the Luncheon and the boat ride.



“What You Do Not Know May Hurt You!”

The Capital District Chapter of NYS Alliance for Retired Americans and the NYS Public Employees Federation are sponsoring a meeting on September 20, 2017 about the importance of voting on November 7, 2017.

We all need to say NO to a new constitutional convention. The convention is not necessary, because we can change the constitution with amendments (which costs us very little). It would be a waste of tax dollars, it could be a politician’s convention, and legislators could get double paychecks.

If you want to learn more on September 20, 2017, go to the Public Employees Federation Headquarters 1168 Troy Schenectady Road in Latham , NY, 12110, and bring family members. At 5:30 PM , pizza, beverages, and cookies will be provided. The informative program will begin at 6:30 PM. If you have any questions about this event, contact Karen Wojcik-Hess, president of the Capital District Chapter of NYSARA. (518) 366-8141

From the Vice-President's Desk. Kathlene Lyman

This is my first message to you as your vice-president so most will be a reflection told in the first person. I will share what NYSUT RC 12 has meant to me in the hopes that you will consider increasing your involvement.

Once an educator, always an educator! My first years as a retiree were spent as a substitute in my home district. I missed the students, colleagues, subject, and, if you can believe it, my home building, Van Antwerp.

Then, one year, I checked the "Social Committee" box on my RC 12 Contribution Form. I became a committee member and still enjoy planning trips with the rest of the committee. They became my table mates at the general membership meetings. I eventually became a director, the secretary for RC 12 and now am the vice-president. All of this has been rewarding.

I learned of and became involved with many organizations that have the best interests of seniors in mind. Karen Wojcik-Hess wrote a wonderful article explaining the Alliance for Retired Americans in the last issue of *The Outlook*. Their main concerns are safe staffing of nurses, the NY Health Act, and a huge "VOTE NO" campaign for the November 7, 2017 Constitutional Convention vote. NYS Teachers Retirement System ranks among the top 1% of all pension funds. Our pension is protected by the NYS Constitution. Opening the NYS Constitution would put your pension in jeopardy.

New York StateWide Senior Action Council is another organization that works to protect programs for seniors, such as Medicare and Medicaid. Their annual Convention is held in Saratoga Springs. This year's dates are October 10 – 12, 2017. I have attended twice and am amazed at their involvement throughout the state.

NYSUT offers many program services such as Community Outreach, Retiree Services, Social Justice and Social Services. This year, I attended my first Committee of 100 in Albany and my first NYSUT RA in New York City. I am still learning. I am part learner and part leader. Won't you join me on my journey?

Special Election NYSUT RC 12 for SRP Director and Secretary

at RC 12 General Membership Meeting in March

Term of Office: March 2018– June 30, 2018

Eligibility to run for the director position: The nominee must be RC 12 SRP member per NYSUT RC 12 membership list.

Eligibility for Secretary : Any member of NYSUT RC 12 in good standing may run.

Nomination Deadline:

Self Nomination form postmarked or emailed no later than January 15, 2018 and sent to election chair

Nomination form available from the election chair.

Election Chair: first vice president: **Kathlene Lyman**, 254 Riverside Place, Alplaus, NY 12008. (518) 399-0256 namyl4@aol.com

The Outlook

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Dolores Talmadge, Marie Wojeski, Holly Dellaquila, Debbie Gordon, and Wendy Wilson on the Bridge across the Hudson



Gerald Jones, member of Parliament (Labor Party) from Wales , Congressman Paul Tonko, Herb Hyde, vice president of CDNYSARA, Karen Wojcik-Hess president CDNYSARA, and Rich Vale treasurer were celebrating the 52nd birthday of Medicare and the 82nd birthday of Social Security at the TRI-VALLEY CATS BASEBALL GAME !

**Earth Day 2017
March for Science in Saratoga**

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**
- Science affects everyone.**



RC 12's Wins Two NYSUT Communications Awards

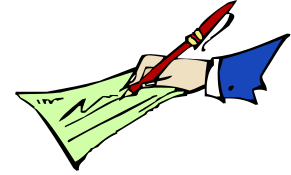
By Carolyn Darkangelo, retiree Mayfield TA

On August 12, 2017 RC 12 was presented with a NYSUT Award of Distinction for General Excellence in Communication and RC 12 was honored with a First Prize for the RC 12 Website.

The judges stated, "Get out and vote is the central message of the newsletter and it pushes for pledges to do just that. It has a feature on Paul Cole, two travelogues, and an article on becoming a political activist. Good communication and range of features by and about members contribute to a sense of community in the publication." The website was recognized for an effective electronic newsletter and a website with good format and easy navigation with a valuable depiction of local people engaged in action.

We would like to thank all those who contributed to the achievement. Thanks those who provided outstanding photos to our newsletter and website, especially, Dolores Talmadge, and Barbara Spaeth. We appreciate the social committee's organizing such amazing trips and encouraging the travelers to share pictures and experiences. Co-president, Jeanne Williams Bennett does a phenomenal job editing articles and Phyllis VanSteenburgh composed articles in both of the newsletters that were recognized.

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 .**

NOTICES FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- * The trip information and registration forms for the RC 12 trip to Seneca Falls on December 9-10 will be available on September 28 at the Otesaga. After the meeting, they will be available on the website (**RC12.ny.aft.org**).
- * There is still room (12) for those interested in the West Point Trip, October 5, 2017. An opportunity for an additional stop has been added to the itinerary: The cemetery and Old Cadet Chapel, which was built in 1837. Both will add historical perspective and 1/2 hour to the tour. This choice will be determined by voting "yes or no" because there will be an additional \$2.00 cost for each person. Thank you. Phyllis Nicolella, 14 Wells Street, Gloversville, NY 12078/ (518) 725-4060 phylc@hotmail.com.
- * There's still availability to go on the Wild Center/Lake Placid Trip, September 18-20, 2017, for a total of \$329. If interested, please contact Gloria Kimball, gikimball@yahoo.com or 518-853-3126. The itinerary and the flier for this trip are available on the website.

Save the Date 2017

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 7-26, 2018 RC 12 trip to Alaska & Yukon Land and Cruise--Overnight Trip



RC 12 Dining at Millio's Restaurant in Portland Maine

Have you had your financial check-up lately?

NYSUT Member Benefits launches the new Financial Planning Center!

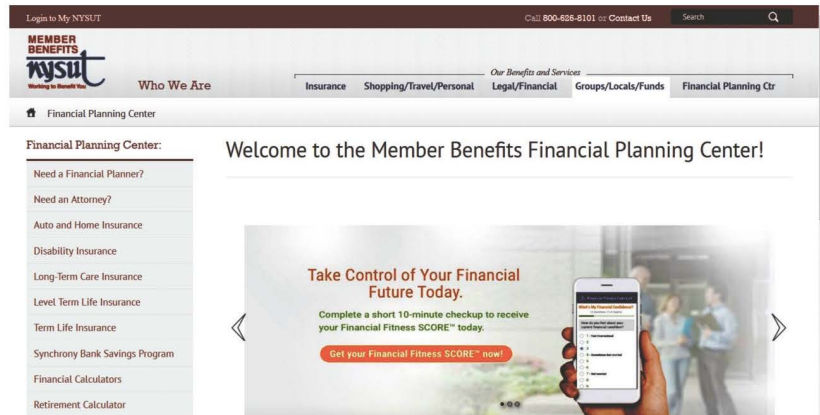
NYSUT Member Benefits is excited to announce the launch of our NEW online Financial Planning Center. This enhanced site will assist NYSUT members and their families with making a variety of important financial decisions.

The NYSUT Member Benefits Financial Planning Center provides helpful tools and resources to assist members with a number of crucial decisions regarding financial wellness and retirement planning.

This new site includes more than 100 modules on different financial topics along with a financial fitness check-up to see where members stand with their financial knowledge.

Whether it's planning for retirement, saving for college for your children or considering purchasing a home, the choices we need to make on a regular basis are never easy. If you're already enjoying retirement, you may be dealing with long-term care needs, managing your investments and estate planning.

NYSUT members can get assistance with these questions and more with our NEW Financial Planning Center.



To access the Financial Planning Center (and more than 100 planning modules), visit the NYSUT Member Benefits website at ***memberbenefits.nysut.org*** and click on **“Financial Planning Center.”**

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