

THE OUTLOOK

Newsletter of the Retiree Council 12

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Stick With the Union!

By **Kathlene Lyman**, *first vice president of RC 12*

The focus of the latest issue of NYSUT UNITED is solidarity within our union. Efforts are being made across the state to emphasize the importance of our union. We must continue to stick together no matter what and keep standing up for quality education, equitable working conditions, equitable pay, and our right to bargain.

“This year, the U. S. Supreme Court will hear the Janus v. AFSCME case. The case questions the decades-old precedent that if you are represented by a union, it is fair and reasonable to expect you to pay a fair share to the union for protecting your rights and your future.” (NYSUT UNITED/ January/February 2018.)

The concern is that union members will drop their membership if they are not required to pay dues. On the other hand, paying dues and supporting your union allows it to fight for you. We must share with others what the union has done for us.

I feel that our union’s involvement helped defeat the Con Con referendum and that we can continue together to protect retirement security, public education, and bargaining rights. Share with others the benefits you receive because your union fought for you. Follow the Janus case as its outcome could affect the future of our union.

Save the Date 2017

March 22, 2018 - RC 12 General Membership Meeting in Johnstown

April 8-13, 2018 - RC 12 trip to Biltmore Estate & Asheville, NC

May 8, 2018 - RC12 NYSUT Regional Conference and NYSUT RC 12 Membership Meeting and Election at the Glen Sanders, Scotia

Monday, July 16, 2018 - West Side Story at Glimmerglass Opera Festival

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

November 3, 2018—RC 12 trip To West Point Football

The Outlook

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Judy Schultz Receives Award From NY StateWide Senior Action Council

On October 11, 2017, Judy Schultz, past president of RC 12 was presented with the Paul E Harenberg Award, which is given to a senior who has worked to train and educate others about important issues and programs benefitting elders.

Judy, a seasoned educator, has continued her legacy by teaching her community about senior issues and benefit programs. As a member and officer of many groups including the Capital District Alliance for Retired Americans, the Board of Directors of StateWide, and President of RC 12, she has been instrumental in training and fundraising for advocacy efforts in the Capital District region.

Congratulations, Judy. It is great to see you recognized for your lifelong commitment to others.



Maria Alvarez, Executive Director of NY Statewide Senior Action Council, Susan Schrader, NY Statewide board member from Franklin County, and Mary Pritchard, a StateWide board member and former vice president of RC 12, present Judy with her award.

Thank You for Your Contribution !!!

Listed below are those who have made their \$ 15 contribution to NYSUT Retiree Council 12 by January 16, 2018 for the 2017 - 2018 year. Our year runs from July 1 to June 30. The names with an asterisk indicate payment for future years. A name with one asterisk means that member has paid for this year plus the 2018- 2019. A plus sign (+) means you are paid up for more than 2 years! The contribution form can be found in this issue. Those who make their donation in the upcoming weeks will have their names listed in future issues of THE OUTLOOK. Look over this list, and if you think I have made an error, please call me at (518) 993-2854 or e-mail me at doloresltalmadge@gmail.com.

Thanks for your continued financial support. **Dolores Talmadge, Treasurer**

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NYSUT RC 12 General Membership Luncheon Meeting

March 22, 2018 at the Johnstown Holiday Inn, 308 N. Comrie Ave., Johnstown

What You Need To Know About Your Patient's Rights During A Hospital Experience

Presented by: Marcus Harazin

From StateWide Senior Action Council

9:30 registration, coffee, tea, and Danish

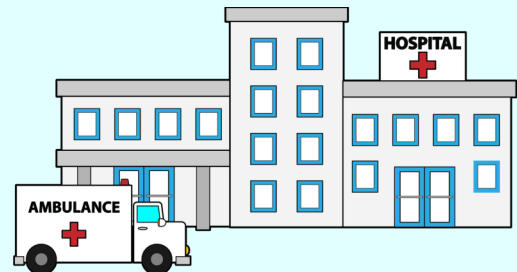
10:00-11:00 am Business

12:15- 1:15 pm Speaker

1:15 Luncheon Menu Choices: Chicken Francaise, Broiled Filet of Haddock, and Sliced Prime Rib.

Included are mashed potatoes, vegetables, bread, salad, dessert, and coffee, tea, or milk.

Luncheon cost per person: \$19



Please complete and mail to **Susan Naple, 165 County Highway 119, St. Johnsville, NY 13452**

Luncheon cost per person: \$19/person Make checks payable to NYSUT RC 12

Name(s): _____ **Deadline: March 17, 2018**

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ **email:** _____

School District retired from: _____ **Year retired:** _____

Luncheon Selection (Circle one) Chicken Haddock Prime Rib

Write in a second meal _____

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 .**

Identity Theft and You

By Carolyn Darkangelo, retiree from Mayfield TA

Identity theft is the most common financial and consumer crime in the United States. The Federal Trade Commission estimates nine million people have their identities stolen each year.

The NY Attorney General suggests the following actions. Pay attention to credit card statements; do not give out personal information by phone, Internet, or mail; shred forms containing personal information; be very cautious in giving out your Social Security number. You can get free credit reports one per year at each of the three credit bureaus. Go to www.annualcreditreport.com to do this.

Are you concerned about the data breach at Equifax? What can you do? You can freeze your credit report at each of the credit bureaus (www.equifax.com

www.experian.com and www.Transunion.com) There is a cost to unfreeze these if you are applying for credit, but no one else can access your credit report. Transunion offers a free service called TrueIdentity that allows you to set up an account with a username and password. Through this account, you can lock and unlock your credit report as needed free of charge. Of course, they also offer to provide other services at a cost.

What do you do if your identity is stolen? According to the NYS Attorney General, you can find out what to do at <https://www.identitytheft.gov/>. You need to contact the three credit bureaus above to have them place a fraud alert on your account. You also have to contact your bank, credit cards, and other creditors. In addition, contact the local police department to file a report.

If you want more information on the topic, you can call the Federal Trade Commission at (1-877-438-4338) or the NYS Attorney General at (1-800-771-7755).

ELECTION NOTICE

Offices and Terms

- ◆ **NYSUT RC 12 officers –president, first vice-president, second vice-president, treasurer, secretary** (Term - July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020)
- ◆ **Special Election SRP director (1)** (Upon Election – June 30, 2019)
- ◆ **NYSUT Delegates and Alternates (6) including president** (2019 and 2020 Conventions)
- ◆ **AFT Delegate and Alternate (2) 2020 convention** (2020 AFT Convention)

Election time, date and place:

10:15 May 8, 2018, at the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia, NY

Eligibility to run for position per NYSUT RC 12 membership list: Officer: any NYSUT RC 12 member.

SRP Director can be any RC 12 SRP member

Nomination form can be obtained from and returned to election chair, Phyllis Van Steenburgh, tpvan@nycap.rr.com at 117 Easterly St. Gloversville, NY 12078-1111. (518-725-4172) The form must be postmarked or emailed no later than **March 13, 2018**

*The election will be at the NYSUT RC 12 general membership meeting at **Glen Sanders Mansion**. To vote, you must be an RC 12 member and present at the time of election. You are not required to stay for the entire meeting nor purchase lunch to in order to vote. (Nominations received by March 13, 2018) per NYSUT RC 12 constitution: No nominations from the floor.*

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Your union is steadfast in its fight for better contracts, safer working conditions, fair pay, advocacy, and upholding the labor rights of the dedicated women and men proudly working in the education and health care industries on a daily basis.

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Visit memberbenefits.nysut.org or call **800-626-8101** for specific information about this program.



Newly endorsed Member Shopping Program available for use!

We heard the requests of the NYSUT membership and spent months diligently researching new member shopping program options. The NYSUT Member Benefits Corporation is pleased to announce that the Purchasing Power Member Shopping Program is now available for use by eligible NYSUT members.

Purchasing Power is an online shopping option that offers another way to purchase brand-new, brand-name products and pay for them over time through the ease of payroll deduction or ACH withdrawals. Eligible NYSUT members can enjoy access to products such as computers, appliances, jewelry, furniture, televisions, electronics, travel packages and much more.

While Purchasing Power is not a discount program, it can save you money and stress compared to high-interest credit cards or rent-to-own stores. As always, you are encouraged to shop and compare before making any purchasing decisions.

Visit nysutmbc.purchasingpower.com or call **800-537-3135** to learn more.



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**February
2018
RC 12 Outlook**



*Before They Were
Our Mothers:
Voices of Women Born
Before Rosie Started Riveting*



Patricia A. Nugent, Editor

In addition to deeply evocative first-person accounts, *Before They Were Our Mothers* offers readers a personal glimpse of world events from the late 1800s to the mid-1900s, as written in that moment by current-day descendants

Universal themes weave delicate threads through these disparate women's lives. Well-meaning parents making questionable decisions; arranged marriages; the desire for education and a career; unplanned pregnancies; the centrality of faith and religion; immigration; the need for affiliation and affirmation; healing and medical advances; the brutality of war; and the crippling effects of poverty, prejudice, and discrimination. Themes still prevalent in our lives today. (From the Journal Arts Press Website.)

The authors are all from NY State and the project was funded by the New York State Council for the Arts and Saratoga Arts.

The authors included poets, journalist, musicians, artists and writers, but also teachers, nurses, and counselors. RC 12 member, Barbara Spaeth, was one of them. In the article below she describes her experience.

**Before They Were Our Mothers:
Voices of Women Born Before
Rosie Started Riveting**

By Barbara Spaeth, retiree from Northville TA

I never envisioned myself a writer. It would take me an hour, and perhaps three drafts, before I could compose a short note home to a parent when I was teaching. I felt very insecure with my writing skills. Last year, Pat Nugent encouraged me to submit a story about my mom for an anthology she was putting together entitled, "Before They Were Our Mothers". I was very apprehensive, especially when the criteria required "first person, present tense."

Mom had lots of stories! For years, my sister and I would roll our eyes at yet another retelling of an old story. Toward the end of her life, these stories stopped. I would try to get her to retell one of her favorites, but she would only shrug. I knew I needed to give it a try. I decided to tell a story that she only

told once. It was during the Clarence Thomas hearings in 1991. So, I thank Anita Hill for the story I chose.

It was an amazing experience to try and capture my mother's voice as a young woman. It was like visiting her at 19. I spent hours thinking about the many stories she had told and looking at the photographs of this beautiful, vibrant young woman. I believe that it was her voice that made me believe I could be a writer. My initial proofreaders, my husband and daughter, encouraged me to submit it.

I was pleasantly surprised and very honored when my story was among the fifteen accepted to be part of this anthology. The biggest praise I received was from my son and daughter after I read the story at the book launch. They claimed they could hear their grandmother's voice as I read it aloud.

If you are interested in this book,

contact B4TheyWereOurMOthers@gmail.com

or visit www.journalartspress.com