

THE OUTLOOK

Newsletter of the Retiree Council 12

A NYSUT-NEA-AFT Affiliate April 2022

NYSUT RC 12 Regional Conference/ Spring Luncheon Meeting Change

*As reported in the last issue, the NYSUT RC 12 combined regional conference and spring luncheon meeting will be held on **May 12, 2022**. We have changed location, and our meeting will be held at the **River Stone Manor**, 1437 Amsterdam Road, Glenville, NY 12302. The meeting will include the RC 12 business meeting, RC 12 elections at 10:15 am, the latest trip updates and more! Our guest speaker will be David Keefe, retired teacher member and president of the board of the New York State Teachers Retirement System. Please join us for an in-person social event !*

NYSUT RC 12 Regional Conference/Spring Luncheon Meeting

*River Stone Manor
1437 Amsterdam Road
Glenville, NY
May 12, 2022*

Agenda

<i>8:45 – 9:30</i>	<i>Registration and coffee/tea</i>
<i>9:30 – 10:15</i>	<i>Business meeting</i>
<i>10:15 – 10:30</i>	<i>RC 12 Elections of officers and delegates</i>
<i>10:30 – 11:15</i>	<i>Business meeting conclusion</i>
<i>11:15 – 12:00</i>	<i>Guest Speaker – David Keefe, NYSTRS Board</i>
<i>12:00 – 12:45</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>12:45 – 1:30</i>	<i>NYSUT Member Benefits presentation</i>
<i>1:30 – 1:45</i>	<i>Door Prizes/Raffle and Evaluation</i>

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Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Please return this form with your check for **\$34*** payable to **NYSUT** by **April 30, 2022** to:

Retiree Council 12
NSYUT Mid-Hudson Regional Office
201 Stockade Drive, Kingston, NY 12401

*This amount is being subsidized by NYSUT, so your cost is \$34.00.

Please indicate here if you require any assistive device or accommodations as provided by the American with Disabilities Act. _____

Save the Date

****April 6, 2022** RC 12 Trip to see Hugh Jackman in the “The Music Man” on Broadway

May 12, 2022 RC 12 General Membership Luncheon and Election & NYSUT Regional Conference for RC 12

****June 12-18, 2022** RC 12 Trip to Mackinac Island
Space available. Call Dolores (518) 993-2854 or Phyllis (518) 725-4060 for details.

August 15, 2022 RC 12 Sound of Music — Cooperstown (see form on page 4)

****Sept. 30 - Oct. 10, 2022** RC 12 Trip to Mount Rushmore. Contact Linda Zilka by email ljzilka@gmail.com or call at (518) 725-5139 to place your name on the waiting list

*****For the three bus trips:***

- (1) All participants will be required to provide a photo ID and official proof of vaccination and booster prior to boarding.***
- (2) Mask requirements will be determined by New York State mandate at the time of departure.***



NYSUT Retiree Council 12

President's Message

There is so much going on right now. The war for democracy in Ukraine, life returning to pre-pandemic norms, Supreme Court nomination hearings, spring trying to sprout in spite of winter's last attempts to hang on, and the first primary season that will be guided by new redistricting maps are just some of what has our attention.

If you have seen any of the coverage on the war in Ukraine, it is difficult to not have strong emotions. It is heartening to see the pro-democracy world come together to fight this atrocity. If you are inclined to donate to help the people of Ukraine, I encourage you to be careful where you send those dollars. There are many organizations that are worthy of your support. If you are not sure about one that you are considering, Charity Navigator rates different organizations and is a good place to start. NYSUT and AFT both have disaster relief funds. NYSUT will be partnering with relief agencies to make sure that the funds collected get to the people in areas that are most in need due to this humanitarian crisis. "The AFT is raising funds to help resettle teachers and children displaced by the war in Ukraine. The generosity of our members, many of whom are not paid a living wage, has been tremendous. Every cent we raise will go directly to these refugee efforts," stated AFT president, Randi Weingarten. (To read more about Randi's ties to Ukraine, go to: <https://www.aft.org/column/ukraines-iron-will-against-putins-barbarism>) Wherever you decide to donate, please be sure it is a reputable organization. There are too many unethical people who take advantage of others' misfortunes to sustain their own greed.

Primary season is here. You may be seeing political ads on TV and receiving robo calls about candidates for office. This is the first election that will be impacted by the new district maps drawn as a result of the 2020 census. Due to redistricting, there are many changes to district boundaries and to candidates to represent those districts. NYSUT Political Action Coordinators and Regional Political Organizers have been following the changes and are trying to determine in which races it may be advantageous for NYSUT to move forward with early endorsements. Candidate interviews are underway, and decisions will be made soon. We will let you know of any NYSUT endorsements for our areas as we learn of them. NYS primary day is June 28th, and poll times vary by county. Please be informed, and be sure to vote. Make your voice count!

The NYSUT Representative Assembly is fast approaching. This is where each local and retiree council has the opportunity to send representatives to vote on proposed resolutions that will shape NYSUT's policy for the upcoming year. NYSUT Retiree Council (RC) 12 First Vice President Kathlene Lyman and I will be attending and representing the members of RC 12. We will give a summary of the proceedings at the May 12th general membership meeting. Also, at the May 12th meeting, we will be voting for RC 12 officers and delegates. If you would like to get involved in RC 12 leadership, please reach out to any executive board member or email: RC12.nysut@gmail.com. Executive board member contact information can be found on the RC 12 website at: <http://rc12.ny.aft.org/> I hope that we will see you at the spring meeting! Until then, stay safe and informed!

In solidarity, *Stacey*

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REMINDER: RC 12 Election for Officers/Delegates is set for May 12, 2022, at the NYSUT RC 12 General Membership Meeting at 10:15 a.m. at the River Stone Manor, Glenville, NY.



The statements from our candidates for RC 12 Elections are in alphabetical order:

Bev Alves—Candidate for RC 12 2nd Vice-President for Legislation, NYSUT Representative Assembly Delegate and AFT Delegate

Being a teacher (now retired), does not stop me from volunteering as a board of education member in my school district. I am still interested in providing the best working and safety conditions for all students and the staff that helps to educate them. Education is a cooperative endeavor because educators, other staff, and students must work together. Being your Second Vice President for Legislation. I will also help promote all the issues of RC 12.

Stacey Caruso-Sharpe—Candidate for RC 12 President and AFT Delegate

I have been honored to represent the members of RC 12 as president and RA delegate for the past four years. With the help of a wonderful executive board and past president, we have been finding our way through some unprecedented trying times. I believe that we have continued the wonderful service of previous leadership, and I would like the opportunity to continue serving our members as president and AFT delegate.

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Kathlene Lyman—Candidate for 1st Vice-President, NYSUT RA Delegate and AFT Delegate

Since retiring in 2004, I have been involved in many retiree endeavors. Locally, I co-chair the Niskayuna Retirees Steering Committee. Since 2011, I have been very involved with NYSUT RC 12. I have been on the social committee and serve as its secretary as well as event planner. I was the RC 12 Secretary from 2014- 2018. I have been honored to serve as RC 12’s First Vice President and would like to continue in this role with goals to serve the organization, support our president, and increase retiree participation.

Cathy Picciocca—Candidate for RC 12 Secretary

Learning how to become secretary of RC 12 has been an experience to me. As described by others on the board, it has been a learning curve for me, as I continue to hold this position the last five years. I continue to thank others on the Executive Board for sending me corrections to the minutes. Anyone who knows me is aware that I love challenges, and I love to learn. It would be an honor to serve as the secretary of NYSUT RC 12 for another two years, if I am re-elected.

Dolores Talmadge—Candidate for Treasurer

I have been RC 12 Treasurer for the past six years. It would be my pleasure to serve as your Treasurer for another term.

Jeanne Williams-Bennett—Candidate for NYSUT Representative Assembly Delegate

The NYSUT Representative Assembly is the policymaking body for NYSUT. It’s important that RC 12 be represented. Also, since retirees now comprise approximately 1/3 of NYSUT membership, it’s essential that RC 12 sends retirees to participate in these important decision-making and policy-making processes.

Karen Wojcik-Hess—Candidate for Alternate Rep for NYSUT and AFT

I have been involved in SFT (Schenectady Federation of Teachers), NYSUT and even AFT my entire teaching career and in retirement. My exposure to AFT was very early in my career, connected to a critical thinking and cooperative learning program. It exposed me to a unique meeting with Al Shanker, President of AFT which was very memorable. In retirement, I was Vice-President and President of RC 12 and now am Chapter President of NYSARA updating seniors on issues that count.

NYSUT RC 12 Trip to **GLIMMERGLASS FESTIVAL PRESENTS *The Sound of Music***
August 15, 2022 - Matinee 1:00 PM
 7300 State Highway 80, Cooperstown, NY
 Cost: **\$107.00** for center orchestra side seats.
 Send checks to: Wendy Wilson, 119 Woodland Drive, Apt.#50, Cobleskill, NY 12043
 Questions ? Contact Wendy — Moose123@nycap.rr.com or 518-234-3230

Name _____
 Address _____
 E-mail _____
 No. of tickets _____ **Make checks out to NYSUT RC 12.**
 A wait list will be maintained. No refunds after May 15th. More information will follow closer to performance

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These are the contributions of record received from members from February 6, 2022 – March 27, 2022.

Your name will appear **only once** in *The Outlook*.

Please keep track of your contribution as to avoid multiple payments within one year.

“ * “ indicates paid through June 2023. “ + “ indicates paid beyond June 2023.

Holly Ackerknecht	Patricia A. Clausi *	Barbara Fallone *	Andrea Kunicki	Rosemary Rowland	Karen Wojcik-Hess *
Linda Brazell	Arden Croucher *	Ruth S. Farrell +	Melanie Hermance Lee *	Robert L. Shults *	Lori Wrench *
Lynne Brooks	Christine Darby-King	Lisa Foley	Yvonne Major *	Sharon Silverman	
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Retiree Council 12 Contribution Form July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022

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 _____

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Any questions, please call (518) 993-2854 .



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WEBSITE



<http://rc12.ny.aft.org/>

School Budget Vote !!!

May 17th, 2022



Please show support for education in your community by voting!

Not sure who to vote for in the school board election?

Ask your local teachers' association for recommendations!

Explore all your union membership has to offer!

When you're planning for the future, what's at the top of your list?

- A comfortable nest egg for retirement
- Providing for your family
- Purchasing a new home
- Home improvements
- Purchasing a new vehicle
- Travel and entertainment

NYSUT Member Benefits offers dozens of endorsed programs to help turn those dreams into reality.



When it comes to saving you money, protecting your family and helping you plan for the future, NYSUT Member Benefits has a variety of programs and services to help with your goals. Whether you are just starting out on your journey, well into your career or enjoying a well-deserved retirement, there is a Member Benefits-endorsed plan that may be of assistance featuring value-added extras unavailable to the public.

Get started by first bookmarking the Member Benefits website at memberbenefits.nysut.org. There, you will find numerous tools and resources available to you as a NYSUT member – including a **Financial Learning Center** with articles designed to help educate you on financial decisions and topics. Member Benefits also endorses important **legal and financial services** along with an **online savings program** featuring some of today's most competitive interest rates.

Next up would be looking in the "Shopping, Travel & Personal" section of our site for **MB Discounts & Deals**. This program utilizes the nation's largest private discount network to provide NYSUT members with exclusive access to savings of up to 50% on restaurant dine-in or take out, groceries and food delivery, clothing and shoes, hotels and flights, vehicle maintenance, and much more.



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