

RC 12 OUTLOOK

Newsletter of the Retiree Council 12

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The RETIREE COUNCIL 12 NYSUT REGIONAL CONFERENCE and RC 12 FALL MEETING October 1, 2026, 8:45 am to 2:30 pm

The Terrace at Waters Edge. 2 Freemans Bridge Road, Glenville, NY 12302

Included in the conference will be an RC 12 fall membership meeting led by Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, NYSUT RC 12 president. Additional conference speakers will include Jaime Ciffone, NYSUT 1st VP; Kevin Grossman, the Capital District Regional Staff Director; and Maura Przybylek from NYSUT Member Benefits. Sheryl Baker Delano, NYSUT Retiree Consultant for RC12 & RC13 will speak about **Women in the Labor Movement, Past, Present and Future**. The cost is **only \$17 per person**. You should have received a conference flyer in the mail with additional details. **You can use the link below to register by mail, or you can register online at <https://nysut.cc/rc12>**. You can then either pay by mail or pay online. **Register by September 24, 2025**. Contact Sheryl Delano 845-706-6986 with questions.

To support our military and to honor our veterans, the RC 12 Executive Board voted to ask people to consider bringing donations for the military courtesy room at the Syracuse Airport to our October 1st meeting.

The Corporal Michael Mayne Cookie Corps is named after a soldier from Burlington Flatts located in RC 12. He was killed in action in Iraq. This group collects monthly donations of food and toiletries which are transported to the Marine Corporal Gregory J. Harris Military Courtesy Room at Syracuse Airport. Fort Drum soldiers as well as reserves and National Guard members deploy from Syracuse, and the courtesy room provides a comfortable place for soldiers and family members to relax and grab a snack to eat when arriving or departing the area.

The following is a list of items that are needed: 12 oz. bottles of Gatorade, napkins, Rice Krispies treats, micro meals, juice boxes (no foil bags), paper towels, square boxes of tissues, heavy duty large and small paper plates, snack pack puddings, snack pack applesauce, bags of snack size chips, pretzels, individually-wrapped Clorox wipes, and shelf stable regular and French vanilla liquid creamers, beef jerky and Slim Jims (individually wrapped), packages of peanut butter and crackers, packages of cheese and crackers, diapers, gum, small shampoos, conditioners, hand creams (like you find in hotels), hand sanitizers, chap sticks, bags of mini or regular sized chocolate bars, or any other individually wrapped candy, and packages of nuts. *When purchasing items, please look at the expiration date.*

Please bring your donations to our RC 12 meeting at the Terrace at Waters Edge on October 1st. Bruce and Jeanne Williams Bennett will collect them and then transport them to Syracuse. Thanks!

The article on Capetown and Namibia will be in the November Outlook



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President's Message

I hope this finds that you are well and have been enjoying your summer! I don't know where summer went, but we are now into fall, and that means ads and sales. For those of you who are newly retired, congratulations! You made it! You can disregard the back-to-school ads!

Please save the date for Oct 1. That is when the RC 12 NYSUT regional conference and fall luncheon meeting will take place at the Terrace at Waters Edge in Glenville. I hope to see many of you there. More information and how to sign up can be found on page 1 of this newsletter and will also be coming in a separate flyer.

Since it is fall, we will be hearing a lot about the upcoming midterm elections. Every election, we say that there is a lot at stake, and I think this time it is even more true than ever before. The cost of gas is up, the cost of food is up, the cost of healthcare has caused many individuals and families to drop coverage or to eliminate other things from their lives so they can maintain minimal coverage. The cost of living is up, and there is no end in sight as to when things may once again be more affordable.

Thousands of members of our local communities and communities across the country, who are here legally and following directions, doing everything they are told to do, are being scooped up by ICE and sent to foreign countries. (We don't know the cost of this.) If they survive some of these violent places, some will then be sent elsewhere after three months. I never envisioned this as the American Dream. For too many, it is the American nightmare. One of the saddest things is that parents are being swept up while young children are in school. The children return home, only to find that their parents are gone. You may agree or disagree with this practice, but one thing is for sure. Congress has been negligent in doing their elected duty. It is Congress that controls the nation's purse strings, yet when other government officials make unilateral decisions, costing hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of taxpayer dollars, they say nothing.

I encourage you to think seriously about the vision that you have for our country. What is the legacy you would like to see for future generations? Then, really look at the candidates and support and vote for those who most closely align with your vision. Chances are no candidate will match perfectly, but you may want to support someone who is close in your ideas. There are many opportunities to support your chosen candidate either financially, by writing postcards, texting messages, word of mouth, door knocking, and most importantly, showing up and voting. I hope that you will educate yourself on where candidates stand on the issues that concern you, and then, make your voice heard by voting. Please beware of misinformation and disinformation that seems to be all around us. Verify things that you see and hear by looking at and listening to multiple sources. For a list of NYSUT issues and endorsed candidates, please visit www.nysut.org. To learn more about where AFT stands, visit www.aftvotes.org.

It is also that time of year when we will see relentless ads for Medicare Advantage plans. Please, if you have health insurance coverage through your school district, do **not** make any changes unless you have first spoken with someone from your district or the current local president. Every year, members contact me seeking help with insurance issues. Because insurance varies from local to local, I cannot help with that. There are changes to Medicare and Medicaid for 2027, and many websites that can update you on the changes including www.medicare.gov/. Again, I encourage you to stay informed so you will know what your coverage is and what fees for which you will be responsible

In solidarity, Stacey

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**RC 12 Trip
in NYC to
see Ragtime
on Broadway**

Save the Date

October 1, 2026 - NYSUT RC 12 Regional Conference and RC 12 Fall Membership meeting at the Terrace at Waters Edge in Glenville

October 4 to 10, 2026 - NYSUT RC 12 Trip to Pigeon Forge and the Smokey Mountains

October 21, 2026 - NYSUT RC 12 NYC Trip to see "Schmigadoon" Best Musical. *

* See website for trip details <http://rc12.ny.aft.org/>

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Listed are the contributions received from members for the July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027 fiscal year.

Please check your records before sending a contribution. This will avoid duplicate contributions for the FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Multiple contributions in one year will be credited to the following year(s). If your name has a/an asterisk (*) after it, you are paid **up to** June 30, 2028; a plus (+) after it; if you are paid **thru** June 30, 2029; a plus with a number (example: +4), is the number of membership years you are paid ahead. **(Continued Pg. 4)**

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I would be willing to work for my fellow retirees in the area of:
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Check this box if there has been a change in your contact information ☐

\$15.00 yearly contribution requested.

Make check payable to NYSUT Retiree Council 12. Check # _____ Amount _____

Send to Dolores Talmadge, 206 Main Street, Fort Plain, NY 13339

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

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