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ANNUAL PICNIC

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

11:30 AM VANDERBILT

MUSEUM

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Centerport, NY 11721
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BUFFET PICNIC

FREE FOR PAID UP R-UTN MEMBERS – MEMBERSHIP FORM INSIDE

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

JOIN COLLEAGUES TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL VANDERBILT GROUNDS

PARKING IS FREE

RENEW FRIENDSHIPS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Frances La Duca*

ANNUAL PICNIC

Our picnic will be at the Vanderbilt Estate in Centerport again this year. The grounds open at 11:30 with lunch being served at noon. Come early to enjoy the view of the harbor and to socialize with former colleagues. Remember the picnic is free for paid up members – so send in the enclosed membership form with your checks as soon as possible. Looking forward to seeing all of you again on the 13th.

AS ALWAYS WE WILL BE WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS – RETIREES CLASS OF 2016

Angela Angermaier, Gail Burr, Gerry Capps, Danielle DePonte, Robert Feinstein, Ann Griffith, Bruce Levine, Robert Owen, Steve Paysen, Kathy Sapienza, Suzanne Travis, Martha (Marti) White.

ECUMENICAL LAY COUNCIL FOOD PANTRY – NORTHPORT

Each year at our picnics we have a donation jar for a local charity. This year we are supporting the Northport Food Pantry. All cash donations or checks payable to the Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry will be forwarded to the Food Pantry after the picnic.

R-UTN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Thanks to your generosity, at the June Senior Awards Ceremony, we presented two \$2,000 scholarships to graduating seniors. This year's recipients are Samantha Merrill and Emily Feit. Both of these young ladies plan to join the teaching profession. You can contribute by checking the appropriate box on the enclosed membership form and adding the amount to your dues check. Funds raised by the raffles at our luncheons are also donated to the scholarship fund.

In addition to our regular scholarships, this year a special scholarship fund allowed us to present in memory of John (Bill) Hosie, a \$2,000 award to the son of one of our in-service colleagues.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER OPTION

Beginning next year, we will offer members the option of downloading the newsletter from the website instead of receiving a paper copy in the mail. This will save mailing expenses and paper. It will also benefit those of our members who travel a great deal since we can only accommodate one mailing address per members. Please indicate your preference by checking the appropriate space on the enclosed membership form.

In Memoriam

Norm Orenstein

Submitted by Bill Hall

Norm was the President of the Northport Teachers' Association at the time of the merger that created the United Teachers of Northport. Following the merger he became our longtime grievance chair and was always a staunch advocate of teacher rights and insisted on the highest standards for everyone.

He taught for several years in the Canford, New Jersey social studies department. When Norm retired he moved to Florida.

A former student now author, Lee Anna Newmeyer, dedicated her book to him saying, "For Norman, who shared with me his heart and this story. This is my hug."

Greta Haberman and Miriam Goldstein

Both women were retired Dickinson Avenue teachers. Greta passed away in February 2015 and Miriam in February 2014. Sorry we did not hear sooner

Ernest Taub

Former Northport High School teacher and Assistant Principal, Ernie passed away on May 23 at the age of 86 at his home in Huntington. His passion and expertise inspired generations of students and colleagues at Northport High School between the years of 1961 and 1996, as well as at Stony Brook University.

Lois Hutwagner

Submitted by Myrna Rabinowitz

Lois passed away on June 26 in Palm Coast, Florida. Lois has lived in Florida since retiring from the Northport – East Northport UFSD in 1996. For all the years that Lois Hutwagner served as Principal's secretary, she was the glue that kept ENMS running smoothly. She had the ability to make each teacher, administrator, aide, and custodian feel special. She was a listener and daily, perhaps hourly, provided answers to so many questions asked of her. When Lois retired, there was a void in the building. She was and will continue to be missed.

Please see our website (<http://www.retiredteachersofnorthport.org>) to read the tribute to **Lois** from Dr. Muller.

IMPORTANT- VOTE/COPE

Please contribute to VOTE/COPE. It is extremely important that in this political climate and important election year, involving state and national elections, that you make a donation! Each of us must do everything we can to protect our hard-earned pensions and benefits. As life-long educators, we also need to be advocates for the children and our colleagues in New York State.

We need to support NYSUT with our voices, votes and contributions. A \$25 contribution from each retired teacher will help us to protect ourselves, our families and all present and future students from those special interest who are seeking to destroy public education and pension benefits. No amount is too small. Give what you can.

You may contribute at our **Annual Picnic on September 13th**. Bring your checkbook. If you do not attend the picnic, you will receive a donation request in the mail. Please respond as soon as possible. Send a donation, or request a direct deduction of a designated amount from your pension. Whatever means you choose will help in the fight to preserve public education and retirement benefits.

R-UTN MEMBERSHIP FORM 2016 - 17

ALL members must submit this form yearly

REMEMBER, you must be a dues paying member of the R-UTN in order to be eligible for participation in NYSUT/AFT programs and benefit packages.

Dues year is from 9/01/16 through 8/30/17 Dues **must** be paid by **OCTOBER 1ST** (Please do it now)

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP - is extended to members aged 80 and over (confidential). Full dues are no longer required, **but NYSUT requires us to collect a \$5.00 fee from Honorary members to maintain their eligibility for NYSUT /AFT programs and benefits.**

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP –is extended to all former non –UTN district employees (administrators, secretaries, aides, etc.).

R-UTN SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Your generosity allows us to give scholarships to Northport graduates who are pursuing a career in education (optional donation).

DETACH FORM HERE AND MAIL TO: Judy Bensimon, 10 Ardenale Road, East Northport, NY 11731

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____

NOTE: WE CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE ONE ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER PER MEMBER

Email address _____ **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

I would prefer to receive our newsletter: by email _____ **OR** in paper format _____

MEMBERSHIP: () New retiree (free) () Honorary member (\$5.00)

() General members (\$25.00) () Associate membership (\$25.00)

Scholarship fund contribution (optional) \$ _____

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| PICNIC (free for paid members) | TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13th | RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 6th |
| RSVP I will attend _____ with guest(s) (\$10 per guest) \$ _____ I will not attend _____ | | |

Make checks payable to: R-UTN Total from above (membership, scholarship, picnic) \$ _____

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RETIRED TEACHERS OF NORTHPORT

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MEMBERSHIP FORM ENCLOSED

TO

UPCOMING EVENTS

Retiree Council 23 has planned a **bus tour of the East End on Thursday September 22nd**. First stop is the Long House Reserve, followed by a visit to Duck Walk Vineyard. Lunch will be at the Tuscan House in Southampton and a visit to the Parrish Art Museum. Bus leaves the NYSUT Hauppauge Office at 7:45 am, cost is \$159. Per person. Registration deadline is September 1st. Contact Fran at laduca@aol.com for registration form.

The Annual NYSUT Regional Conference will be held on **Thursday, October 6th** at the Woodbury Country Club. This is a unique opportunity to meet with our State Legislators to discuss issues of interest to retirees. Cost \$37 per person includes luncheon. Contact Fran at laduca@aol.com for registration form.

Retiree Council 23 Annual Fall Luncheon will be at the Three Village Inn in Stony Brook on Friday October 28th. Cost \$33 per person. In addition to luncheon, there will be raffle gifts and a speaker who will discuss the pros and cons of the Constitutional Convention that will be voted on next year. Watch your mail for the NYSUT Retiree Newsletter for details and registration form.