



R-UTN Newsletter

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WINTER LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016

12 – 3 PM



6005 Jericho Turnpike
Commack, NY 11725



Menu

Tossed Salad

Entree Choices: Fish, Chicken, Beef, Vegetarian

Includes Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea and Dessert

Cash Bar

\$25 per person

Make checks payable to R-UTN and mail to Dave Hosie, 19 Jay Court, Northport, NY 11768.

If bringing a guest, please send name(s) to Dave.

Raffle gifts to be brought by 11:30AM

RSVP by November 28th

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Frances La Duca*

Almost 100 of our members attended the Annual September Picnic. It was a beautiful day, and, once again, the Vanderbilt Museum graciously hosted us. Thanks to Events Coordinator Lance, complimentary tours of the Mansion and a Planetarium show were enjoyed by attendees. It was a great time to exchange news and renew friendships.

Our next event will be the Winter Luncheon – details on front page – send in your reservation and checks now – before you get busy with Thanksgiving plans. Join us for good food, good company, and great raffle gifts.

Beginning this year, we are providing our newsletter electronically via our website to those who have selected that option on the membership renewal form. Paper copies will still be sent to all others.

In addition to the newsletter, our **website posts** timely items to keep you up to date and informed of current events and items of interest. To get automatic notice of new posts, go to our website <http://www.retiredteachersofnorthport.org/> and scroll down the right side column to “subscribe to blog , “ and type in your email, then click on “submit.” You will then get notices when new items are posted.

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NYSUT's VOTE/COPE campaign is underway. Contributions support NYSUT's lobbying efforts to protect our hard-won benefits (pensions, medical coverage, COLA increases, etc.), to improve state aid to local school districts, to fight the spread of Charter Schools, and to moderate the worst aspects of Common Core and Cuomo's teacher evaluation proposals. Contribution cards will soon be in the mail to those who have not yet contributed. Please respond with what amount you feel comfortable giving. The easiest way is to sign up for automatic pension deduction. Instructions are in the mailing.

Member News

Bobbi and Bill Scott just returned from a 15-day bus and river cruise from Berlin to Budapest down the scenic Danube River. Along the way they saw many sites left over from WWII. Walking through the Brandenburg Gate was amazing! There is even a McDonald's at Check Point Charley. They also saw cities like Dresden and Nuremburg that were completely destroyed during the war but are now completely rebuilt and looking like they were never touched by the past. It was like stepping back in history.

Ed and Doris Nostrand checked off a bucket list adventure when they took a paddle-wheeled steamboat trip. Ed wrote, "We embarked on the American Queen steamboat (www.AQSB.com) in St. Louis, MO and started a seven- day journey on the upper Mississippi River. On the way we visited Mark Twain's Hannibal, MO; Clinton, IA; Dubuque, IA; La Crosse, WI; and Red Wing, MN.

When the boat docked, AQSB motor coaches were there to provide a complimentary Hop On, Hop Off tour. A local guide boarded the coach to provide a narration of that port city and its attractions.

In Red Wing, MN, which is eagle country, and we spotted many along the banks. We even got some nice pictures."

The trip was totally wonderful, unfortunately, the return to LaGuardia Airport was not so wonderful. Let's hope the airport improvements move along quickly!

Chris Pendergast was featured in a *Newsday Kidsday* article about ALS this past summer. *Kidsday* reporter, Delaney Lutz, from Sayville, reported that "Chris Pendergast founded Ride for Life in July 1998, riding his electric scooter from Yankee Stadium to Washington, DC. He did it over the course of 16 days. Now the ride goes from Montauk Point to Manhattan. The event has raised close to \$5 million for ALS research. Pendergast is the only patient who participates for the entire length of the ride."

Irene Eckert is winning rave reviews for her classic film study presentations. Irene, retired High School Social Studies teacher, started taking film study classes after her children were grown. She has established herself as a film historian and is presenting classic films with critical analysis to packed audiences at public libraries, the Hutton House at CW POST, and the Cinema Art Center in Huntington. Irene came to the U.S. at the age of five and started going to the movies to learn about our culture and to improve her English. "If you want to teach classes or groups of people about a certain culture, show them something visual," Irene says. She believes pictures, films, or documentaries provide a better way to see how different people react in various circumstances. Irene's last presentation was "Divorce Italian Style." Check the newspapers and your library's newsletter for her next presentation. Her analysis will give you added insight and add to your enjoyment of the film being screened.

In Memoriam

Dorothy Bradnick

Dorothy passed away on August 23 at age 85. She had worked for about 20 years as a **teacher aide** in our schools. Her last position was working with Fred Craden in the Time Out Room at Northport High School. She loved working with Fred and his team.

Marilyn Fishstein

Retired Northport Middle School English teacher, passed away in October of 2016. Marilyn taught from the 1970s until the late 1990s. Her love of reading was passed on to her students. She enjoyed her retirement and was very active with her Florida groups. Marilyn is survived by her husband, Dan, two sons, Bruce of New Jersey and Mark of Northport, as well as five grandchildren. Condolences can be sent to her husband, Dan Fishstein at 7189 Treviso Lane, Boynton Beach FL 33437.

Hank Jennings

One time teacher at Dickinson Avenue School, passed away on September 19th, 2016. He was waked at Nolan's in Northport and interred in Calverton. Donations in his name can be made to Good Shepard Hospice, 101 Bi-County Blvd, Suite 114, Farmingdale, NY 11735. Condolence cards can be sent to his son Henry Jennings, 33 Dolphin Lane, Northport, NY 11768.

Dean Peterson

Former NHS biology teacher, passed away on August 31st, 2016 at his home in Green Cove Springs, Florida in his 80th year. Dean and his wife Phyllis moved to Florida after his thirty-three years in Northport, where he continued to teach biology for ten years as an adjunct professor at Florida Community College at Jacksonville (FCCJ). Dean is survived by his wife of 54 years, Phyllis, his son Michael, daughter Kathryn and three grandchildren. Donations may be made to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, or Orange Park United Methodist Church, 2051 Park Ave, Orange Park, FL 32073. Please sign the family's online guest book at www.broadusraines.com.

Nancy Gustave

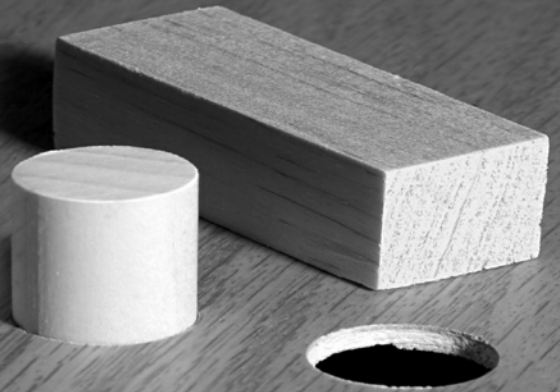
Former Northport teacher and long-time member of the Executive Board of the R-UTN, passed away in late August at the Hospice House on Laurel Avenue in East Northport after a short illness. She is survived by her husband, Wilfred. Nancy had requested no ceremony when the time came – so she was quietly cremated. Her husband Wilfred requested that those who wish to memorialize Nancy may make a donation to the Hospice House. Send donations to VNSHS, 101 Laurel Road, East Northport NY 11731, in memory of Nancy S. Gustave.

Please see our website, <http://www.retiredteachersofnorthport.org>, to read the tribute to Nancy by Ellsworth Welch, former principal of Ocean Avenue School.

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