



UTN-R NEWSLETTER

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Holiday Luncheon

Date: Wednesday November 19th

Time: 12 - 3

Price: \$26 per person at



*6001 Jericho Turnpike, Commack
631-462-0822*

Lunch

Salad

Entree Choices

Cedar Plank Salmon

Pecan Crusted Chicken

Jackson's Pasta with Chicken

Jackson's Specialty Hamburger



Includes Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea and Dessert

Cash Bar

Please RSVP by November 10th. Make out your check for \$26 to UTN-R and mail to Trudy Brewer, 20 Shelbourne Lane, Commack, NY 11725. If bringing a guest, please send their name(s) to her. If you miss the deadline, please call Trudy Brewer (631) 499-2239.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Frances LaDuca

November 4th is Election Day. It came as a shock to me to learn that less than half of retired teachers in Suffolk County voted in the last election. This year, NYSUT has not endorsed a candidate for Governor or Lt. Governor. NYSUT has endorsed Thomas DiNapoli for Comptroller, Eric Schneiderman for Attorney General, Tim Bishop and Steve Israel for U. S. Congress. The candidates for N.Y. State Assembly and Senate are listed on the NYSUT website. Click on MAC – to get the full list. NYSUT endorsements are based on the candidate's positions on educational issues. *Regardless of whether or not you agree with NYSUT's endorsements – I urge all of our members to VOTE. It is one of our most important civil rights and responsibilities as citizens.*

At the picnic, a proposal to change our name to Retired-United Teachers of Northport (R-UTN) was discussed and passed by the membership. The change gives emphasis to our status as retirees and helps to avoid confusion with the in-service United Teachers of Northport unit. This name change will go into effect sometime in 2015. Bill Hall made a motion in support of full-day kindergarten for the Northport school district. The membership voted unanimously to go on record in support of it. To publicize this stand, we manned a table at Cow Harbor Day on September 21st and distributed buttons and flyers describing the advantages of full-day kindergarten. It was a good start.

LUNCHEON RAFFLE

The Front page announces our Holiday Luncheon on November 19th at Jackson's in Commack. In addition to the good food and company, we will have our usual raffles of new and handmade items. Space is limited, so if you are donating something to the raffle contact Fran at 631-368-1545 to let her know what you are bringing. Items need to be delivered to Jackson's by 11:30. No items will be accepted after tickets are sold.

MEMBER NEWS

Judy Bensimon

Heartfelt condolences to **Ruth Bemak**, former elementary teacher (Bellerose,) on the loss of her husband Walter this past July. Walter was a high school English teacher. Ruth lives in Lenox, Mass.

Condolences also to the family of **Rich Hofer** (High School, science) who passed away early in the summer. Marie Broderick worked with him in the CORE program and writes, "He was a great guy."

Myrna Rabinowitz and husband **Mel** wrote, "We sincerely appreciate your kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, and visits after the passing of our beloved daughter, Julia Rabinowitz Shakter. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness."

Rose Marie Dunphy (retired, Science) is the author of a novel, *Orange Peels and Cobblestones* and a cookbook, *The Scent of Italian Cooking*. She will be talking about her books at Hampton Bays Library on Saturday, November 22 at 1p.m. She has previously appeared at Hofstra University and the Port Jefferson Library.

Pennsylvania resident **Leona Ahl** and her daughter Susan, also a retired teacher, shared a good laugh as Leona attached a note to her mutilated membership form explaining, "The dog ate my homework!"

Charlotte Koons reminds members that the Northport Arts Coalition sponsors many free events and they are usually very senior friendly. See www.northportarts.org. Questions? Call her at 631-261-8590.

The Northport High School auditorium was named **The Robert W. Krueger Performing Arts Center**.

Bob Benner keeps busy in the fall when Benner's Farm offers workshops, courses and seasonal events.



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Beautiful weather, great food, exceptional comradery - our picnic on September 3rd was a resounding success – thank you all for coming. It was the perfect opportunity to catch up with old friends and colleagues and to welcome new retirees to our ranks. Special kudos go to Jane Flood, Patti Terranova, Toni Dunican and Teddy Emanuel for all the planning and cleaning. Thanks also to Hank Kasvin for the beer, wine, soft drinks and ice, Miriam Feinstein and Judy Bensimon for ice, coolers and hot tea, and Linda Quinn for taking the photographs.

DIRECTIONS TO JACKSON'S

The parking and the entrance are in the rear.

Jackson's is located on the North side of Jericho.
Second light east of Larkfield Road
One mile west of Commack Road.
At light turn north into the rear parking lot.