



R-UTN Newsletter

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WINTER LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

12 – 3 PM

Orlando's Restaurant



285 Commack Road

Commack, NY 11725

631-462-2999

Menu:

Appetizer, salad, choice of five entrees, soft drinks, coffee, tea, and dessert trolley

\$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 27th

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.

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 particularly this year to defeat the Constitutional Convention proposal. Contribution cards will soon be in the mail to those that 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.

Again this year, we are providing our newsletter electronically via email to those who have selected that option on the membership renewal form. This is a convenience especially for those who split the year between homes. 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 ***Retired-United Teachers of Northport***, 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.

We rely on members to help keep our website and newsletter up to date – please send items to Linda (lsquinn@digitalquinn.com), Suzy (suzytravis@optonline.net) or Bobbi (scotta@optonline.net). Share your activities - special events in your life with your colleagues. See our editorial policy on the last page for guidelines.

VOTE/COPE CONTRIBUTIONS

Joanne Kroon, VOTE/COPE chair

For decades, the power of VOTE/COPE has worked for you, and now, more than ever, it needs you to do your part.

Your contribution supports NYSUT's efforts to protect public education, access to health care, pension and other retirement benefits, labor rights and fairness for working families and political action in support of candidates who share the union's agenda.

A contribution to VOTE/COPE ensures your voice will be heard on issues that affect your profession, community and your way of life.

VOTE/COPE donation packets will be in the mail soon. Please respond with your contribution.

You can contribute by check or credit card. Fill in the appropriate section on the contribution form, detach it and mail it to the address on the back of the form.

To sign up for pension deduction – the easiest way to contribute - use the bottom section “Pension Deduction Authorization Card”. Remember the amount you write on the donation line is a **MONTHLY** deduction. Use “United Teachers of Northport” as the local you retired from. Detach and return the form to VOTE/COPE, PO Box 5190, Albany, NY 12205-0190.

If you are already on Pension Deduction and want to change the amount you contribute, **write in the new monthly deduction amount – not the amount of the change.**

Thank you for your support

Member News

Mary Moore “retired from **Norwood** too many years ago to mention! I’d like to tell you about my wonderful granddaughter, Allie Long, who played soccer at Northport High School and went on to play soccer on a scholarship, as a result, Allie with all her soccer experience, ended up on the USA Olympic soccer team. She also currently plays on the Portland Thorns FC (Oregon), one of ten teams in the USA.

I’m sure her coach, **Tom Fazio at Northport High School**, gave her the good training and encouragement she needed to succeed! She also owes a great deal of credit to other coaches in the area, as well. They taught her to have self-confidence and to never give up trying to improve her skills in the game she loves with so much passion!”

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Marilyn Teitelbaum: “Sending greetings and a few lines back to Northport. I was a special education teacher at **Norwood Avenue School** and loved all my years teaching in Northport. I moved to California when I retired many years ago and have enjoyed the Newsletters all these years. It is so interesting and enjoyable to read about people from the past and what they are up to now. As for me, I did some tutoring in California and also volunteered at my local library. I still do that and enjoy it so much. Part of my family still lives in New York, and the other part live here on the west coast. Thanks for all the work you put in getting the Newsletter out and here is one satisfied customer thanking you.”

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Robert Shertzer reports that he spent lots of time last summer at Steers Beach. He has kayaked the waters of our harbor and Asharoken. He recently worked a week at The Northern Trust PGA FedEx Golf Tourney at Glen Oaks Club, Old Westbury. He had a great time as a Marshall on the 9th hole. He even got selfies with Speith and Paulina Gretzky (the fiancée of the tourney winner Dustin Johnson). He also met Ira Goodman on the 9th hole! It really brought back the old days. He has finished more home improvements and played lots of golf as well. He loves their dogs and has a great wife. LIFE IS GOOD!

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Howard Blue, retired **high school social studies teacher**, is completing his book about the 1956 kidnapping of one-month-old Peter Weinberger, which occurred in Westbury. He’s also in his fifth year of publishing “Copake History”, his Facebook page about the local history of a town in upstate New York where he and Debby have a house. Howard’s given half a dozen talks on the topic at the nearby Roe Jan Library. Howard can be reached at Memrevs@Gmail.com.

Suzy Travis, retired high school English teacher, recently returned from a one-week bareboat sailing charter in Grenada and St. Vincent. She and two of her female friends sailed on a 45' Beneteau sloop in uncharacteristically rough seas – the winds blew a steady 25 mph with gusts of 40 mph. The blue water swells got as high as 10'. It was both exhilarating and terrifying, and she's already planning her next adventure

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Judi Bensimon says that “the pleasantest part of working on the membership renewals is the little notes people include. Many thank the Executive Board members for the work we do. **Eileen Finkelstein** sent an apology for delay in responding - unnecessary because folks in Naples, Florida were kind of busy with hurricane Irma. **Anne Crandall** writes that this is her 26th year as a volunteer at St. Catherine's hospital. **Doris Maury's** daughter Debbie wrote to let us know that she continues to do well. She is in Memory Care in Florida where she is happy and participates in various activities. ‘Going out for ice cream remains her favorite!’”

RETIRED - UNITED TEACHERS OF NORTHPORT

We need help with the following committees:

- ♦ **Picnic Committee** – select caterer, menu, date and arrange for location, set up and clean up. Collect RSVPs and check in attendees.
- ♦ **Luncheon Committee** – select dates, locations, arrange menu, arrange and supervise the raffle. Collect RSVP checks, make name tags, and check in attendees
- ♦ **Communications Committee** – assist Bobbi Scott with sending out email notices and information to members.
- ♦ **Newsletter Committee** – assist Suzy Travis with collecting information and items of interest about the activities of our members for inclusion in the newsletter.

Come and join your colleagues, make or renew friendships, help make our association more responsive to the needs of our members.

Volunteers can contact Fran (631) 368-1545

NYSUT Member Benefits... more than just insurance!

As an additional benefit to NYSUT members and their families, your union membership allows you to participate in more than 40 programs & services endorsed by NYSUT Member Benefits.

These offerings include crucial products that you may already purchase such as life, auto & homeowners insurance, unbiased financial services and expert legal advice. But your NYSUT membership also allows you to participate in a variety of shopping, travel and personal programs that can help you save on everyday purchases and those special occasions.



Our endorsed shopping/travel/personal programs offer savings on numerous online purchases, including:

Theme Park & Movie Tickets
Hotel & Vacation Discounts
Car & Truck Rentals

Office Supply Discounts
Retail Store Discounts
Concerts & Sporting Events

Electronics Discounts
Ski Tickets
Car Buying Service

Participation in Member Benefits-endorsed programs also gives you a trusted advocate ready to assist you with any issues or concerns with any of our programs.

SIGN UP BY
JANUARY 31, 2018
TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN
PRIZES THROUGHOUT
THE MONTH!

Member Appreciation Month coming in February 2018!

As a show of thanks to the more than 600,000 NYSUT members that comprise this labor union, NYSUT Member Benefits will once again be holding our annual Member Appreciation Month celebration in February 2018.

Special prize drawings will be held each day of the month. To be eligible to win, you must be a member of our voluntary MAP Alert email service.

Sign up any time through the end of February 2018 to be eligible to win... but if you join MAP by January 31, 2018, you'll have the most chances to win!

To learn more about Member Benefits-endorsed programs & services, visit memberbenefits.nysut.org or call 800-626-8101.



For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits. Agency fee payers to NYSUT are eligible to participate in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.

In Memoriam

Marilouise Deloughry, Retired Norwood Avenue teacher passed away on October 12 at the age of 86. Donations in her name can be sent to Maryhaven, 51 Terryville Road, Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776 / maryhaven.chsli.org

Rosemary Jenkins, former teacher at Norwood, passed away recently. Donations in her memory may be made to the Visiting Nurse Service, 505 Main Street, Northport, NY 11768

Janet Simpson, retired Northport High School Art Teacher, died on October 4 at the age of 78. Janet retired in 1999 after a long career at the high school, where she developed the fashion design program as well as teaching drawing and painting. Janet is survived by her son Chris, daughter Karin, and grandchildren Erica and Jeff. Condolences may be sent to Karin Cohen, 5 Tudor City Place 609, New York, NY 10017. Donations in her memory may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society at mssociety.org.

Janet is fondly remembered and much missed by her Art Department colleagues, both in service and R-UTN. She continued as a working artist for many years.

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Editorial policy for the RUTN

NEWSLETTER: Our newsletter welcomes letters and articles from our members. Items submitted should address issues of interest and concern to our retirees. Articles must be limited to 250 words and should address a single issue. All points of view will be accepted as long as the article is not derogatory of any other point of view or group and is factually accurate. The editorial board reserves the right to edit for space and to determine the appropriateness of items submitted. Authors will be consulted about decisions of the editorial board prior to publication.

WEBSITE: Items submitted for posting should be brief and timely announcements of information or activities of interest or concern to our retirees. Information items must be factual and cite source of the data. Activity items will be accepted for free and open-to-the-public events. Postings for events sponsored by not-for-profit groups will also be accepted. Name of sponsoring group must be included in the posting. The editorial board reserves the right to edit for space and to determine the appropriateness of items.

***No ads or items of a commercial nature will be accepted
for the newsletter or for the website.***