



R-UTN Newsletter

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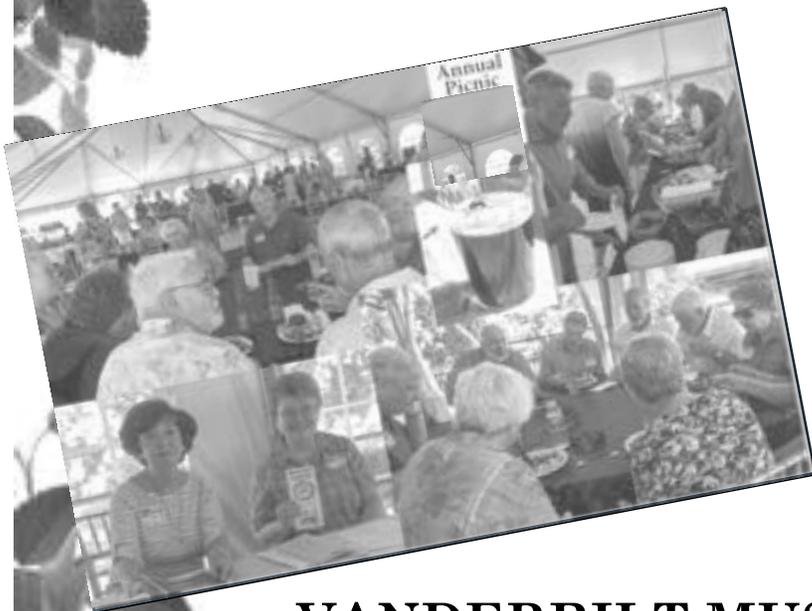
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Annual Picnic

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

11:30 AM



BUFFET PICNIC

WITH WRAPS &
HOT AND COLD DISHES

Water, soft drinks and beer will be served

FREE FOR PAID UP R-UTN MEMBERS

guests \$10 per guest

VANDERBILT MUSEUM

180 Little Neck Rd, Centerport, NY 11721

(631) 854-5579



MUST RSVP BY AUGUST 31, 2018 ON MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Available on the Website)

RENEW FRIENDSHIPS & WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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 membership form that was mailed to you recently, with your dues check, as soon as possible. If you have mislaid the form, it can be downloaded from our website. Looking forward to seeing all of you again on September 13.

◆ AS ALWAYS, WE WILL BE WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS – RETIREE CLASS OF 2018

Al Cicio, Debbie Culbert, JoAnn D'Abreu, Linda Dickman, Alecia Ernst, Ruth Gaines, Mindy Kurtzman, Janet Lambert, Diane Lipari, Kevin McGinn, Jon Meyers, Mary Ann Murphy, Virginia Neill-Meade, Jayne Sandman, Delores Scollan, George Searing, Don Sherman, Pauline Stasiuk, Joanne Sweeney, Claudia Tippet, and Janet Zagaro.

◆ R-UTN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Thanks to your generosity, in June we presented two \$2,000 scholarships to graduating seniors. This year's recipients are Ryan Dee and Alexandra Molnar. Both of them plan to join the teaching profession. You can contribute by checking the appropriate box on the membership form and adding the amount to your check. Funds raised by the raffles at our luncheons are also donated to the scholarship fund. In addition to our regular scholarships, this year we presented two \$1,000 awards to the children of two of our in-service colleagues.

◆ ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER OPTION

Last year, we began offering members the option of receiving the newsletter by email 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 member. Please indicate your preference by checking the appropriate box on the membership form.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGES

Joanne Kroon

Help Us! Help Others!

At our annual picnic in September, as in years past, let us continue to help local families in need by bringing a food donation, or making a cash donation, to the Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry of the Frist Presbyterian Church of Northport.

The local food pantries need our support this September as families seek assistance to meet their needs. When you attend the R-UTN picnic, please bring a food donation or some paper or cleaning supplies to be donated. Remember, paper goods and personal hygiene supplies cannot be purchased with food stamps.

All donations will be collected and brought to the Northport Presbyterian Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry. This organization helps those in need and does not discriminate for any reason. Let's continue to do our part to prevent local hunger.

Help Us! Help Ourselves! Help Our Colleagues!

What does the Janus Decision mean for us as retirees? As retirees, we have benefitted from belonging to a well-organized union that bargained for us at the local, state, and national level. That same union continues to represent us as it advocates for maintaining our pensions and health benefits. Please read the article posted on our website about the impact of the decision.

Each year those benefits are under attack at the state and national level. For our sake, and for our colleagues in the classroom, we must speak out and be politically active to protect our hard-earned benefits. We must support our unions by **voluntarily** contributing our dues and donations to VOTE COPE and encouraging our colleagues to do so as well.



Volunteer Opportunities for Retired Teachers

Volunteering enriches the lives of the volunteers as much as it benefits the recipient of their services. There are many organizations on Long Island looking for people who want to help.

Below are brief descriptions of three organizations, **Family and Children's Association**, written by Rosalie Candell; **Opening Word**, written by Jane Flood; and **The Guide Dog Foundation**, written by Teddy Emanuel, all retired teachers. We would like to hear about your volunteer experiences as well – please email a brief paragraph with contact information to suzytravis@optonline.net.

- ♦ **Family and Children's Association** has a volunteer ombudservice program which serves the residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities and adult homes. As a volunteer ombudsman, I advocate for this most vulnerable population by observing, communicating, trouble-shooting, facilitating, listening, educating, and mediating for the residents and their family members at two facilities to which I have been assigned.

Family and Children's Association
Long Term Care Ombudservice
100 East Old Country Road
Mineola, NY 11501
516 466-9718

This same association also exists in Suffolk County.

Rosalie Candell

- ♦ **Opening Word** is a literacy program whose volunteers teach the English language to immigrant women often under-educated and/or underemployed. Its goal is to provide them with a key to future personal empowerment, increased civic and social responsibility, and enhanced work skills needed in the workforce. I invite you to visit the website to learn more about the program or contact me - it's an unbelievably rewarding experience! Eight years for me at the Huntington Station site and counting!www.openingword.org.

Jane Flood

- ♦ **The Guide Dog Foundation** breeds, raises, and trains guide dogs for people who are blind or have low vision to enable them to live without boundaries. Do you want to get in on the action? There's no shortage of volunteer opportunities. To find the right one for you, visit: Volunteer.GuideDog.org

Teddy Emanuel

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We work for you – contact us with questions, suggestions, or information. Thank you.

Retired United Teachers of Northport

We need help with the following committees:

- ♦ **Picnic Committee** – They select the caterer, menu, date, and arrange for location, set up, and clean up. They also collect RSVPs and check in attendees.
- ♦ **Luncheon Committee** – They select the location, date, arrange the menu, arrange and supervise the raffle. They also collect RSVP checks, make name tags, and check in attendees.
- ♦ **Communications Committee** – Bobbi Scott needs assistance with sending out email notices and information to members.
- ♦ **Newsletter Committee** – Suzy Travis needs assistance 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, and help make our association more responsive to the needs of our members.

Volunteers can contact Fran LaDuca at 631-368-1545



NYSUT ENDORSED CANDIDATES - - Frances La Duca

Elections have consequences. This is especially true in bi-elections when turn out is traditionally low. It is important to make your voice heard – your vote counts. NYSUT endorses State Senate and Assembly candidates based on their votes and positions on issues of concern to teachers – state aide, evaluations, charter schools, tenure protections, benefits, etc. Below are the NYSUT endorsed candidates for your consideration.

Who you vote for is your personal choice – that you vote is the important thing.

Assembly District

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| 1 – Fred Thiele | 12 – Andrew Raia |
| 2 – Anthony Palumbo | 13 – Charles Lavine |
| 3 – Joe DeStefano | 14 – David McDonough |
| 4 – Steve Englebright | 15 – Michael Montesano |
| 5 – Doug Smith | 16 – Anthony D’Ursa |
| 6 – Philip Ramos | 17 – John Mikulin |
| 7 – Andrew Garbarino | 18 – no endorsement |
| 8 – David Morrissey | 19 – Ed Ra |
| 9 – Christine Pellegrino | 20 – Jack Vobis |
| 10 – Steve Stern | 21 – Judy Griffin |
| 11 – Kimber Jean-Pierre | 22 – Michaelle Solages |

Senate District

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| 1 – no endorsement | 6 – no endorsement |
| 2 – Kathleen Cleary | 7 – Anna Kaplan |
| 3 – Monica Martinez | 8 – John Brooks |
| 4 – Lou D’Amaro | 9 – Todd Kaminsky |
| 5 – James Gaughran | |

Update on NYSUT Endorsements

posted on the RUTN website by Linda Quinn

NYSUT endorsements hold senators accountable for APPR votes –

At its three-day Presidents Conference on Endorsements, NYSUT withheld support from every state senator who voted for more charter schools and against reforms to the state’s broken testing and evaluation system in the waning hours of the legislative session, but backed dozens of other candidates for state and federal office. The local presidents and political activists at the conference made “no endorsement” in the race

Member News ...

R-UTN members Margaret Minardi, Pamela Waldroup and Linda Quinn exhibited their art work in the **Salmagundi 2018 Annual Photography & Graphics Exhibition for Non-Members**, this past summer.

Margaret is had two pieces in the Graphics Exhibition, *Grackle* and *Juliet*. Pamela's photo, *Café Reflections, Corning Glass Museum*, and Linda's photo, *Through the Passenger Window*, were included in the Photography Exhibition.



"Grackle"



"Juliet"



"Café Reflections, Corning Glass Museum"



"Through the Passenger Window"

Go to the R-UTN website and click on the images for a larger view.

NYSUT RETIREE REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

This year, the Retiree Regional Conference will concentrate on legislation issues. All of the candidates for State Senate and Assembly seats have been invited and will be given an opportunity to present their positions on issues of concern to NYSUT and specifically to our retired colleagues. This is your opportunity to see the candidates in person and to question them on their passed votes and positions on issues of importance to you. This conference is always filled to capacity, so when you get the reservation form in the mail, return it immediately to ensure a place. It will be at the Woodbury Country Club on Wednesday, October 17. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and will end around 3 p.m. The \$45 registration fee includes breakfast and lunch.



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First Class Mail

TO

Northport Middle School (Middleville) Health Concerns

There is a private, secret Facebook page for people concerned about the health conditions at **Northport Middle School (Middleville)**.

It is private and secret to prevent the District and others from being easily able to search for it and follow it. It is also so people can have some privacy and feel safe posting or commenting. Most of the followers of the Facebook page have children currently in the district, so it's understandable that the page remain private.

You have to be invited by someone who is already a member. For that to happen you need to be FB friends with that member. If you are interested, you can enter the group through Suzy Travis or Phyllis Kobel (John). You can also be invited by anyone else you may know who is a member of the group.