



# R-UTN Newsletter

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## HOLIDAY GATHERING

### Mac's Steakhouse

12 Gerard Street, Huntington

(One block north of 25A/Main Street, off New York Ave.)



Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018

12:00 to 3:00 PM

- ∞ Tomato/Mozzarella, Caesar Salad *(family style, for table)*
- ∞ Choice of Seafood Risotto, Chicken Marsala,  
Ham/Cheese Burrito, Spinach & Cheese Omelet
- ∞ Seasonal Grilled Vegetables, Steak Fries *(family style, for table)*
- ∞ Bread
- ∞ Platters of Assorted Desserts
- ∞ Coffee, Tea, Soda

**\$25 PP**

RSVP by Monday, Nov. 26, 2018

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 Benefit our Scholarship Fund?  
Please Notify Fran La Duca and deliver to Mac's by 11:30 AM

*Bring Items  
for Food Bank*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Frances La Duca*

### ◆ Annual Picnic

A great time was had by all at the Annual September Picnic. Almost 100 of our members enjoyed the great food, company and scenery at the Vanberbilt Museum. This year we were treated to the music of *Glenn Baldwin* and company. Thanks to Glenn for giving his time to entertain us. Thanks also to those who donated items for the Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry in Northport. Thanks to Vice President *Joanne Kroon* for initiating the food drive.

### ◆ Winter Luncheon

Our next get together will be the Winter Luncheon -details on the front page. This is always a happy time to meet and greet former colleagues. As usual, we will have raffle items donated by our members – money raised goes toward our scholarship fund. In addition, attendees are also requested to bring items for another collection for the food pantry. This will be a regular part of all of our events from now on.

### ◆ Retired Staff Directory

For the past two years, we have offered members the option of receiving our newsletter by email attachment instead of a paper copy sent by mail. A little over one third of our members have selected this option. In past years, we have mailed each member the 10-page District Directory of Retired Staff. The Directory is prepared by the District Personnel Office and is sent to members as a courtesy. Beginning next year, we will also offer members the option of receiving this document by email attachment instead of by mail. You can also let us know if you do not want a copy of the Directory in either format.



*Stacey Weisberg and Frances La Duca*

## FROM UTN PRESIDENT

*Stacey Weisberg*

Hopefully all of you received our google forms on armed guards. The executive board will be attending a BTR on November 8<sup>th</sup>, and we want to know how the membership feels about armed guards. So please send that out.

Stacey - [utnpresidentnorthport@gmail.com](mailto:utnpresidentnorthport@gmail.com)

## MEMBER NEWS

On October 18, **Charlotte Koons** received a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the *Suffolk Chapter of the NYCLU* at their Gala at the Watermill.

**Alan Drysdale** is now living in Prescott, AZ and, at age 84, after 22 years of retirement, is finally sending out a much overdue thank you to all who participated in making his retirement such a happy memory.

*"First of, I again thank the art ladies Linda and Nancy for capturing the real essence of me in their fabulous caricature. I have that famed poster hanging in my office and it reminds me every day just how lucky I was to have so many great friends and wonderful colleagues. The amount of time and effort of those who created the poster, and those who got all the signatures without my ever getting a hint or suspecting, just amazes me."*

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGES

*Joanne Kroon*

At our annual holiday party in December, 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 First Presbyterian Church of Northport.

The local food pantries need our support, more than ever in December, as families seek assistance to meet their needs. When you attend the R-UTN luncheon 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 help our neighbors.

## IN MEMORIAM

*Please see our website for additional information*

**Joseph Gardner** was an elementary teacher for about 20 years, retiring in the 1980s. Joseph passed away on August 18<sup>th</sup> in Grand Junction Michigan, and is survived by his wife Sabine.

**Audrey Kelley**, former elementary teacher, passed away in Florida in September.

**Charlotte Schlichtmann**, a long-time math teacher at Northport Middle School, passed away on September 22, 2018 at the age of 91.

**Rochelle "Shelly" Zarro**, passed away on September 4 in Winter Garden, Florida. Shelly spent her entire career in the Northport-East Northport UFSD.

## Please contribute to VOTE/COPE

You will soon receive a donation request letter in the mail – please respond to it. 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 grandchildren of our colleagues in New York State.

We need to support NYSUT with our voices, votes and contributions. A \$25.00 contribution from each retired teacher will help to protect ourselves, our families, and all present and future students from those special interest groups, who are seeking to destroy public education and pension benefits. No amount is too small. Give what you can.

Send a donation, or request a direct deduction of a designated amount from your pension. **Remember that the amount you select for pension deduction is a monthly amount.** Any donation will help in the fight to preserve public education and retirement benefits.

### VOTE ON ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Please remember to VOTE on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and support the NYSUT endorsed candidates who will be your voice at the state and national levels. Each of us must do everything we can to protect our hard-earned pensions and benefits. As life-long educators, we need to be advocates for the children and our fellow educators in the public schools of New York State and across the nation.



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