

R-UTN Newsletter

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Irish Blessing

May your
troubles be less,
your Blessings
be more,
and nothing
but happiness
come through
your door!



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR R-UTN OFFICERS

It is election time again. Members interested in serving as R-UTN President, Vice President, Treasurer or Recording Secretary need to contact me by May 25th. The term of office is for two years. The slate of candidates will be posted on our website and published in the Summer newsletter. The election will take place by mail. Ballots will be mailed with the membership forms in August and need to be returned by September 15th. The elected officers are supported by an active Executive Board of committee chairs and other volunteers.

If not ready for elected office, consider joining one of our committees – social, communications, newsletter. The Board meets approximately 10 times a year. For more information, contact me or any other member of the Executive Board.

Nominations Committee Chair: Larry Ryan (631) 543-2462 or laryan@mac.com

MEMBER NEWS

Over thirty years ago, **Northport High School Social Studies teacher PETE WHITE** worked with his students to create “**Friends for 60,000**,” an organization designed to assist the needy in New York City. The name came from the estimated number of homeless in the city at that time.

After Pete retired in 2005, he formed the nonprofit organization “**Friends of Students for 60,000**” which provided the opportunity for former students and other adults to participate in activities of the organization.

For many years the focus of their activities was three small villages in Nicaragua where they helped build adequate housing and brought electricity and other services to the residents. In response to a serious health issue caused by contaminated water, they built a well to provide safe potable water. The work for the organization is carried out by a core of approximately 30 individuals who travel to and work in Nicaragua as well as 100 or so other people who provide financial support. All of those involved talk about how volunteering to help others provides personal satisfaction and enriches their own lives. Anyone interested in learning more can contact Pete at Pedro831@optonline.net.

One of **R-UTN Treasurer DAVE HOSIE**’s former students recently published a book of poems titled **The Lighthouse**. Dave was Elizabeth D. Macaluso’s third grade teacher approximately 30 years ago. Her book includes a poem called “Mister Hosie” which shares many fond memories of Dave, including a time when he “skipped and clicked his heels all the way down the hall.” “Mister Hosie” is a loving tribute to a dedicated educator.

EXECUTIVE BOARD - COMMITTEES

In addition to the elected officers of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary, the following committees serve on the R-UTN Executive Board.

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.

Membership Committee – collect membership forms and dues checks, maintain membership records and mailing lists.

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

IN MEMORIAM

- ♦ **BARBARA ATHANAS, elementary teacher in Dickinson Avenue School for over 20 years**, passed away on January 14 at the age of 76. Barbara is survived by her husband Andrew; her children Lauren, Neuse and Ryan; and two grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to the **American Cancer Society** online or by mail, 75 Davids Drive, Hauppauge, New York 11788
- ♦ **JOSEPH BRADLEY, 93, of Centereach**, passed away on February 28. Interment was at Calverton on March 6th. Condolences can be sent to the Bradley family, 162 Hawkins Rd, Centereach, NY 11720.
- ♦ **SELMA FIRESTONE taught at Pulaski Rd Elementary School** until her retirement 34 years ago. She was buried on February 23. Condolence cards can be sent to her family c/o of her son Scott, 18 Devonshire Court, Plainview, NY 11803. Memorial donations to the R-UTN Scholarship Fund, made out to **R-UTN** and mailed to David Hosie, 19 Jay Court, Northport, NY 11768.
- ♦ **BILL THERIEN, Northport High School science teacher**, passed away on February 8. According to Bill's wife Sandy, Bill was a fantastic teacher as well as a wonderful husband and father. Bill loved to golf, bowl, scuba dive and fly. He will be truly missed but not forgotten. Sandy assumes that Bill's hanging out in heaven with his buddies Bill Hosie and Dean Peterson! Condolences can be sent to Sandy in Florida at 24019 Milford Drive, Eustis, FL 32736.



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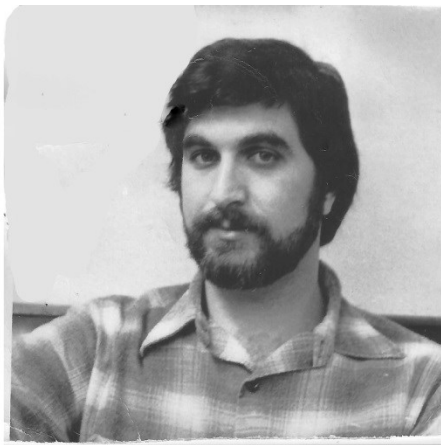
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A Blast from the Past

Who are these teachers?



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A: Myrna Rabinowitz; B: Peter Hounnere; C: Marie Baldwin