

Annual Picnic

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

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

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MUST RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 ON MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Available on the Website)

RENEW FRIENDSHIPS & WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Dear Colleagues,

Hooray! We start another year with our **Annual Picnic on Thursday September 23rd**. It will be held at the Vanderbilt Museum. Come and join us to say hello to past colleagues and to welcome our new retirees. The location is beautiful, under the tent, and the food, catered by Anderson's Deli in Kings Park, is always great. The picnic is free to paid-up members. We are looking forward to seeing you all. We hope that you are fully vaccinated for the good of all and will adhere to all CDC guidelines.

Your **MEMBERSHIP FORM** is being mailed separately - fill it out and mail it in with your dues check, payable to R-UTN, to membership chair Judy Bensimon as soon as possible.

Along with your dues, contributions to our scholarship fund can be made with the same check. Your generosity has made it possible for us to award three scholarships to Northport graduates who are planning to become teachers and to give awards to the graduating children of our in-service colleagues.

To help us keep up to date with our records, please remember to let us know if you change your address, phone number and especially your email address.

Your membership in the R-UTN also gives you membership in NYSUT. That allows you to participate in any of the award-winning insurance programs - Life, Health, Property, Major Medical, Long Term Care, Vision, Dental and Legal. Many other services and benefits are available to NYSUT members.

Watch the mail for the **VOTE/COPE** donation letter - it will be mailed in September. You can donate by sending in a check or by arranging for an automatic pension deduction. The pension deduction is the easiest way to donate - just remember that the amount you put on the form is a **MONTHLY** deduction.

Be well: stay safe,
The Executive Board



Stacey Weisberg, UTN President

I am very honored to be representing Nassau and Suffolk Autism Society of America (NSASA) on Saturday, October 2. I will be riding 100 miles from Brooklyn to the Hamptons to raise money for local families that have children with Autism. This foundation is very personal for me. My sister has four children, and her oldest is non-verbal Autistic. It is very difficult for her family to go out together because Jack needs special assistance. NSASA provides outings and field trips for all of these families where they can feel comfortable going to places as a family because all of the families are in similar situations. Last month, she brought her family to Adventureland and was able to enjoy the rides with her children. They closed *Adventureland* to only their group. The money we raise goes directly to these outings. NSASA gives 100 % of the fundraising money to the families for these field trips and outings.

I love this organization because not only does all of the money go to the families, but my own sister gets to go out with her kids. Thank you to the R-UTN for your generous donation. I feel very thankful that I am able to give this to these kids.



2021 R-UTN Scholarship Winners

The view from *The View at Crab Meadow* Golf Course on a summer afternoon was, as always, lovely! June 25 saw a gathering of many happy people ~ a BIG group of retirees from the UTN, both teachers and teaching assistants, and several deserving high school seniors, the recipients of RUTN scholarships, thanks to the generosity of our members. Several retirees were in attendance as well, including Teddy Emanuel, Bob Feinstein, Jane Flood, Gloria Hall, and Jerry and Glenda McNerney. We are proud to announce the recipients of this year's scholarships:

McKenzie Schuvart received the The Fran LaDuca Award in memory of Fran LaDuca, longtime president of the R-UTN. Fran was a library media specialist and a lover of books and literature. The scholarship in her honor was awarded to a senior who is seeking a career in education and has a love of literature. McKenzie will be attending the University of South Carolina at Columbia, SC.

McAuley Carroll received the The Ellsworth Welch Award in memory of former Ocean Avenue principal Ells Welch. It was awarded to a senior who plans to pursue a career in education. McAuley will be attending the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Nicole Geres was awarded The R-UTN Memorial Scholarship Award, in memory of our retired colleagues who died during the 2020- 2021 school year. It was also designated for a student who intends to pursue a career in the education. Nicole will attend Sacred Heart University in Connecticut.

The UTN chose the following recipients to receive scholarship awards:

Vincent Gaddis, son of Bellerose Avenue Teacher Janice Gaddis, will be attending the University of Tampa.

Robert Gonzalez, son of NHS Art Department teacher Robin O' Neill – Gonzalez, will be attending SUNY Plattsburgh.

Thomas McDonagh, son of ENMS teacher Christine McDonagh, will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Steven Torre, son of NMS teacher Michele Torre, will be attending Colgate University.

Good will and good cheer were present as well, and it all added up to a wonderful afternoon! Many thanks to Stacey Weisberg, UTN President, and Judy Griffin, UTN Secretary, for planning and hosting! And thanks to our RUTN members for their continued generosity!

IN MEMORIAM

Please see our website for more details

- ◆ **DONALD BARRON**, *former principal of Pulaski Road School and Northport High School special education teacher*, passed away on June 6. He requested donations in his name to the charity of the donor's choice.
- ◆ **JOSEPH CANNATA**, *retired Larkfield and Bellerose Elementary Schools teacher*, passed away in on May 23.
- ◆ **IRENE ECKERT**, *long time Social Studies teacher and R-UTN executive board member*, passed away on July 8 at the age of 92 after a short illness. Memorial Donation may be made in Irene's name to: CHD Coalition, 45 Carey Ave 250 #1, Butler, NJ 07405
- ◆ **PHYLLIS MESSINA**, *retired ENMS Computer Lab aide*, passed away on June 13 at the age of 77. Donations in Phyllis' memory may be sent to support the **Philip Messina Memorial Golf Outing**, an annual event named for her late husband.
- ◆ **PEGGY RUMORE**, *retired Ocean Avenue teacher*, passed away on Sunday, June 27. Donations in Peggy's memory may be sent to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church Parish Outreach, 53 Prospect Road, Centerport, NY 11721.



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