

### Late Summer/Fall 2024 Newsletter

# **NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 22**

A NYSUT-NEA-AFT Affiliate

RC-22 Website http://rc22.ny.aft.org/

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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello to all our RC22, brand new or experienced, NYSUT retirees!

We have a very busy and exciting year ahead of us, beginning with our annual "Welcome to Retirement" complimentary brunch on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. Once again, we will gather at The Vineyards at Aquebogue from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm to celebrate those entering retirement and make the case for staying connected and involved in NYSUT as lifelong members. This event will be open to ALL RC22 members, although we will prioritize seats for those who retired in the 2023-24 school year. The first 100 people to RSVP will be able to attend, and we will have a waiting list in the event all seats are filled and people still want to go. Look for the registration form in this newsletter or just type in this link to register: https://tinyurl.com/RC22Brunch2024.

We also would like to see you at the NYSUT Long Island Retirees Legislative Conference which will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Marriott Melville. You must register in advance to attend--breakfast and lunch are included. You will receive a flyer with registration info next month.

This fall we will focus on the upcoming November 5th election where your vote will matter more than ever. At the state level, NYSUT has endorsed candidates from both parties who have been supportive of our public schools and our union issues in Albany. You can find a complete list of endorsed candidates at the NYSUT.org website. Four NYSUT-endorsed Long Island congressional candidates have been invited to speak at the Oct 15th conference. At the federal level, AFT and NYSUT have endorsed pro-public education and pro-union Vice President Kamala Harris and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz (who **IS** an AFT member and a 20-year high school social studies teacher and football coach) for US President and Vice President. If you are interested in phone-banking or supporting our endorsed candidates in other ways, stay tuned.

Terry Kalb, RC22 President



#### **Upcoming Events**

#### **SAVE THE DATES**

#### RC 22 Member Brunch Meeting Vineyards at Aquebogue

(See flyer page 3)
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 @ 11:30

#### **Register Online Today!**

https://tinyurl.com/RC22Brunch2024

**Trouble registering**? Contact us at: rc22president@gmail.com

**NYSUT Retiree Conference** 

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

#### **RC-22 Executive Board**

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Terry Kalb

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#### **NYSUT Delegates**

Rosemary Brennan Mary Ellen Pantaleo Terry Kalb (President)

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#### Representatives

**Bellport-South Ctry** Teri Palermo **BOCES** TBD

Mattituck-Cutchogue Elena Grefe

Pat-Med Gail Shafer

Riverhead Pamela Normandeau

**Rocky Point** Susan Wilson

Sag Harbor Marianne Terrigno

**Southampton** Vinny Mangano and Alternate Shelley Borkoski

William Floyd Sue Gleason

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A RETIREE CHAPTER AND A RETIREE COUNCIL?

Retiree Chapters are extensions of your union local in the district you retired from that help keep local retirees connected to each other for social and other union-related activities. **Not every union local has a Retiree Chapter.** Retiree Councils are NYSUT organizations that are geographically-based around New York State; there is even a Retiree Council in Florida since we have so many NYSUT members that retire to that state. Our RC is RC22 and covers the mid-Suffolk to our East End district retirees. The local Retiree Chapters belong to our RC. Those retirees from districts where there is no Retiree Chapter may become individual members. If you belong to a Retiree Chapter, your Chapter pays your \$5 annual participation fee on your behalf.

If you are retired from one of the districts with an official chapter and pay your local chapter dues, you DO NOT need to join as an individual; your chapter pays \$5 on your behalf as it comes out of your local dues.

- Bellport/South Country
- Eastern Suffolk BOCES
- Mattituck-Cutchogue
- Patchogue-Medford
- Riverhead
- Rocky Point
- Sag Harbor
- Southampton
- William Floyd

If you are retired from a district **NOT LISTED** above, you **DO NOT** have a local retiree chapter at this time. You will need to send in your \$5 participation fee annually to RC22 to be an individual member. The form is included on the last page of this newsletter.

# SAVE THE DATE

2024 NYSUT Retiree Conference Long Island Retirees in Action!

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

9 AM to 3 PM

Marriott Melville, Long Island 1350 Walt Whitman Road Melville, NY 11747

\$56

Continental Breakfast and Plated Lunch Included

REGISTRATION FORMS AND MORE INFORMATION WILL BE MAILED TO ALL RETIREES IN SEPTEMBER

#### **Questions?**

Contact Jim Kinnier, Retiree Services Consultant Suffolk County 631-273-8822

### WHO RUNS RC22 (RETIREE COUNCIL 22)?

Our RC is run by our four officers and two delegates elected every three years. Our Executive Board is made up of representatives from the existing local Retiree Chapters. The RC22 President and the two elected delegates attend semi-annual meetings in Albany and represent you at the annual NYSUT Representative Assembly. We are your link to communicate with our statewide union and advocate for our retirees' needs and concerns.

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We need representatives in the halls of power – from Albany to Washington – who will work to find common ground to get things done for working-class families and strong public schools. ... NYSUT is thrilled to endorse candidates who we feel share these values and who are committed to democracy, compromise and healthy debate so we can get important things done together."

You can find the complete list of NYSUT endorsements by visiting the link below or by scanning the QR code on the right: https://tinyurl.com/2024NYSUTEndorsements





# THE VINEYARDS AT AQUEBOGUE

978 MAIN ROAD IN AQUEBOGUE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024 11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM COST: COMPLIMENTARY\*

The Executive Board of RC22 will share information with you about the NYSUT Retiree Services and how together we can use our collective power to protect our hard-earned union pensions and benefits in retirement. We are so excited to meet you in person and welcome you to RC22 where we are **UNION FOR LIFE!** 







\*No cost to our RC22 NYSUT members.

The venue can accommodate approximately 100 guests and seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. New 2024 retirees will receive first preference.







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### 2024-2025 Individual Membership Form

New York State United Teachers – Retiree Chapter #22

Date:	Participation Fee \$5.00	New Member	☐ Renewal
Name			
		Year Retired:	
Street Address:			
Town		ZIP:	
Contact Phone #()_		_ Is this your	se # Cell #
Email Address* (please print clearly) *We respect your privacy and will not sh			

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