



AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 22

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello RC 22 Retirees,

Welcome to our brand new class of 2025-26 retirees who may not feel the reality of retirement until the start of school this September. Even our more experienced retirees may still find the rhythms of the year still moving in time to the September to June calendar. I know it took me at least three years of retirement to stop having those back to school nightmares in late August, the ones where I show up hours late the first day, or in my PJs greeting the students.



New retirees may be wondering what exactly is RC 22? The RC stands for Retiree Council, one of almost 50 set up by NYSUT over 30 years ago to have a structure for retiree representation in the governing of our union. Our RC is #22, representing the NYSUT retirees of the easternmost part of Suffolk County school districts. Almost one third of our union is made up of its retirees, and it's so important that we continue to be a vital part of its capacity to not only survive but thrive! Retiree representation keeps gives our retiree concerns seats at the table where our union shapes its agenda and priorities. If your school district has a NYSUT Retiree Chapter, your chapter dues cover the cost of your membership in RC 22. If there is no retiree chapter in the district you retired from, you may join the RC as an individual member by paying a nominal \$5 fee annually per school year. Individual members should complete the form in this newsletter and send it with the check to RC 22 at to our new address-P.O. BOX 55, Wading River NY 11792.

Enjoy the rest of your summer everyone!

...Terry Kalb, RC 22 President

VOTE-COPE

VOTE-COPE is the statewide union's voluntary, non-partisan advocacy fund. NYSUT member contributions help us advocate for our members' rights and for strong, safe public schools across the state. No member dues dollars are used to support political candidates.

Only NYSUT members can donate to **VOTE-COPE**, so you will need your NYSUT member ID. To donate to **VOTE-COPE** contact your local or click <https://www.nysut.org/my-nysut/reference/toolkit/member/political-action/vote-cope>.



Upcoming Events

RC 22 Retiree Brunch

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 @ 11:30 AM

Register Online Today!

<https://forms.gle/RWbMJp4iXmTD9Ha57>



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

NYSUT FALL RETIREE CONFERENCE Melville Marriott

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 **OR**

Riverhead Residence Inn

Thursday, October 15, 2026

RC 22 Executive Board

President Terry Kalb

Vice President Monica DiGiovanni

Secretary Susan Wilson

Treasurer Nancy Lukoski

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Ellen Pitrelli

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SAVE THE DATE—LONG ISLAND NYSUT RETIREE CONFERENCE



The 2026 Nassau/Suffolk Regional Retiree Conferences will be held on October 14th (Nassau ~ Melville Marriott) **or** October 15th (Suffolk ~ Resident Inn Riverhead). Information will be sent via email in the near future.

RECAP--ELECTIONS AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Retiree Council 22 held its elections for officers, directors, and delegates at the annual membership meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2026 via Zoom. Thank you to all that registered and attended. The following were elected to a three-year term (2026-2029). Congratulations to our new board and best of luck!

- Terry Kalb-President
- Monica DiGiovanni-VP
- Susan Wilson-Secretary
- Nancy Lukoski-Treasurer
- Mary Ellen Pantaleo-Delegate
- Ellen Pitrelli-Delegate
- Rosemary Brennan-Alt Delegate

THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING RC 22 OFFICERS

It is with immense gratitude that we honor and thank our outgoing RC 22 Secretary, Chris Wasko, and Treasurer, Bill Rockwell. Serving on any board is a commitment, but serving on the RC Board for decades takes true devotion. Day in and day out, Chris and Bill have kept our records straight, our finances sound, and our retiree council moving forward. We are deeply thankful for their decades of wisdom, generosity, and service.

MEDICARE B & IRMAA REIMBURSEMENT



NYSUT retirees are eligible for reimbursement of their Medicare Part B premiums after reaching age 65. This includes the standard premium amount. Retirees should be aware that if they pay more than the standard

amount due to the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA), they can also seek reimbursement for these additional costs. **If you are turning or over 65**, please reach out to the Human Resources Department in the district you retired from to inquire about the procedure and timeline for reimbursement.

RC 22 HAS A NEW MAILING ADDRESS



RC 22 has a new mailing address. Effective immediately, please send your dues and other correspondence to:

**RC 22
P.O. BOX 55
WADING RIVER, NY 11792**



RC 22 ANNUAL RETIREE BRUNCH



On Tuesday, September 29, RC 22 will once again host the Annual Retiree Brunch at The Vineyards at Aquebogue. The event, which will be from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, brings together current and past retirees from an array of school districts in RC 22. There is **no cost** to our RC 22 NYSUT members. The venue can accommodate approximately 130 guests and seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. **New 2026 retirees will receive first preference.** Register using this link: <https://forms.gle/RWbMJp4iXmTD9Ha57> or scan the QR code on the right.



HOW TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH NYSUT



How do you keep in touch to get all the latest information from NYSUT about services and programs available for retirees? If NYSUT does not have your current e-mail address, please go online to update your contact information.

Either scan the QR code on the left or connect online by going to: nysut.org/RetireeEmail



Member Benefits covers all your summer needs!



May/June 2026

No matter what your upcoming plans include, NYSUT Member Benefits can help turn this summer into one that you'll always remember.

If you're seeking excitement, look no further than the Grand Circle Travel & Overseas Adventure Travel program. NYSUT members enjoy reduced pricing (at least a \$150 savings per trip along with many other discount opportunities) on a variety of international and domestic tours, including new "Immersion" adventures (8-12 days in length) designed for travelers seeking a more active style of adventure. "Immersion" tours combine iconic destinations, authentic cultural experiences, and dynamic outdoor activities.

Transform your indoor or outdoor

living space with a variety of options from **Purchasing Power**. Eligible NYSUT members can browse from thousands of items and pay over 12 months through payroll deduction or Automated Clearing House (ACH) withdrawals. Save 20% on your first order and at least 10% on all subsequent purchases. While not a discount program, Purchasing Power offers the benefits of no credit check, no hidden fees, and fixed payments.

Thinking about upgrading your home with new appliances, countertops, or kitchen cabinets? The **Buyer's Edge, Inc.** buying service program can be

used to purchase these items and many others such as new or used vehicles, televisions, furniture, mattresses, desktop and laptop computers, home security systems, and more (all backed by a low price guarantee). With Buyer's Edge, you have the option of purchasing online, by phone, or in-person (in certain benefit categories and geographic regions).

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2026-2027 Individual Membership Form

Membership Period of July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027

New York State United Teachers – Retiree Chapter #22

If you already pay dues as a member of NYSUT Retiree Chapter through your local, you should NOT join as an individual member of RC 22. Your chapter pays your RC 22 dues on your behalf.

Date: _____ **Individual Participation Fee \$5.00** ☐ New Member ☐ Renewing Member

Name _____

School District You Retired From: _____ Year Retired: _____

Street Address: _____

Town _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Contact Phone #(_____) _____ Is this your ☐ House # ☐ Cell #

Email Address (please print clearly) _____

Please make checks payable "RC 22"
Any questions? Email RC22.NYSUT@gmail.com

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