

THE R. C. #4 GRAPEVINE



NYSUT Retiree Council 4 (RC4)--Retiree Election District 51

March 2014

IMPORTANT RC# 4 ELECTION NEWS

2014 –A big year for RC#4

With all the changes facing education today, RC #4 is also faced with changes-it is an election year for officers and delegates; it is time to revisit the Constitution and By-laws; and it is time to determine the future of our 2 divisions (Chautauqua and CARD).

RC #4 will be holding a **general membership meeting at 3:30pm** immediately following the Regional Conference on May 21, 2014 at the Seneca/Allegany Casino. You do not need to attend the conference to attend the membership meeting. At this very important meeting you will be electing officers for a 3 year term, discussing the future of the divisions and making the necessary By-law changes. **We welcome and need your voice-** your ideas and thoughts, your support.

A nominating committee chaired by Jim McGrath, has prepared a slate of officers and directors for consideration for the 3 year term:

President /1st delegate-Mary Raymond
Vice-President/2nd delegate-Lee Gridley
Secretary-Chris Page
Treasurer-Jim McGrath
Directors- Rick Crandall, Frank Gawnowski,
Doris LaSpada, Kay Richard,
Warner Page
Delegate-Jim McGrath
Alternate Delegates-Rick Crandall

Please take a look at the description of the duties for each office. If you feel that you would be interested in serving you can be nominated at the meeting. According to the By-laws, any member in good standing is eligible to serve.

NYSUT RC#4 OFFICERS

President - Lee Gridley
Vice President - Warner Page
Secretary - Chris Page
Treasurer - Jim McGrath
Director - Mary Raymond
Director - Chris Page
Director - Warner Page
Delegates -
Lee Gridley
Mary Raymond

DIVISION OFFICERS:

C.A.R.D.

Treasurer - Dennis McCauley
Chautauqua
Treasurer - Kay Richard

Webmaster - Richard Steinfeldt
Newsletter - Mary Raymond

Retiree Services

Consultant -

Louise Ortman

In This Issue

- Elections ED#4
- NYSUT's Annual Regional Retiree Conference ED#4 and #46

Continued on Page 2

Duties of the President: The President shall:

- be Chief Executive Officer of NYSYT Retiree Council #4; and administer all affairs and execute all policies of the organization;
- preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and general membership;
- represent the organization with all external groups
- appoint and establish the function for all committees with the approval of the Board of Directors;
- call regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors and general membership;
- fulfill such other duties as the office requires and as are consistent with these By-laws;
- serve as an ex-officio advisor immediately following his/her term.

Duties of the Vice-President: The Vice-President shall:

- assume the duties and responsibilities of the President in his/her absence and shall perform such other duties as the President may designate.

Duties of the Secretary and Treasurer: The Secretary and Treasurer shall:

perform those duties usual to those offices and such other duties that may be required by the President and Board of Directors. There will be an annual review of Council finances. This will be performed by the officers or Board members. The fiscal year will be July 1st through June 30th of each year.

Duties of the Board of Directors:

- approve an annual budget;
- act upon expenditures as may be required;
- interpret the By-laws;

By-law changes for consideration: (changes are underlined)

Article II: Purposes #4 Delete

To promote the aims and objectives of Divisions of Retiree Council #4, namely the Chautauqua and Cattaraugus/Allegany areas.

Article V: Participation Fees #3 Delete and Add

All active members of the Retiree Council #4 shall pay the participation fee of \$5.00 per annum to the Treasurer of the Council. If any member is also a member of a division of said Council, the \$5.00 will be a part of the division's participation fee and forwarded to the Council Treasurer. Division fees are to be decided by each individual Division. **ADD:** The membership year will be the same as the fiscal year-July 1st through June 30th.

Article VII: Board of Directors #1 Change

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the duly-elected officers, the Past-President, plus three (3) members for a total of eight. **Change to read:** plus five (5) members for a total of ten.

Article IX: General Membership Meetings #3 Delete

Each division will host a Retiree Council #4 meeting once a year, open to anyone from the division.

Copies of the Constitution and By-laws will be available at the meeting.

If you are not sure if you are a member in good standing of RC#4 you can check by contacting Jim McGrath, Treasurer. Membership cards will be available at the meeting.

Notification through this newsletter will meet the requirements for notification of the membership for elections and by-law changes as stated in the Retiree Council #4 Constitution and By-laws.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 7:45 – 8:15 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast and Socializing
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. LUNCHEON ***PLEASE MAKE CHOICE ***
- 3:15 - 3:30 p.m. Wrap-up, Evaluations, Raffles, and Door Prizes

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE

Retiree Council #4 Annual Membership Meeting & Election of Officers

The Retiree Council #4 Annual Membership Meeting & Election of Officers will be held immediately following the conference. **There is no cost to attend this meeting.** This is a separate event from the conference.

WORKSHOP OUTLINES

“Current Issues in Education, NYSUT, and Albany”

Presented by NYSUT Secretary/Treasurer Lee Cutler

“NYSUT Retiree Unity” Presented by NYSUT Retiree Services Manager Floyd Cameron

“How is Your Pension System Doing?” Presented by NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli

Mr. DiNapoli is the sole trustee of the General Pension Fund. He will discuss the funding and its current status.

“Estate Planning & Protecting Your Assets”

Presented by Estate Planning Attorney Kameron Brooks

The use of trusts in order to be sure your family wealth stays in your family and your intended beneficiaries are protected.

“WINGS” Presented by Founder of Flights of Hope Joe DeMarco

Back By Popular Demand! WINGS Flights of Hope helps people in need of free air transportation for medical and humanitarian purposes. Helping anyone, anytime, anyplace.

“Staying Safe in this Technological Age”

Presented by Investigator John Lombardi of NYS Police Computer Crime Unit

How to stay safe during this age of technology. Including email scams, computer security, travel security, credit card safety, and the dangers of computer viruses.

“See What Benefits, Programs, & Services are Available For You”

Presented by Don Colligan, NYSUT Member Benefits

New and exciting discounts on shopping, travel, and insurance just to name a few of the perks of being a NYSUT Member.

Continued Page 4

We are pleased to announce that the Annual NYSUT Retiree Regional Conference will take place on **Wednesday, May 21, 2014**, at the **Seneca Allegany Casino & Hotel in Salamanca, New York**.

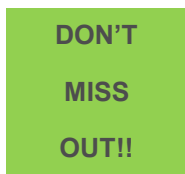
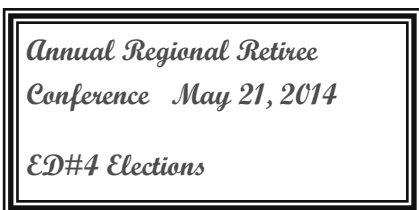
This year's conference will concentrate on **"ONE VOICE UNITED"** and is again a joint conference with both Retiree Council #4 and Retiree Council #46. We will be joined by NYSUT Secretary/Treasurer Lee Cutler as well as NYSUT Retiree Services Manager Floyd Cameron along with a vast array of workshop presenters guaranteed to engage all. Workshop topics to include **"How is Your Pension System Doing?"**, **"Staying Safe in this Technological Age"**, **"Estate Planning & Protecting Your Assets"**, **"See What Benefits, Programs & Services Are Available Through NYSUT Member Benefits"**, **"WINGS Flights of Hope, Helping People In Need"**, and so much more! Along with engaging workshops, come enjoy networking with fellow retirees, delicious food, awesome raffles and a beautiful venue.

Registration fee is **\$20** per participant which includes breakfast, delicious lunch and engaging workshops. To register by mail, send completed attached registration form and non-refundable check payable to NYSUT to 1 West Oak Hill Rd., Jamestown, NY 14701 **no later than May 1, 2014**. Please feel free to contact Lisa Perrin at 716-664-7425 or lperrin@nysutmail.org if you have any questions.



Wanna stay and play??? If you are interested in spending the night prior to the conference, please contact the Seneca Allegany Casino and Hotel at 1-877-873-6322. Be sure to identify yourself as a NYSUT Conference Participant to take advantage of the **SPECIAL CONFERENCE RATE** of \$95 room rate (plus \$15 resort fee). **Rooms need to be reserved no later than April 18, 2014.**

Be sure to mention NYSUT!!!



NYSUT's Annual Retiree Regional Conference

ONE VOICE UNITED

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014 SENECA ALLEGANY CASINO & HOTEL
SALAMANCA, NY**



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ City, State and Zip _____

*****Please select a lunch selection*****

All entrées come with a cup of minestrone & brownies

Grilled Pineapple & Chicken Sandwich – with curried coconut mayo, arugula, and red onion

Barbequed Pork Sandwich – slow simmered pork on an oversized Kaiser roll

House & Baby Spinach w/Mesclun Greens Salad – w/cucumbers, tomatoes, carrots, olives, feta cheese w/Greek dressing

Please indicate here if you require any assistive device or accommodations as provided by the ADA. _____

Please return form and your check payable to NYSUT for \$20.00 by April 25, 2014

Lisa Perrin, Retiree Services Secretary, 1 West Oak Hill Road, Jamestown, New York 14701

****NOTE:** *A separate registration form is required for each person attending.*