

# THE R. C. #4 GRAPEVINE



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

March 2015

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Brother and Sister Retirees,

The GRAPEVINE has been on hiatus for many months. Be assured this does not mean that the RC#4 leadership has not been working on your behalf.

In May 2014 at the RC#4 annual meeting there was a change in leadership as well as a constitutional change. Elected to lead RC#4 were: President & 1st delegate-Mary Raymond; Vice-President & 2nd delegate-Lee Gridley; Secretary-Chris Page; Treasurer-Jim McGrath; Directors-Rick Crandall, Frank Garonski, Doris LaSpada, Kay Richard and Warner Page; Delegate-Jim McGrath; and Alternate Delegate-Rick Crandall.

The constitutional provision that provided our large area to be divided into CARD and Chautauqua overseen by RC#4 was eliminated with the RC being the sole representative of all three counties. Each geographic area will alternate meetings and activities beginning this June in Chautauqua county (see related article).

In October 2014 you were represented at the contiguous RC meeting in Albany. At this meeting I sat on the committee that considered resolutions to be presented at the Representative Assembly in 2015.

In November 2014 we participated in election events (phone banks, rallies and walks) and at the BON-TON Community Days sales.

In December 2014 we took action to use the CARD treasury monies to establish a scholarship in Cattaraugus/Allegany counties in honor of former member and past president of RC#4, Hobie Rhinehart (see related article).

In January 2015 we continued to monitor events in Albany and Washington. If you have access to I-phones or computers be sure to get the MAC app to keep you up to date and in contact with lawmakers regarding conditions re: in-service brothers and sisters; our grandchildren and their education; and our own retirement issues. We also started a page

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on Facebook. Be sure to like us there.

In February 2015 we attended the “What Kids Need Rally” in Olean.

In March 2015 we were your voice in Albany at the Committee of 100, bringing retiree issues and standing with our in-service colleagues directly to our elected officials.

In the upcoming months we will be: planning the June meeting in Jamestown, attending the Representative Assembly in Buffalo, attending the NYSUT Regional Retiree Conference in Corning with RC#46 (conference information will be coming, please consider attending), and planning events for the next year.

The Executive Committee meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday. If you have any ideas, concerns, comments please let us know. If you would like to assist us—we would like help with the newsletter, membership, social events and volunteering opportunities please let us know. You can reach us on Facebook, through the Jamestown Regional Office or at lakelady\_90@hotmail.com.

Most of all, our retirement is under attack from all factions. Only we can stay vigilant-know the issues and refute the inaccuracies. Use the MAC, read NYSUT United and the AFT publications and ACT-it is our future and the future of public education at stake.

In Solidarity, Mary

#### **SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED**

Retiree Council #4 has chosen to honor former president, and longtime Cattaraugus High School teacher, Hobart Rhinehart, with the Hobart Rhinehart Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will be administered by the Allegany County Foundation. It will be open to seniors from Cattaraugus and Allegany County high schools who are planning careers in education, healthcare or other fields represented by NYSUT. The first award will be given in 2016 to a senior from a Cattaraugus County high school. The 2017 award will go to a senior from Allegany County. The scholarship will alternate between the two counties.

Contributions to this scholarship can be made on-line: [www.alleganycountyareafoundation.org](http://www.alleganycountyareafoundation.org) or by check: Allegany County Area Foundation, Inc., 6087 State Route 19, Belmont, NY 14813.

Since 2002 the Chautauqua County retired teachers of RC#4 have given a scholarship in honor of Will Apps to reward an outstanding Education major at SUNY Fredonia who is from a Chautauqua County high school and has completed student teaching with honors.

Contributions to this scholarship can be sent to: Miss Kay Richard, 505 Water St., Fredonia, NY 14063.

## ***FINANCIAL RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS***

***NYSUT Member Benefits is excited to launch its newly created online Financial Planning Center to assist NYSUT members & their families with making a variety of important financial decisions.***



Whether you have questions about retirement planning, saving for college or considering purchasing a home, the Financial Planning Center offers valuable tools & resources to assist you. Take the time to check out everything this new section of our website has to offer and remember to bookmark it as we will continue to offer new items on a regular basis.

**This unique resource provides NYSUT members with free access to the following:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Financial calculators</b></li> <li>• <b>An interactive planning module</b></li> <li>• <b>Customized Kiplinger's retirement newsletter</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kiplinger's Annual Retirement Guide</b></li> <li>• <b>403(b) Field Guide</b></li> <li>• <b>Preventive Law Guides</b></li> <li>• <b>And more to come</b></li> </ul> |
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## PARTICIPATION FEE FOR RETIREE COUNCIL #4

Membership in RC#4 is \$5.00. You can also use this form to contribute to either the Will Apps Scholarship or the Hobie Rhinehart Scholarship. Send check or money order to: RC#4 Treasurer, Jim McGrath, 3060 Bakerstand Road, Franklinville, NY 14737.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Local Retired From \_\_\_\_\_ Date Retired \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Contribution: Will App \_\_\_\_\_ Hobie Rhinehart \_\_\_\_\_

### SAVE THE DATE

**MAY 27, 2015**

The 2015 NYSUT Regional Retiree Conference for RC# 4 & 46 will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Corning. We are looking forward to hearing from NYSUT officers as well as several interesting presenters and topics. You will not want to miss it. Keep an eye out for more information.

Louise Ortman, Retiree Services Consultant, RC#4 and RC#46.

### RC#4 OFFICERS

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### LAST CHILD IN THE WOODS

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19,2015**

RC#4 will sponsor an event beginning at 11am in the Jamestown Regional Office with a speaker, Joe Sweeney. A buffet lunch will follow at 11:45am. Participants will then travel to the Jamestown Audubon Society for an indoor nature talk on the “Last Child in the Woods” and a self-guided tour of the grounds. Cost of the event will be \$12 which will include the luncheon and the admission to the Audubon grounds. Watch for your reservation form.