

# THE R. C. #4 GRAPEVINE

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

1 West Oak Hill Road Jamestown, New York 14701

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From The President's Corner:

At their Annual Meeting last MAY 23RD, 2012, the Retiree Council #4 Members elected the following individuals as officers and delegates:

- President                    Lee Gridley
- Vice President           Warner Page
- Secretary                    Chris Page
- Treasurer                    Jim McGrath
- Newsletter Editor        Mary Raymond
- Webmaster and Altemate    Richard Steinfeldt

All of us were officers and delegates of the Retiree Council previously and, as such, we will always be indebted to Hobie Rhinehart for his years of leadership and loyalty to NYSUT and as President of R.C. #4. We are prepared to carry on with the work and projects that this group has embraced over the years while at the same time initiating those new areas of concern that will become evident as time moves forward.

In my opinion, R.C. # 4 has pursued a couple of endeavors that have been very rewarding for all who participated. Many members of the group are politically active and regularly meet with their state representatives on various retirement issues up before the NYS Legislature. In addition, our delegates attend the Committee of 100 each year in Albany to lobby for NYSUT (and our) interests. There are numerous other ways in which retirees can become politically active such as writing support letters for candidates of their choice, helping to get out the vote to support the passage of annual school budgets, carrying petitions to help candidates get on the ballot, participating in phone banks, etc.

The other area of activity for R.C. #4 members has been as volunteers at the sites of various disasters such as New Orleans following hurricane Katrina and Gowanda, N. Y. when they had a flood event about two years ago. We would also welcome any individuals who would like to join our volunteers in their future projects. If you have any suggestions for projects where we could be of help, please feel free to let us know. Our contact information appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

Retiree Council #4 is comprised of two Divisions; one for Chautauqua County and the second (CARD) for Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties. I would like to encourage all of you to join one of these groups as they regularly schedule events of many kinds, both social and informational. For example, there was an informational meeting and presentation sponsored by the Chautauqua Division, on June 19, 2012, at NYSUT Headquarters in Jamestown on "Fracking". CARD is currently planning their activities for the 2012 - 2013 season and there first activity details --a free at last luncheon -- is on page 2.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable summer season and look forward to a busy and eventful autumn particularly because of the very important election which will take place in November.

Yours in the spirit of unity and until next time,

Lee Gridley, President

## **WANTED: PARTICIPATION FEE July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013**

### **The fee for 2012-13 is NOW DUE!**

To join the Cattaraugus - Allegany Division (C.A.R.D.), please send your form and \$10.00 check payable to C.A.R.D. # 4 to: Dennis McCauley, P. O. Box 215, West Valley, NY 14171.

To join the *Chautauqua Division*, please send your form and \$10.00 check payable to Chautauqua Division to: Richard Steinfeldt, 2834 Straight Rd. Fredonia, NY 14063.

If you would like to contribute to just the Retiree Council, please send your form and \$5.00 check payable to Retiree Council #4 to: Warner Page 116 Monroe Terrace Olean, NY 14760.

Thanks so much for your support!

If you aren't sure if you have contributed, please contact your appropriate division and they will be glad to assist you.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E - MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL YOU RETIRED FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF RETIREMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

## Notes From Chautauqua Division

On Tuesday, June 19 the Chautauqua Division of RC4 hosted an informational event concerning fracking. After touring the NYSUT facilities, participants from all three counties served by RC4 enjoyed a buffet lunch and heard a presentation by Mr. Kim Sherwood who is a hydrologist and watershed planner. Originally from the Finger Lakes area of NYS, he spent about 20 years in the western US. Kim has a B.S. in Forest Resource Management and a M.S. in Forest Hydrology. His career in the West included work for the federal Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service, Weyerhaeuser Company and the City of Seattle. He returned to NYS in 2003 and works as a private consultant to help landowners and municipalities address natural resource concerns. As a member of the Chautauqua County Water Quality Task Force, he has participated on three subcommittee reviews of NYS DEC's proposed protocols and regulations for HVHF (high-volume hydraulic fracturing) horizontal drilling.

During his presentation, Mr. Sherwood addressed the fact that we in the northeast have a thing called winter which brings with it a need for large amounts of energy. He went on to consider the pros and cons of obtaining this energy from the natural gas locked in the Marcellus and Utica shale formations under most of WNY. For more info see website.

The 2011 - 2012 Edition 5 issue of the Retiree Organizer is now available to read on the NYSUT website:

[www.nysut.org](http://www.nysut.org). Please take time to check it out for information that may not appear in the newsletter.

### Notes from CARD

**"FREE AT LAST" to honor new retirees**

**Wednesday, September 19, 2012**

**Moonwinks, Route 305, Cuba, NY**

**Soup and Sandwich Buffet      \$14.00**

**10:30am      registration and coffee**

**11:00am      \* Program: Bill Heaney and Kay Bennett will present "Mary Jemison's Life at**

**Letchworth"**

**\* Short Business meeting with election of officers**

**This is an important meeting with decisions to be made for future activities for CARD.**

**The slate of officers:**

**President –**

**Vice President – Jim Maxim**

**Treasurer – Dennis McCauley**

**Secretary –**

If anyone is interested in running please contact Linda King at 716-257-5098 or [highlandbeagle@yahoo.com](mailto:highlandbeagle@yahoo.com). Nominations accepted from the floor.

**NOON      Luncheon / Door Prizes**

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**Please return form below**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**#Attending** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$14.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Jeanette Maxim and send to: Jeanette Maxim, 9 Bristol Street, Cuba, NY 14727**

**Reservations MUST be received by Friday, September 7th.**

## RETIREE COUNCIL #4 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Retiree Council #4 is pleased to award Larry Bourne the Outstanding Service Award for 2011 due to his many contributions to RC#4, his local, NYSUT, and his community.

Larry was born in Penfield, NY, and was the youngest of 8 children. Larry is quick to tell you "they saved the best for last"! He got his degree from Geneseo College and spent his career teaching special education in Randolph for 33 and one half years. He worked tirelessly for his local as a treasurer and delegate, as well as being in charge of the Randolph Central School ski, basketball, and wrestling programs.

Larry was active for many years in Retiree Council #4 where he served as treasurer and was on the Executive Board.

Along with his many achievements and contributions to his union and fellow members, Larry's service record in the town of Randolph, (which he refers to as "Paradise"), is absolutely remarkable! Some of his numerous and noteworthy contributions include:

- \* Four years of transporting patients to and from labs and x-ray departments at WCA Hospital in Jamestown. Larry says he likes this because he "gets to push people around"!
- \* Eleven years as a volunteer with Meals on Wheels
- \* Six years as a volunteer at the Jamestown Audubon Society
- \* Thirty Years as a volunteer with the Randolph Fire Company
- \* Several years of volunteering at the Kennedy Library

Larry continues to serve these organizations on a weekly basis and is an active member of the Episcopal Church, The Randolph Lyons Club, and the Randolph Historical Society. He will tell you that he cares about people and likes to keep busy. He has dedicated his life to enriching the lives of those around him. Larry Bourne is very deserving of this honor and RC#4 is appreciative of the opportunity to publicly recognize him and thank him for his service to others and his many accomplishments.

### NYSUT RC#4 OFFICERS

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Vice President - Warner Page  
Secretary - Chris Page  
Treasurer - James McGrath  
Director - Richard Steinfeldt  
Director - Mary Raymond  
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Warner Page  
Mary Raymond  
Chris Page  
Alternates - Richard Steinfeldt

#### DIVISION OFFICERS:

C.A.R.D.  
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Newsletter - Mary Raymond

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*Retiree Consultant* - Louise Ortman

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## Attention Locals: Don't miss out on a special prize drawing!

We know that your Local Association's newsletter is a great vehicle to find out what is going on in your region, meet the members of your local and learn about exciting opportunities available to you.

Along those lines, we have a great opportunity for you! NYSUT Member Benefits has launched a special prize drawing for all NYSUT members in an effort to encourage greater participation in our free MAP Alert email service.

MAP Alerts are sent approximately once every three weeks to your email inbox and contain information about new endorsed Member Benefits programs, changes to current programs and reminders about existing programs. And, you have our word that you will not be bombarded with email messages.

You will receive one entry into the drawing for every MAP Alert that you open and read before August 15. Winners will be announced on August 16 on the Member Benefits website!



If you are not already a MAP member, visit [memberbenefits.nysut.org](http://memberbenefits.nysut.org) and click on the MAP graphic in the upper right hand corner of our homepage to join this free service.

*Please note that you must be a NYSUT member to be eligible to win any of the prizes in this contest. Only one prize per winner. Current or retired NYSUT employees, NYSUT Member Benefits vendors, or their family members are not eligible to win.*



**All current and new MAP members who open at least one MAP Alert before August 15, 2012 are eligible to win the following prizes:**

<u>Grand Prize</u>	<u>First Prize</u>	<u>Second Prize</u>	<u>Third Prize</u>	<u>Fourth Prize</u>
Bose Home Theater System	iPad	Kindle Fire	Bose Noise-Canceling Headphones	\$50 Powell's Books Gift Card

For more information about this drawing, call **800-626-8101** or visit the Member Benefits website at [memberbenefits.nysut.org](http://memberbenefits.nysut.org).

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For information about programs or about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits. Agency fee payers to NYSUT are eligible to participate in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.

