

THE R. C. #4 GRAPEVINE

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

1 West Oak Hill Road Jamestown, New York 14701

Spring 2010

CALENDAR

April 29, 2010 – May 1, 2010 NYSUT Representative Assembly, Washington, D.C.

May 3, 2010 - Executive Committee Meeting, NYSUT office, Jamestown, 10:30 AM

June 7, 2010 - Executive Committee meeting, NYSUT office, Jamestown, 10:30 AM

June 23, 2010 - Annual Retiree Conference, Seneca - Allegany Casino.

INFORMATION TO HELP PROTECT US

Reduce Unwanted Telemarketing Phone Calls:

Register with National Do Not Call Register: 888-382-1222 or www.donotcall.gov

Opt-Out of Pre-Approved Unsolicited Credit Card Offers:

Call 888-OPT-OUT (888-567-8688) or online at www.optoutprescreen.com

Chautauqua County Humane Society Needs Help

The Chautauqua County Humane Society is seeking volunteers to help with a new humane education program. The program is designed to teach care, compassion, and respect for animals to students in grades K-4. The presentations are 30 minutes in length and consist of 6 sessions per class for each school year. CCHS is currently running a pilot program at Love School in Jamestown to fine tune the program, and then would like to offer it to other area schools. The Humane Society is looking for individuals that would be interested in being a presenter. CCHS will provide all materials and coordinate with the schools. Your time commitment is 1 week every other month from September to June. If you are interested in volunteering for this program or if you have any questions, please contact Sue Bobek at (716)665-2209 ext.212 or at sbobek@spcapets.com .

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NYSUT RC#4 Officers

President - Hobie Rhinehart
Vice President - Lee Gridley
Secretary - Chris Page
Treasurer - Warner Page
Director - Richard Steinfeldt
- Mary Raymond
- Chris Page
- Warner Page
Delegates - Hobie Rhinehart
- Lee Gridley
- Mary Raymond

Division Officers

C.A.R.D.

President - Linda King

Chautauqua

President - Doris LaSpada

Steuben

President - Allan Johnson

Webmaster - Richard Steinfeldt

Retiree Consultant - Louise Ortman

SAVE THE DATE!!

I am pleased to announce that we are planning a regional conference for all NYSUT retirees in Retiree Council 4. It will take place on **Wednesday, June 23, 2010**, at the Seneca Allegany Casino and Hotel. The theme of this year's conference is: "Landscaping Your Retirement". We have planned a variety of workshops and speakers covering a broad range of interesting and informative topics, along with door prizes and special treats. The conference fee includes a continental breakfast and a delicious buffet lunch.

NYSUT will pay \$15 of each member's cost to attend! RC4 will contribute \$5 of the cost for those members who have paid their \$10 participation fee as supporting members. This is a real bargain!!

Watch the mail for your invitation. You won't want to miss this exciting annual event!

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CALLING ALL RETIRED TEACHERS!

The WDI, (WorkForce Development Institute), of Chautauqua County is seeking instructors to teach resumes, and computer classes at the Chautauqua Works One Stops from March-June, with the possibility of extending the courses. Several Instructors are needed. Classes planned include Resumes, Word, Excel, Power Pointm and Quick Books. This is a great opportunity for someone who wants to make a difference, get back into a classroom, and earn some extra money. If you are interested send your resume to:

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Chautauqua Works
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Jamestown, NY 14701
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Retirees Raise Money For Volunteer and Relief Fund

Last month, RC#4 Retirees participated in the Bon Ton Community Day effort to raise money to support the RC#4 retiree volunteer and relief fund efforts. The Bon Ton Community Day Fall and Spring fund raising events have been very successful with the help of retirees Lee Gridley, Mary Raymond, Jeanette Maxim, Jim Maxim, Jim McGrath, Louise Ortman, Chris Page, Warner Page, and RC#4 President, Hobie Rhinehart. A big “thank you” goes to Bon Ton for supporting our disaster relief efforts.

NEA Member Benefits!

Did you know that as a NYSUT retiree you may enroll in NEA at no cost and are entitled to NEA member benefits?

Those benefits include a complimentary one year term life insurance policy!

Along with that there are product, stores, and travel discounts, vision, hearing, and prescription savings plans, reduced memberships in fitness clubs, and most recently a “Money Talk” blog, to mention just a few.

Check it out at:

www.neamb.com

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Retired Teachers Help Flood-Ravaged Area in February

Retirees from Retiree Council 4 donated their time and talents in the flood-damaged areas of Gowanda during the week of February 22. Although things look as if they are returning to normal when you drive down the main street, one of the directors of the ongoing volunteer effort told us that there are still several homes whose basements are filled with frozen mud. Many homes suffered interior damage when sewers backed up, and there is still much work to be done in the area.

Retiree volunteers included Louise Ortman, Mary Raymond, Rick Crandall, Jim McGrath, Warner Page, and Dick Steinfeldt.

If you would be interested in joining the volunteers in Gowanda, contact Warner Page (wcpage@roadrunner.com) or 716 372 5613.

RC#4 WEBSITE

www.nysutrc4.org

At the time of publication area events have not been scheduled Please be sure to check the website so you don't miss any of the upcoming events.

INFORMATION POSTED THERE IS CURRENT AND UP TO DATE.

Life does not come with clear directions...



- Relationship Issues
- Care for aging parents
- Substance abuse
- Medicare/Medicaid questions
- Chronic illness and Disabilities
- Reassurance through difficult times

Contact NYSUT Social Services
1-800-342-9810, ext. 6206 **or** socsvcs@nysutmail.org



WANTED: PARTICIPATION FEE July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

The participation fee for the 2009- 10 year is now due. If you want to join the Cattaraugus - Allegany Division , 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. If you are joining the Chautauqua Division, please enclose your form and \$10.00 check payable to Chautauqua Division and send to Pat Webb, P.O. Box 152, Forestville, NY 14062. If you would like to join the yet-to-be formed Western Steuben Division, please send only your form to Allan Johnson, 5 Mount View Road West, Bath, NY 14810 . Finally, 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 THAT YOU RETIRED FROM: _____

DATE OF RETIREMENT: _____

Legal questions have a way of piling up...

Maybe it's time to consider enrolling in the Legal Service Plan!

Stuff happens. You may be facing a speeding ticket, a house closing, a divorce, identity theft, elderly parent issues, and the list can go on and on. In today's world, at some point, you'll most likely need the advice or services of an attorney.

When that time comes, you can turn to the Legal Service Plan endorsed by NYSUT Member Benefits Trust.

When you enroll in the plan, you'll receive a multitude of benefits for personal legal matters. Anytime you wish to talk with an attorney, whether for advice or consultation, you have toll-free access weekdays during normal business hours. There's even a toll-free hotline for emergencies occurring beyond these hours.

You'll receive two, hour-long office consultations with a plan attorney, legal document review and legal letters written on your behalf.

If a problem can't be resolved by letter or phone, you'll be referred to a plan attorney. Referral attorneys are located throughout the continental US and charge plan members \$200 an hour or 40 percent less than their standard hourly rate, whichever is lower.

Many personal legal matters have fees that are capped, and there are guaranteed discounts on probate fees and personal injury cases.

Also included is a Legal Security Package each year of plan enrollment. This package includes forms to request a:

For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits or refer to your NYSUT Member Benefits Trust Summary Plan Description.

Agency fee payers to NYSUT are eligible to participate in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.

- **Simple will** - allows you to select a guardian for your children and beneficiaries of your estate. Without a will in place, the state makes these decisions. A will also speeds up the probate process and makes settling your estate much easier.

- **Power of attorney** - allows you to give another person the right to sign your name and transact your financial affairs.

- **Living will** - enables you to express your wishes regarding end-of-life treatment.

- **Health care proxy** - allows you to appoint someone to make medical decisions on your behalf if you are unable to make them yourself; it also contains directions regarding organ donation.

The plan offers advice and guidance with identity theft issues, debt consolidation and mortgage foreclosure.

You can purchase an Elder Law rider to help you in

your health and estate planning as well as assisting you with these issues for your parents and grandparents.

If you have a business of your own, for example, a rental income property, you can purchase the Business Protection rider to obtain business legal services.

To find out more, call Member Benefits at 800-626-8101. Or go to www.memberbenefits.nysut.org to view or print a brochure and enrollment form. You can also enroll online.



I'm not married. Do I need a will?

My monthly bills are too much to handle. What can I do?

It was a minor accident, I barely hit him! How can he sue me?

I'm starting a small business. Where can I get help?

My neighbor's tree is dangerously close to my house. What can I do?