

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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If you have not taken the time to visit the award winning RC#4 website you should do so as soon as you finish reading this newsletter. Current information about programs available to us as retirees, articles of current interest, and archives of past information is there. You won't miss a deadline if you check the site often.

www.nysutrc4.org

NYSUT RC#4 OFFICERS

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

DIVISION OFFICERS:

- C.A.R.D.*
- President - Linda King
- Chautauqua*
- President - Doris LaSpada
- Steuben*
- Allan Johnson, Carol Olszewski
- Webmaster* - Richard Steinfeldt

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Retiree Consultant - Louise Ortman

CALENDAR

- August 25, 2011 - C.A.R.D. event
- Fall - volunteering opportunities, watch the website for details
- meet the new retirees cocktail party, watch the website for details



Hobie Rhinehart with David Eggert at the Regional Office Awards Dinner

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A special presentation was made at the Regional Office Annual Awards Dinner at the Premire Banquet Center in Olean on June 2, 2011 to Hobie Rhinehart, President of RC#4. In presenting this award, David Eggert, director of the Jamestown Office recounted the vast contribution that Hobie has made in his career as an educator and a retiree in the ED and RC. To name just a few, Hobie had been involved in his local at Cattaraugus (now Cattaraugus/Little Valley) until his retirement. He is currently involved in the Central Labor Council-as one of the founders and past president; in the Labor/Religion Coalition; in the creation of RC#4. He has represented us at many local, state and national meetings. Hobie has attended every Representative Assembly.

Everyone who knows Hobie can attest to the fact that he was a great educator and he is a real champion for the labor movement and the cause of education.

Well done. Congratulations.

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REDISTRICTING

The final chapter in the unification agreement with NEA/NY includes redistricting both the ED districts as well as retiree councils. The plan was approved by the Board of Directors and voted and approved at the 2011 RA. There are three new retiree councils and each will have three delegates. This is basically a governance model for elections and representation. NYSUT has conducted meetings in all of the affected areas, including RC4, which will be losing the western Stueben region to the new RC46, which also includes some retirees from the former RC11. The town hall type meetings have centered around issues related to geographic boundaries, constitution revisions or drafting new constitutions, and the election of officers and delegates.

Please contact me at 716-664-7425, ext. 26, or e-mail me at lortman@nysutmail.org for more information.

Louise Ortman



Richard receiving the
"Best Retiree Website"
Award



Crowd shot from
the Annual Conference

GLIMPSES FROM AROUND RC#4



Directors with the acting
director of the NYS
Office for the Aging at
the annual conference



Chautauqua division
"gardening" program
with Sally Cunningham

NYSUT ANNUAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Annual Regional Retiree Conference was held on May 18 at The Seneca Allegany Casino in Salamanca. Ninety retirees enjoyed a full day with a wide range of presentations including social security, Medicare, elder law, dealing with stress, trends for senior living communities, NYSUT shopping, travel, and financial services, as well as tips on building muscle, bone and flexibility! The day included a delicious continental breakfast and a buffet lunch. NYSUT paid \$15. towards each person's registration fee, so our members enjoyed a fun and informative day with their friends at a very reasonable cost. ~Louise Ortman

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C.A.R.D. #4 SUMMER EVENT

Join your fellow retirees and their guests for a 2 hour narrated cruise and lunch buffet aboard the Paradise Yacht "Summer Wind" on beautiful Chautauqua Lake.



Date: August 25, 2011

Time: 12:15 pm from dock at Lucille Ball Memorial Park, Celeron, NY

Cost: C.A.R.D. #4 members-\$20.00; guests-\$32.00 (CARD dues will help offset members event cost)

This yacht is handicapped accessible for standard wheelchairs (non-electric) and walkers.

Directions: I 86, exit 12 to Rt. 60 South; Turn right on W. Sixth Street-SR 394; travel approx. 3 miles on SR 394 which becomes Fairmont Avenue to Dunham Avenue (the light after Sam's Club); turn right on Dunham and drive to end. The Dock is at Lucille Ball Memorial Park, Celeron, NY.

Mail reservations and money by August 15, 2011 to:

Jeannette Maxim, 9 Bristol St., Cuba, NY 14727

Questions: email: jandjmaxim@gmail.com

_____ C.A.R.D. #4 Member X \$20.00 = _____

_____ Guest(s) X \$32.00 = _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

WANTED: PARTICIPATION FEE July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012
The fee for 2011-12 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: Pat Webb, P.O. Box 152, Forestville, NY 14062.

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: _____

Summer is the perfect time

Summer is the perfect time for so many things – gardening, vacationing, swimming, catching up on reading, and whatever else one wants to do but can't seem to find the time for during the school year. That's why summers seem to go so fast, because we're so busy!

But summer is also the perfect time to pay

attention to those things that we don't have time for during the rest of the year, such as, (groan), our finances. It's so easy to go day-to-day without making any long-term financial plans, setting up a budget, saving for a rainy day, etc.

Fortunately, the **Financial Counseling Program** endorsed by *NYSUT Member Benefits Corporation* can be of great assistance in getting your financial house in order.

When you enroll in the plan, you'll receive toll-free access to certified financial planners and registered investment advisors who will address your various financial questions and situations. You'll also have options for in-person consultations. And you have the added comfort of knowing these professionals are there solely to help you, not to line their pockets by pushing you in one direction or another.

These financial professionals do not sell any financial products; hence, they receive no

commissions from mutual funds, brokerage firms, insurance companies or any other third party. These are the professionals of Stacey Braun Associates, Inc., the provider of the Financial Counseling Program.

Stacey Braun Associates is an investment advisory company established in 1977. It provides fee-based professional financial counseling.

Here is a sampling of topics you can receive advice and assistance on:

- **Pre- and post-retirement planning**
- **403(b) and 457(b) plan advice**
- **Mutual fund questions**
- **Establishing risk tolerance**
- **Mortgages and refinancing**
- **Savings**
- **Estate and inheritance planning**
- **Financial advice relating to divorce**
- **Tax planning**
- **Insurance**
- **Social Security**
- **Education funding**

The plan also includes no-cost written summaries or reports upon request; access to Stacey Braun's password-protected website, which features all kinds of helpful information and calculators; an e-mail helpdesk; and free admission to regional educational workshops.

In addition to the plan described here, a

403(b) Limited Financial Counseling Program is available.

So why not take a little time out of your busy summer and see how you can benefit from the Financial Counseling Program?

For more information, call NYSUT Member Benefits at **800-626-8101** or visit www.memberbenefits.nysut.org.



For information 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.

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