

THE R. C. #4 GRAPEVINE

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

1 West Oak Hill Road Jamestown, New York 14701

Winter 2009

CALENDAR

December 29, 2009 – Holiday Party,
Moonwinks, 6pm
January 4, 2010 – Executive Meeting
February 1, 2010 – Executive Meeting
March 1, 2010 – Executive Meeting
March 2010 (TBA) - ED # 51 Meeting
March 22/23, 2010 – Committee of 100
April 5, 2010 – Executive Meeting
April 29, 2010 – May 1, 2010 NYSUT
Representative Assembly,
Washington, D.C.

Plan now for the RC#4
Annual Conference- June 2010

RC#4 Western Steuben's Fall Luncheon

On Tuesday, October 27, 2009, fifty-five retirees from the Western Steuben District of NYSUT RC4 attended a luncheon at the Bath Country Club. Three recent 2009 retirees were honored at what has become known as a "Free At Last" event. They were Robert Young from Canisteo-Greenwood Central School, Martha Young from Alfred-Almond Central School, and Elizabeth Simms from Haverling (Bath) Central School.

The retirees enjoyed a hot roast beef buffet luncheon followed by a spirited talk by Nancy Williamson CEO of the ServU Federal Credit Union. Her topic called "The Grab Bag of Financial Tips" covered an important discussion on what retirees need to know about the many scams and shams that are occurring in today's financial world, how to recognize when a scam artist may be attempting to invade your personal financial transactions, and what you can do to prevent yourself from becoming a victim of cyber crime.

Al Johnson

RC4 Western Steuben District

President

NYSUT RC#4 Officers

President - Hobie Rhinehart
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- Mary Raymond
- Chris Page
- Warner Page
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- 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

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

Receive Three (3) Credit Reports FREE once a year:

There are three (3) credit bureaus: Equinox, Experian and TransUnion. Under a federal law, You can obtain a free credit report from each one annually. To order your free reports, go to www.annualcreditreports.com where you can order your reports directly, or download the Annual Report Request form to mail in your request. **TIP:** To monitor your credit report Year round, get one report every four months (i.e.: Jan, May, Sept)

CALLING ALL RETIRED MATH TEACHERS!

If you are like most retired teachers you experienced the pleasure of working with emerging teachers. If you think you might enjoy supervising SUNY Fredonia mathematics student teachers please give Louise Ortman, (NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant), a call at 716-664-7425.

FREE AT LAST LUNCHEONS

For the first time this year, your RC4 hosted three Free At Last Luncheons across the region! From a tour of the Dunkirk Lighthouse in northern Chautauqua County to informative financial tips in Bath, as well as a wonderful presentation on volunteerism in Cuba; new and "experienced" retirees had an opportunity to connect with each other and enjoy new experiences. One hundred more retirees than in the past were able to celebrate retirement! We are looking forward to an even larger participation next year!

News From Chautauqua

The Chautauqua County Retired Teachers met recently for their fall event. A luncheon meeting was held at the Alumni House on the SUNY Fredonia campus. In attendance were approximately thirty retirees from Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties as well as Florida. Ms. Diane Andrasik, a retired teacher from the Dunkirk Schools well known for her photographic expertise and as a local author, provided a very informative and interesting program on photography. Included were many tips on how to select the proper digital camera for your personal needs. Also, pointers were given to the average photographer to improve the taking of photos. Ms. Andrasik offered examples of her professional photography work as well as photos of her many and varied travel experiences.

This meeting concluded programming for 2009. Retired teachers should watch for a spring announcement by the Advisory Board with plans for the new year.

Flying Sock Monkeys Entertain



C.A.R.D.

Retirees were treated to a delicious buffet luncheon on November 5, at the Hilltop Restuarant in Richburg. Those attending listened to the music of the Flying Sock Monkeys. These 5th graders from Bolivar-Richburg Central School under the direction of their teacher Rachel Bell played a variety of instruments, and engaged the participants in dancing a reel with them. Job well done by these lively young people!

RETIREES AT THE DOOR OF BON-TON

Again this fall, RC#4 Retirees spent the day selling coupons for Community Day at Bon-Ton. According to Warner Page, the proceeds of this fund-raiser will be used toward community service projects later this winter and in the spring. Warner is looking to enlist retirees to help in Gowanda. Last year, the money earned was used by the retirees for rebuilding efforts in New Orleans.

RC#4 WEBSITE

**HAVE YOU BEEN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE WEBSITE? INFORMATION POSTED THERE IS CURRENT AND UP TO DATE. CHECK IT OFTEN:
www.nysutrc4.org**

NYSUT Retiree Council #4

You are cordially invited to attend the

NYSUT Retiree Council # 4

1st Annual Holiday Social

*There will be entertainment, invited elected officials,
raffle drawings, camaraderie & holiday cheer!*



WHEN: Tuesday, December 29, 2009
from 6 pm to 8 pm
WHERE: Moonwinks Restaurant, Cuba, NY
COST: \$10/person for hors d'oeuvres & dessert
Cash bar
RSVP: No later than December 15, 2009



PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL #4

**Please complete & return to
Lisa Perrin, 1 West Oak Hill Rd. Jamestown, NY 14701**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Attendees: _____ Amount enclosed: \$10 per person \$ _____

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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: _____

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You have the option of reading each brief text message in an e-mail format or in a Web page format that includes eye-pleasing colors and graphics.

Occasionally, MAPers are asked for their opinions. Sometimes "MAP Alerts" include the opportunity to win valuable prizes offered by Member Benefits or providers of its endorsed programs.

Since MAP Alerts are sent from Member Benefits, your e-mail address is not shared with any outside parties.

If you haven't yet joined, simply complete a brief sign-up form on the Member Benefits Web site, www.memberbenefits.nysut.org, and within three weeks, you'll start to receive MAP Alerts.

If you participate in any Member Benefits-endorsed voluntary insurance and legal programs, you have a new online capability available.

For information about these programs or about contractual expense reimbursement/endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please call NYSUT Member Benefits at 800-626-8101, visit www.memberbenefits.nysut.org 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.

This service, called **My Program Participation**, allows you to look up information about the endorsed programs you participate in at any time, day or night. Information includes the payment methods you are eligible for as well as the method used (payroll/pension deduction or direct bill); deduction amounts; premium amounts and coverage information if provided by the vendor to Member Benefits; and phone numbers for the vendors.



In addition, if you are covered by a Member Benefits-endorsed Group Legal Service Plan provided to you by your local association, benefit fund or employer, this information will also be displayed.

My Program Participation offers convenience and is especially beneficial if you participate in multiple programs through payroll or pension deduction. Your check stub shows one total deduction amount. With MPP, you can immediately see the individual amounts that comprise the total deduction.

Go to www.memberbenefits.nysut.org for the My Program Participation navigation bar on the left-hand side of the home page. Because MPP is housed in a password-protected area of the site, you will need to do an initial login to establish your account. Due to privacy issues, you will be asked to create your own enhanced security code to access the look-up service. Instructions are on the Web site.

