

R-UTN Newsletter

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Spring Luncheon

Thursday, April 27
12:00 – 3:00 p.m.



6005 Jericho Turnpike
Commack, NY
just east of Larkfield Rd.

\$40 per person

Includes

- * Appetizers
- * Salad
- * Choice of 5 Entrees
- * Dessert
- * Coffee, Tea, Soda



RSVP by April 20th

Mail Check, made out to R-UTN to

Donna McGinn, 2 Furwood Court, East Northport, NY 11731

President's Message

Hello, everyone! Welcome to another edition of the R-UTN Newsletter!

You will read about the “retirements” from our Executive Board of two invaluable colleagues, and also about their very capable replacements. More recently-retired educators are becoming interested in what our organization does ~ come on board, more of you, join us and share your energy and interests with all our over 450 members! Imagine what we could accomplish, and the social impact we could make!!! This newsletter is one way we share information ~ we have another: a wonderful website, kept up-to-date thanks to Linda Quinn, our “webmaster”, www.retiredteachersofnorthport.org. Make sure to visit often!

Our annual Spring Luncheon will be held on April 27. Details are forthcoming in a “blast” to all of you, as well as being posted on the website and embellishing the cover of this issue, lest you forget!! In addition, we are beginning to make plans for the annual Fall Picnic at the Vanderbilt, another great way to connect with other retired colleagues.

Send us any information you might like to share, news of your accomplishments, or anything you might like to see in this type of format. We welcome our members' input!

See you soon, one and all ~

Jane Flood and the Executive Board

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Bits 'n' Pieces

*The Bits 'n' Pieces column features member news as well as life hacks and events of interest for our retiree membership. Please send your news to retirednorthportteachers@gmail.com, with **Bits 'n' Pieces** in the subject line.*

Charlie Catania, former Physical Education teacher at Dickinson Avenue School, is very active with his young family in tow as they all participate in the renovation of their home, a 1902 farmhouse in Setauket. Charlie, a talented photographer, has been taking photos for decades. Visit his website www.charlescataniaphotography.com to see magnificent samples of his work. Be sure to visit!

He also remains committed to the memory and legacy of Chris Pendergast. Charlie, his wife Kathleen, and their children, Charlie, Claire, and Cooper, can often be found at Ride For Life events.

Joe Bisulca, retired Northport High School English teacher, is living his best life as a grandfather of EIGHT. Joe and Maria do a lot of beaching, boating, fishing and spending a lot of time with their grandchildren – all activities that keep them young as they approach their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Joe feels blessed to continue his longstanding friendships with fellow retired teachers Steve Lemaresquier, Bob Feinstein, George Mickus, and Megan Albin.

Linda Quinn retired from the High School art department, but not from art. She and her husband Eddie live in the town that Disney built, Celebration, Florida, minutes away from Disney World.

Linda is a fine art photographer, webmaster for both the R-UTN and the Garden Club of Celebration, and she stepped up to do the layout on this issue of the Newsletter before Denise Lardi takes over next month.

Au Revoir, Dave

Our devoted treasurer, **Dave Hosie**, a retired elementary educator, has decided to pass the reins along to new volunteer, Donna McGinn. Dave was at the helm for several years and kept our financial records down to the penny. When asked, “How are we doing, Dave?”, he would respond, “We’re solvent!”, and that was that. He knew exactly where to look for information needed in that checkbook. He was so efficient, organized, and very timely with his responses. We will miss him, his wonderful stories, and his Dad jokes very much. We thank him for all the time he spent in the company of the R-UTN’s dollars and cents! No farewell to Dave, just a fond au revoir!

And Welcome to Donna

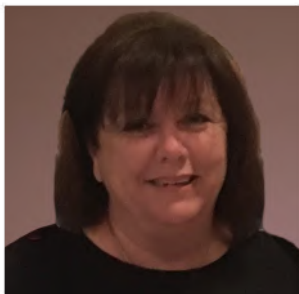
Donna McGinn comes to us with the perfect treasurer skill set: she retired from Northport Middle School as a math teacher. We so appreciate her joining the Executive Board, and we look forward to working with her. She seems already to be a perfect ADDITION according to our CALCULATIONS!

Au Revoir, Suzy

Suzy Travis retired from Northport High School where she worked with the E-Team and taught elective English classes. For the past six years she has edited and produced our R-UTN newsletter, with the able assistance of her graphic designer friend. Her efforts have given our membership a colorful, chock-full-of-information source of district, state, and nationwide news on education. Many hours were spent on the four issues per year, which she also sent to the printer and posted online. We thank her very much for all her hard work, and look forward to seeing her at our Executive Board meetings.

And Welcome to Denise

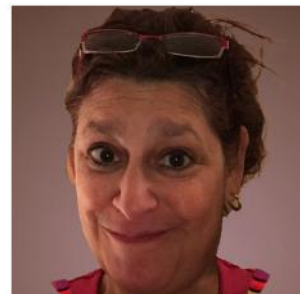
Denise Lardi (Retiree Class of 2021) is pleased to be getting back to her union roots, having served as building rep and on many a committee throughout her full time career as a reading specialist and special ed teacher. Denise currently works for the District part time as an educational evaluator, and has been known to sit on a remote CSE in business casual top and pajama pants. She is also returning to her other passion, theatre and has been seen in two shows since retirement.



Donna



Suzy Dave



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Wednesday, April 26
6:30 p.m. Dinner Buffet
8:00 p.m. Awards Presentation

Tickets

\$100 Per Person

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2023 Honorees

Michael Beier (in memoriam)
Jim Leyritz (retired MLB player)
Barbara Brown (retired teacher)