

# R-UTN Newsletter

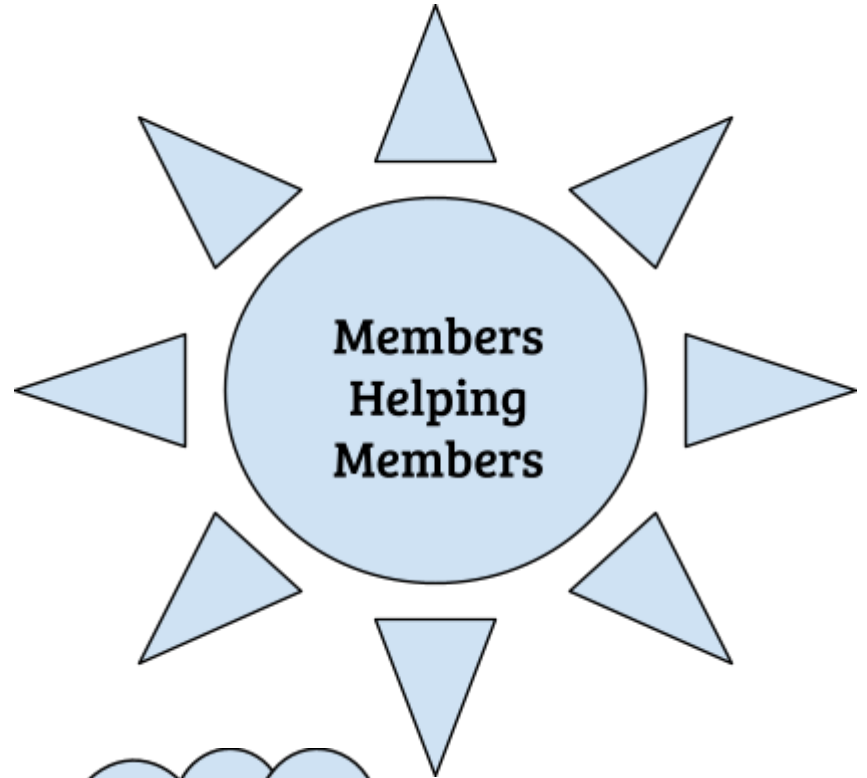
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June 2024

**Keeping in  
Touch**

**Scholarships  
and  
Donations**



**Political  
Action**

## **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

I am a relatively new retiree. I still work and consider myself more "semi-retired". That doesn't mean I do not benefit from and feel grateful for the continued backing of a strong union. Our rights need to be protected now and in the future. And (being Northport teachers) there is always the social aspect...maybe even a pizza crumb!

**Join Us**



# Keeping Up with R-UTN



Dickinson Avenue retirees catching up!  
(L to R) Patti Terranova, Anne Whooley, Mary Taylor, Jane Flood, Diane Martell, Sandy Schumacher, Janice Shepherd



Michele Fig Terranova, recently retired, is beginning to realize her dream and has found herself a wonderful spot in one of Northport

Village's favorite shopping destinations – Nest on Main. There she has on display a varied selection of – how perfect for a teacher! -BOOKS!!! You'll find Kristin Hannah's latest THE WOMEN, as well as a perfect gift for mothers called DRAW WITH MOM! There are many other choices

neatly arranged for perusal. Michele's nickname (and her website) is "The Book Whisperer", given by a friend and colleague who recognized her love of books and reading, and finding that special one for each of her students year after year. Take a look – you'll be sure to find that perfect book! She also offers the option of procuring it for you. Visit her website [mt@bookwhisperer.net](mailto:mt@bookwhisperer.net). We wish her good luck and congratulations!





I'm going to need longer arms soon!  
Norwood retirees meet for a monthly  
breakfast at Copenhagen.  
(L to R around the table) Nicole Barbier,  
Denise Gorman, Jane McNamara, Nancy  
Wine, Cindy Ackerman, Amy Wisotsky,  
Carol Mirabella, Denise Lardi



*Congrats  
&  
Thank You!*

Members of the R-UTN Board (past and present) gathered to thank and honor Judy Bensimon for her many years of dedicated service as Membership Chair.. Judy will remain on as an At-Large member of the Board. Please see the Photo Gallery on the R-UTN website for more pictures



# R-UTN Supports our Community



On June 11, the R-UTN handed out 3 scholarships each in the amount of \$2,000 to graduating seniors. We are proud to have presented the following awards.

The Retired Teachers of Northport Memorial Scholarship Honoring Elementary Educators

- Ameli Veintidos -

The Retired Teachers of Northport Memorial Scholarship Honoring Secondary Educators -Idil Nuraydin-

The Retired Teachers of Northport-East Northport Scholarship

-Joseph Welsh-



**The Retired United Teachers of Northport are a proud sponsor of Relay for Life.**

**Go Team Northport!**



# Political Action!!!!

## Vote-Cope Facts:

- ❖ No NYSUT dues dollars are used to support candidates or campaign committees.
- ❖ NYSUT sends rebates to local unions based on a percentage (up to 40 percent) of the contributions VOTE-COPE receives from that local union's members.
- ❖ Those rebates can be used in local activities such as school board races and for passage of school budgets.

Take action to support education. You can donate directly or through a pension deduction

## Count me in!

I want to support educators, help our students, protect our rights, advance democracy and unite our nation — all through my voluntary contribution to VOTE-COPE.

**There's no easier way to support VOTE-COPE.**

### **vote** Direct Contribution Card

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

\*Mobile phone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

*\*By providing my mobile phone number I am expressly consenting to receive autodialed and/or prerecorded calls and/or text messages from, or on behalf of, AFT, NEA, NYSUT, AFL-CIO and/or the local union at the wireless number provided. The scope of this consent relates to any purpose for which any of the above entities may call.*

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

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

Contribution Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed # \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please make check payable to VOTE-COPE.)*

Credit card option:

*Please visit [nysut.org/voteco](http://nysut.org/voteco) to make a secure one-time contribution online.*

*It is important that we receive the original form so we can accurately credit your contribution.*

MEMBER ID#: \_\_\_\_\_  
LOCAL#: 21-055  
BUILDING #: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **vote** Pension Deduction Authorization Card

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

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

MEMBER ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL#: 21-055

**Please read and sign the reverse side.**

**Please return this form to:**

**VOTE-COPE**

**P.O. Box 295**

**Canajoharie, NY 13317-0295**

- I belong to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS)  
 I belong to the New York State Employees' Retirement System (NYSERS)

I hereby request monthly withholding of union deductions from my monthly benefit as permitted by Section 536 of the Education Law and Section 110-b of the Retirement and Social Security Law. NYSTRS or NYSERS is authorized to continue taking such deduction until NYSUT receives written notice from me to the contrary. I understand that NYSUT VOTE-COPE is my agent and all requests to begin, modify or revoke deductions must be submitted through NYSUT VOTE-COPE.

Please provide your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **-SAVE THE DATE-**

2024 NYSUT Retiree Conference

### **Long Island Retirees in Action!**

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Marriott Melville Long Island  
1350 Walt Whitman Road, Melville, NY 11747

**\$56**

**Continental Breakfast and plated lunch included**

Plan to join us for our annual Retiree Conference, with special focus on the upcoming legislative elections - including sessions on retiree activism, health and welfare.

**REGISTRATION FORMS AND  
MORE INFORMATION  
WILL BE MAILED TO  
ALL RETIREES IN SEPTEMBER**

#### **Questions?**

Contact *Claire Zatorski*,  
Retiree Services Consultant, Nassau: 516-496-2035

or

*Jim Kinnier*,  
Retiree Services Consultant, Suffolk: 631-273-8822

#### The Peer Support Line can help with:

- Finding mental health services or support groups
- Answering questions about Medicare and Medicaid
- Managing work-related stress
- Providing support to new members
- Sourcing elder care or caregiving services
- Assisting with marital, relationship or child rearing concerns
- Reducing feelings of isolation and loneliness
- Accessing services for individuals with disabilities
- Finding help for victims of violence
- Managing planned or unexpected hospitalizations

**Don't go it alone. When stressful situations arise, let the Peer Support Line help you find solutions. Our trained peer support specialists will lend a caring ear and connect you with community resources that can make a difference for you and your family.**

**For more information or  
assistance call toll-free  
844-444-0152.**



The Peer Support Line is a partnership  
between NYSUT Member Benefits and  
Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care.

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# WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS THIS SUMMER?

NYSUT Member Benefits offers a variety of endorsed programs & services that can help you enjoy today, while planning for tomorrow.



As a NYSUT member, you have access to participate in a number of programs and services endorsed by NYSUT Member Benefits. These products have been carefully cultivated to provide members with quality programs at competitive prices, including insurance programs to help you protect your family; legal and financial plans to help you plan for the future; and shopping, travel & personal services to help save you money.

Member Benefits also offers a number of benefits available free of charge to members such as the premium Calm service, Peer Support Line, Financial Learning Center, and more.

Participation in our endorsed programs features the added protection of having a trusted advocate on your side. Our staff take great pride in stepping in to support members with any questions, concerns, or issues that may arise.

**No matter what your plans may be, NYSUT Member Benefits is a great place to start. Explore all that your union membership has to offer!**



Learn more by scanning the QR code to the left, visiting [memberbenefits.nysut.org](https://memberbenefits.nysut.org), or calling 800-626-8101.

For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits.





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## What's New With You??

Please send any photos, short blurbs, or anything you'd like to share to [denise.lardi@gmail.com](mailto:denise.lardi@gmail.com)



## Coming Up...

\*Next Board Meeting: Thursday, June 27 at UTN office

\*Napper Tandy's Summer Happy Hour TBA

\*\*Please make it a habit to check out our website

[retiredteachersofnorthport.org](http://retiredteachersofnorthport.org) for up-to-date information on all our goings-on!\*\*

