

breakfasts,
lunches or
dinners

arts or the
theatre

travel

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The R-UTN wants to hear from you!

Admissions for “Retirees in Action” are always welcome, but let’s start something new.

Please respond by email to denise.lardi@gmail.com

to answer this issue’s question:

*How are you seeing your
former colleagues?*



A Letter From Our President:

Hello and Happy Almost Spring!

No matter where you are in the country, to say that this has been an interesting winter is an understatement. We, as teachers, certainly understand and appreciate the use of the word “interesting” in that sentence! In all sincerity, I do hope that you and all those you hold near and dear are doing well and are weathering the storms—both literal and figurative.

2024 was an exciting year as we, the Retired United Teachers of Northport, welcomed a new “graduating class” to our ranks in June! August saw a Happy Hour gathering at Napper Tandy’s where members enjoyed great company and conversation while partaking in hors d’œuvres and libations. A tremendously successful luncheon was hosted in September at The View at Crab Meadow where nearly 100 members attended and enjoyed a lovely meal, fantastic conversation, and delightful music provided by our very own Glenn Baldwin.

A General Membership meeting was held at the September Luncheon. One item of business was the election of officers. I was humbled to accept the nomination for, and ultimate election to, the position of President. Stepping into the shoes of Past President Jane Flood will be no easy task. I am so thankful for her many years of leadership, service, and above all, friendship!

Joining me on the R-UTN Executive Committee are

Joanne Kroon, Vice-President;

Donna McGinn, Treasurer;

Jane Flood, Secretary;

Jane McNamara and Nancy Wine, Social Committee;

Denise Lardi, Newsletter Editor;

Linda Quinn, Webmaster;

Larry Ryan, Political Action/VOTE-COPE;

Teddy Emanuel/UTN Liaison;

Bobbi Scott, E-Mail Communications.

I am certain that I speak for the entire Executive Committee when I say that we look forward to working with and for all of you in the weeks and months ahead. Stay tuned for more information about upcoming social events and volunteer opportunities to become involved in our organization and our school community.

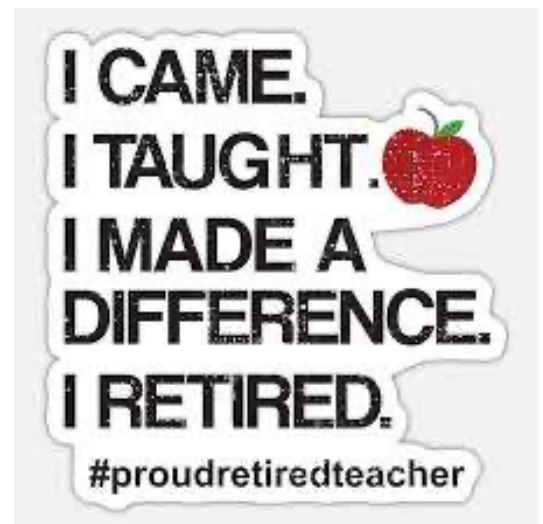
Wishing you well!

In solidarity,

Antoinette Blanck

President

Retired United Teachers of Northport





A Question of Money

(answers to some
FAQs about our finances)

***Scholarships are funded separately from the general fund but we supplement/balance out the scholarship money so it remains consistent.**



***We make periodic donations to benefit local families in need.**



***We memorialize members who have passed with donations to charities of their families' choice.**

***September luncheon is also our Annual Meeting so that is free to any member who wishes to attend.**



***We have not raised dues in many years, but that may change as operating costs, though few, have and will continue to rise.**

Steps for Scholars



Speaking of scholarships... we are anxiously awaiting the end of winter and the return of nicer weather. This spring we are going to have a few informal walks at Sunken Meadow State Park Boardwalk. It will be a chance to see some familiar faces and get some exercise. There will be a donation bucket somewhere so we can do some good for our Northport scholars at the same time.



Keep an eye out for an email notice when we get this new program “on the boards”!



***May meeting- We're exploring possibilities of a different type of meeting. Not a formal luncheon but maybe a continental breakfast. Stay tuned**

***Getting involved- There are scholarship applications to read, political action on the horizon, and a general need for more voices at the table.**

***Fundraising- Our goal is to keep scholarships at a high level. Do you have any interesting fundraising ideas? Let us know!**



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