

# R-UTN Newsletter

[www.retiredteachersofnorthport.org](http://www.retiredteachersofnorthport.org)

Spring 2026



## C'mon out!!!!

Join us ...



Thursday  
April 16th  
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## Spring Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 30th 10AM - noon

Community Room Northport Library

There will be snacks! (continental b'fast)

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# Members

## Spotlight

After attending a fundraiser, *Patricia Summers* created “Friends of America’s Vet Dogs”. This group raises money and awareness for veterans and first responders who need service animals.



The dogs are specially bred, trained for specific tasks, and given to worthy recipients absolutely free

of charge. In its 10 years, Patricia’s group has sponsored 50+ puppies and raised over \$300,000!!!



Have you bookmarked

[Retiredteachersofnorthport.org](http://Retiredteachersofnorthport.org) yet? Our

own *Linda Quinn* does a wonderful job of keeping us all up on the latest news and information.



Scroll back to January for an article on *Fran McGarry*: her ongoing theatrical pursuits and her podcast



## *Volunteers!!*

From the Ecumenical Lay Council Food Pantry to the Vanderbilt Museum to the Community Garden at the Suffolk Y; our members are giving back.

Please send details to

[denise.lardi@gmail.com](mailto:denise.lardi@gmail.com) so we may recognize you personally.





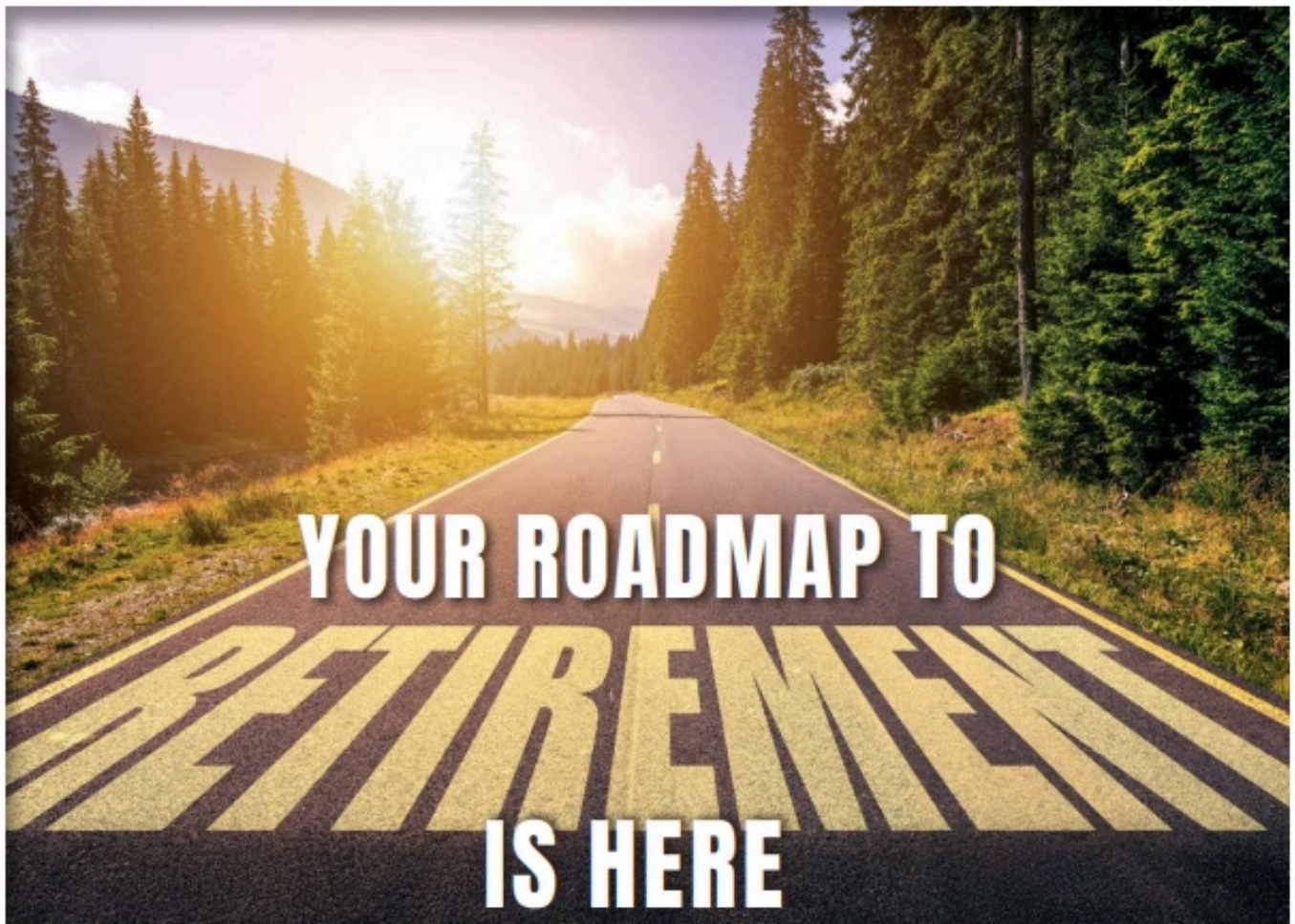
## ***Signal Boost/ Shameless Plug***

Have you started a business in your retirement? Are you working in an organization that needs a little recognition? Let us know- we'd love to give you some space.

**Editor's Turn:**

**Join or visit our Facebook page!**

**<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1C9BqhTGSC/>**



*Retirement doesn't mean entering a world of unlimited tee times and champagne coolies. It's important to be properly prepared for the transition from in-service employment to retiree status.*

Please note the following information if you are currently enrolled in one or more NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed program(s) or would like to do so in retirement:

■ **If Your Local has a Retiree Chapter:**

You are encouraged to maintain membership and pay chapter dues to that local (if necessary) to continue membership in NYSUT and our national affiliates, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and National Education Association (NEA).

■ **If Your Local does NOT have a Retiree Chapter:**

You will continue your membership with NYSUT, AFT, and NEA through the Retiree Council in your geographic area.

Member Benefits endorses a number of programs that can be purchased through the convenience of payroll or pension deduction – offering reduced premiums or the elimination of service fees in many instances. Approximately 88% of NYSUT members have payroll or pension deduction available to them.

You must have an active NYSUT membership to participate in payroll or pension deduction. If you're currently participating in one or more of our endorsed programs, you will want to look into switching to pension deduction after you enter retirement.

**LEARN MORE**

Learn more about continuing Member Benefits-endorsed programs by scanning the QR code, visiting [mb-nysut.org/retireemembership](https://mb-nysut.org/retireemembership), or calling 800-626-8101.

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**\*We are in the process of updating our membership letter to be mailed in the summer. Please note: if your membership is not up to date, you may lose NY retiree extra benefits/ discounts/insurance.**

**\*The R-UTN Board has discussed honoring members who have passed away by an addition to our scholarship fund. More details at the Spring Membership Meeting.**

**\*And, please, make sure**

**[retirednorthportteachers@gmail.com](mailto:retirednorthportteachers@gmail.com) is added to your address book to keep the bulk email blasts from winding up in Spam-land**



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**Don't Forget**

**April 16 - Happy Hour at  
Napper Tandy's 3PM**

**April 30 - Annual Membership Breakfast  
Meeting - Northport Public Library  
Community Meeting Room - 10AM**

