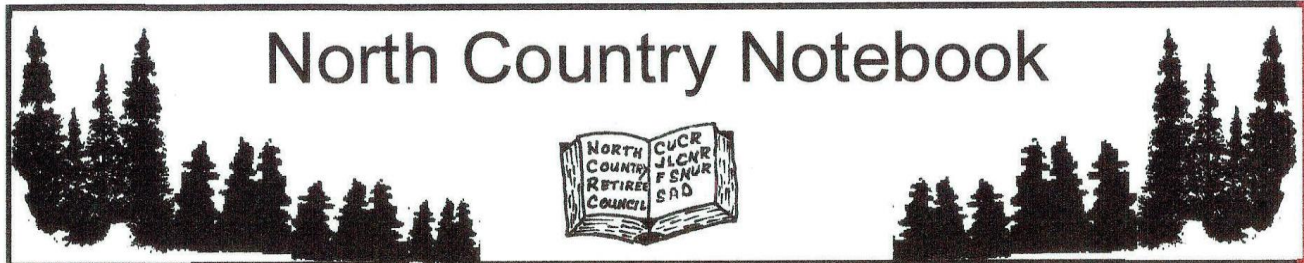


February 2023 NYSUT Retiree Council 9 Newsletter

The North Country Retiree Council (RC) 9 & Sub-Councils

Champlain Valley Council of Retirees, Franklin-St. Lawrence NYSUT United Retirees, Jefferson-Lewis Council of NYSUT Retirees, & Southern Adirondack District

Which Sub-council do you belong to? *These are based upon where the district you retired from was located. The JLCNR area is Jefferson-Lewis retirees, the FSNUR is Franklin- St. Lawrence, CVCR is Champlain Valley, and SAD indicates Southern Adirondack District.*



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Fellow Members of RC 9,

Here's hoping that despite COVID still being part of our daily lives that we can host more meetings and activities this year for retirees across the RC 9 region.

Membership has been steadily growing again especially in those areas where the sub councils had shut down. There are more and more positive signs for reviving FSNUR and SAD, the Franklin St Lawrence sub council and the Southern Adirondack Region. CVCR, the Champlain Valley area and JLCNR, the Jefferson Lewis sub council continue to remain strong. Still, *all need new members willing to step up to be members of the Executive Committees and become officers for the future of the organization.* RC 9 will need a new treasurer since John Clancy will be stepping down after more than twenty years of service. Ruth Shippee, our RC 9 and 10 NYSUT retirees' consultant has done an outstanding job over the last few years and is helping us to revive our dormant sub councils. ***So for any of you who would like the opportunity to serve your fellow retirees this may be your year.*** Remember that RC 9 (Retiree Council 9) is your connection to NYSUT- *the Union that you were a part of as an in-service member.* We continue to work to protect our rights and benefits- even in retirement. Stay/get involved to protect those benefits.

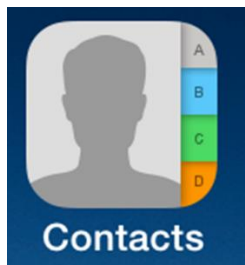
This past weekend I attended an ED 9 and 10 meeting in Saratoga. All of our NYSUT officers attended and spoke to

those in attendance and as an added bonus Randi Weingarten joined us and spoke to us on Saturday morning. The main topics for the weekend dealt with political action, NYSUT made a lot of strides in 2022 but there still is more to do. *Issues like fixing Tier 6, (yes, it is awful), community schools, school violence, graduation requirements, and transgender issues in schools along with new efforts to recruit teachers in our near and distant future.* Rod Sherman, RC 9 Vice President is doing a presentation to the NYSUT Exec Board this month on the failings of Tier 6. NYSUT and AFT are leading the way but need all the help they can get from active and retired teachers both. Much more on these issues will coming to you via newsletters and emails as well as other news sources.

I look forward to meeting with and listening to all of you as I travel across RC 9 again this year. Ideas and thoughts are always welcome, please feel free to send emails to my listed address.

Lynn Hunneyman,
President of RC 9





Make sure that Retiree Council 9 has your up-to-date information: address, phone number and email. If you don't let us know, we can't get materials to you. We let NYSUT know also when there is a change. **Did you get this newsletter via email?** We can send it to you quicker than snail mail so make sure you email us at nysutrc9@gmail.com to ensure we have it 😊 and can send you the latest.

SUB-COUNCIL EVENTS:

Check out what is happening across Retiree Council 9: even during this cold wintertime. Events are open to all RC members- even if events are in another sub council. Events will be listed at <http://rc9.ny.aft.org/>

Retiree Council 9

Be watching your emails from nysutrc9@gmail.com and snail mail for registration materials on our **Spring Conference- May 23 at Watertown Elks.**

General Meeting: date to be announced soon. We will be trying a new format where people can join from several locations and from home (fingers crossed). We will be holding elections this year. If you are interested in running for *President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer*, contact Lynn Hunneyman. We are anticipating an opening in the Treasurer position. Delegates to NYSUT will also be elected.

CVCR- Champlain Valley Council of Retirees

CVCR meets monthly on the following dates at **MHAB FRESH** 14 Dormitory Drive on the former PAFB (new base) in Plattsburgh with a short meeting, lunch, followed with a short presentation on various topics of interest. RSVP electronically or contact Candi Besaw (518-825-0730/800-464-7227) or (candi.besaw@nysut.org) the Thursday before each luncheon. You can also email cvcv.ny@gmail.com

2022-2023 School year dates are: February 13, 2023 (RSVP by 2/9/23), March 13, 2023 (RSVP by 3/9/23), April 10, 2023 (RSVP by 4/6/23), May 8, 2023 (RSVP by 5/4/23), June 12, 2023 (RSVP by 6/8/23)

FSNUR-Franklin St. Lawrence NYSUT UUP Retirees

Cross Country Ski Day February 24 (weather date of 27th) 10 am at Higley Flow Park Higley has rentals available (\$7/day) for those needing skis. There's a short EZ loop for beginners. Tom French, a FSNUR member is willing to help those that need a lesson. Depending on skill levels, Tom may be able to take intermediates on a couple of the loops as tour guide.

Use this QR code by pointing your smart device at it and following link to complete reservation form or Use this google form to RSVP <https://forms.gle/syn2a9yhpVw8dUTu8> or email fsnurrc9@gmail.com or call 518-321-8676. We will need your contact & if renting: shoe size.



Watch the RC 9 website for spring luncheon: short meeting, lunch, and speaker. **Make sure we have your email address.**

JLCNR- Jefferson Lewis Council of NYSUT Retirees

Hosting Spring Conference May 23

Southern Adirondack District (SAD)

Spring Luncheon will be on RC 9 website and invitations emailed out. Event will be short meeting, meal, and speaker. Make sure we have your email!

PLEASE NOTE: many retirees receive mailings from an organization called Retired Educators of New York (RENY). **THIS IS NOT OUR UNION!** That is an independent organization that offers some benefits and membership at **COST**.

We are NEW YORK STATE UNITED TEACHERS (and SRP's) NYSUT and you are a MEMBER FOR LIFE!

FLORIDA SNOWBIRDS (OR TRANSPLANTS)

Did you know that there is a NYSUT Retiree Council #43? It consists of 10 units throughout the state that will **"Welcome You"** to be a participant while in the Sunshine State. For information contact: RC President Felicia Bruce at 516-395-3721 spmomtch1@aol.com or visit <http://rc43.aft.org>



Volunteer to help an adult with literacy skills with Literacy of Northern New York

Literacy of Northern NY offers an **online version of its Tutor Training Course** for volunteers. The training is offered for reading, math, and ELL (English language learner) tutors. The training is open to **Jefferson and Lewis County residents**. www.literacynny.org For Jefferson County call 315-782-4270 or Lewis County 315-376-8188 or email program.manager.literacynny@gmail.com If you are interested and would like more information, please contact the office in your county.

CVCR PHOTOS

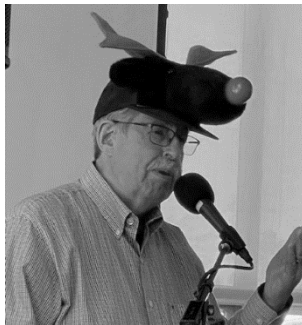
Here are some photos taken at the December 2022 CVCR meeting. We held our regular business meeting followed by lunch and the band, Towne Meeting, which has been performing for the group at every December meeting for several years. All members of the band are NYSUT members, three retired teachers and one currently teaching at SUNY Empire State College. Each image has a brief caption below the picture. More photos on our RC 9 website.



Towne Meeting performs at the December CVCR meeting. members left to right; Gary VanCour, Miles Moody, Dennis Hulbert, Anastasia Pratt



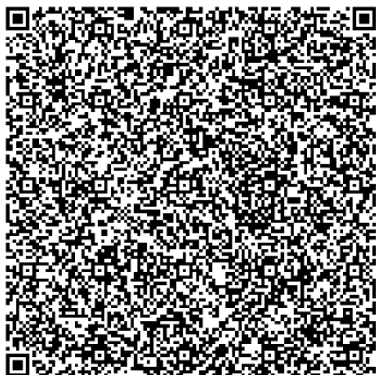
Members of CVCR listen to Towne Meeting at their December luncheon and meeting.



Towne Meeting band member and CVCR co-chair Gary VanCour, sings his rendition of "Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer"

LOOKING TO JOIN IN ON THE FUN? HELP TO WORK WITH RETIREES IN YOUR SUB-COUNCIL? BE WATCHING YOUR EMAILS FOR SPRING MEETINGS...WE HOPE TO HOLD IN PERSON LUNCHEONS WITH BRIEF MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS. **MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR EMAILS AND MAKE NYSUTRC9@GMAIL.COM ONE OF YOUR CONTACTS.**

VOTE COPE- Why Should I Contribute as a Retiree?



Did you recently get a pension deduction form for VOTE COPE? Please consider making contributions via pension deduction with this form. We have so many things to accomplish like fixing Tier 6 for our colleagues that only VOTE Cope monies can be used for. Find what our NSYUT goals and accomplishments have been at: https://actionnetwork.org/user_files/user_files/000/087/108/original/2022_VOTE_COPE_One_Sheet.pdf

Check out all your union membership has to offer!

LEGAL SERVICE PLAN

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- Free telephone consultations
- Guaranteed maximum fees for specific legal matters

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Plan benefits include:

- Unbiased objective advice
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or calling **800-626-8101**.

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

Jan-Feb 2023

Check for events, registration materials, & Membership forms @ <http://rc9.ny.aft.org/>

Save the date: Spring Conference May 23 at Watertown Elks- materials to be mailed to you.