

March/April 2023

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 NYSUT Retirees

Which Sub-council do you belong to? These are based upon where the district you retired from was located. A retiree may join a sub-council where they now live if more convenient. (And if you like an activity in another sub-council, sign up!)

RETIREE COUNCIL (RC) 9 NYSUTRC9@GMAIL.COM

<http://rc9.ny.aft.org/>

RC 9 Officers:

President: Lynn Hunneyman lhunney@twcnny.rr.com

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Secretary: Robin Duncan

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NYSUT Delegates: Lynn Hunneyman, Rod Sherman, Joe Vernon

Alternates: Rick Morris, Nan Scinta

SUB-COUNCILS:

CVCR Co-President: Carlos Madan & Gary VanCour

FSNUR: FSNURRC9@gmail.com

SANR: SADRC9@GMAIL.COM

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Fellow Members of RC 9,

After serving for the last 15 years as the President of JLCNR, I will be stepping down from that position to focus on rebuilding RC 9. JLCNR will be holding its election for officers at the May 23 Mini Conference in Watertown. I have greatly enjoyed my time with JLCNR and will continue to serve in a lesser role on their Executive Board. I am running for reelection to the Presidency of RC 9 and will be continuing my efforts to reestablish FSNUR and SAD, our two sub councils currently on hiatus from RC 9. We need more retirees both new and older retirees to join our efforts to address today's educational issues. NYSUT is currently lobbying in Albany to fix Tier 6, expand the Community Schools program, address school violence along with a host of other issues affecting NYS schools today. We need all retirees to join together in these efforts to strengthen the campaign on these issues.

Please join RC 9 and your local sub council if you haven't already done so and encourage other retirees to do the same. Our membership has been growing over the last few years but there is still more to be done. Also please take advantage of the many social activities being planned again this year across the North Country. You can attend any of the offerings across RC 9 not just the ones for your sub council, just sign up either through our newsletter postings, our web sites or mailings in your area. I am looking forward to seeing and visiting with many of you again this year across RC 9.

Lynn Hunneyman,
President of RC 9



*******Retiree Council 9 Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers on June 14th *******

On **June 14, 2023 at 10 am**, NYSUT Retiree Council (RC) 9 will hold its annual membership meeting. In-person location will be the NYSUT Potsdam Regional office 59 Lawrence Avenue Potsdam, NY 13676. Zoom connections will be available. Following the meeting a lunch will be provided for \$17 by Big Spoon Kitchen. At 12:30, we will have a presentation by Peter Kim- NSYUT Regional Political Organizer.

RC Slate of Officers: At the RC 9 Board meeting on March 6, the following slate of candidates were accepted:

Lynn Hunneyman for President, Rod Sherman for Vice President, Robin Duncan for Secretary, and Rick Morris for Treasurer. NYSUT Delegate nominated (select 3) Lynn Hunneyman, Rick Morris and Joe Vernon. Alternate delegates are Tony Fiaco and Nan Scinta. Nominations may also be taken from the floor at the June 14 meeting. **Please email** NYSUTRC9@GMAIL.COM **to RSVP if you are attending in person in Potsdam or would like a zoom link by June 7.**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
THE ANNUAL SPRING NYSUT RETIREES RC 9 CONFERENCE**

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Watertown Elks Club
728 Bradley Street Watertown, NY 13601
315-788-1270

Conference Itinerary:

- 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Welcome by RC 9 President Hunneyman, NYSUT Regional Staff Director Don Carlisto, NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant Ruth Shippee
- 9:40 Danielle Fazio HIICAP Coordinator for Jefferson County Office for the Aging
Ms. Fazio will speak on Medicare Basics: What Medicare is, Who is Eligible, the Parts of Medicare and answer a few general questions.
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 NYSUT Vice President Ron Gross Updates from NYSUT
- Noon Buffet Lunch: Grilled Chicken Breast, Baked Haddock, Italian Green Beans, Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Dessert
- 1:00 Derek Clement NYSUT Member Benefits Programs available including new Long Term Care Insurance
- 1:10 April Bennett, Nutrition Program Manager CCE of Jefferson County Learn why Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County prides itself in being able to offer something for just about everybody—including information about agriculture, gardening, home, energy, nutrition, parenting, teen issues, opportunities for young people, as well as programs to enhance the lives of military families. Each year, CCE serves thousands of people through school and community programs, publications, new technologies, facilitated discussion groups, mass media, and other means. They help people use knowledge to enhance their own lives, as well as the lives of their families and communities. Find out more about each of these program areas along with opportunities to not only attend programming but serve as a volunteer to help CCE spread its mission of lifelong learning!
- 2:10 Ruth Shippee NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant Union For Life: More Than Just a Logo
- 2:20 Evaluation and Door Prizes
- 2:30 JLCNR will meet to Elect Officers and other Sub Councils are free to socialize

Cost: \$15 includes Continental Breakfast and a lunch buffet with dessert and beverage. We can offer the day at this reduced price due to subsidies from NYSUT and RC 9. *Please consider staying after the conference and socializing with fellow retirees.*

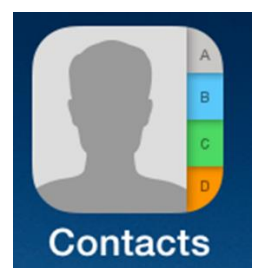
To Register: Mail your completed registration form and a non-refundable check payable to **NYSUT** for **\$15** to the address listed on the form by **May 5, 2023**. Form on page 4.

JLCNR Announce Elections

JLCNR (Jefferson Lewis Council of NYSUT Retirees) will be holding their elections at end of the RC 9 conference. That will be May 23 at 2:30. The slate of officers nominated will be found on the website at <https://www.jlcnr-rc9.org/> Currently confirmed candidates are: Rick Morris for 1st VP, Lynn Hunneyman for 2nd VP, Joan Carlo for secretary and Peg Bootie as treasurer. Ambassadors from each local/school district are needed for the board also. Please consider taking this role by yourself or with a former colleague.

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 information.



Retiree Council 9 Check the Website for Events for RC & Sub-Councils

<http://rc9.ny.aft.org/>

May 23 Spring Conference at Watertown Elks (see article page 2 and registration form page 4)

June 14 Retiree Council 9 (RC 9) Annual Meeting and Elections: NYSUT Potsdam office and Zoom (see article on page 1 of this newsletter) Please email nysutrc9@gmail.com to RSVP in person or attending via zoom.

Early June: Happy Hours in each of the sub councils to welcome this year's retirees- check website. Assistance will be needed- watch your emails for information.

SUB-COUNCIL EVENTS:

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

JLCNR- Jefferson Lewis Council of NYSUT Retirees

May 23 Hosting Retiree Council 9 (RC 9) Spring Conference

May 23 Elections to be held at 2:30

CVCR- Champlain Valley Council of Retirees

April 10, May 8, June 12 Monthly luncheons at MHAB Fresh Plattsburgh. Notice on website calendar or letter or emails. CVCR has been very active with monthly luncheons throughout the year. Co-chair Gary VanCour provides a summary. To read, go to <http://rc9.ny.aft.org/about-us/its-almost-wrap-year-cvcr> Remember there are several months left that you can join in.

FSNUR-Franklin St. Lawrence NYSUT UUP Retirees

June 14 10 am Hosting Retiree Council Annual Meeting in Potsdam

July 17 Thousand Island Park, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was established in 1875 as a Methodist Camp Ground on Wellesley Island along the St. Lawrence River. Within a couple of years, it was reported that over 500 family tents populated the grounds. Many of those original tents, erected on platforms, evolved into tent cottages that still exist today.

This tour of Thousand Island Park will include the Thousand Island Park Museum and several buildings including the circa 1913 Chapel (with its history as a gym and schoolhouse), the 1885 wooden Tabernacle, 1903 Library, still-operating Wellesley Hotel (an overflow for a larger hotel that burned in 1912), historic ferry landing, and walking tour of the "Historic District" with several tent cottages and other structures of historical significance. If weather and time permits, a guided walk to the top of the iconic Thousand Islands Bridge (1938) will be provided to those wishing. Email nysutrc9@gmail.com for more information and to register.

Southern Adirondack NYSUT Retirees (SANR)

June 13 Underground Railroad Museum at 10 am (Chesterfield, NY) followed by picnic at Ausable Chasm Park. Email sadrc9@gmail.com for further information and to register.

Retiree Council 9: Events Across the North County

For details on these events and updates on those organized after this goes to print, visit our website calendar at <http://rc9.ny.aft.org/events>

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!

CHECK OUT ALL YOUR UNION MEMBERSHIP HAS TO OFFER!

When you're planning for the future, what's at the top of your list?

- A comfortable nest egg for retirement
- Providing for your family
- Purchasing a new home
- Home improvement
- Purchasing a new vehicle
- Travel and entertainment

NYSUT Member Benefits offers dozens of endorsed programs to help turn those dreams into reality.



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Get started by first bookmarking the Member Benefits website at memberbenefits.nysut.org. There, you will find numerous tools and resources available to you as a NYSUT member – including a **Financial Learning Center** with articles designed to help educate you on financial decisions and topics. Member Benefits also endorses important **legal and financial services** along with an **online savings program** featuring some of today's most competitive interest rates.

Next up would be looking in the "Shopping, Travel & Personal" section of our site for **MB Discounts & Deals**. This program utilizes the nation's largest private discount network to provide NYSUT members with exclusive access to savings of up to 50% on restaurant dine-in or take out, groceries and food delivery, clothing and shoes, hotels and flights, car rentals, theme parks, vehicle maintenance, and much more.



Learn more by scanning the QR code to the left, visiting memberbenefits.nysut.org or calling 800-626-8101.



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See information inside for the:

May 23rd Spring Conference

June 14th Annual Meeting and RC Election

Registration for NYSUT RC 9 Spring Conference

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Watertown Elks Club 728 Bradley Street Watertown, NY 13601

Mail this form and **\$15/per person** (conference subsidized by NYSUT and RC 9) to:

NYSUT RC 9 Conference c/o Jodi Kelley-NYSUT 513 Washington Street #3 Watertown, NY 13601

NAME: _____

SCHOOL YOU RETIRED FROM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUBMER: _____ EMAIL: _____

Confirmation will be emailed. Please contact Ruth Shippee if you have any special dietary or assistive device requirements as provided for by the Americans with Disabilities Act. ruth.shippee@nysut.org 518-321-8676