

Fall 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 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!) *Events will be listed at <http://rc9.ny.aft.org/>*

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**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 or visit <http://rc43.aft.org>

**Meet Your Retiree Council 9 Officers**

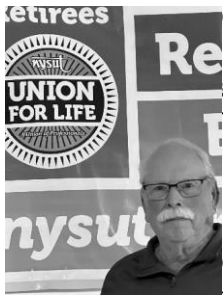
**Lynn Hunneyman, President of RC 9 & JLCNR**

At present I am the President of Retiree Council 9 as well as the President of JLCNR, the Jefferson Lewis Council of NYSUT Retirees. This year marks 50 years of being a member of NYSUT and I have served in many roles over the years. At the local level I have served on negotiations, the grievance committee, a RA delegate and as president of my home district of Belleville Henderson. At the regional level I have been a longtime member of NCCCT serving as president in the 1970s. I became a member of the Jeff Lewis Teacher Center in 1985, served as the Chair of the Policy Board for 19 years, and finally retired from the Board in 2019 after serving for 34 years. In my retirement years I first became President of JLCNR in 2008 and then in 2019 as President of RC 9. In my travels across the North Country I enjoy meeting new and old friends as well as traveling through the Adirondacks. My goals over the next few years include growing our membership, protecting retiree rights and benefits and reviving our two dormant sub councils, FSNUR and SANR. There are over 8000 retirees across RC 9 and I hope to continue to meet more and more of you over the next few years.



**Rod Sherman, RC-9 VP and CVCR Treasurer**

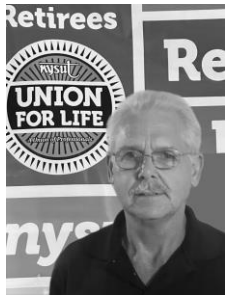
Rod was raised on a dairy and trefoil seed farm in Westport, NY. Graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh with a both BS and MS in



mathematics education. He was employed by the Plattsburgh City School District for 45 years teaching mathematics and computer science in the middle school and high school. This is where he met Anna Farbotko, a Polish Immigrant, they married and are the parents of 3 sons and now enjoy being with their 8 very sports active grandchildren. He was President of the Plattsburgh TA for 39 years from 1973 thru 2012 (lead the Plattsburgh TA strike September 20-22, 1975) and served on many NYSUT committees throughout his career as well as being on the NYSUT Board and Executive Committee. This is something that he continues to do serving on the Retiree Advisory Committee, Trustee and Secretary of NYSUT Member Benefits, and Co-Chair of the NYSUT Elections Committee. He will always remember meeting with his colleague and NYSUT RA Representative cohort Arnold Burdeau and three newly retired Plattsburgh TA teachers in his classroom. This moment was the beginning of the creation of the Champlain Valley Council of Retirees. It is a pleasure to serve our north country retirees. If we all help a little, good things will continue to happen.

**Robin Duncan: Retiree Council 9 Secretary**

A few years before retirement from Saint Lawrence Lewis BOCES, I was one of the committee members organizing the NYSUT Support Staff Union at SLL BOCES. I worked at the Canton office of the BOCES. I was Microcomputer Operator for a number of years and worked the last number of years as Secretary. I was with the BOCES for a total 20 years. I retired 3 years ago October. I was acting RC 9 Secretary beginning last spring and elected to my first term in June 2022. Outside of RC 9, I knit and quilt for charity. I play flute and clarinet in 2 local bands. I also play hammered dulcimer and other folk instruments for my enjoyment.



**Rick Morris RC 9 Treasurer**

It is my pleasure to continue working with NYSUT members. Prior to retirement, I was President of the Watertown Education Association for 8 years, VP for 9 years, Treasurer for 6 years, Building Representative for 1 year, AFT delegate for 5 years plus Central Trades delegate for 23 years. Currently I am the RC9 NYSUT delegate, RC9 Treasurer, 2nd VP of JLNRC, Central Trades 3rd VP and Delegate for JLNRC along with part time chauffeur for Lynne Hunneyman. Most of my time is spent having something to eat or drink with family or friends. Whenever possible, I spend time in my canoe or kayak. During the winter I enjoy cross-country skiing and ice fishing.

**Retiree Council 9**

*Check out what is happening across Retiree Council 9. Events are open to all RC members- even if an event is in another sub council.*

**SUB-COUNCIL EVENTS:**

**Southern Adirondack NYSUT Retirees (SANR)**

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**JLCNR- Jefferson Lewis Council of NYSUT Retirees**

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**Franklin St. Lawrence NYSUT United Retirees**

FSNUR- (Franklin-St. Lawrence NYSUT United Retirees) will have our Fall Luncheon Meeting on Monday, October 23 at the Lobster House in Norwood. Registration will begin at 11:15 followed by a meeting. Lunch will be a la carte- please plan to tip accordingly as our wait staff will be dealing with a large group. After lunch Dr. Shelby Connelly of Five Elements of Living in Colton will give us an overview of the services this center provides. Please sign up using this link or use this QR code by October 16! Questions? Call Ruth Shippee 518-321-8676

<https://forms.gle/murFandUdhDAkYhv7> A follow up planning meeting will be December 5 at 10 am at the NYSUT Potsdam office. Please contact Ruth Shippee if you will be attending.

## CVCR- Champlain Valley Council of Retirees

Upcoming monthly luncheon dates: November 13, 2023, December 11, 2023, January 8, 2024, February 12, 2024, March 11, 2024, April 8, 2024. May 13, 2024, and June 10, 2024

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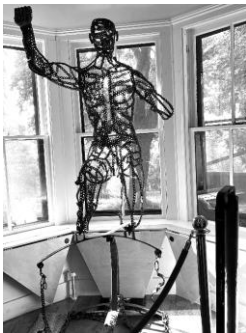
### What's been going on:

**RC 9 representatives at the NYSUT ED 51-53 Delegate meeting September 27-28.** Delegates from around the state met in Albany to discuss issues, policies, resolutions for the Representative Assemble (RA) and share resources.



Photo on the left: Rod Sherman- RC 9 Vice-president; Ron Gross-NYSUT 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Florence McCue- NYSUT At-Large ED 51-53 Director; Rick Morris- RC 9 Treasurer; Joe Vernon- RC 9 Delegate, Lynn Hunneyman- RC 9 President. Photo on the right: Lynn Hunneyman- RC 9 President; Ruth Shippee- NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant, Rick Morris- RC 9 Treasurer; Rod Sherman- RC 9 Vice President

**North Country Underground Railroad Museum Visit** On a beautiful fall day, a group went to the museum in Ausable to be awed by this volunteer organization. The collection of artifacts and stories is impressive. As are the various displays. Our guide, Jackie, was also a wealth of information. Well worth the trip. The group enjoyed lunch at a nearby restaurant before a lovely fall drive home.



### **NYSUT REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR RETIREE COUNCIL 9 September 19th**

Presentations by: Cheryl Leonard, Martha Gardner, and Ron Gross, NYSUT 2nd Vice President







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Keep informed by helping us get information to you- follow this link.

[nysut.org/retirees](https://nysut.org/retirees)

Have you been to the retiree page on NYSUT.org recently? So many resources just for us!



**MAKE SURE YOU SEND IN YOUR 2023-2024 PARTICIPATION FEE AND MEMBERSHIP**

-----Cut here and mail with \$20 Participation Fee with RC 9 for 2023-2024 -----

*Use a return address sticker instead of filling out this form*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

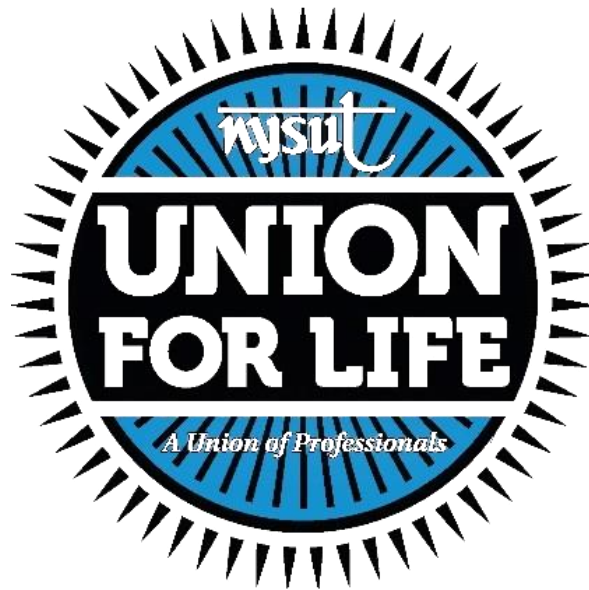
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

School district retired from: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Retired: \_\_\_\_\_

Check your sub-council:  CVCR  FSNUR  JLCNR  SANR

Send to: RC 9 Membership c/o NYSUT 513 Washington Street #3 Watertown, NY 13601



# Being ready for the holidays can mean a lot of different things:

- Gifts for your loved ones
- Appliances for your home
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- Savings set aside for unexpected expenses

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