

SRTC - SEA

Retiree Connections

Retirees - A Bridge From the Past to the Present

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President's Corner by Phil Lima

Three cheers for the organizers and all of our members who helped make this year's Spring Luncheon a wonderful get together. Congratulations to our 20-year Retirement members (class of 2004). May you continue to explore new adventures! Wishing you happiness and good health, and look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon.

There isn't enough space in this newsletter to recognize how fortunate we have been to have John Canty as our SEA (RTA) President for the past **24 years!** John, along with so many dedicated members and officers of the Executive Committee, have worked tirelessly on our behalf for a very long time. We owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude for their endless commitment in strengthening our Union and providing solid leadership through difficult times and keeping a watchful eye during times of normalcy. From our inception, the (RTA) SEA has always kept the interest of our membership as their top priority, while ensuring the District and B.O.E's maintain their responsibility to work with our members and not against them.

John, welcome to retirement... See you at our Fall Luncheon! Godspeed my friend.

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COMMUNITY ACTION



Community Relations

T. McTaggart, J. Nencetti, & S. Roberts

Thank you to all for your generosity!

Our Chapter makes an annual donation of \$500.00 to each of the following:

Feeding Ministry at Christ Episcopal Church
Sloatsburg Food Pantry

To date, \$1,530.00 has been donated from our very generous members to the Christ Church Soup Kitchen bringing our total contributions to \$2,030.00!
Special thanks to everyone!

Christ Church Soup Kitchen:

Make checks payable to "Christ Episcopal Church" (memo: Soup Kitchen) and mail to:

Joyce Nencetti
371 Heights Rd.
Wyckoff, NJ 07481

Sloatsburg Food Pantry

Make checks payable to "Sloatsburg Food Pantry" (memo: Donation) and mail to:

Tom McTaggart
14 Waldron Terrace
Sloatsburg, NY 10974

VOTE COPE 2024 PAC

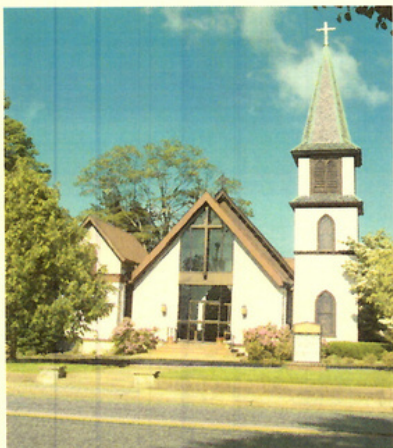
by Nancy Pratt

Your statewide union has a political fund-raising arm called VOTE-COPE. VOTE-COPE is NYSUT's non-partisan action fund that coordinates the voluntary contributions of members and supports NYSUT-endorsed candidates and campaign committees that are pro-public-education and pro-labor.

No NYSUT dues dollars are used to support candidates or campaign committees.

Thank you to all who participated.

2024 Campaign begins October 1, 2024



Christ Episcopal Church

65 Washington Avenue
Suffern, New York 10901
845-357-1615
Christchurchsuffern.org

A fully inclusive parish
in the Diocese of New York where
all are welcome.

The Rev. Dale L. Cranston
Rector

June 1, 2024

SRTC-SEA
c/o Joyce Nencetti

Our dear and faithful friends,

Once again, I am in the position of offering grateful thanks to all of you for your ongoing support and generosity. I was informed this morning that since January 1st of this year, you have donated \$1530 to our 42+ year of Ministry to those who are food insecure in this lovely Suffern area.

We suffered considerable financial setback these last two years, but thanks to your generosity and the generosity of others, we have been able to carry on, providing lunches everyday, without charging for them, 365 days each year. Additionally, we give out without charge well more than 100,000 meal equivalents each year.

Your generosity continues to make this ministry possible and to cut back on food insecurity in our area. We thank you so very much.

Most gratefully yours,

Dale.Cranston@protonmail.com

**Our Spring Luncheon was a great success.
We caught up with friends while celebrating our 2004 Retirees.
Thank you to all!**



District News & Updates

Catch up on current events
with [SCSD Facebook](#)

SRTC-SEA Family Scholarship

The winner of this year's SRTC-SEA Family Scholarship is **Aiden Ludwig**, grandson of Linda Ludwig. Aiden will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the fall. Congratulations!

Upcoming Events



Fall Luncheon

Mark you Calendar for September 17, 2024

Stay tuned more details

We hope you can join us as we welcome John Canty and the following recent retirees:

Kate Blitz, Anita Ciriello, Robin Cooper, William Delaney, AnnMarie Feane, Claudia Goldman, George Kunzmann, Robin Long, Jeffrey Meher, Mollie Muenzen, Cahty Revicki, David Yarrington, and Gayle Yodowitz.



Reminders, Events & Notes About Your Union



NYSUT Membership



NYSUT is a labor union representing nearly 700,000 professionals who work in, or are retired from, New York's schools, colleges and healthcare facilities.

- Are you a NYSUT member in good standing?
- Did you receive a NYSUT membership card for 2024?
- Did you pay your \$10.00 SRTC-SEA dues for 2023-2024?

Go to [NYSUT Member Benefits](#) to review benefits for members in good standing.

An important message from NYSUT **UPDATED NYSUT Retiree Guide**

"As a retiree, you will have access to many important retirement related activities, benefits and opportunities that will be provided by your local (if they have a retiree chapter), NYSUT, AFT and NEA. If your local has a retiree chapter, NYSUT requires that you enroll with your chapter to maintain your membership in NYSUT, AFT and NEA. Your local retirement chapter may also require you to pay dues, and it is important that you remain in good standing each year to maintain membership."

Check your NYSUT membership status so that you do not miss out on membership-associated benefits!

NYSUT Updates

Check out NYSUT news
<https://www.nysut.org/news>



To keep up to date with NYSUT updates, signup for MAC (Member Action Center) text alerts
Go to <https://mac.nysut.org/> scroll down, enter your cell number.

NYSTRS Updates

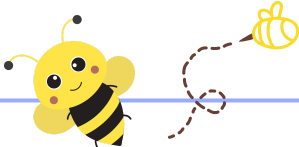
Read [NYSTRS Newsletter for the Retired Members](#) from the NYS Teachers Retirement System.



President Phil’s Trivia Question

Riddle/ brain teaser:
What is 3/7 chicken, 2/3 cat, 2/4 goat?

The first person who sends in the correct answer will win a prize.
Submissions should be sent to Phil Lima at amigos48@aol.com.
Phil will use the date and time the entry was received in his email.

Morning Coffee with <u>Wordle</u> Guess the WORDLE in 6 tries. Each guess must be a valid 5 letter word.	Check out <u>Goodreads</u> to keep track of your reading, find new books, and interesting reviews!	New York Times Spelling Bee Daily puzzle free Unlimited access requires subscription
		
<u>Mathler</u>	<u>Crosswordle</u>	<u>Waffle</u>

How to print this Newsletter

Some members inquired about printing the newsletter. Since the newsletter is created as a video (due to the embedded multimedia), it cannot be printed as a pdf after publication; therefore a pdf (without multimedia) will be available on the [SRTC- SEA webpage](#). If you have questions or suggestions, please email the newsletter team: srtc.connection@gmail.com



We remember

May 26, 2024 - Carmela Russo (HS math)
May 21, 2024 -Paul Serra (Junior HS)

If you learn about the passing of one of our members (or their immediate family) and would like us to send out an alert, please email: anneclark10987@gmail.com. Any additional information you can provide (i.e. obituary, services, address of next-of-kin) would be appreciated. Thank you.



WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS THIS SUMMER?

NYSUT Member Benefits offers a variety of endorsed programs & services that can help you enjoy today, while planning for tomorrow.

As a NYSUT member, you have access to participate in a number of programs and services endorsed by NYSUT Member Benefits. These products have been carefully cultivated to provide members with quality programs at competitive prices, including insurance programs to help you protect your family; legal and financial plans to help you plan for the future; and shopping, travel & personal services to help save you money. Member Benefits also offers a number of benefits available free of charge to members such as the premium Calm service, Peer Support Line, Financial Learning Center, and more. Participation in our endorsed programs features the added protection of having a trusted advocate on your side. Our staff take great pride in stepping in to support members with any questions, concerns, or issues that may arise.

No matter what your plans may be, NYSUT Member Benefits is a great place to start. Explore all that your union membership has to offer!



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

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



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