



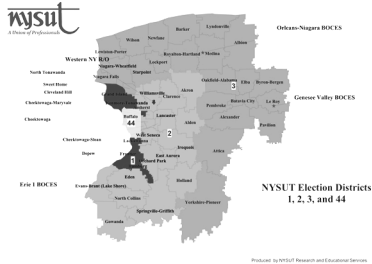
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NEW RETIREES WELCOMED AT THE ANNUAL FALL LUNCHEON



The Fall Luncheon was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at The Columns Banquet Hall. Retiree Council #44 welcomed Diana Cooke, Carol Crowwell, Maureen England, Valerie Hoffman, Sophia Howard-Johnson, Connie Kudrno, Amy Lickfield, and Kathleen Sciolino. Congratulations to all our new retirees. We look forward to their participation and engagement in our activities and events.



Sara Rodland with new retirees

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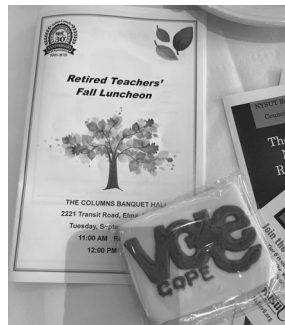
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Retiree Council #44 Voluntary 2024-2025 Participation Fee Form

Name _____

Please circle your affiliation

Street _____

BTF BEST TAB SUB

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please check the amount of your Participation Fee:

\$10.00 _____ Other \$ _____

Send check payable to: NYSUT RC #44 and mail to:

Lynn Garcia—RC #44 Treasurer 1805 Maple Road Apt 215

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Year of Retirement _____

AFT CONVENTION

Highlights of the AFT Convention

- Re-election of Randi Weingarten, President; Evelyn DeJesus, Executive Vice President and Federick Ingram, Secretary-Treasurer.
- Shawn Fain, UAW President, spoke to delegates: *UAW has your back.*
- Melinda Person, NYSUT president, introduced John Mannion. John, a former teacher, union president, NYSUT member, and candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from New York, addressed the AFT delegates.
- AFT was the first labor union to endorse Kamala Harris for president. Kamala, pictured right, addressed the delegates.



Calling the members of the AFT, visionaries who are focused on the future, Kamala urged us to mobilize. ***“We need you so desperately right now. In our vision of the future, we see a place where every person has the opportunity not just to get by but to get ahead, a future where no child has to grow up in poverty, where every senior can retire with dignity and where every worker has the freedom to join a union. We see a future with affordable healthcare, affordable childcare and paid leave, not for some, but for all.”***



AFT CONVENTION

Melinda Person with NYSUT Retirees at AFT Convention
L to R: Florence McCue, Sara Rodland, Melinda Person, Margo Buckingham, Rod Sherman and Felicia Bruce

NEA SUMMER 2024

The **NEA Retired Meeting** was held in Philadelphia on June 30 and July 1. Three hundred nineteen retired delegates, representing 320,000 retired members, attended the two day meeting led by NEA Retired President Anita Gibson. Referring to NEA retirees as “Active Activists”, delegates were encouraged to become involved in the upcoming election.



The **2024 NEA Representative Assembly** was held in Philadelphia from July 4 through July 7. Becky Pringle, NEA President, addressed the delegates the first day of the convention. Sara Rodland represented NYSUT retirees at both the retired meeting and the NEA RA. Due to a strike being called by the NEA Staff Union, delegates attended one day of the convention.

L to R: Florence McCue and Sara Rodland



We won’t go back. We will strengthen public education, so it is a just system designed around the joy of teaching; a system with a deep sense of community and shared responsibility; a system where high expectations are matched with plentiful resources and supports.”
Quote by:—Becky Pringle President, NEA (pictured to the left)

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Labor Day Picnic Back row: Chris Salamone, Eva Mroczka and Joe Montante Front Row: Lynn Garcia, Tom Gattie, Sara Rodland, BTF President Rich Nigro, Scott Nourse, Leila LaSpisa and Paula Prince



Activists at work writing postcards
L to R: Sylvia Stovall and Paula Prince



L to R: Russ Gervase and Tom Gattie

LET'S JINGLE & MINGLE

THERE WILL BE OPEN SEATING FOR THIS EVENT.

GUESTS WELCOME

DOOR PRIZES

RAFFLES

Join other WNY Retirees for a delicious luncheon at Salvatore's beautifully decorated banquet facility!

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024- DOORS OPEN AT 11:15 AM
LUNCH SERVED AT 12:15PM (select meal choice below)**

Salvatore's Banquet Facility

6461 Transit Road, Buffalo, NY 14043

Please complete the form below and return as soon as possible, no later than December 1, 2024 (no refunds).

Checks should be payable to NYSUT Retirees of WNY and mailed to: NYSUT Retirees of WNY/Holiday Luncheon, 270 Essjay Road, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Questions? Contact Lynn Mele at (716) 632-2975

PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING A NON-PERSHISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR FEED MORE WNY AND/OR OLD GLASSES/HEARING AIDS FOR DONATION TO THE LION'S CLUB

Please cut and return with payment.

Lunch includes fresh garden salad, roasted potato medley, garlic green beans and dessert

- Prime Rib (\$50) 8oz boneless cut served with au jus
- Fresh Salmon (\$40) served with lemon herb sauce
- Chicken Francaise (\$40) seasoned chicken breast seared topped with lemon
- Vegetable Napoleon (\$35) Eggplant, roasted red peppers, zucchini, and yellow squash w/balsamic glaze.

CHECK TOTAL \$ _____

Name: _____

EMAIL: _____ Phone Number: _____

Guest's Name _____ (* Indicates guest meal choice)

District from which you retired: _____



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

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L to R: Teri DiPasquale-Mahar and Linda Sieckmann-Dugan



L to R: Lynn Garcia, Becky Pordum and Lynn Diagostino



L to R: Andrea Bridon and Pat Kopper



Ginna O'Leary writing post-cards for upcoming election

LIFE INSURANCE: *Crucial for protecting your loved ones*



Life insurance is a topic many people find confusing, complicated, and uncomfortable to think about. It is undoubtedly one of the most vital types of insurance products you can purchase, though. Whether you're looking into your first policy or to upgrade existing coverage, it's important to determine how much life insurance you need and which type is right for you.

One key fact about life insurance you may not be aware of is premiums are likely to be less expensive if you purchase it earlier in life. For those of you who currently have policies, what you purchased 10 years ago, five years ago, or even last year may not be enough to replace your income and all you provide for your family. And if you are part of the 30% of Americans who don't have any life insurance at all,* you could be putting your family at great financial risk.

There are a variety of options to consider when it comes to life insurance, including:

- 1. Term Life** – this product pays a benefit in the event of the death of the insured during a specific timeframe but offers no cash value.
- 2. Level Term Life** – this insurance is similar to term life but is normally for a set period of time such as 10, 15, or 20 years; it also offers no cash value.
- 3. Universal Life** – this option offers a way to protect your family while building tax-deferred cash value; policyholders can usually access a portion of the balance without impacting the guaranteed death benefit.

* Source: USA Today - <https://www.usatoday.com/money/blueprint/life-insurance/life-insurance-statistics>

NYSUT Member Benefits endorses a number of competitive life insurance programs (those listed to the left and others) available to NYSUT members and their spouse/certified domestic partner. Many of these plans offer reduced rates not available to the general public along with additional convenience and savings opportunities through payroll or pension deduction.

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