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Happy New Year my sisters and brothers!

I hope the holiday season was rewarding and filled with quality family and friends time. I spent Thanksgiving with my youngest son in Wilmington, NC and Christmas in Cortland, NY with my older two children and three grandsons. The attached photo was taken at the trampoline park. I earned serious credibility in front of my youngest grandson with my jumping abilities! I was also able to spend a nice amount of time with my friends, many of whom are still active teachers.



Our new board member, Kathy McHugh, has been busy working at procuring a wonderful location for our June General Meeting at the [Hopshire Farms & Brewery](#). Save the June 18th date and hope to see you there. Another board member, Tom Gath, will be playing for a portion of our general meeting and that is a real treat.

Please help NYSUT make public service retirement fair for everyone and visit [Home - FixTier6.org](#) to join the fight.



Please consider contributing to VOTE-COPE using pension deduction. For questions or to request a VOTE COPE form visit NYSUT's homepage (or call/text me at 607-745-3515 and I will mail you a form) **Pension deduction is the easiest way to continue your contributions in retirement** and it costs NYSUT the least amount of money to set-up for the long term. Nothing would be more valuable and appreciated than you answering the call in this way.



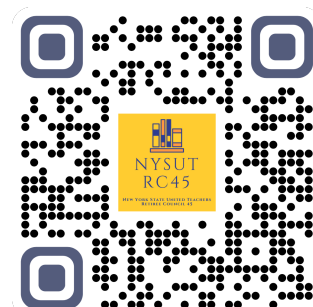
Please have a blessed 2024, stay healthy and safe.

In solidarity,

Vicki Darrow

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President, NYSUT RC #45



REGISTER ON OUR RC 45 WEBSITE

Please consider signing up for an account with us at www.nysut-rc45.org.
[Create your account](#) and automatically be entered into a drawing for a gift card.

RC 45 SUNSHINE

Happy New Year!!! No, this is not being written from sunny Florida. It is coming from quiet, cold Bainbridge. **As your secretary, I am in charge of a few things;** taking (and keeping) minutes at all meetings of the retiree council, casting a vote during elections if there is no contested slate of candidates, and writing thank you notes when someone (like you) sends in a contribution to either our general fund or our scholarship fund. I actually enjoy sending these out and being in contact with many of you. I would like to expand my card sending occasions. **Do you know of anyone in our group that would like a card from RC #45?** A sympathy, get well, or other special occasion that you would feel warrants a card. All you must do is contact me at rc45secretary@gmail.com and give me the specifics. Who? Address of recipient? Why? Mention of you to the recipient? I think this is just a neat way to keep us all connected and thought of on a larger level. And who doesn't like getting mail? So, put on your thinking caps, hone your email writing skills, and please let me know who needs a card. ~Paul Davis RC 45 Secretary



21ST ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATIVE FORUM

The 21st Annual Educational Legislative Forum sponsored by the Catskill Regional Teacher Center will be held on February 8th at SUNY Oneonta Morris Hall's Craven Lounge from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. The Forum serves as an opportunity for teachers and legislators from five counties to engage in educational discourse. Attendees will gain valuable insights into the dynamic relationship between the State Education Department, The Board of Regents, and the New York State Legislature. The Catskill Regional Teacher Center provides professional development and access to resources to approximately 2,500 educators in the DCMO and ONC BOCES Regions, covering thirty-five districts in Chenango, Delaware, Greene, Otsego, Madison, and Schoharie Counties, including private and public schools.

Please RSVP at (607) 436-3920 or email crtcny.org@gmail.com so I can contact you in the event of a cancelation due to a weather-related emergency and provide a Zoom link if you can't attend in person.

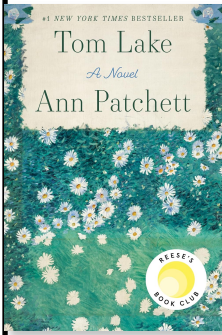
HIDDEN GEMS: BOWMAN LAKE STATE PARK

With the rural makeup of most of Chenango County, **Bowman Lake State Park** provides opportunities of quiet and relaxation during all 4 seasons. Biking, boating, fishing, hiking, hunting, and winter snowmobiling and cross-country skiing are favorite activities here. It is a 967-acre remote retreat **known as "a camper's paradise"**. Scenic park roads wind through evergreen and hardwood forests to 150 campsites and 8 cabins. There is a sandy lakefront for swimmers and sunbathers with several picnic areas nearby. The lake is regularly stocked with trout, and birdwatchers can spot as many as 103 species of birds. There are over 13 miles of scenic trails for hiking as well as marked snowmobile and cross-country trails for winter enjoyment.



Bowman Lake State Park also participates in the Summer and Winter Parks Geocaching Challenge providing new summer and winter caches each year. President Vicki Darrow and her husband visit this park several times a year!

RC #45 AUTHOR / BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



TOM LAKE by the fabulous Ann Patchett! A gorgeous read dealing with how one family with 3 young adult daughters dealt with the pandemic... by storytelling! And WHAT a story it was!! This book might be more enjoyable if you have some knowledge of the play *Our Town*, although it's not essential! I didn't want the book to end!

Another great read was **THE MYSTERY GUEST** by Nita Prose...it was a wonderful sequel to her first book, *THE MAID*! I love books with quirky intelligent characters...and a very intriguing back story!!

And on a more serious note, **GO AS A RIVER** by Shelley Read was an incredible story, but rather heartbreaking...although in a good way! Beautiful writing, incredible characters. ~Chris F.

RC 45 DATES TO REMEMBER

RC #45 BOARD MEETINGS
The RC 45 Board meets on the third Tuesdays. **2024 Meeting dates:**

01/16 | 02/20 | 03/19 | 04/16 | 05/21
06/18 | 07/16 | 08/20 | 09/17 | 10/15
11/19 | 12/17

MAY 2-4 **NYSUT REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**
New York City

JUN 18 **RC 45 GENERAL MEETING**
Hopshire Farm Brewery Dryden, NY

SEPT 24 **RC#45 & RC#11 NYSUT REGIONAL CONFERENCE**
The Doubletree, Binghamton

NYSUT RC #45 SCHOLARSHIP 2024

Who is Eligible? A senior graduating from any New York State public high school or private/parochial high school whose staff is NYSUT affiliated and who plans to enter a profession requiring higher education at an accredited institute of learning and is a child or grandchild of a NYSUT Retiree Council 45 member.

Our Scholarship balance is \$1,010. Deadlines for this school year's application are on the website, <https://nysut-rc45.org>.

Applications must be postmarked between March 15 and May 31, 2024.



PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A CONTRIBUTOR TO RC 45

Please complete the form below and send your voluntary contribution for 2023/2024 to: Maxine Cleveland, RC 45 Treasurer, 5 Brentwood Drive, Homer NY 13077.

Please make checks payable to: **NYSUT Retiree Council 45**

Name _____ Date Retired _____

Address _____

Local Chapter _____

Your email: _____

(Your e-mail address will only be used to communicate information from RC 45)

Voluntary Contribution Amount: \$ _____ Scholarship Fund Amount: \$ _____