

# SPOTLIGHT on RC 45

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## Warm Greetings for Spring!

Happy Spring! Despite schools being closed for a snow day as I write this, I'm back in Cortland, NY after a winter spent traveling. The attached photo shows my husband and me in Nassau during a relaxing cruise. Combining our love for travel, geocaching, and warm weather, our Bahamas cruise was a wonderful experience. We've already booked our next cruise for December.



While I have been traveling, NYSUT has been busy assisting with several political agendas that will support and improve our members' professional and personal lives. Visit the [NYSUT Member Access Center](#) for more information AND some assistance with letter writing.

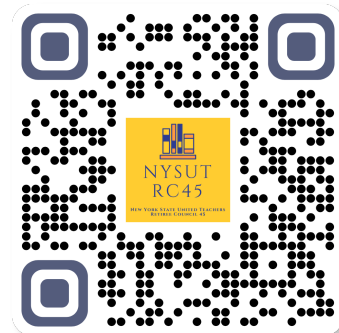
Diana Torta was busy with **Committee of 100** this month so be sure to read her report in this newsletter. She felt it was a very productive day packed with several visits with government officials.

Our **June General Membership Meeting** is planned and we are very excited to start collecting reservations for our day at [Hopshire Farms and Brewery](#) in Freeville on June 18th. Bring a friend and enjoy a relaxing time with your NYSUT family. The luncheon will begin with registration and social time at 11:30 am. RC 45's [Tom Gath](#) has graciously offered to provide live music during that time. At noon we will have a catered lunch from M&D Deli with each attendee being given a drink ticket for beer, wine or cider. After lunch there will be tastings, tour or a talk depending on interest. Hope to see you there!!

In Solidarity,

~Vicki Darrow

President, RC 45



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## REGISTER ON OUR RC 45 WEBSITE

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

### ADVOCACY IN ACTION: NYSUT COMMITTEE OF 100 - 2024

The Committee of 100 met in Albany to discuss education issues with the legislators on March 5. There were over 500 NYSUT educators meeting for 30 minutes in small groups with legislators.

Some of the issues we discussed included fully funding Foundation Aid, fighting childhood poverty, expanding the community school model, supporting the New Deal for Higher Education, fixing tiers 5 and 6, changing BOCES funding formula which was based on the salary of a teacher in 1990, restoring funding for Teacher Centers, returning APPR to local control, protecting students and staff from extreme heat in school, replacing

the receivership system, and ensuring staff and services at special schools. In Senator Oberacker's district 41 schools showed a severe reduction in Foundation Aid.



I met with Senator Oberacker, Senator May, Senator Webb, and Assemblyperson Kelles or their representative. All of them agreed with our issues but there will be negotiations with the governor, senate, and assembly before a final budget will be approved. NYSUT also supplied us with information about revenue proposed bills like the Capital Gains Bill, the Progressive Income Tax Bill, Corporate Tax Reforms Bill, and the Billionaires Tax Bill. Please continue sending money to [Vote-Cope](#) (voluntary non-partisan political action group) to help improve education issues and to fund the activities of the Committee of 100. ~Diana Torta NYSUT RC #45 Committee of 100 Delegate

### CONNECT AND CELEBRATE: SPRING LUNCHEON - JUNE, 18TH, 2024

Mark your calendars for our upcoming June General Membership meeting on June 18th at Hopshire Farms and Brewery in Freeville. Bring a friend and immerse yourself in a day of relaxation and camaraderie with your NYSUT family. Enjoy a catered lunch, live music by Tom Gath, and indulge in tastings, tours, or engaging talks—all amidst a picturesque setting.

**SPRING LUNCHEON:** 🍺 HOPSHIRE FARMS AND BREWERY 🍺  
( [www.hopshire.com](http://www.hopshire.com) ) | 1771 Dryden Road (Route 13) | Freeville, NY 13068

**COST:** \$25.00 includes CATERED LUNCH from M&D Deli and 1 Hopshire drink ticket (beer, wine or cider) | Tax and tip included

**AGENDA:** 11:30 am Registration | Social Time | Music by Tom Gath | 12:00 pm Catered Lunch | Brief General Meeting | 12:45 pm Talk and Tour/Tastings (Depending on preferences of attendees)



Please send the sign-up form and payment by June 01 to: Maxine Cleveland  
↓ 5 Brentwood Drive, Homer, NY 13077 (607-749-4839) ↓

**NYSUT's Retiree Council #45 Spring Luncheon and General Meeting**

**RSVP by June 01, 2024 | \$25 per person | Make checks payable to NYSUT Retiree Council 45**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date Retired \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Local Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

# TAKE ACTION: NYSUT MEMBER ACTION CENTER



Got 60 seconds? Then you can take MULTIPLE actions with just a few clicks! Search for an action below or just start picking and clicking. Anything you can do makes a difference -- you just need to ask the lawmakers that hear from us!

MAC, [NYSUT's Member Action Center](https://mac.nysut.org/) is a great place to visit when you wish to start quickly and effectively with political action. Scripts are often provided, contacts are available for a variety of topics. Check it out!! Below is a reply that a member of RC#45 have received from their elected officials. It doesn't hurt to let them know of our concerns and that we are watching how they vote on our behalf: **Assemblyman Joe Angelino** "I am well aware of Tier 6 and the changes that need to be made. I have had conversations with our local teachers, DOT, PEF, and many more regarding how detrimental it is... Read more @ <https://mac.nysut.org/>

## 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

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NYSUT REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY  
New York City



JUN  
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RC 45 GENERAL MEETING  
Hopshire Farm Brewery  
Dryden, NY



SEPT  
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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.

Information and deadlines for this school year's application are on the website. <https://nysut-rc45.org/index.php/for-members/scholarship>



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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_