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Do Your Homework By Jan Corn

With the upcoming Presidential election closing in, political rhetoric is starting to bombard our senses from all sides. I know you've heard a lot of the following information before, but it bears repeating. The most important: you must vote, and you must be an informed voter!!

There are many issues on the line that will affect the quality of our lives as retirees. You must know where each candidate stands on these issues as well as the many other issues that will affect all Americans before you vote. Candidates' websites are helpful resources in researching this information. You must be wary of misinformation provided in other arenas such as ads, writings, social media, promotional materials, conversations, etc., though. Not all you read and hear is true.

As retirees most of our major concerns are maintaining our health care at a sufficient and affordable level, keeping Social Security and Medicare viable, and securing our pensions along with an updated COLA. Social Security and Medicare greatly improve the quality of our lives. Remember, Social Security and Medicare benefits are not entitlements as some candidates claim. We have earned and paid for these benefits through payroll contributions and taxes over many years. Please keep

that in mind.

There are many other issues that are of great interest and concern to us and others such as women's rights, global warming, fair and free elections, democratic principles, the economy, immigration, drugs and crime, gun control, etc. Find out the candidate's views on each that are important to you.

If you have the time and the inclination, you may choose to volunteer to support a candidate or work for a voting group. You might make phone calls, text, write postcards, or talk to others, etc. Check out volunteer groups to "get out the vote" or your local candidate's office online for volunteer information.

I'm in no way suggesting that you vote for one candidate over another here, but I am strongly suggesting that you do your homework and vote for the candidate that most closely reflects your political views, the goals for our country, and the goals for yourself. This is a very important election. Please make sure that you will be making your best choice. Election Day is Tuesday, November 5.

Enjoy retirement!
Hope to see you at our fall luncheon.

In solidarity,
Jan

**Wednesday, June 19, 2024 (Rain Date: Wednesday, June 26)
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Lock 20 Canal Park, River Road, Marcy (across from Canal View Apts)

Bring your own bagged lunch and beverage, or stop and pick up a sandwich at one of the many nearby shops; Fratello's Pizza, Big Jay's Pizza, Dunkin Donuts, and Fastrac are all at the corner of River and Cavanaugh Roads. RC 8 will provide bottled water, paper goods, and cookies.

Wear your walking shoes; bring your own bike. Walk or ride as far as you want on a nicely paved, easy, level trail. Or don't walk at all; just come to socialize. Meet in the picnic area any time you get there and get instructions.

Ask family, friends, colleagues to come with you. This is a school holiday, Juneteenth, so invite in-service teachers and their families.

RSVPs are needed so we can provide enough supplies. Please respond by 6/16/24 to Carol Zaleski at carolzal65@gmail.com or 315-281-7616 (c). Hope to see you!!!

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THIS IS OUR LAST ISSUE FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR. WE'LL BE BACK IN THE FALL.
ENJOY YOUR SUMMER

Save these Dates

FALL BRUNCH
Thursday, October 24, 2024

VALENTINO'S
NEW HARTFORD

RESERVATION FORM IN FALL NEWSLETTER

NYSUT Regional Conference
For RC 7 & 8

Monday, September 23, 2024

Details about the conference
will be available soon.

TOP-OF-THE-CLASS COVERAGE FOR YOUR PET

NYSUT members have access to MY PET PROTECTION, a unique pet insurance plan available from Nationwide only through workplace benefits plans. For more information go to

<https://benefits.petinsurance.com/nysut>

Fix Tier 6

It's been over a decade since Tier 6 became part of the New York state pension system. Since then, over 100,000 NYSUT members earn a significantly reduced pension as compared to earlier tiers. Consider this:

Tier 6 members pay 3 to 6 percent of their salaries into the pension system their entire careers—and their contributions grow with pay raises.

Tier 4 member contributions are capped at 3 percent and end after 10 years.

Tier 4 members can retire at 55 with 30 years of service.

Tier 6 members must work to age 63, up to 40 years of service, or face heavy penalties.

Tier 4 member—Retiring at 55 with 30 years, would receive 60 percent of her Final Average Salary. Can retire and collect her pension, penalty free, with 30 years of service at 55 years old.

Tier 6 member—Retiring at 55 with 30 years, would only receive 26.4 percent of his Final Average Salary—after paying tens of thousands more into the system. Can't retire and collect his pension, without facing heavy penalties, until he's 63.

Why does this matter to retirees?

Fixing Tier 6 is about keeping talented educators in the classroom and recruiting new educators into the profession. Our work was important and still is; pensions should reflect that.

How can you get involved?

We know how to get this done, but we can't do it without you. Whether you're a retiree or a Tier 4, 5 or 6 member, you can help NYSUT Fix Tier 6.

- Visit the NYSUT Member Action Center (mac.nysut.org) to digitally support union actions.
- Share the Fix Tier 6 message with other retirees.

To learn more go to fixtier6.org or scan the QR code on the right.



Are You Ready to Vote in November?

Make sure you're registered to vote. Go to voterlookup.elections.ny.gov to find out.

If you're not registered, go to elections.ny.gov. You can register online and request an early mail ballot or an absentee ballot. This website will also help you find your polling location.

Early voting days: Ten days before the election

Last day to vote: Election Day—Tuesday, November 5, 2024

