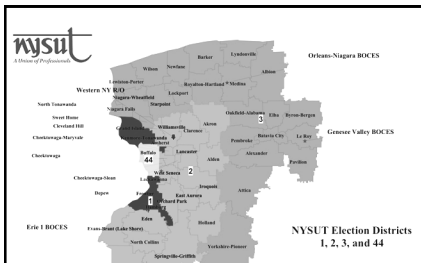


# Western N.Y. NEWS & Views

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Reaching Out to Retirees in Five Western New York Counties— We are over 12,000 strong — a Coalition of Councils 1, 2 & 3



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## from the President's Desk by Lynn Mele

Dear Retirees,

Happy summer! Time to get out and take advantage of this season! Roll up your sleeves for some gardening, enjoy the longer days, go for a longer walk, or just sit outside with a book or better yet, family and friends! Savor every moment!

Our Program Committee is busy planning in-person activities for late summer and early fall. So, stay tuned. Be sure to read our "Save the Date" features.

NYSUT has adopted a Code of Conduct that applies to all NYSUT members and local leaders. Below is a portion of this Code which NYSUT expects everyone who participates in any of its activities, events or meetings to abide by.

Congratulations to the six local Starbucks that voted to unionize! Welcome to the union family.

*Yours in solidarity,  
Lynn Mele, President*



### NYSUT CODE OF CONDUCT

(Adopted by the NYSUT Board of Directors, June 25, 2020)

Expected behavior: NYSUT is a democratic organization that values open and vigorous discussion of the issues facing our Union, our members, working people and the labor movement. This Code of Conduct is not intended to restrict free and open debate, but rather is concerned with preventing unacceptable behavior.

NYSUT expects everyone participating in NYSUT activities, events or meetings to conform to the following Code of Conduct:

- Respect others and their views
- Recognize and value individual differences
- Do not engage in aggressive, bullying or intimidating behavior
- Do not engage in discriminatory or harassing behavior

A copy of the entire NYSUT Code of Conduct can be requested from Janet Goddard, NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant at [janet.goddard@nysut.org](mailto:janet.goddard@nysut.org)

### The NYSUT Legacy Fund helps members celebrate members.

Honor an activist from a local, chapter or retiree council with statewide union recognition. Make a contribution to the NYSUT Legacy Fund in their name.



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*Spotlight on...*

## VERONICA CAVAN



Veronica Honan Cavan is a NYSUT Retirees Board Member who serves as Retiree Council 3 President and the RCs 1, 2 & 3 Coalition 1st Vice President. Veronica taught Social Studies at Lewiston-Porter Sr. High School and retired in 2005 and was always active in the union at Low-Port. She joined the NYSUT Retirees Board 12 years ago. Her RC Council covers Niagara, Orleans, Genesee and Wyoming counties.

Veronica previously worked for AFTRA, a union for live on-camera performers and newsmen. While on the NYSUT Retirees Board, she has been part of the Election Committee and spearheaded reviews of the Coalition and RC Constitutions. She also chairs the Fall Luncheon honoring new retirees. Veronica is committed to increasing participation of members from Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming counties who are not currently represented on our Board. She also attends monthly meetings with presidents of active teachers' unions for the counties she represents.

Veronica has been married to her husband Edward for 45 years; they have three children and six grandchildren.

*Thank you for your NYSUT service!*

**WELCOME  
NEW RETIREES  
LUNCHEON**  
OCTOBER 25, 2022  
THE COLUMNS  
2221 TRANSIT ROAD  
ELMA, NEW YORK

**Mark Your Calendar**  
**You don't want to miss this!**  
RC 1,2,3 & 44 Coalition's  
*Annual Holiday Party*  
Tuesday, December 13, 2022  
Salvatore's Italian Gardens  
Watch future newsletters for information!

### JUST DOUBLE-CHECKING!

Have you sent in your participation fee contribution? If you haven't, there is still time. We look forward to hearing from you! Thank you!

**PARTICIPATION FEE FORM**

Sept. 1, 2021 – Aug. 31, 2022

Name \_\_\_\_\_ District you retired from \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Retirement \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

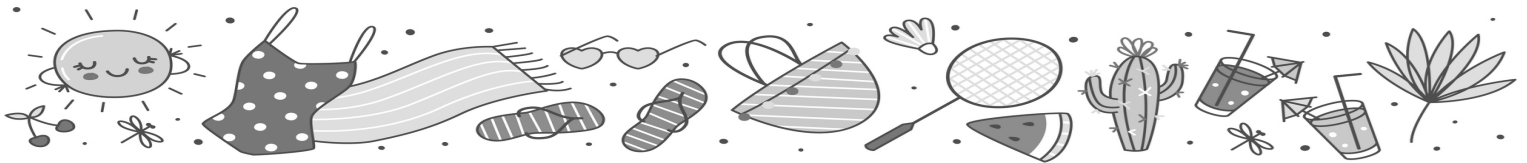
Make your \$10 contribution payable to: NYSUT Retirees of WNY.

Mail this form to: Eva Mrocza, c/o NYSUT Retirees of WNY, 270 Essjay Rd. Williamsville, NY 14221

# SUMMER FUN

Many, many summer festivities are back on schedule. Check out the dates and times in your local news for some of these interesting and fun events.

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| Allentown Art Festival  | Taste of Buffalo                  | Erie County Fair               |
| Buffalo Greek Fest      | Juneteenth Festival of Buffalo    | Roycroft Campus Art Shows      |
| Taste of Orchard Park   | Ellicottville Rodeo               | Langford Tractor Pull          |
| Eden Corn Festival      | Cobblestone Music & Arts Festival | NYS Festival of Balloons       |
| Lewiston Peach Festival | Polish American Heritage Festival | Crafts in the Garden           |
| Artpark Festivals       | Pautler’s Drive-In Cruise Nights  | Wing Fest                      |
| Shakespeare in the Park | Taste of Country at Sahlen Field  | Festival at the Beach Car Show |



## SHARE THE WEALTH

Share the Wealth drawings are held at both our Welcome New Retirees Luncheon in October and our Annual Holiday Party in December. The monies raised go toward our Coalition’s Mini-Grant Program. This year 15 mini-grants were awarded to local Western New York teachers totaling approximately \$6,000.



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- **About the Fund**

Your donations are used to support worthy initiatives across the state, including Retiree Services Program enhancements and grants to Retiree Councils.

- **Make a Contribution**

When donating, please provide the name of the member you wish to honor and indicate why you want to honor them. Go to [nysut.org/members/retirees](https://nysut.org/members/retirees) to complete the on-line form.

1. *In accordance with Section 6113 of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions to the NYSUT legacy Fund are not deductible for Federal (or New York State) income tax purposes as charitable contributions.*
2. *The NYSUT Legacy Fund is not a “Charitable Organization” as defined under New York Exec. Law Article 7-A.*
3. *Contributions to the NYSUT Legacy Fund will not be used for political or legislative purposes.*

Source: [nysut.org/members/retirees](https://nysut.org/members/retirees)



