



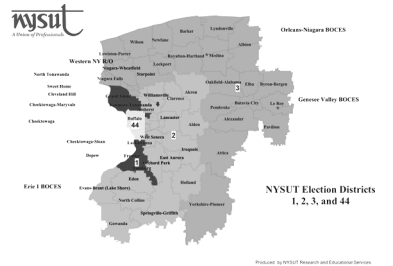
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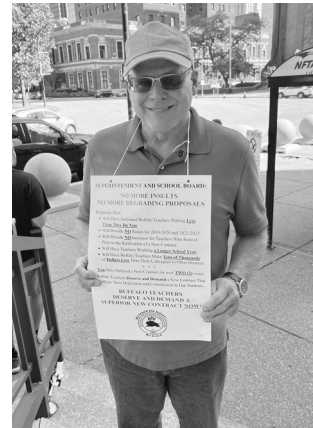
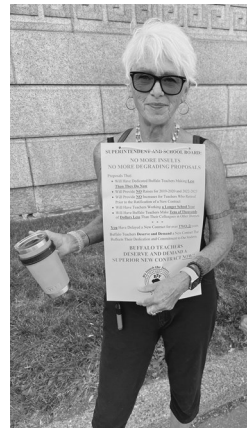
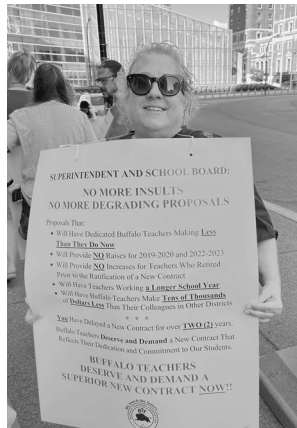
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ACTIVISTS NEVER RETIRE

Retirement does not slow down Retiree Council #44 members.

We continue to be active and involved in union activities.

Whether it is social events, political action, community service or supporting our in-service colleagues, RC #44 members are there! We have participated at the NEA Retired Meeting and Representative Assembly, the AFT Retired Meeting and Convention, Buffalo Teachers Federation picketing for a new contract, informational picketing at Starbucks, volunteering at The Teacher's Desk and the NYSUT Statewide Retiree Meeting. Remain active and engaged and help us to make a difference. Please join us!



Pictures L to R: Retirees at BTF picketing for new contract: Lynn Garcia, Elizabeth Spiro-Carmen and Charles Carey. Donna Lyons participated in informational picketing at Starbucks.



NYSUT Statewide Retiree Meeting
L to R: Stan Nowak, Sara Rodland and Lynn Diagostino



NEA Retired Meeting
L to R: Lynn Diagostino and Sara Rodland



AFT Convention: Women's Rights Award Breakfast L to R: Ron Gross, NYSUT Second Vice President and Sara Rodland

Retiree Council #44 Voluntary 2022-2023 Participation Fee Form

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please circle your affiliation

BTF BEST TAB SUB

Please check the amount of your Participation Fee:

\$10.00 _____ Other \$ _____

Year of Retirement _____

Send check payable to: NYSUT RC #44 and mail to:
Theresa Ross-RC #44 Treasurer
5083 Eastbrooke Place, Buffalo, NY 14221



In Memoriam
Dorothy Brown



The purpose of life is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, and to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

We mourn the passing of Retiree Council #44 Board Member Dorothy Brown who passed way on July 9, 2022. Dorothy worked as a teacher aide in the Buffalo Public Schools for thirty-one years. She was a member of BEST and served on their Executive Board. Since its inception in 2011, Dorothy served as a board member of Retiree Council #44. In 2018, she was recognized at the NYSUT Western New York Awards Dinner for her contributions to her union and her community. A donation has been made by RC #44 in Dorothy's name to the NYSUT Memorial Scholarship Fund for Buffalo Victims and Families.

THE TEACHER'S DESK

The beginning of a new school year rings in another year for The Teacher's Desk. Since 2011 The Teacher's Desk has been committed to providing teachers in Western New York who teach children in need with materials for their classrooms and students. The Teacher's Desk is able to provide this valuable service because of volunteers who are willing to make a commitment and thus a difference in the lives of students. Retiree Council #44 members, along with their colleagues from Retiree Councils 1, 2, and 3, are an integral part of this success. Please consider joining us in this wonderful service to teachers, students and the community. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sara Rodland (sarasarasara2008@live.com).




Pat Spasiano takes a break from packaging materials.



Panchopacks put together by retiree volunteers were delivered to students in Sierra Leone.



Retiree Volunteers at The Teacher's Desk L to R: Karen Vasbinder, Barbara Russo, Sharon Fretthold, Rose Ann Heilemann and Charlotte Ross



NYSUT MEMBER BENEFITS

LIFE IS COMPLICATED, BUT NYSUT MEMBER BENEFITS CAN HELP.

The Peer Support Line is a new service available through NYSUT Member Benefits offered at no cost to all NYSUT members and their families.

This confidential helpline, staffed by trained in-service and retired individuals who understand the unique professional and personal challenges of NYSUT members, can provide answers, referrals, and empathetic support when you need it.

For more information or to speak with someone at the Peer Support Line, call toll-free 844-444-0152.

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



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LET'S JINGLE AND MINGLE!



WNY NYSUT Retirees Holiday Luncheon
Salvatore's Banquet Facility, Bellamore Room
6461 Transit Road, Depew, NY 14043

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022
DOORS OPEN AT 11:15 AM

Come and celebrate with your friends and your retired NYSUT colleagues. Enjoy the lavish decorations, gift shop and delicious food in Salvatore's spacious Banquet Facility. Spouses and guests are welcome!

Registration will begin at 11:15 AM with punch and a cash bar available until 12:15 PM.

Lunch will be served at 12:15 pm. Proceeds of the *Share the Wealth* drawing will benefit the Mini-Grant fund for in-service teachers. Door prizes will also be drawn.

Please remember to bring non-perishable foods that will be contributed to *FeedMore of WNY*. Also, we are collecting any old eyeglasses or hearing aids to be donated to the Lions Club.

Questions? Contact Kathy Brown, 716-870-7758 or kbrown681@gmail.com

Make checks payable to **NYSUT Retirees of WNY**.

Reserve your spot(s) as soon as possible—no later than December 1, 2022.

Holiday Celebration Luncheon at Salvatore's Reservation Form

PLEASE SUBMIT A RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK FOR EACH GUEST.

Lunch includes soup, entrée, vegetable, twice-baked potato and dessert.

Choose from one of the following entrées:

- Prime Rib - \$34 – 8 oz. boneless cut served w/au jus
- Chicken Francaise - \$27 - seasoned chicken breast seared and then topped with a lemon
- Fresh Salmon - \$27 – served with lemon herb sauce
- Eggplant Parmigiana - \$27 – breaded eggplant, w/marinara & mozzarella served with rigatoni/red sauce

\$_____ Check Total

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Town/City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Email _____ School District You Retired From _____

Mail reservation form and check payable to **NYSUT RETIREES OF WNY**, 270 Essjay Road, Williamsville, NY 14221



DEADLINE DECEMBER 1, 2022



MINI GRANT AWARDS FOR 2021-2022

The NYSUT Retirees of WNY offer mini-grants to area teachers that successfully complete the application process. The grants may be used to purchase educational materials and equipment for classroom use. Funds for grants up to \$500 are provided by our coalition, individual donations, and "Share the Wealth" fundraisers. Information and applications are given to the Local Union Presidents of each school district at the beginning of the school year in September. This year the Mini-Grant Committee included Arlene Reese, Mark Shanahan, Mary Lou Mancuso, and Dave D'Amato.

Mini-grants for 2021-2022 were presented to:

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| Jennifer Aumer | Maryvale Middle School |
| Arron Brown | Pembroke Intermediate School |
| Jenna Driver | Pioneer High School |
| Laura Helper | West Seneca SD |
| Mark Lammerhirt | Winchester Academy |
| Sara Mackenzie | Byron-Bergen High School |
| Jennifer Manson | Hamburg SD |
| Joe Weldon | Buffalo #195 |
| Jennifer Nicometi | Buffalo PS 45 International School |



