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Message from Second Vice President Ron Gross

Congratulations! On behalf of the officers, I welcome you to the ranks of NYSUT retirees and extend my best wishes for a joyful, fulfilling retirement. May your retirement offer you good health, relaxation, fun and a chance to do some of the special things you put on hold during your salaried years. We have enjoyed serving you and hope you give us the opportunity to continue assisting you by keeping your NYSUT membership status active.

I encourage you to explore the many opportunities available to you as a NYSUT retiree. I encourage you to stay active, informed and to participate in your union on many levels.

We know our retired members are very active and participate in retiree chapter and retiree council social, political action and informational activities and in NYSUT Member Benefits. More than 240,000 NYSUT retirees continue to stay informed about issues of concern to public education and retirement. You can stay connected through NYSUT publications, such as *NYSUT United* and the *Retiree Organizer*. You can also stay connected through your retiree chapter and council newsletters or the dedicated page for retirees on NYSUT's website – nysut.org/retirees. NYSUT looks forward to continuing to serve you in the future.

In Unity,

Ron Gross

NYSUT Second Vice President



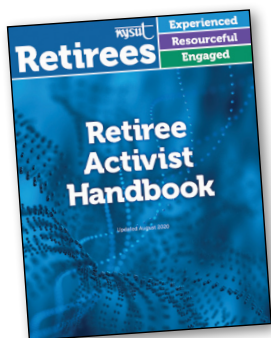
Union Involvement as a Retiree



Benefits of Union Membership as a Retiree

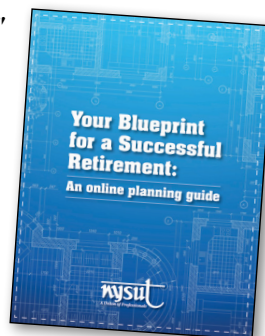
Maintaining union membership in retirement ensures access to:

- Member benefits including discounts on things such as cellphone service, rental cars, appliances and insurance programs. Visit memberbenefits.nysut.org/ for more information.
- NYSUT Social Services to help you and your family navigate hospital services and elder care as the need arises. Visit nysut.org/socialservices or call (800) 342-9810.
- Social activities such as luncheons, trips and book clubs.
- Support for receiving negotiated post-employment benefits.
- A regional NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant.
- Publications from NYSUT and Retiree Councils.
- Advocacy through NYSUT's legislative and political departments and VOTE-COPE to protect your earned benefits: social security, pension, health care, etc.
- Membership in the NYS Alliance for Retired Americans.



To learn more about retiree councils, local chapters, etc., check out "Forms of Retiree Organization" in the ***NYSUT Retiree Activist Handbook***.

Your Blueprint for a Successful Retirement:
An online planning guide
will help you answer critical questions as you embark on your journey into retirement.



By staying involved in NYSUT through your local and retiree council you can:

- Participate in volunteer opportunities: mentoring, book giveaways and offering scholarships to students, holiday activities, etc.
- Advocate for issues related to education, health care, earned benefits, etc., in your local, state, and federal legislatures by phone banking, picketing, contacting elected representatives and using the NYSUT MAC app mac.nysut.org.
- Share institutional history with new union members.
- Assist with local initiatives.
- Run to be a school board/city council member, or help get candidates elected to your local school board/city council, etc.
- Find resources to help get answers to personal concerns.
- Share concerns and issues of in-service members with community organizations.



Participate in your NYSUT Retiree Council and stay involved in issues that will affect your retirement!

Visit: nysut.org/retireecouncils



For info on any of NYSUT's Retiree Services programs visit NYSUT.org/retirees or call (800) 342-9810.