



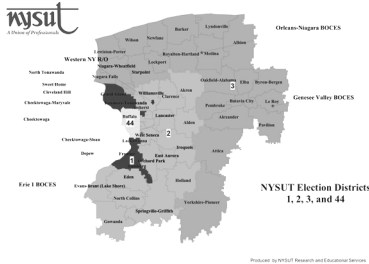
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WELCOME TO NEW RETIREES

The Columns Banquet Hall in Elma was the setting for the Annual Retired Teachers Fall Luncheon which was held on September 19. This event recognizes and celebrates the newest of our retirees. RC #44 new retirees Maria Baker, Kathleen Burke, Margaret Fahs, Sarah Jonson, Shirley MacKinnon, Kelly Panek and Wilda Ramos-Morale were in attendance at the luncheon. We look forward to participation and involvement of all our new retirees. Congratulations to all the new RC #44 members!



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**“Retirement is not the end of the road,
it’s the beginning of an open highway!”**



L to R: Shirley MacKinnon, Kathleen Burke and Margaret Fahs



Tom and Debbie Gattie



L to R: Maria Baker and Teri DiPasquale Mahar



Kelly Panek



Sarah Johnson



Shirley Banko



L to R: Maria Valenti and Carolyn Flynn



Wilda Ramos-Morale

MEET LYNN GARCIA, RETIREE COUNCIL #44 TREASURER

Lynn Garcia, a graduate of Canisius College, was a teacher in the Buffalo Public Schools for thirty years. She spent her teaching career as a history teacher at McKinley High School and Hutch Tech. Lynn has been an active and engaged union member as a teacher and now as a retiree. As a member of the Buffalo Teachers Federation, Lynn served on the Executive Committee, was Political Action Committee Co-Chair and created the BTF Women's Committee. Lynn is a 2012 graduate of the NYSUT Leadership Academy. On the state level, she has been a member of the NYSUT Women's Committee and a NYSUT State Delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly since 2009. Lynn is presently the Chair of the NEA Women's Caucus and has served as delegate to the AFT Convention. Lynn brings much union involvement and experience on the local, state and national level to Retiree Council #44 as a member and officer.



MEET PAULA PRINCE, NYSUT RC #44 BOARD MEMBER

Paula started her teaching career in the Buffalo Public Schools in 1991 upon her graduation from Canisius College. She taught third grade at Dr. Charles R. Drew Science Magnet until she accepted a position as an Attendance Teacher. Paula also taught Social Studies in grades 7-11 at various schools within the Buffalo district throughout her career. As a teacher, Paula was an active member of the Buffalo Teachers Federation (BTF). She served on the Executive Committee, Political Action Committee and the Contract Negotiation Team. She also served as a Trustee for the Sick Leave Bank and was a member of the Teacher Center Policy Board. Paula has been an elected delegate to both the state and national conventions of NYSUT, NEA and AFT. Paula is active in her community. She was a founding member of the Copsewood Neighborhood Block Club where she served as their first President. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Xi Epsilon Omega Chapter and Phi Delta Kappa. Paula has three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Paula is an experienced leader and we welcome her to the RC #44 Board.



RC #44 Out and About...Making a Difference!



Pictures Left to Right: **Buffalo Educational Support Team (BEST) Retiree Luncheon:**

pic 1: Rosa Hernandez and Jacqueline Hurley

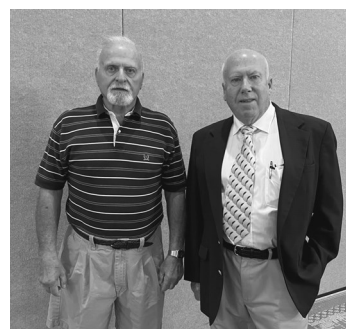
pic 2: Joann Sweat and Evelyn Escabi,

pic 3: Jayne Spell, Maggie McCarville, Mary Hunter and Theresa Jordan

pic 4: **ED 51-53 Contiguous Meeting in Albany.** RC #44 Representatives, Lynn Diagostino, Sara Rodland and Stan Nowak

Bottom Row: pic 1: **Election Committee Members:** Mike Marzalek and Floyd Kruschke,

pic 2: **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.** Melinda MacPherson-Sullivan, BTF Vice President, Eva Mrocza, RC #2 President and Sara Rodland, RC #44 President



Let's Jingle and Mingle!

Join other WNY NYSUT Retirees for a delicious luncheon at Salvatore's beautifully holiday decorated banquet Facility!

***OPEN SEATING! * Guests Welcome! * Door prizes!**

When: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 **Doors open at 11:15AM, lunch served at 12:15 PM**

Where: Salvatore's Banquet Facility, 6461 Transit Road, Buffalo, NY 14043

Bring: A nonperishable food item for distribution to *FeedMore WNY*

Old glasses and/or hearing aids for donation to Lion's Club

Sign-up as soon as possible before **December 1, 2023**

Questions: Contact Kathy Brown 716-870-7758

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Choose from one of the following entrees:

Lunch includes soup, entree, vegetable, twice baked potato, and dessert

\$_____ Prime Rib (\$46) - 8 oz. boneless cut served w/ au jus

\$_____ Chicken Francaise (\$38) - seasoned chicken breast seared and then topped with a lemon

\$_____ Fresh Salmon (\$40) - served with lemon herb sauce

\$_____ Vegetable Napoleon (\$36) - Eggplant, roasted red peppers, zucchini and yellow squash with balsamic glaze

\$_____ **check total**

Your name _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Guest's name: _____ Indicate guest's food choice _____

School District Retired From: _____

Send and make check payable to: **ATTENTION: Holiday Luncheon, NYSUT Retirees of WNY, 270 Essjay Road, Williamsville NY 14221**

	Experienced	http://rcwest.ny.aft.org
	Resourceful	
	Engaged	

Retiree Council #44 Voluntary 2023-2024 Participation Fee Form

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please circle your affiliation

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Please check the amount of your Participation Fee:

\$10.00 _____ Other \$ _____

**Send check payable to: NYSUT RC #44 and mail to:
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Year of Retirement _____

