

NYSUT RC#13 2020 - 2021 Calendar

Please check dates & days of week! All Board/Liaisons Meeting @ Regional Office (no meetings: January & February, July & August)

September

9 Wed.- Board/Liaison, Kingston (10 am-12 noon)

October

14 Wed.- Board/Liaison, Kingston (10 am-12 noon)

November

18 Wed.- Board/Liaison, Kingston (10 m-12 noon) of Officers &

Directors - Christo's Poughkeepsie

December

9 Wed.- Board/Liaisons, Kingston (10 am-12 noon)



During these unprecedented times and in the face of incredible adversity, each of you continue to sacrifice and dedicate yourselves to our children, our families and our communities.

We thank all of the educators, school-related professionals, nurses and other health care workers who continue to demonstrate their unwavering compassion, dedication and commitment to our communities on a daily basis.

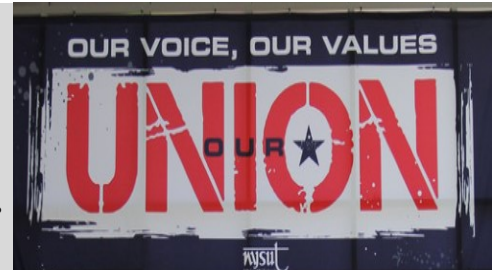
memberbenefits.nysut.org | 800-626-8101



For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits.

PLEASE NOTE:

Many retirees receive mailings from the New York Retired Teachers' Association (NYSTRA). **THIS IS NOT OUR UNION!** It is an independent organization that offers some benefits at a cost. We are **NEW YORK STATE UNITED TEACHERS (NYSUT).**



VOTE-COPE

The need for VOTE-COPE contributions does not cease in retirement, rather it becomes greater. VOTE-COPE, our Union's voluntary political action fund is our tool to fight back against those who would diminish our pensions, social security, medicare, as well as slash funding to public education and eliminate workers right. If you haven't already contributed to VOTE-COPE this year, or if you would like to increase your current monthly pension deduction contribution to VOTE-COPE please send an email to: pmcrthy@verizon.net with your name, mailing address & name of the local you retired from and a direct contribution/pension deduction form will be mailed to you pronto! Contributing to VOTE-COPE is more important than ever.



Contributions to VOTE-COPE can be mailed directly to the following address:
VOTE-COPE

P.O. BOX 295 Canajoharie, NY 13317-0295

If you would like to contribute via **PENSION DEDUCTION** (highly recommended) you can contact your retiree chapter leadership for a Pension Deduction form, or you can either email me at pmcrthy@verizon.net or call **(845-701-1825)**, provide me your name and mailing address and I will get one off to you ASAP.

The only thing between us and Wisconsin, where the Governor and Legislator took away bargaining rights, is VOTE-COPE.

WE HAVE NO OTHER WEAPON! PLEASE CONTRIBUTE!

Thank you to all who have and continue to contribute.

Patrick McCarthy, Mid-Hudson VOTE-COPE COORDINATOR & RC #13 Director

COVID-19 Delayed Us

Usually January is the time of year we ask you for your financial support that enables us to represent your interests throughout the year. Your annual voluntary contribution of just \$10 to Retiree Council 13 is used to send: representatives to meet with legislators at the annual ED 13 Legislative Luncheon each February & the Committee of 100 in March, and delegates to the NYSUT Representative Assembly in April & the ED meetings for retiree councils in March & October. Also, because of your generous support RC 13 contributes to the NYSUT Disaster Relief Fund, which assists fellow members in need, offers grants for classroom projects to support active members in our local schools, and contributes to local organizations, such as the Special Olympics. Please don't forget to fill out the Membership Contribution Form on Page 1 and send it in.

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WANTED - NYSUT Local Retiree Chapters

- *To create social interaction with other retirees, local and state wide
 - *To maintain institutional history of in-service locals
 - *To maintain connections with in-service NYSUT locals
 - *To serve as a liaison to NYSUT in-service locals and former employers
 - *To form a political force helping in-service locals and NYSUT, through phone banks and other activities
 - *To help mentor in-service teachers and leadership when needed
 - *To interact with Retiree Services at NYSUT on retiree's behalf
 - *To be an active part of Retiree Council #13
 - *To attend the NYSUT Representative Assembly and other functions
 - *To have a voice in the Union we have worked to strengthen as it comes under attack from outsiders
- To create a Retiree Chapter takes a couple of people and some time. Have a "not going back to school" luncheon or a monthly retiree breakfast, a food pantry drive, or a holiday party. Then get talking. The momentum will grow. The template for creating a local retiree chapter is available from NYSUT. Retiree Council #13 can offer help.
- Contact: Tom Lyon, Coxsackie-Athens CSD, 607-547-2709, tom@lyoncher.com or
Bill Rule, Wallkill CSD, 845-687-0849, WVR12@aol.com

**WE ARE THE UNION!****SAVE THE DATE****Spring Luncheon****Christo's Poughkeepsie, NY****Thursday, June 3, 2021**

Support VOTE-COPE
Our future
Depends on it



Strong Union Active Retirees!

About Retiree Council #13

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**Retiree Council #13
Mid-Hudson**

Mid-Hudson Bridges, is a quarterly publication of the Mid-Hudson Retiree Council 13, serving: Columbia, Greene, Dutchess, Ulster, & Sullivan Counties.

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Electronic files are appreciated attached as a Word document or embedded as text of an email.

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<http://ny.aft.org/rc13>

