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NYSUT RC 13

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## PRESIDENT'S **REPORT**

Patrick McCarthy

warm welcome to our newly re- establish a chapter. tired colleagues - the "Class of 2019, and the "Class of 2020." A retiree chapter serves a variety May your retirement years be of purposes for its members infilled with adventures, good cluding, but not limited, to creatfriends & good health.

where there is none. Currently in real as they are today. our region there are several groups who are in various stages We are able to bask in the joy of of planning and developing a re- retirement given the fact that we

# A Year Like No Other!

n behalf of the officers & template for chapters and we have NYSUT and all its members, both directors of Retiree Coun- people on the RC 13 Board of Di- retired and in-service. Our voice cil 13 I would like to extend a rectors who will work with you to at the Polls two years ago was a

ing a social environment for retirees of a given local, serving as a As a retiree we are still members connection to the in-service local of NYSUT and, given the uncer- and providing them with a variety tainty of the anti-Union Janus de- of resources (history, mentoring, cision, it is now more important support for their activities, advothan ever that we stay connected cacy for retirees, etc.). Above all it to our state organization and our will keep you connected to the former in-service local. This can profession we so cherish and inbe done by joining Retiree Counformed on what is happening on a "HANDS OFF SOCIAL SECUcil 13 if you haven't already in local, state and national level that RITY AND MEDICARE!" 2019(form included in this news- can affect all of us. We cannot let letter), and by participating in our guard down, as the threats to your local's retiree chapter if one Social Security, Medicare and Unexists, or helping to create one ions in general have never been so

tiree chapter. If your local in New York State have one of the does not have one, I would urge best "defined pensions" in the you to do so. NYSUT provides a country thanks to the efforts of clear message to the New York State Legislature and Governor to NOT dip into our pension for any reason! We must continue to send messages to our representatives when we go to the Polls each year. 2020 is already being touted as the "Election of a Lifetime" and our effort must be to ensure that we elect representatives, regardless of party affiliation, who will protect Public Education, Unions and Labor Rights as well as sending a very clear message of

In solidarity, Patrick McCarthy

A STRONG UNION PROTECTS US ALL!

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\$10.00 yearly recomme	ended contribution Checks should be made out TREASURER RC #13 NYSUT	t to <b>NYSUT RC # 13</b> and sent to:			
	201 Stockade Drive, Kingston, NY 124	01			
I would be willing to wor	rk in the areas of: <b>Newsletter (<i>Bridges</i>)</b>	Travel/Social Events			

RC# 13 meetings are open to all NYSUT retirees & are held at the above address. The meeting calendar is in MID-HUDSON BRIDGES.

## 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 contri-

bution 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, N Y 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

1\*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 I 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 outsid-- ers

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

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# Strong Union Active Retirees!

**About Retiree Council #13** 



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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## Next issue deadline: August 10th

Visit our website for other useful information: http://ny.aft.org/rc13



