

# NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 43

## SPACE COAST—TRIF UNIT



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### FROM THE DESK OF DEB PETERSON, PRESIDENT

What's in a name? The 2017 Atlantic Hurricane Season is now among the top 10 all-time most active seasons on record, thanks to a powerful stretch of long-lived, destructive hurricanes from mid-August through September. As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, thirteen named storms, eight hurricanes and five major (Category 3 or stronger) hurricanes had formed in the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season. Included in this stretch was Catastrophic Category 4 Hurricane Harvey; followed by the long-lived saga of Irma; then by long-lived Jose and catastrophic Hurricane Maria. Whether you are a snowbird or year round resident of Florida, I am hopeful you were part of the many who decided to heed the call of preparedness this year to insure the safety of our families and assets. NYSUT Disaster Relief - <https://www.nysut.org/resources/special-resources/sites/disaster-relief/apply-for-relief>

Another possible disaster is looming because, under the NY State Constitution (Article 19 Section 2), every 20 years the people of the Empire State are asked a seemingly simple ballot question; "*Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution and amend the same?*" These twelve simple words that will appear on the ballot on November 7, 2017 will have a huge impact on not just NYSUT members, but every citizen of the state. What's at stake besides the changing of the basic structure and organization of government, with the possibility of changing the balance of power, say by giving it all to the Executive Branch? We could lose the fundamental rights we have enjoyed as (past & present) New York citizens and public employees such as:

- Article 1 Section 1: Guaranteeing the right to a free public education
- Article 5 Section 7: Prohibiting reductions in public pension benefits
- Article 1 Section 18: Rights to workers compensation
- Article 1 Section 17: Rights to be a member of a union and bargain collectively
- Article 17 Section 1: Requiring that the state provide for social welfare needs

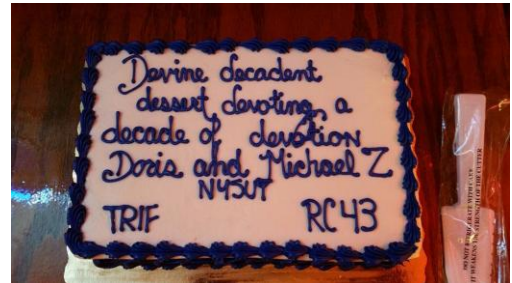


NYSUT, a union of professionals; NYSUT RC 43; and the Space Coast TRIF Unit Executive Board encourages all of its members to urge your families, friends and former colleagues in NY to go to the polls and **VOTE NO** on the Constitutional Convention!

## SC TRIF CELEBRATES THE END OF 2016 WITH AN ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY



Michael & Doris Zackheim, celebrate their 10-year SC TRIF membership.



SC TRIF members display Holiday gifts of baby clothes (birth-to 3 month old infant), our yearly donation to The Children's Home Society Healthy Start Program

Enjoying our Holiday lunch at Rooney's



Thank you Treasure Coast TRIF Unit for sharing in our yearly Silent Auction to raise money for the Virginia King Early Education Launch Award!



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our friend and fellow TRIF member Donald Edward Mortin. Don passed away April 5th, at 6:45 am at William Childs Hospice House. His long time friends and traveling companions Michael and Ronnie were at his side at the time of his passing. Don was born in Skaneateles, NY on June 3, 1933. His many accomplishments include Mayor and subsequent Supervisor of Moravia, NY; Lifetime member of the Historical Society of Moravia; Teacher; NYSUT Council 43/TRIF Member; Published author; Veteran; and traveler among many others. He will be sorely missed, and especially remembered as part of the "Three Musketeers"



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL RC 43 & TRIF UNIT NYSUT 2017 COMMUNICATION AWARDS WINNERS!



🔹 **GENERAL EXCELLENCE:** Publications will be judged on both the content *and* design. Submit the edition that best shows the broad range of activities and interest of your local. The judges will be looking for the effective use of clear, descriptive writing, as well as compelling visual elements presented in an attractive design. Writing, spelling and grammar will be considered.

🔹 **WEBSITE OR BLOG:** Entries will be judged for making the experience a pleasant one for the user by presenting content that is both useful and well designed. If you have a website *and* a blog, you may submit one entry for each.

### Class R-I

#### General Excellence

Space Coast TRIF

Publication: Space Coast - TRIF Fall Newsletter

Award: General Excellence

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Editor(s): Isabel Ochoa-Youssef

### Class R-II

#### General Excellence

NYSUT Retiree Council 43

Publication: "ODDS 'n' ENDS"

Award: General Excellence

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Editor: Deb Peterson

### Class R-II

#### Website and/or Blog

##### Best Blog

NYSUT Retiree Council 43

Headline: "From the Desk of the President"

Award: Best Blog

FIRST PLACE

Contributor(s): Deb Peterson

Editor(s): Felicia Bruce

#### Website and/or Blog

##### Best Website

NYSUT Retiree Council 43

Award: Best Website

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Contributor(s): Maxine Knisley &

Felicia Bruce

### JUDGES COMMENTS INCLUDE:

- **Space Coast - TRIF Fall Newsletter:** Nice friendly presentation and a lot of information.
- **ODDS 'n' ENDS:** This publication is titled **ODDS 'n' ENDS** and that describes its style which strives to gather key bits of information from the many groups scattered through southern and central Florida with information of general interest to all of the groups and their members. It is a businesslike, sturdy newsletter. A lot of good information
- **Website:** A clean and dynamic home page with easy navigation to information and resources
- **Blog:** Good range of issues of significance to members. Presented well and succinctly.

## NYSUT SPACE COAST TRIF UNIT 2017-2018 CALENDAR

**The NYSUT RC 43 - SC TRIF Unit meets regularly the second Friday each month at Eau Gallie Public Library, 1521 Pineapple Avenue in Melbourne, FL 32935. Please refer to this calendar for alternate meeting places, luncheons and events!**

**October 13, 2017 at 10:00 AM:** This year we are starting our first meeting by welcoming back our members with a **BRUNCH**. The meeting's agenda will focus on updates from **NYSUT, AFT, RC 43, and NEA**.

**November 10, 2017 at 10:30 AM:** Due to the Veteran's day library closure, our meeting and luncheon will be held at **Tuscany Grill** on 7640 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne, 32940. Our guest speaker **Marshall Frank**, writer, author, musician and speaker, will chat with us on matters of **"Justice and Writing"** subsequent to our regular agenda.

**December 8, 2017 at 12 Noon: Holiday Party**—Once again, we celebrate the **Holiday Season** at **Rooney's Pub**, located at 2641 NE Palm Bay Road. Please bring articles of clothing and/or supplies for 0-3 month-old-infants for donation to the **Children's Home Society**. (More information to follow later on in the season)

**January 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM: Joint meeting and Silent Auction with Treasure Coast TRIF Unit** members at the **Golden Corral** located on 880 Palm Bay Rd NE, Palm Bay, 32905. Please bring your unwanted "treasures" for us to "recycle" and raise funds for the **Virginia King Early Education Launch Award**.

**February 9, 2018 at 10:30 AM:** Following our regular agenda, our guest speaker **Lee Rosenkranz, CTC** (Certified Travel Counselor) from **Florida Greeters and Dayaway Travel Club**, will **WOW** us with his vast experience of **Local travel and culinary delights!** We dine at **The Shack**, on 4845 Dixie Hwy NE (US 1), Palm Bay, 32905

**March 9, 2018 at 10:30 AM:** Our guest speaker **Jennifer Thompson, City of Melbourne Environmental Programs Coordinator** will educate us on **"Gardening and our Lagoon"**. We dine at the **Red Ginger**, 1700 W. New Haven Ave, Melbourne Square Mall, Melbourne, FL 32904

**April 13, 2018 at 10:30:** Our final guest speaker for the 2017 - 2018 meeting cycle, **Kathi Ridner, Director, One Senior Place**, will update us on the many resources available at One Senior Place. Come listen to **"Aging 101-Hope is Not a Plan"**. We dine at **Carrabba's Italian Grill** on 7620 N Wickham Rd, Melbourne, 32940

### OUR ANNUAL LUNCHEON SEASON BEGINS AND START AT NOON

<b>May 11, 2018:</b>	<b>"Get Fired Up" Pottery Studio Painting/Lunch, 536 E New Haven, Melb.</b>
<b>June 8, 2018:</b>	<b>Grill's Riverside in Suntree</b>
<b>July 13, 2018:</b>	<b>Yellow Dog Cafe 905 US-1 Malabar</b>
<b>August 10, 2018:</b>	<b>Dijon's Steak and Lobster House, 522 Ocean Ave., Melbourne Beach</b>
<b>September 14, 2018:</b>	<b>BJ's Brewhouse East of Melbourne Square Mall</b>