

# NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 43

## SPACE COAST—TRIF UNIT



### SPACE COAST-TRIF BOARD MEMBERS

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**President:**  
 Deb Peterson

During this era of attacks on Labor & Unions; Public Education & Public Employees and deteriorating Social Justice practices, an assessment of these critical issues became the focal point at the NYSUT Retiree Council 43 Annual Conference. Panel discussions, facilitated by representatives from NYSUT, FLARA and UFT, focused on:

**Secretary and E-Communications:**  
 Maxine Knisley

1. Future of our Labor Unions & It's Impact on Retirees
2. Growing Our Retiree Membership
3. Labor Collaborations
4. Legislative & Political Action

**VP Membership:**  
 Doris Zackheim

**Treasurer:**  
 Michael Zackheim

According to Economic Policy Institute (EPI) President Lawrence Mishel, "Unions raise workers' wages and strengthen their rights at work, but they also give working people a voice in our democracy. We will never again see consistent robust middle-class wage growth or a healthy democracy without first rebuilding collective bargaining."

**VP Program:**  
 Isabel Ochoa-Youssef

**TRIF Newsletter**  
**Editor:** Isabel  
 Ochoa-Youssef

But, what about me? I am retired! According to Phil Anderson, a regular contributor for the Duluth Mn Reader, "In retirement unions continue to provide a collective voice and work to protect pensions. Unions fought for pensions and retiree benefits in their labor contracts. Unions helped create and have worked to protect Social Security and Medicare on which most retirees depend. Unions helped advocate for laws to protect pensions and retirement savings. Some unions even operate retirement programs. Unions often provide benefits such as group insurance plans, dental coverage, and discount legal services that can help many retirees."

**BFT-R Liaison:**  
 Maxine Knisley

As you can see, it is vital to maintain your involvement in the Labor Movement if we are to safeguard the many rights and privileges we struggled so hard to obtain during our careers. Please renew your membership in the SC TRIF Unit today!

# NYSUT RC 43 SPACE COAST TRIF UNIT YEAR IN REVIEW

Holiday Party, Speakers, Children's Home Society Donations, Luncheons and Pottery



## IN MEMORIAM

This year, we honor the memory of two long time members of TRIF, Donald Martin and Charles Hausbeck with a \$50.00 donation to the Children's Home Society

## Virginia King Early Education Launch Award Winner for 2018

As a tribute to one of our founding members, Virginia King, the Space Coast TRIF Unit established the Virginia King Early Education Launch Award. This award is given annually to a beginning teacher of Early Education in Brevard County. To be eligible for the \$250 Launch Award, the candidate must be a member in good standing of the Brevard Federation of Teachers, as the selection process takes place collaboratively with said Federation.

The 2018 Virginia King Launch Award was presented to Caitlin Thompson from Croton Elementary School. Caitlin's accomplishments include the implementation of a student-led 'Mindful Minute'; sponsoring the Croton Innovation Games; and presenting 'Flocabulary' Professional Development to her fellow teachers.

Space Coast TRIF Unit's Executive Board Members Michael and Doris Zackheim were on hand to present the award. Also present were, BFT President Anthony Colucci, and Jennifer Susin, Assistant Principal at Croton Elementary, and the 2008 Virginia King Award Recipient. The third picture includes Vanessa L Skipper, VP-BFT, and Isabel Youssef-Ochoa, VP-SC TRIF



# NYSUT SPACE COAST TRIF UNIT 2018/2019 CALENDAR

The Space Coast TRIF Unit meets regularly on the second Friday at Eau Gallie Public Library, located on 1521 Pineapple Avenue in Melbourne, FL 32935. **PLEASE REFER TO THIS CALENDAR FOR ALTERNATE MEETING PLACES, TIMES, LUNCHEONS AND EVENTS!** For lunch reservations please contact Isabel Youssef-Ochoa at 321-431-7202 OR [isa1150@aol.com](mailto:isa1150@aol.com)

**October 12, 2018 at 10:00 AM:** We begin our first meeting by welcoming back our members and guests with a **BRUNCH**. The meeting's agenda will focus on updates from **NYSUT, AFT, RC 43, and NEA**.

**November 7, 2018: SPECIAL INVITATION:** The Space Coast TRIF Unit is invited to join the Treasure Coast TRIF Unit at Vero Beach HS, 11:30am, for a delightful lunch. Contact Mary Brower, 772-283-3887 or [mebrower1@comcast.net](mailto:mebrower1@comcast.net) and send checks made out to NYSUT RC 43 Treasure Coast TRIF to Mary Brower, 5220 SE Burning Tree Circle, Stuart, FL 34997

**November 9, 2018 at 10:30 AM:** Following our regular meeting's agenda, our guest speaker **Diana Chasan van den Boogaard**, a former Brevard teacher, will guide us into understanding how to "Document Family History and Genealogy". This month we dine at **Makotos' Japanese Steakhouse** on 785 S Babcock St, Melbourne 32901

**December 14, 2018 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 our yearly donation to the **Children's Home Society**.

**January 11, 2019 at 11:00 AM: SPECIAL 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 8, 2019 at 10:30 AM:** Following our regular meeting's agenda,, guest speaker Jessica Pettit, Hearing Instrument Specialist. We dine at **BJ's Brewhouse** located east of the Melbourne Mall.

**March 8, 2019 at 10:30 AM:** Following our regular meeting's agenda,, our guest speaker Barbara Grandkin, BSW, One Sr. Place, will speak to us about Senior-related matters. This month we dine at **Memaw's Bar-B-Q** located at 4916 NE Babcock St. South of Palm Bay Road.

**April 12, 2019 at 10:30:** Following our regular meeting's agenda,, our guest speaker is **TBA**. This month we dine at **Squid Lips Overwater Grill** located at 1477 Pineapple Avenue, Melbourne 32935

## **Our Annual Luncheon Season Begins and start at Noon**

**May 10, 2019:** We kick off our Summer Series with a visit to "Get Fired Up" Pottery Studio Painting and Lunch, 536 E New Haven, Melbourne. Pack a Picnic Basket and beverage!

**June 14, 2019:** Lunch at Yellow Dog Cafe at 905 US 1 in Malabar

**July 12, 2019:** Lunch at Texas Road House 425 E. Eau Gallie Blvd, I.H.B., 32937, followed by a visit to Sam's House in Merritt Island

**August 9, 2019:** Lunch at the Shack on US 1

**September 13, 2019: TENTATIVELY:** This Saturday we end our summer series with a Space Coast River Tour from Kelly Park in Merritt Island/Banana River, through the barge Canal, Canaveral Locks and Port Canaveral, with Lunch included. Details to follow

# NYSUT RC 43 SPACE COAST TRIF MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



## TRIF

NYSUT SC TRIF (Teacher Retirees In Florida) Unit asks you to join us at our yearly opening meeting, October 12th, 2018 when we will be hosting a BRUNCH to welcome back our members, and all newly (or otherwise) New York Retired Teachers residing in Florida. This meeting agenda includes updates from NYSUT, AFT, RC 43 and NEA

To quote the NYSUT Retiree Council 43 Board, TRIF is your direct tie to NYSUT, A Union of Professional. As a NYSUT Retiree, you are a lifetime Member of NYSUT of your original Local. However, TRIF is a conduit to delivering information specifically geared to your interest as a Retiree here in Florida.

TRIF Unit Officers and Delegates provide a pipeline back to the Staff and Officers of NYSUT. This feedback places focus on issues important to us retired members such as Social Security, Healthcare and Pension Security. We also count among our members some New York City UFT (United Federation of Teachers Union) members, who are welcome to enjoy this communication benefit while residing in or visiting the Space Coast area.

The Space Coast TRIF Unit of NYSUT Retiree Council 43 meets October, November, February, March and April at the Eau Gallie Public Library, 1521 Pineapple Ave, Melbourne, FL 32935. We celebrate a December Holiday Party at Rooney's and a Silent Auction in January at The Golden Corral, both in Palm Bay. After our regular meetings, we enjoy lunches at various venues throughout the Space Coast Area. Members also enjoy field trips and joint ventures with Treasure Coast TRIF Unit members. We stay cool during our Florida summers with monthly luncheon get-togethers May through September. (See calendar for specific information and dates)

If you are interested in receiving more information and/or joining the Space Coast TRIF Unit, please complete the membership page provided at the end of this newsletter and bring it with you to our October Brunch or return it to Deb Peterson, SC TRIF Unit President, 5190 Wild Cinnamon Drive, Melbourne, FL 32940 or to our VP Membership Doris Zackheim, 1082 Jans Place Melbourne FL 32940

See you October 12th!



Felicia Bruce - RC43 VP & President of RC43's Treasure Coast Unit; Ken Goodfriend UFT Florida President; Deb Peterson RC 43 President & President of RC43's Space Coast Unit; Bill Cea ARA Director & RC43 Past President; Judy Kalb - NYSUT RC 43 Retiree Consultant; Miriam Hanan - RC43 Secretary & President of RC 43's Southeast Unit

### ON THE WEB

Space Coast- <http://re43.ny.aft.org/rc-43-trif-units/space-coast-unit-meeting-schedule>

NYSUT RC 43 Website- <http://rc43.ny.aft.org>

NYSUT RC 43 Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/New-York-State-United-Teacher-Retiree-In-Florida-166355720080638>



# **NYSUT 43 SPACE COAST TRIF UNIT**

## **2018/2019 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**Membership fees:** A Participation Fee of \$30.00 covers costs for both the SC TRIF Unit and the statewide Florida Retiree Council 43 during the 2018-2019 season, which runs September 1st through August 31st. Please note that you must be a current member of your NYS Local (the district where you worked) in order to maintain your NYSUT/AFT membership/benefits.

**Who may join?** If you are a NYSUT or NYSUT Affiliate Retiree, including SRP's, living in or visiting Florida, you are invited to attend any of the meetings of the **Teacher Retirees in Florida (TRIF) Units**. The meetings/activities are very interesting and the luncheon costs are very reasonable. Please come and enjoy the camaraderie of other NYSUT, A Union of Professionals, Retirees.

**Associate Membership:** TRIF Units are also open to spouses or survivors of NYSUT retirees, or to any other education-affiliated individual and/or person who supports the goals and programs of **NYSUT A Union of Professionals**.

**Membership checks are to be made out to:** **NYSUT RC 43 - Space Coast TRIF**

Please fill out the bottom portion of this form and mail it along with your membership check to: **Doris Zackheim at 1082 Jans Place, Melbourne, FL 32940**

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