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It is befitting I write to you on Labor Day, to share a message of a renewed age of Collaboration, Communication & Camaraderie among our sister organizations in Florida including **AFT; NEA (FEA-R); NYSUT (RC 43 & TRIF Units); UFT; UUP; and PFT**. I use the word "sister" as we march forward to celebrate the **Suffrage Centennial in 2020** and a **Women's Right to Vote** with enthusiasm, rejuvenation and maybe even a not so gentle reminder that the right to vote is only just the beginning. A quick read of our nation's headlines should be a wakeup call for how much women still have to lose as so many of our gains seem to be mired in quicksand.

In the spirit of Collaboration, Communication & Camaraderie, Leadership from the above Labor Organizations is organizing a joint meeting which I have affectionately dubbed "**NYSUT South**" in the Orlando area during November. **NYSUT RC 43 & TRIF Unit Leadership** should plan to keep **November 12 – 14th** open on your calendars. **NYSUT 2nd Vice President Paul Pecorale** will be in Florida during those dates and wants to visit as many TRIF Units as time allows. The **Naples TRIF Unit has already secured November 13th and welcomes anyone interested to contact Tom Smith: birdman32347@tampabay.rr.com or Ph: 352.683.9423 for more information.** Paul Pecorale will also be at the **Southeast TRIF Unit meeting on November 12th at the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road in Delray Beach.** Contact Miriam Hanan to RSVP at (516) 236-0276 or email her at miriamtrh@gmail.com.

During the past few years, **Retiree Council 43 & the TRIF Units** have experienced a great deal of challenges and change. Our membership has risen to each situation, facing many of those issues with vim and vigor. Our biggest challenge has been growing and maintaining our membership. Some of our **TRIF Units** have passionately undertaken seeking out, identifying and getting new members; I must say, however, with varying success. There has also been a re-vitalization of the **Jupiter TRIF Unit with Stuart Joseph stepping up to the position of President!** **Judy Kalb, our NYSUT Consultant,** helped with the re-organization of that TRIF Unit and is available to aid and assist any other **TRIF Unit** in need of re-organization; re-vitalization or re-activation. I know there is interest in Daytona as well as the Villages in some sort of regrouping.

To that end, there are two significant changes to announce. First, Maxine Knisley decided to return to NY to be near her family. As a result, **NYSUT RC 43 is in need of someone to fill the position of Membership Chair.** Maxine has graciously agreed to help her replacement ease their way into this crucial position.

Second change, Cheryl Dodes decided to step down as **Editor of TRIF-ic News.** Cheryl has many other activities she wishes to pursue. As such, **NYSUT RC 43 is also in need of an Editor for our newsletter, effective immediately.**

NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 43 EXECUTIVE BOARD:

- A. The Executive Board of NYSUT Retiree Council 43 shall consist of five (5) Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer; Membership Chair AND two (2) ex officio members including the VOTE/COPE Chair and the TRIF-ic News Editor.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: The Membership Chair shall be responsible for keeping records of all present and past members. She/he should develop strategies to promote membership in TRIF UNITS and NYSUT Retiree Council 43 by eligible retirees.

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On the Web: <http://rc43.ny.aft.org/>

NEWS FROM THE NYSUT RC 43 TRIF UNITS

The Greater Naples Unit had a fundraiser at the Boston Beer Garden in April. We raised \$1,200 from the two fundraisers we had this year. We presented \$600 to New Horizons which helps at risk teenagers and \$600 to the Equestrian Center for Handicapped Youngsters.



October 16th Meeting: Our next meeting will be Wednesday, 11 a.m. at Longshore Lake Clubhouse, Valewood Drive, Naples
November 13th meeting: Paul Pecorale, NYSUT Second Vice President will be our guest speaker. All are welcome to join us. Naples Co-Pres: **Robert Lomicka 239-514-7234 janetlomicka@comcast.net & Paul Murphy 239-593-7738 Paulfmurphy24@aol.com**

The Clearwater Unit

Membership participation of \$30 NYSUT/\$20 ASSOCIATE participation fee covers costs for both the local TRIF Unit and the statewide Florida NYSUT Retiree Council 43 during the 2019-2020 season which runs from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020. Who may join? Any NYSUT Retiree; AFT/NEA Retiree and/or retirees who support the mission and goals of NYSUT may join! The Clearwater Unit of TRIF (CUT) mission is to develop new friendships; keep members informed of changes involving health and retirement benefits; feature programs and speakers having significant impact on our group; and to select and support youth based projects benefiting Tampa Bay youngsters.

We will have membership forms available at the check-in desk for each meeting. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Please, make your check payable to: NYSUT RC 43 / Clearwater & mail your check to:

JOE LANZA, 7450 EVESBOROUGH LANE, NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34655



On April 11th, our Clearwater Unit held our ANNUAL END OF THE YEAR PICNIC at The Sheriffs' Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor. Each year we present a donation to Egan Cottage to help the youngsters enjoy special activities during the summer. The kids also had several visits to CELEBRATION STATION thanks to your caring and generosity. At the picnic, we were presented an award welcoming our Unit into THE SILVER STAR SOCIETY because of our involvement with Egan Cottage since 2005.

The Southeast Unit

October 15 at 9:30 AM: Welcome Back Breakfast at the South County Civic Center with guest speaker Pamela Higer Polani, an elder care Attorney, will discuss important legal papers we must have as Floridians. We invite all NYSUT Retirees to join us!

November 12th Meeting at 9:30am: Paul Pecorale will be the guest speaker at the Southeast TRIF Unit meeting on at the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road in Delray Beach. Light refreshments served. Please call Miriam Hanan to RSVP at (516) 236-0276 or email her at miriamtrh@gmail.com. All welcome to attend!

Bill Cea and Southeast TRIF Unit President Miriam Hanan attended the FLARA Presentation of a Hero Award to Rep Ted Deutch in honor of his record supporting Social Security on SOCIAL SECURITY'S 84TH BIRTHDAY!!



The Sarasota Unit

**Bob Gentile- President
Ginny Griese- Secretary**

**Pat Benson- Vice President
Elly Rotheim- Treasurer**

The Sarasota Teacher Retirees In Florida (TRIF) Unit will have meetings from October through April. We hope you will join us for news, interesting speakers and luncheons. For reservations and/or information, contact Bob or Elly at 941-251-5071; by email erotheim@tampabay.rr.com

Friday October 18, 2019 at 11 AM: Der Dutchman Restaurant 3713 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota. Glenn Simpson DVD presentation on Antarctica. Buffet lunch, including pie, \$15.50 per person (all inclusive) **Please send checks payable to RC 43/Sarasota to Elly Rotheim 7014 Grand Estuary Trail #101 Bradenton, FL 34212 by October 12th.**

Thursday November 14 at 11:45 AM: Mattison's City Grill Riverwalk, 101 Riverfront Drive Bradenton, FL. Order from menu. Reserve your by November 7th.

Thursday December 5, 2019 at 12 Noon: Grove Restaurant 10670 Boardwalk Loop, Lakewood Ranch, FL Order from special menu. For reservations by November 28th

Friday January 24, 2020 at 11 AM: Der Dutchman Restaurant 3713 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota. Mary Hartman, project on sustainability and the environment. Buffet lunch, including pie, \$15.50 per person (all inclusive) Reservations by January 16th.

Thursday February 6, 2020 at 9:15 AM: Gamble Mansion 3708 Patten Ave, Ellenton, FL. Lunch to follow at 11AM at Anna Maria Oyster Bar Ellenton, FL 1525 51st Ave E, Order from menu. Reservations by Jan. 30th.

Thursday March 12, 2020 at 9 AM: Jim Briedster, Tram Tour at Oscar Scherer State Park (a Scrub Jay Sanctuary), 1843 S Tamiami Trail, Osprey, FL

Bring your own Brown Bag or picnic lunch and drink(s). We'll bring the chips! To reservations by March 5th

The Jupiter TRIF Unit has added several new members. Among them are **Debbie and Walter Wang** who were our speakers for our September 18th meeting at Grandees Cucina Restaurant in Palm Beach Gardens. They are **Real Estate Analysis and Actuarial Experts** respectively. We are planning our future speakers with the **Bureau on Aging and the Consumer Agency of Palm Beach County**. For more information, please contact **President Stuart Joseph at 561-510-4677 or stuartejoseph34@gmail.com**

The Treasure Coast TRIF Unit meets October through April. Bring a guest to be eligible for a prize! **Contact President: Felicia Bruce 772-409-4560 spmomtch1@aol.com**

October 16 at 9am: Fall breakfast with Teacher Union President **David Freeland** to discuss state of Florida and recent initiatives to better support public education, at Perkins Restaurant US 1 Pt St Lucie

November 6 at 11 am: Pig and Cattle Restaurant US 1 Stuart

(More TRIF Units continued on page 4)

First I would like to thank everyone for undertaking the daunting task of being an Officer on the NYSUT RC 43 Board and/or in a NYSUT RC 43 TRIF Unit. I know our work seems never ending, but our commitment to keep the lines of communication open to our membership from NYSUT Headquarters holds fast and true.

In this era of transparency, especially in education and union organizations, I believe it is appropriate to provide a "Primer" or at least a review, of our financial operations.

On February 5, 1945 AFT received its original group exemption letter identifying it under I.R. Code: Section 501(c)(5). NYSUT is a subordinate of AFT; NYSUT RC 43 is a subordinate of NYSUT; Teacher Retirees In Florida (TRIF) Units are subordinates of NYSUT RC 43.

We have no Florida State tax number, only the Federal EIN number. We are ALL under the AFT. Our Federal EIN number is 65-0690146. Our group number is 0787. We are a 501(c)(5) Not-For-Profit Labor Union type, NOT a 501(c)(3) which is a Charitable Organization. As such, all NYSUT RC 43 and TRIF Unit's financial "books" are subject to annual audits that are to be done by those individual organizations and MAY be requested by the AFT.

At the September 23-24, 2008 NYSUT Retiree Council 43 Annual Meeting, the following MOTION was passed unanimously:

Motion by A. Judy Austin, seconded by Tom Galli: For Units to be in compliance with recent IRS regulations, all Units will use the Retiree Council 43 Federal I.D. number and use the name "NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 43/TRIF UNIT NAME."

As we approach the 2019-2020 fiscal year, please take a moment to review and update all your Financial Records to reflect the September 24, 2008 Motion, including Checking and Savings Accounts. Please direct your members to write out checks in the following manner: "NYSUT Retiree Council 43 XXXX Unit"

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RETIREE COUNCIL 43 PARTICIPATION FEE/MEMBERSHIP FORM

SEPTEMBER 2019 - AUGUST 2020

NAME _____ EMAIL _____
 ADDRESS _____ PHONE (____) _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
 DISTRICT FROM WHICH YOU RETIRED _____ YEAR OF RETIREMENT _____
 Please check the amount of your participation fee: _____ \$30 (NYSUT Retiree) _____ \$20 (Associate Member)

Remit a check payable to NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 43/TRIF UNIT'S NAME by mail to either:

- The Treasurer of the TRIF Unit you would like to join, OR
- Marsha Friedman, NYSUT RC 43 Treasurer, 5065 Bleu Lapis Drive, Boynton Beach, FL 33437
 Ph: 954.270.5336. mushbaker720@gmail.com

QUESTIONS? CONTACT MAXINE KNISLEY, NYSUT RC 43 Membership

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(TRIF Unit information continued from page 2)

The Nature Coast TRIF Unit meets the second Wednesday of the month from October - April, 11 AM - 1 PM, at the Boston Cooker Restaurant & Oyster Bar in Spring Hill. For further information, contact **President Tom Smith 352-683- 9423**

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The Orlando TRIF Unit Meetings are on the first Wednesday, November through April. 11:30 AM, at the Olive Garden on International Drive in Orlando with the exception of the December and April Meetings. These are special Meetings and they vary locations. Contact **Pres: Janice Sylvester 407-932-4850**

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The Space Coast TRIF Unit meets the second Friday of the month from October - April at the Eau Gallie Public Library in Melbourne 32935, located at 1521 Pineapple Avenue at 10:30 AM. Please contact **President: Deb Peterson 914-261-0474** dnkpete@gmail.com or **Programmer Isabel Ochoa-Youssef 321-431-7202** isa1150@aol.com for information about upcoming meeting

VOTE/COPE

Obviously, the need for **VOTE/COPE** money does not cease. The wealthy opposition is always present. They continue to spend vast sums of money fighting against public education. They want more tax money to go to voucher and charter schools. They continue to attack affordable Health Care, Medicare and Social Security. **VOTE/COPE** is an important way for our voices to be heard in the fight against these forces and support our agenda for adequate funding for public education. We all must support **VOTE/COPE**, whether by pension deduction or annual direct contribution. You may wish to increase the amount of your pension deduction or send your direct contribution to:

Tom Galli Retiree Council 43 VOTE/COPE Chair

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SAVE THE DATE!!!

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