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2020 will be a mile marker in "HIStory" and "HERstory" when it comes to elections. In 2020, we will hold national elections; AFT & NEA elections; NYSUT elections and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of a Women's Right to Vote! In turn, NYSUT Retiree Council 43 & ALL NYSUT RC 43 TRIF Units must hold elections for the 2020 - 2023 terms of office. PLEASE consider being part of this most crucial election year. Consider running for office in your regional TRIF Unit and/or for Retiree Council 43! We cannot do it without your help!

ELECTION NOTIFICATION FOR TRIF UNITS & RC 43 OFFICERS

In accordance with the NYSUT Retiree Council 43 and TRIF Unit Constitution and Bylaws, the following guidelines MUST be followed for the election of TRIF Unit Officers. Nominations for TRIF UNIT Officers, Delegates and Alternate Delegates to NYSUT Retiree Council 43 shall be made in the following manner:

1. The Officers of TRIF UNITS shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The immediate Past President shall be a member ex-officio of the TRIF UNIT Board of Directors.
2. A nominating committee composed of no less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Active fee paying members shall be appointed by the President in January of each year in which elections are scheduled.
3. The Nominating Committee will propose a Slate of Officers in February for election at the March meeting of the TRIF UNIT of the year in which elections are scheduled.
4. Nominations may also be made by Letter of Intent or from the floor at the election meeting.
5. Any member is good standing is eligible for nomination for office.
6. Election shall be by secret ballot.
7. In the event there is no contest for a position of Officer, the Secretary shall be instructed to cast one ballot for each such candidate, in lieu of the above procedure.
8. Term of office: Duly elected Officers shall serve a three (3) year term commencing April 1st.
9. The Secretary shall preserve all election records, including ballots, for a period of one (1) year.

NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 43 ELECTION NOTICE

Under the Labor Law Department regulation for election of Union Officers, and in conformity with the guidelines for the operation of NYSUT Retiree Council 43, this notice is to advise the membership of NYSUT Retiree Council 43 of the procedure for election of the following Officers of NYSUT Retiree Council 43 :

PRESIDENT	DELEGATE 2
VICE PRESIDENT	DELEGATE 3
SECRETARY	ALTERNATE DELEGATE 2
TREASURER	ALTERNATE DELEGATE 3
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR	

The term of office for the above positions is three (3) years, beginning with the conclusion of the Annual NYSUT Retiree Council 43 Conference to be held in September 2020. Candidates for Office must be NYSUT Retiree Council 43 members. In accordance with NYSUT Retiree Council 43 guidelines, the person elected President will serve as NYSUT Retiree Council 43 Delegate to the NYSUT and AFT Conventions. The person elected Vice President will serve as Alternate Delegate to the NYSUT and AFT Conventions. NYSUT Retiree Council 43 members wishing to run for any of the positions listed above must send a written letter of intent, postmarked no later than June 30, 2020, to:

Janice Sylvester
NYSUT Retiree Council 43 Elections Committee
1801 Wedgewood Way
Kissimmee, FL 34746
Phone: 407.932.4850

Positions where there is only one candidate will be deemed filled. If there is more than one candidate for the position, a written ballot will be sent to each NYSUT Retiree Council 43 member of record as of June 30, 2020.

Visit us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/New-York-State-United-Teacher-Retirees-In-Florida-166355720080638/>

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



NEWS FROM THE NYSUT RC 43 TRIF UNITS

THE GREATER NAPLES UNIT

Paul Pecorale, NYSUT Second Vice President was the guest speaker at our November meeting. He spoke on many topics of interest to our members.



JANUARY 15, 2020 AT 11:00 AM: Meeting at Longshore Lake Clubhouse. Lunch served afterwards

JANUARY 18, 2020: "Barefoot in the Park" in Fort Myers.

JANUARY 22, 2020: Our holiday dinner will be held at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club in Naples.

FEBRUARY 12, 2020, 11:00 AM: Meeting at Longshore Lake Clubhouse in Naples. Lunch will be served after the meeting.

FEBRUARY 29, 2020 we will be seeing the play "Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" in Fort Myers.

MARCH 11, 2020, 11:00 AM: Meeting at Longshore Lake Clubhouse in Naples. Lunch will be served afterwards.

For more information please contact 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

THE SOUTHEAST UNIT

Southeast TRIF Unit meets at the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road in Delray Beach. Please contact Miriam Hanan for more information at (516) 236-0276 or email her at miriamtrh@gmail.com All welcome to attend!



Sarasota TRIF luncheon & meeting at the Grove Restaurant in Lakewood Ranch (pictured left)

The Sarasota Teacher Retirees In Florida (TRIF) Unit has 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 erotherim@tampabay.rr.com

Please send checks payable to RC 43/Sarasota to: Elly Rotheim 7014 Grand Estuary Trail #101 Bradenton, FL 34212

FRIDAY JANUARY 24, 2020 AT 11 AM: Der Dutchman Restaurant 3713 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota. Mary Hartman presents 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, 1525 51st Ave E, Ellenton,

FL 34222. 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 34229 Bring your own Brown Bag or picnic lunch and drink(s). We'll bring the chips! Reservations by March 5th

THE JUPITER TRIF UNIT will meet on January 17, 2020 at 10:30AM at Grande's Bella Cucina, 4580 Donald Ross Rd, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418 Our speaker will be Christie L. Getz from the Guardian Ad Litem program, Palm Beach County. ALL TRIF Unit members & friends invited to attend. Please contact President Stuart Joseph at 561-510-4677 or stuartejoseph34@gmail.com

The SPACE COAST TRIF UNIT meets regularly the second Friday at Eau Gallie Public Library, located on 1521 Pineapple Avenue in Melbourne, FL 32935. Please refer to calendar below for location & time changes. For more information, contact Isabel Ochoa- Youssef at isa1150@aol.com OR 321-431-7202

JANUARY 10, 2020 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*. Guest Speaker Michael Atteo, Outreach Educator, will chat with us about CapTel (Captioned Telephones)

FEBRUARY 14, 2020 AT 10:30 AM: Guest speaker Luann Binkerd, Caregiver, will talk about Adult Day Care. We dine at BJ's Brewhouse, 1700 W New Haven Ave, Melbourne FL 32904

MARCH 13, 2020 AT 10:30 AM: ELECTION OF SPACE COAST TRIF BOARD for the 2020-2023 term! We dine at Red Ginger, 1700 W. New Haven Ave, Melbourne Square Mall, Melbourne, FL 32904

APRIL 10, 2020 AT 10:30: Following our regular agenda, guest speaker TBA. We dine at Carrabba's Italian Grill on 7620 N Wickham Rd, Melbourne, 32940

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

Treasure Coast TRIF Unit ADVENTURES include:

JANUARY 10, 2020 AT 11:00 AM: JOINT MEETING AND SILENT AUCTION WITH TREASURE COAST TRIF UNIT MEMBERS (See Space Coast Calendar)

JANUARY 17 at 11:30 AM: Pig and Cattle US 1 Stuart

FEBRUARY 7 at 11:30 AM: Pig and Cattle US 1 Stuart

MARCH 18 AT 10 AM: Excursion to Tuckahoe Mansion

APRIL AND MAY: To Be Announced

For information, contact Mary Brower at 772-283-3887

All NYSUT RC 43 & TRIF Unit Members are invited to enjoy fellowship and have fun in Tallahassee with like minded people, **FEB 10-14**. We will: share expenses (gas, hotel) to meet Florida State lawmakers; get legislative briefings daily at a FREE Breakfast with AFT advocates; sit in on committee and other meetings. See firsthand how Florida laws are made!!! Contact NYSUT RC 43 VP Felicia Bruce at 772-409-4560 OR spmomtch1@aol.com

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, 5375 Spring Hill Dr, Spring Hill, FL 34606. For further information, contact President Tom Smith 352-683- 9423 birdman32347@tampabay.rr.com

THE ORLANDO TRIF UNIT MEETINGS are on the first Wednesday, November through April. 11:30 AM at the Olive Garden, International Drive, Orlando FL 32819 with the exception of the December and April Meetings. These are special Meetings and they vary locations. Contact Pres: Janice Sylvester 407-932-4850 jncsylvester@aol.com

WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE JANUARY 22, 2020 in Palm Beach Gardens from 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM. Contact Judy Kalb 561-737-8071 or judydkalb@aol.com

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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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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

2980 SW Lauren Way, Palm City, FL 34990 PH: 772 288-1153



REPORT FROM ED 51-53 CONTIGUOUS RESOLUTIONS MEETING:

RESOLUTION 1 –SUBMITTED BY RC 15/16 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

RESOLVED, that NYSUT will seek legislation that will require medical insurance plans provide adequate and accessible coverage for mental and/or behavioral health diagnosis and treatment both for members and for all NYS residents; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that NYSUT assist its locals with educating its members that they have the right to equitable access to mental and behavioral services; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that NYSUT will encourage its local to bargain the inclusion of adequate and accessible mental and/or behavioral health coverage as part of a local's medical package.

RESOLUTION 2 - SUBMITTED BY RC10 NYSUT URGES THAT THE NEW YORK STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (NYSTRS) TO DIVEST FROM GEO GROUP INC.

RESOLVED, that NYSUT urge NYSTRS to divest its shareholdings in GEO and other similar private corrections industries.

RESOLUTION 3 - SUBMITTED BY RC7 DISABILITY RETIREMENT

RESOLVED, that NYSUT seek legislation that would improve the disability pension calculation for members who are granted a disability retirement; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that NYSUT consider seeking legislation that would allow a member who qualifies for a disability pension due to an injury in the performance of their duty to receive a more appropriate disability pension.

RESOLUTION 4 - SUBMITTED BY RC7 NEW YORK STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT

RESOLVED, that NYSUT should work on behalf of their in-service and retired members to strongly lobby and urge the New York State Legislature and Governor to raise from 50% to 75% of CPI that is used to calculate the COLA; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the COLA be no less than 2% annually; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the COLA be applied to the first \$30,000 of the retiree's maximum retirement benefit; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the number of years a retiree must wait before collecting a COLA be three years for all retirees.

RESOLUTION 5 - SUBMITTED BY RC17, RC18, RC19, RC20, RC21, RC22, RC23 BENEFITS IN RETIREMENT

RESOLVED, that NYSUT promote training to local leaders to understand and protect retiree benefits and encourage consultation with retiree chapters and/or representatives

REMINDER!!!

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