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Cathy's Column

I'm very sure that all of us realize that we are living our senior years in a very challenging era not only in our country, but also throughout the earth as we know it. Events halfway around the world can and do have repercussions in our part of the world. The Coronavirus is having an impact not only on the health of tens of thousands, but also is having a financial impact on China. This will affect world markets. Nothing seems to happen in isolation in this world that seems so much smaller than just a couple of decades ago.

We need to prepare for this new world that is the future. Education, a clean environment, health research and the leaders who can make the difference are needed to make the world a better place. We want our grandchildren to have the opportunity to raise their families and live in a safe, secure, and healthy environment.

As educators we as have always been committed to public education. Teachers have always been fierce supporters of programs that help to meet the needs of all their students. Teachers cannot help their students reach their full potential unless the necessary funds are allocated. Recently Florida teachers rallied in support of funding for the programs and the teachers that will bring up amount of dollars allocated for public education in our adopted state. Currently, Florida ranks 43rd. The future appears dismal considering the proposed federal budget that was unveiled recently.

However, we can have an impact in Florida by actively supporting state legislators who support public education instead of cutting programs and grants. In New York, we all know about VOTE/COPE. It is non-political. If a candidate supports public education and teachers, we support them. The ballot box is the only way to make sure that the future of this great nation, the children, will be successful and thrive in a clean and healthy world.

Thursday, March 12th Luncheon

Noon (note restaurant does not open until noon)

FOR OUR CHINESE BANQUET.

(THE MENU WILL BE: SOUP, EGG ROLLS, AND 7 ENTREES (SERVED FAMILY STYLE))

COST IS \$20 PER PERSON (WHICH INCLUDES TAX AND TIP) EXACT CASH OR A CHECK MADE OUT TO: NYSUT RC43/CLEARWATER
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33765



YOU'RE INVITED!
SATURDAY, MARCH 7 • 11 AM - 2 PM

Join us for a complimentary barbecue lunch from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Take a guided tour of our campus and cottages led by our boys and girls.
Enjoy a performance from the St. Pete Community Band!
Experience exciting items on display from local law enforcement!

This is a great opportunity for you to meet the boys and girls in our care and learn about their lives at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch.
www.youthranches.org

3180 Enterprise Road E
Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Dress is casual and comfortable shoes are encouraged.
Please RSVP to Sue at (727) 725-4761 by February 28th so we can prepare appropriately for our guests.

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches
Mending Lives, Healing Hearts.

Dear Members,.

You are invited to the OPEN HOUSE at the Sheriffs Youth Ranch for Saturday, March 7th at 11:00 am -2:00 pm. This is an annual event which is always truly memorable. If you want to go, **you must RSVP by February 28th.**

AND THEY ARE OFF.....

On February 14 over 2 dozen of our members and friends of our NYS retired teachers group held our annual get together at TAMPA BAY DOWNS . Everyone enjoyed a sumptuous buffet complete with carving board and delicious pastries and cookies for dessert.

Some of us were very scientific in choosing our winners (as evidenced by our photo) and some chose our bets by the name of the horse or the color of the jockeys' silks!

It's always a fun time watching so many magnificent animals racing within the comforts of the reserved clubhouse seating.



January Catch Up

On January 9 we held our monthly TRIF luncheon meeting at The Paradise Diner in Safety Harbor. Cathy Lanza, our president, welcomed all 32 attendees. She welcomed a new prospective member, Bobbie Clifford. Bobbie taught in upstate New York and resides in Land O Lakes. We look forward to her becoming part of our group.

Janice Drinane, a member of our group, will be having a month long stay at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa in the near future. We are hoping for a successful stay and treatment time for her.

Janice would enjoy hearing from you! Her address is:

2909 Sunrise Dr Clearwater, FL 33759



Rhoda introduced Janet and Roger Wheeler, geologists from Pinellas Geological Society. These "Rock Hounds" have visited mines in many parts of our country. A most interesting program was presented to us discussing and presenting numerous gems. Their stories and presentation were interesting and informative.

Special thanks go out to Rhoda for arranging all our luncheons, speakers and extra activities

Every three years we have an election for the Board. Nancy Dittbrenner is the chairperson of the nominating committee composed of Marie Knabbe, Janet Rhoades and Linda Van Valkenburg. Our officers have agreed to serve for the coming three year term. The slate of officers is as follows:

PRESIDENT	Cathy Lanza
1st VICE PRESIDENTS	Pat O'Beirne
	Marilyn Satinoff
2nd VICE PRESIDENT	Rhoda Langstein
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The election will be held at the March 12th meeting. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please submit your name to Nancy.

727-347-1022.

