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It's very disconcerting that the number of COVID infections in our adopted state of Florida have risen so high in the last few weeks. I know of several people who have unfortunately contacted the virus, despite having been fully vaccinated. Their cases were labeled "mild"-but that is a relative term. The lethargy persists and it is something that we don't want to experience. I'm still continuing to wear my mask indoors and restricting some activities that I had hoped to be enjoying by this time.

We will need to postpone our OPENING DAY in September again this year. I am hopeful, however, that we will be able to meet in the near future.

Included in this Newsletter is an UPDATE for Egan Cottage and it is very encouraging in that the Cottage has reopened with new residents. The Ranch needs our help more than ever since their funding from the federal government has been drastically reduced. I had asked Scott Halbach, the Program Director at the Ranch to speak to us at our Opening and he had graciously accepted. Of course, this will have to be put "on hold". We don't, however, have to postpone our donations for the kids! You can include it in your check for your membership participation fee. Just indicate in the memo how much you are donating. As always, checks should be made out to: NYSUT RC#43/CLEARWATER and mailed to our Treasurer, Joe Lanza, 7450 Evesborough Lane, New Port Richey, FL 34655.

Despite our not having our local Opening Luncheon, please remember that virtual ZOOM Meetings will resume on September 10th at 11am for RC#43 with our President Felicia Bruce. You only need to send your email to Miriam Hanan, [miriamtrh@gmail.com](mailto:miriamtrh@gmail.com) in order to get the link to participate.

Also, as you probably have read in the RC#43 TRIF-ic News, there will be regional symposiums this November.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE-NOVEMBER 4, 2021 for the meeting in our area. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

## *EGAN COTTAGE UPDATE*

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In our SPRING END OF THE YEAR Newsletter, I had brought you up to date with the changes at the Ranch. At that time, there was only one cottage, Salls, that had residents. All the youngsters from Egan Cottage had moved with the Oxfords as their cottage parents. I also mentioned that the Seado's would be the alternate parents.

I recently spoke with Rachel Marcano, the Office Manager at the Ranch, and she was kind enough to give us an UPDATE on recent developments.

Egan Cottage now has nine residents - all are new to the Ranch. They range in age from five through fourteen. There are siblings-except for one child. Ray and Priscilla Seado, formerly alternate parents at Salls Cottage, are now the resident parents at Egan Cottage.

Even though the campus is still "closed" to non residents, the younger kids have been attending summer camp at the Safety Harbor Recreation Center. The two older children have summer jobs!

They enjoyed "Malik Day" which is a celebration helping them to get ready for the new school year. The kids have gone had picnics at Phillippe Park, attended Rays games, gone "zip lining" and have definitely been enjoying the summer despite the pandemic.

I am hopeful that "normalcy" will eventually return and we will all be introduced and reunited with our friends at the Ranch!

## *VOTE / COPE*

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It's that time of the year when we are thinking about our youngsters getting ready to go back to school. Teachers and former colleagues are preparing for another year of instilling the minds of students anxious to learn.

We need to have legislators who support public education, our teachers and the profession that we hold dear. Through our donations to VOTE/COPE we are able to support those candidates, despite political party, who will foster our ideals.

You can send your contribution in a check made out to:

VOTE/COPE and mail it to:

Tom Galli  
2980 SW Lauren Way  
Palm City, FL 34990

or

When you send in your participation form for your membership, include your contribution for VOTE/COPE. Be sure to specify in the memo section how much you will be donating, and I will send in the donations to Tom.

You can also include your gift to EGAN COTTAGE in the memo section.

## *BY THE WAY*

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Just a few notes...

Ellen Artale, our award winning Editor, recently broke her wrist. She was not able to work on getting this Newsletter ready to share with you. Our son, Drew, stepped in and helped us out! Thank you!

We have gained several new members over the last couple of months. We welcome them and look forward to meeting them when it is safe for us to gather.

You can access the RC43 website at <http://rc43.ny.aft.org>

As always, if you have any comments, suggestions or thoughts to share, please email me.

Be safe and stay healthy!

Cathy

# All About TRIF / CUT and Membership

Membership participation of \$30 covers costs for both the local unit and the statewide Florida Council during the 2021-22 season. Our season goes from September 2021 to August 2022. Who may join? Any retired New York State public school teacher, and any AFT teacher retiree from any state may join our group.

For the 2021-2022 CUT (Clearwater Unit of TRIF) season of gatherings and programs commencing in September, we hope to see ALL of you joining our leadership and the plans and programs for our group.

Please, if you have not already done so, would you complete this membership form today and send it to treasurer Joe Lanza with your membership check.

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021-2022 SEASON is \$30. (\$20 for Associate Membership)

## Our mission is:

to develop new friendships established within our Unit and seek new acquaintances

to keep members informed of changes involving health and retirement benefits

to spotlight political choices ONLY if they may impact our members

to feature programs and speakers having significant impact on our group

to select and support youth based projects benefiting Tampa Bay youngsters

## Your membership helps to support the following:

Giving a group donation toward a special child-centered project.

Providing the funds to send one or two of our members to the annual NYSUT conference.

Paying for the cost of our newsletter including printing costs, mailing labels, and stamps.

Buying the lunches for our guest speakers.

Having a contingency fund to defray the expenses for special guest speakers, whom we would want to hear, that require some fee or donation to their organization.

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## COMPLETE AND SEND YOUR 2021-2022 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

Mail this form and check to:

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

Special Note: If there is a retiree chapter involving the NYS local from which you retired, you must remain a member of that chapter in order to maintain your membership in NYSUT/AFT and any benefits that the local NYSUT/AFT provide. Additionally, you may participate here in Florida.

PLEASE PRINT ON THE FORM.

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Additional contribution to Egan Cottage( Sheriffs Youth Ranch) Amount of \_\_\_\_\_

This does not include money for the Egan Cottage Holiday Fund