

Join us as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Retiree Councils!

This conference will strive to present speakers who keep retirees informed on political, social, general welfare and educational issues.

Who: NYSUT Retiree Members in Long Island Retiree Councils 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23

When: Thursday, November 19, 2015

Where: Watermill, 711 Smithtown Bypass, Smithtown, NY 11787

Time: 8:00am – Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:45am Welcome: Kathleen Lyons and Joan Perrini, NYSUT Retiree Services Consultants

8:45am to 11:45am: Morning Session with a break about 10:30am



Program:

NYSUT Officer: NYSUT Vice-President, Paul Pecorale is the officer liaison to NYSUT retiree constituents. He will address issues pertinent to retirees but will also focus on the 2017 proposition to authorize a constitutional convention in New York and why retirees should oppose convening a constitutional convention.

NYSARA: Barry Kaufmann, new NYSARA President, will outline the role of NYSARA, its parent group (Alliance for Retired Americans) and its Long Island chapter in keeping retirees informed about the on-going fight to protect earned benefits.

"Mini Symposium on Education": A series of speakers representing various stakeholders in the fight to save public education will address the current education environment on Long Island including the Common Core standards, the testing program, the APPR requirements and the impact that these have on students and teachers in our classrooms.

"Voice of Teachers": John Mansfield, NYSUT Director ED20, Beth Wanken, President, Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers

"Voice of Administrative Educators": Dr. Michael J. Hynes, Ed.D., Superintendent, Patchogue-Medford School District

"Voice of Parents": Jeanette Deutermaann, founder of the OPT-OUT movement on Long Island

"Voice from Albany": Assemblyman Ed Ra, AD19. Assemblyman Ra is the ranking Republican on the Assembly Education Committee.

Breakout Sessions (CHOOSE ONE):

Seminar A: Long Term Care and Elder Law/ Estate Planning. Steven Kramer, Esq., Feldman, Kramer & Monaco, P.C., and Brian Johnson of National Long Term Care Brokers, will provide information on these topics important to retirees.

Seminar B: Medicare and Retiree Health Insurance. Susan Klug, NYSUT Assistant in Health Benefits, will discuss current provisions in Medicare rules, changes for 2016 and the correlation of the Medicare and the NYSHIP Empire Plan.

Seminar C: Pension Update. David Keefe, Retiree Trustee and Vice-President of NYSTRS, will provide members with an update on the stability of the pension system and will also discuss possible threats to the "safety" of pensions for current and future retirees.

Seminar D: Aging in Happiness. Ani Shabinian of NYSUT's Social Service Department will share an upbeat message about the aging process.

1:00pm Lunch

● **"Voice of NYSUT":** Matt Jacobs and Peter Verden, NYSUT Staff Directors, Nassau and Suffolk Regional Offices respectively, will outline NYSUT's Long Island response to the attack on public education.

● **Honoring Former Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy.**

● **25th Anniversary Celebration:** Florence McCue, Director At-Large ED51-53, and Rosemary Catanzarri, Director ED52, will kick-off NYSUT's year-long celebration of the 25th Anniversary of NYSUT's Retiree Councils. Award recipients from seven retiree councils and the many retiree chapters on Long Island will be honored for "Service to NYSUT Retirees."

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM:

Mail this form and a check in the amount of **\$32** payable to NYSUT to:

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REMEMBER: THE FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE. Registration is limited on a first come basis and there will be **NO** registration at the door.
DEADLINE: November 6, 2015

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DISTRICT YOU RETIRED FROM _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Breakout Workshops (Choose ONE)

A. I will attend the Long Term Care and Elder Law/Estate Planning Seminar OR

B. I will attend the Medicare Seminar OR

C. I will attend the Pension Update Seminar OR

D. I will attend the Aging in Happiness Seminar