A Bang for Your Five Bucks
Jan Corn, President

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As you can see, your $5 voluntary participation fee is a great deal for all the benefits it offers! Your contributions are so greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you for your generosity. I wish you only the best in the new year.

RC 8 advocates for retiree issues by phone banking, picketing, and contacting our elected representatives. We assist with our local active unions, lobby at state and local levels regarding retiree and public education issues, represent you at NYSUT conferences and meetings, and keep you informed on issues that are important to you via our newsletters and website. We donate to teacher, children, and educational causes. Your funds also support our fall and spring general membership luncheons providing socialization, communication, information, and yummy food.

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Retiree Council 8 Steering Committee: Adirondack—Y. Emery, H. La Fave; Canastota—B. Wood-arch; Clinton—C. Wheat; Herkimer—C. Johnson; New Hartford—D. Markson; Oneida—K. Cartwright-Cox, J. Fiacco; Oneida BOCES—J. Furgal; Oriskany—S. McQueen, D. Inserra; Remsen—J. Corn; Rome—W. Carey, Sauquoit—Y. Cortright; Stockbridge—L. Dunn; Utica—N. Bender, A. Cohen; VVS—K. Drake; Whitesboro—H. Chomin, F. Wood; Past presidents—K. Drake, P. Corbett; RAC—C. Gehrig; MVCCPA—B. Perrotti
Interested in Running for Office?

Listed below are the duties for each of the Retiree Council 8 positions that are open. Steering Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month from September to June from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Duties of the President**
1. Administer all affairs and execute all policies of RC 8.
2. Call regular meetings of the RC 8 general membership and the RC 8 Steering Committee.
3. Preside at all meetings of the RC 8 general membership and the RC 8 Steering Committee.
4. Appoint members of all committees established by RC 8 subject to the approval of the RC 8 Steering Committee and serve in an advisory capacity on those committees.
5. Represent RC 8 with all external groups and attend NYSUT Leadership meetings.
6. Serve as First Delegate to the NYSUT Representative Assembly (RA).
7. Recommend all committees necessary for the functioning of the organization.
8. Fulfill such other duties as the office requires.

**Duties of the Vice-President**
1. Assume the duties and responsibilities of the President during the President’s absences and perform such other duties as the President may designate.
2. Serve as Legislative Chair reporting to the Steering Committee and general membership.
3. Serve as an advisor to the Program Committee.
4. Attend required membership functions as designated by the President.

**Duties of the Secretary**
1. Perform duties usual to the office including taking and reporting minutes of meetings and such other duties as may be required by the President.
2. Keep all records organized and secure.

**Duties of the Treasurer**
1. Keep membership and financial records for RC 8 and the RC 8 Steering Committee and perform those duties usual to the office.
2. Use the NYSUT publication *Managing Local Union Finances* as a guide for financial procedures.
3. Present a proposed annual budget to the Steering Committee for approval at its April meeting.
4. Keep all records organized and secure and ready for audit.
5. Prepare and submit a monthly report to the Steering Committee of RC 8 for approval.

**Duties of the Delegates**
1. Act on seating of contested representatives (delegates/delegations).
3. Require and receive reports.
4. Elect officers, at-large Directors of NYSUT, and State Federation Delegates to the American Federation of Teachers Convention and Directors to the NEA Board of Directors.
5. Adopt a legislative program.
6. Act on amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of NYSUT.
7. Establish general policies through resolutions and act on other business as necessary.

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Jan Corn is pictured last May receiving an award from the Oneida County Office of the Aging and Continuing Care as the 2019 Older American Awards Honoree for her dedication to various community organizations. Congratulations, Jan.
2019-2020 Participation Fee

IMPORTANT: Retirees from Adirondack, Canastota, Central Square, Clinton, Holland Patent, Oneida, Oneida/Herkimer/Madison BOCES, New Hartford, Oriskany, Pulaski, Remsen, Sauquoit Valley, Stockbridge Valley, Utica, VVS, Waterville, Westmoreland, and Whitesboro do not have to send $5, since the Participation Fee is contributed via retiree dues by your chapter. Rome Retirees may add the Participation Fee to their RTA local dues. ATTENTION ALL OTHER RETIRES NOT BELONGING TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED locals; please fill out the form below.

Name: ____________________________
Retiree School District: ____________________________
Street Address: ____________________________ City/State/Zip________________
Phone: ____________________________
E-mail address: ____________________________

PLEASE, COMPLETE THIS FORM AND A $5 CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO “RETIREE COUNCIL 8” AND MAIL TO: Wanona E. Carey, RC 8 Treasurer, 8623 Turin Road, Rome, NY 13440-7523.

RESERVATION FORM

Please send this form and your check for $20, made payable to Retiree Council 8, to the following address: Keri Cartwright-Cox, NYSUT, c/o RC 8, 7 Ellinwood Court, New Hartford, NY 13413. Your check must be received by Thursday, May 7, 2020. Late reservations can no longer be accepted.

Name: ____________________________
District Retired From: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
E-mail: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

THE STEERING COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM WAS PRINTED IN THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER AND IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT RETIREECOUNCIL8.ORG

Spring Luncheon, Thursday, May 14, 2020

VALENTINO’S BANQUET HALL
3899 Oneida Street, New Hartford
Cost $20 (Tax and Tip included)

BRUNCH MENU
Pasta Marinara, Chicken Riggies, Greens Maria Omelets, Bacon, Sausage, Roasted Potatoes French Toast, Belgian Waffles, Maple Syrup Cherry Topping, Whipped Cream Miniature Bagels Orange Juice, Cranberry Juice, Coffee, Tea Sheet Cake
Cash bar available

AGENDA
11 a.m. Registration
11:30 Election of Officers
Welcome—Jan Corn, RC 8 President
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 Speaker: John Rogers
Topic: Wonders and Messages of Nature
1:30 Closing

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