I am so proud of NYSRTA. In 1951 representatives from six zones elected Robert R. DeCormier, President of the newly formed NYSRTA, who had a mission to help retired teachers. We have continued with this original mission of serving the retired teacher.

In 2014 we took $174,000 from assets; in 2015 we took $165,000 from assets; in 2016 we took $60,000 from assets; and this current year 2017 we have taken $40,000, which was offset by an increase in our financial income and an increase from the President’s Appeal. We should also see some savings for our change in venue for Executive Meetings. The President’s Appeal has increased our financial income by at least twenty thousand to twenty-five thousand dollars! It is a real plus for our organization. We are solvent and we hope to stay that way. It has been a concerted effort of our Members, our Treasurer, Terry Trudeau *CR, Executive Office Manager, Kathi Bassett, and the President’s Appeal.

**Constitutional Convention**

Our Constitutional Convention Vote is Around the Corner and we are now moving into our final phase of stopping the Constitutional Convention. We must make phone calls, talk to friends, mail letters to the editor and of course, VOTE "NO" ON NOVEMBER 7TH. We must defeat this Convention. I want to thank you all for supporting my efforts to stop this Convention. Win or lose, we will survive and we will continue to work for our Retired Teachers.

**REMEMBER!**

Taxation of Our Pensions
Doing away with Collective Bargaining.
There may be a threat to Public Education by issuing Vouchers.
Your support of the environment may be under attack.
If the Convention is held, it could cost as much as $340 Million.

I would like to thank all of the contributors, who have given to my President’s Appeal. If you haven’t done so yet, it is not too late. Thank you to all who have worked for NYSRTA this year. It has been a privilege and honor for me to be your President this year.
NYSRTA
67th Workshop and Annual Meeting
Turning Stone Resort and Casino, Verona, New York • Oct 30–Nov 1, 2017

Wild Treasures: A Journey through the North Country
HOSTED BY THE NORTHERN ZONE

Monday, October 30
Registration and Vendor Exhibits
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Welcome Reception – Coffee, tea and Danish Pastry
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM - New Delegate Workshop - Presented by Kevin Mulligan (Senior Vice President)- This workshop is geared for first time delegates and alternates and will provide a brief overview of what to expect at the Convention and Annual Meeting.
6:30 PM Dinner
8:15 PM Cert of Rec
Keynote Speaker: Maggie Wheeler Title - “The St. Lawrence Seaway – A Moving History”
Ms. Wheeler has spent over 15 years showcasing the social, cultural, and psychological impact of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project on both Canada and the United States. Introduced by Gayla LePage, President of Northern Zone (host zone)

Tuesday, October 31
Breakfast Buffet Starts @ 7:00 AM
Registration 9:00 AM - Noon
First Session – Tuesday, October 31, 2017 @ 9:00 – 10:00 AM
1. Silver Sneakers: Presented by Jody Satalin – Description: Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscle strength, range of movement and activities of daily living. Limited to just 20 participants. Advance registration requested, call NYSRTA State Office at (518) 482-3509 or e-mail Lillie Ruby (lruby@nysrta.org).
Introduced by Diane Hahn *CR
2. Body Intelligence: Presented by Joseph Cardillo, Ph.D. – Description: Find out how you can easily and naturally tap your body’s full energy spectrum. Who wouldn’t want to have higher quality physical and mental increased memory, end daily fatigue, get better sleep at night, and wake up ready to greet the day? Introduced by Pat Newell
3. Surviving an Emergency: Presented by Gene LaLonde – Description: Address several potential emergencies with special emphasis on the potential for and effects of an EMP (Electromagnetic Pulse). Also includes consideration for surviving several types of emergencies. Introduced by Roxann Finley
4. Anchorage to Nome, Alaska by Dog Sled (A call of the Wild) Presented by Spencer Thew – Description: Discussion and presentation of the preparation for the 1993 Iditarod Race. Learn how Spencer and his dog team crossed 1160 miles of Alaska under difficult conditions. Introduced by Joe Russo
5. The Wilder Homestead: Presented by Mary Craig – Description: Learn the history of Almanzo Wilder’s boyhood home. Almanzo was the husband of Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of “The Little House”. Learn what life was like in the early 1800’s and how Almanzo’s home was restored. Introduced by Rae Louise Tate
To request information on this program visit www.nyltcb.com/nysrta/ or call (800) 695-8224, ext. 154. This program offers special discounts not available to the general public for you and your family members including:
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If you would like to forward this to a family member, please feel free to do so.

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Long-Term Care Insurance Program

The NYS Retired Teachers’ Association has approved a discounted Long Term Care Insurance Program to be offered to its members and their family members.

This program is designed to help protect you, your family and your retirement security. Protection is available should you need care at home, in an assisted living facility, or nursing home.

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Second Session – Tuesday, October 31, 2017 @ 10:30 – 11:30 AM

1. TRS Pension 2017: Presented by Richard Young and the TRS Team – Description: As in past years representatives from TRS will give a complete explanation of the current status of the NYS Teachers Retirement Pension. Introduced by President Angelo Grande *CR

2. Beginner’s Guide to Using Social Media for Pleasure and Organization Activities: Presented by Lillie Ruby and Brian Sherman – Description: Do you use Facebook? You will now. Learn to share those 10,000 photos of your grandchildren with friends with Instagram. Learn to Tweet on Twitter, or snap and chat via Snapchat. Brian and Lillie will guide you through these social media apps. Introduced by Kevin Mulligan

3. The Beautiful Wild North Country: Presented by Mary Scharf – Description: This presentation will guide you through the tourism treasures in the wild North Country. It will feature natural and man-made attractions that will awaken the adventure in any traveler. Introduced by Gayla LePage

4. Story Telling through Photography: Presented by Holly Chorba – Description: This workshop will help you select and organize your photos and choose a format to tell your story to a particular audience (grandchildren, fellow travelers, yet to be born descendants). Introduced by Alice Galvin


Noon – 1:00 PM Lunch

Tuesday Luncheon Speaker: Mr. David Keefe, President of the Board for NYS Teachers Retirement System – Mr. Keefe serves as the only retired teacher on the Board and will focus his discussion on the November 7, 2017 Constitutional Convention Referendum vote. He will draw our attention to the possible implications of a yes vote, including concerns about our pension benefits as well as other public pensions in New York State.

1:15 – 5:00 PM Session 1 Annual Meeting

6:15 – 7:00 PM Cocktail Party (Cash bar)

THEME:

WILD TIMES!

Wear your Leopard Print, Zebra Stripes, Camo or wildest outfit and be prepared to ROAR!

7:00 – 8:00 Dinner

Wednesday, November 1st

7:00 – 9:00 AM Breakfast Buffet

8:00 Annual Workshop committee Breakfast Meeting

Includes a representatives of Western Zone, Northern Zone and the 2019 host, Southern Zone, as well as, members of the 2016 Workshop committee.

9:15 AM Session II Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting Ends
Central Zone

Mary Radloff, Public Relations Chair

Ray Pitcher, from Ilion, is the new zone VP for Legislative Action. Ray has held positions in his school unit, NYSUT, and has been on the Oneida/Herkimer Legislative Action Team. He replaces Tom Parsnick who said, “I want to thank all those Central Zone advocates, who over the past 15 or more years, have served to convey NYSRTA’s legislative agenda to our legislators. During that time Central Zone has had one of the best legislative campaigns in NYSRTA—huzzah! Keep up the good work; make Ray’s job as easy and pleasurable as you made it for me.”

Thank you, Tom, for your years of service to our organization!

County units of Central Zone completed the current year of activity by awarding student scholarships. Cayuga County chose to change focus and instead presented the following mini-grants to active teachers:

Alicia Bower, Weedsport Central School District: “MayFest - A Music Festival”. A project that involves students at many levels of the curriculum as they plan and present this school-wide project.


Sarah Valentino, Union Springs Central School District: “Mindfulness in the Classroom”, guides students through exercises that enrich individual focus and awareness of mind-body connections.

Other successful efforts to improve local meetings include changes to a late afternoon meeting with dinner following, shorter more efficient business meetings, and provision of a social hour before the meeting.

The Central Zone Annual Meeting, hosted by Onondaga County, is scheduled for September 11 at the Orchard Valley Golf Club in LaFayette. A buffet lunch will be followed by an “Apple Educator” Program.

With the NYSRTA Annual Convention coming up soon in October, delegates are selected at the zone meeting in July.

Central Western Zone

Phyllis Dunlap, Public Relations Chair

As I write this yesterday was 88 degrees and today is 68 degrees with flood warnings. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of our retired teachers and communities surrounding lakes that have been affected by non-stop rain, spring and summer! We are looking forward to the Fall Convention, especially Carol Lord. If you see her, wish her a Happy Halloween Birthday!

Retired teacher Frank Berger, left, and Eric Delano, a member of the Medina VFW post, look at an exhibit of World War I memorabilia at the Orleans County Retired Teachers’ Association luncheon.

The Orleans County Retired Teachers’ Association met for its semi-annual meeting at Knowlesville United Methodist Church to enjoy lunch, honor a longtime member, and observe the centennial anniversary of America entering World War I.

Retired teacher and veteran Frank Berger of Medina was presented a certificate recognizing him for his years as president of the OC Retired Teachers’ Association. After this, Georgia Thomas of Medina, co-president with her sister Joyce Lyn Jennings shared the history of how America became involved in the “Great War,” that would end all wars.

“But On April 6, 1917, our nation joined the Allies fighting against the Central Powers.”

World War I had many firsts—chemical warfare, gas masks, flame throwers, steel helmets, tank battles, aerial warfare, aircraft carriers, propaganda films, military use of X-rays, and wireless communications.

The afternoon ended with the playing of Taps and a gun salute by a veterans’ honor guard.

We have lost many of our beloved teachers in Seneca County since January 2017.

Ruth E. Schoenacker passed away on January 1, 2017. She taught from 1957 to 1979 in the Romulus Central School District. Ruth was a member of the Home Economics Teachers’ Association.

Robert T. Chase passed away on January 9, 2017. Her teaching career in Home Economics at Mynderse in Seneca Falls brought her great joy.

Jack Mose LaValley passed away March 2, 2017. He was a teacher in the Seneca Falls School District for 37 years.


Nancy taught elementary general music for the Waterloo Public School system for 25 years, retiring in 1986.

Ralph S. King died March 21, 2017. He was employed at the Waterloo High School for 39 years as a Guidance Counselor.
Kyle Inda from Naples Elementary School receiving a check for $1000 from Sandy Kushner for a NYSRTA Hudson-Kramer Memorial Grant. It will be used at the Naples Elementary School for an outdoor space for children to accomplish NY State Curriculum and for teachers and students to relax and get out of the sun and inclement weather.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Convention during beautiful autumn in upstate New York.

**Eastern Zone**

Pamela Love, Public Relations

Eastern Zone Officers for 2017-18 include President - Rosalie Oliver; Senior V.P. - Doris Bedell; Secretary - Patricia Reynolds; Treasurer - Jack DeWeese; Membership V.P. - Rosalind Carron; State Legislative Action V.P. - Janice Mullins; Federal Legislative Action V.P. - Al Ciejka; Friendly Service V.P. - Marjorie Leibowitz; and Past President - John Mizerak. They along with Unit Presidents and Unit Membership Chairs as well as other committee heads met at The Turf Restaurant in Scotia, NY for their Spring Meeting in May.

We want to feature two of our units at this time. They include our Otsego unit and our Saratoga unit. Penny Bellinger, President of the Otsego Unit, reported that their unit sponsors an annual Golf Tournament called “The Not Going Back To School Tournament” which raised over $1400 in 2016. The money was spent at Walmart which filled six carts full of school and personal supplies suggested by Family Services who in turn distributed the items to needy students in the area. The Otsego Unit also holds a “Mr. Roger’s Sweater Drive” and in mid October, members of the unit collect and sort items and distribute collections to local charities including Family Services and Opportunities for Otsego.

Ken Bollerud, President of the Saratoga Unit, reported their unit meets every month for a lunch meeting and they usually have a speaker to highlight each event. This year, the speakers included Sue Valaitis talking about “Learning in Retirement”; Karen Fleuelling, who talked about her upcoming trip/mission to East Africa (building wells for water, etc.) and members of the unit contributed $600 at that meeting; Jen Buscema from the Saratoga County of the Aging was looking for volunteers to help in grade school programs as aides for science enrichment; Nancy Cameron, one of Saratoga’s new members who taught in International Schools in Saudi Arabia, Dubai and Burma shared her experiences. Saratoga’s average attendance at meetings this year was between 36 and 50. All of their meetings include available literature of NYSRTA trips, etc.

Ez news Left to right. Irene Hauser, Rosalie Oliver, Carolyn Bove, Jack DeWeese and Pamela Love

Carolyn Bove, Jack DeWeese, Irene Hauser, Pamela Love, and Rosalie Oliver met in June to discuss the Hudson-Kramer Memorial Grant which will allow Eastern Zone to give $1,000 to an active teacher/administrator for a special project or program every two years. Guidelines and the movement forward was discussed.

**Long Island Zone**

Eileen Holmes, Public Relations

Long Island Zone retirees have been enjoying great get-togethers this Spring! In May, the LIZ hosted its Spring luncheon meeting at the Irish Coffee Pub in Islip. WERTA President Evelyn Paola introduced four new LIZ members: Virginia Bold, Lynne Alexander, Susan Bruno and Patricia McDonald. Welcome!

LIZ Community Service Chair Eileen Holmes introduced guest speaker Amy Zaslansky, founder of the Long Island ‘Book Fairies’. Amy impressed everyone with her fantastic story of how she started this project as a Long Island ‘mommy’ who didn’t want to see her own children’s outgrown books go to waste. She asked in one school for students to donate their extra books to be used for a free book fair for underprivileged kids. The books started coming in by hundreds! She organized a group of volunteers who felt strongly about improving reading skills and spreading the love of reading to help her pick up all the donated books and magazines. The project expanded to include teen and adult reading
Outgoing WERTA President Evelyn Paola Emily Caristo with Amy Zaslansky and Kathryn Grande.

WERTA's very tall and very articulate scholarship winner Hugo Salazar with Evelyn Paola and Emily Caristo.

Adelphi's Ms. Michelle Blackwell and Dr. Anne Mungai presenting a certificate of thanks to WERTA's Evelyn Paola and Emily Caristo.

EERTA members enjoying the afternoon.

Guest speaker Dr. Marilyn LoPresti.

Luncheon organizer Agnes Dansereau (left) with guests.

A highlight of the luncheon was the awarding of the annual WERTA scholarship. This year the scholarship was given to Hugo Salazar, a student in the STEP program, Ruth S. Ammon School of Education at Adelphi University. Mr. Salazar delivered a heartwarming, eloquent thank you, describing his goals for a teaching career and expressing how much it means to be a first-generation American and the first college graduate in his family. Also in attendance was Ms. Michelle Blackwell, Director of the STEP program and Dr. Anne Mungai, newly appointed Dean of the Ruth S. Ammon School of Education. Adelphi presented WERTA with a Certificate of Thanks in appreciation of their many years (since 1998) of supporting Adelphi's education program with a yearly scholarship.

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North Central Zone
Nancy Roberts & Patricia Newell, Public Relations Co-Chairs

As this summer article is being written, NCZ has experienced another week of rain. Our rivers and lakes are still very high. Many areas are still flooded, and farmers are having a difficult time planting crops and cutting hay. The corn will not be “knee high by the 4th of July”.

Ready, Set, Fun 2017 Book Fest, sponsored by WPBS-TV and held in Watertown in May, was very well attended. Under the guidance of Community Service Chair, Patricia Dietrich and event coordinator, Burt Phillips CR, NCZ manned several tables and handed out new Scholastic books to children. We had many volunteers who were eager to help. This is one of our most enjoyable projects.

Our June Scholarship luncheon was very successful with 71 members and guests in attendance. NCZ, in partnership with the Northern New York Community Foundation, awarded two $1,000 scholarships to Martina Leake, a 2017 graduate of Carthage Central School, and William Beyer, a 2017 graduate of Lowville Academy & Central School. NCZ President, James Newell, and Rande Richardson and Mary Perrine from NYNCF presented the awards. We are very proud of these outstanding future educators.

Gene Bavis was our program speaker for our June Luncheon. His “Mural Mania” art/history presentation was enjoyed by all. The photographs Gene has taken of murals throughout the United States and Canada and his related stories enlightened us to local history and community pride.

One of our Community Service projects is the “Love Your Public Library” award, organized by Chair Patricia Dietrich. At our June Luncheon, John Gaffney’s donated ticket was drawn, and the winning library was the Rodman Public Library. Patricia Dietrich visited the library to present the $50 award to library director, Karen Marriott. We are impressed with the beautiful facilities and wonderful programs our local libraries have in such small communities throughout our area. NCZ members also brought generous donations of food to the June luncheon, which were donated to the Town of Brownville Food Pantry in Dexter.

Future Date to Remember: Fall Annual Meeting & Luncheon: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at Ramada Inn, Watertown

Northeastern Zone
Marti Martin, Public Relations Chair

The Northeastern Zone of the New York Retired Teachers Association is proud to announce that Aaron Brassard, Moriah Central’s Middle and High School Technology teacher, has been awarded the $1000 Hudson-Kramer Memorial Grant. Bonnie Gregware, President of the Northeastern Zone, and Marti Martin, Public Relations Chair presented Aaron with his ‘check’ for $1000. The grant opportunity was available to all educators in the Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington BOCES and was designated for an innovative project designed to impact student academic performance, target self-esteem or behavior, or to address social issues facing students today. Fifteen applications were received from various districts. The projects that were submitted ranged from purchasing specific materials or equipment which enhance classroom instruction, to using the funds to develop character education programs and to pay for activities that promote team building and interpersonal skills.

Aaron’s project was chosen because he has incorporated many opportunities for authentic learning to take place. His plan to purchase a 700-watt renewable energy kit which includes two solar panels and a wind turbine dovetails beautifully into a community service project by installing an exterior light on the school building, and using the energy kit to power it. Not only will the STEM standards and skills related to Technology be addressed by Aaron in his class, other students in the school could learn from exposure to the project as it applies to other disciplines. Another feature of this project is Aaron’s intent to invite community tradesmen to his class to talk to his students about renewable energy, as well as to assist in the installation of the components of the kit and spotlight. This aspect of his project would give his students insight into careers as engineers, electricians, and technicians.

(Scholarship) June, 2017 (L to R) James Jewell, William Beyer, Martina Leake, Rande Richardson, Mary Perrine

Bookfest 2017 (L to R) Barb Eldridge, Judy Gilligan, Cindy Graham, JoAnn Clark, Sally Scott

Bookfest 2017 (L to R) Alison Spooner, Krista Juczak, Burt Phillips CR, Pat Dietrich, Joan Carlo, Kathy Allan, Sandy Geiss, Karen Spooner

Library Award, June 2017 (L to R) Karen Marriott, Patricia Dietrich

NEZ Grant Winner Aaron Brassard, Moriah Central’s Middle and High School Technology teacher with his students
Aaron’s project is an educational opportunity that promotes rigor through the skills it introduces or reinforces, and we’d like to think it will be a learning experience these students will never forget.

On June 9, 2017, approximately 100 North Country teacher retirees met at the Holiday Inn for their respective spring business meetings. The two groups representing retired educators are the Champlain Valley Retiree Council, a NYS United Teachers’ affiliate, and the Northeastern Zone chapter of the NYS Retired Teachers Association, with many individuals belonging to both groups. After the business of each group was complete and a buffet lunch was enjoyed, the guest speaker, David Keefe, Retired Teacher Board President of the NYS Teacher Retirement System, was introduced by Rod Sherman, a retired teacher from the Plattsburgh City School district, who remains as active in teacher concerns and issues in retirement as he did while teaching. It was made known that Keefe’s election as Retirement Board President marks the first time since the 1920’s that there has been a retired teacher holding that position.

Keefe spoke at length giving the history and present status of the Retirement System which has been in place since a law was passed in 1921 to set up a fund for teachers who taught throughout the state. New York City teachers, who have their own fund, are the exception. Unlike 34 states, the New York State Retirement System is guaranteed by the State Constitution. The funds come from yearly contributions from the NY State budget and contributions from school districts where the teachers taught, and in recent years by teachers themselves, with the contribution amount depending on which System tier the teacher belongs to when they enter the teaching field.

The NYS Retirement System 10 member Board has three active teachers, David Keefe as retired member, with one seat set aside for the Comptroller. Other members include representatives from school administrators and school boards. The “Board serves without compensation and is responsible for protecting the long term value of the investment portfolio to provide benefit security for its more than 427,000 active and retired members as of January 2017”, according to its newsletter. No one on the Board is appointed by a politician. Of the 350 employees of the System, 150 of them are financial professionals and state employees who are paid by investment returns.

In the late 1980’s, the NYS Retirement System was allowed to invest in the Stock Market. In addition to its investments there, the fund has been diversified to include private equities and real estate. New York State Retirement System members receive a newsletter quarterly about the financial status of the system. In the January 2017 issue, it stated that more than 161,000 members and beneficiaries received benefit payments in 2016 with the average age of a retiree receiving benefits at age 72. Members were assured that the return on investments in the fiscal year ending in June, 2016, were in the black for the seventh consecutive year. It stated, “The System remains among the best-funded public retirement systems in the nation.”

David Keefe left retirees with this thought, rest assured, “Your pension is the safest, most secure in economics and finance.” If members have questions about their benefits, there is a Members Handbook available on the System website, www.nystrs.org, or it can be received by mail by calling (800)782-0289.

Northern Zone
Linda Crosby, Public Relations Chair

In view of the peaceful, rolling hills and greens at the Potsdam Country Club, Northern Zone members gathered for their Spring Membership Meeting on May 24 for a business meeting and a dynamic presentation by guest speaker, Debra Donatto, the Chief Professional Officer/Program Director for the Boys and Girls Club of Massena, N.Y. As she outlined the philosophy, the goals, the history and the impressive progress of her organization, her infectious enthusiasm inspired us all. For one of our community service projects, NZ members generously donated $230.00 to the Massena club.

At the May meeting, members also donated over $376 to support our scholarship fund; thank you very much to all who donated. Health Care Chair Joe Russo reported that seven NZ walkers have been sending him their mileage: Margie and Joe Russo, Laurel Reynolds, Rogene Rice, Alice Galvin, Phil and Gayla LePage. The meeting also focused on the October NYSRTA convention; thank you to all NZ members who have volunteered so far to help host the convention. All are welcome to join us at Turning Stone; we would also appreciate your help with donations of items for our two always impressive convention raffle baskets if you find anything interesting during your summer shopping or travel adventures.

Northern Zone awarded the 2017 NYSRTA Hudson-Kramer Memorial Grant of $1,000 to Samuel Sochia, a wonderful young man who teaches Physics, Robotics and a STEM Exploration class at Gouverneur High School in the Gouverneur Central School District. Sam will use the grant to purchase eight Raspberry Pi computer units and accessories to help teach basic computer science to his students in the STEM class using the Python language and emphasizing engineering curriculum/design and hands on technology. NZ P.R. Chair Linda Crosby, NZ Friendly Service Chair/NYSRTA President Emerita Agnes Hudson*CR, and NZ Treasurer Roxann Finley presented the grant check to Sam at an end of the year
High School Senior Scholarship winner Madonna Champagne

Debra Donatto receiving a donation from Alice Galvin

Laura Preston, a special education teacher from Candor Central School District Don Cutton *CR, and Mary Lou Wood, SZ President

The 2017 Northern Zone high school senior scholarship recipients have been chosen. In Franklin County, Madonna Champagne, daughter of Derek and Jennifer Champagne from Malone, N.Y. received the Janet P. Dana Memorial Scholarship ($400 award). Madonna is an extremely active and academically accomplished young lady, who graduated in the top ten of 193 seniors at Franklin Academy in the Malone Central School District. She served her school, community and church by volunteering her time in many activities—band, choir, musicals, plays, and leadership positions. She will be attending the SUNY Potsdam Crane School of Music to study music education. One of her teachers described Madonna as “refreshingly gentle, sincere and humble.”

The Ross C. Hudson Memorial Scholarship ($400) was awarded to Parishville-Hopkinton Central School senior Hannah Hannon, who is the valedictorian of her graduating class in Parishville, N.Y. and resides in Winthrop, N.Y. (St. Lawrence County) with her parents, David and Rebecca Hannon. Hannah received many high school academic honors and awards. She was very active in many groups (band, chorus, school musicals, soccer, softball) and her often award-winning visual artwork was placed in multiple area art exhibits. This past school year, she greatly enjoyed being a teaching assistant for her music teacher, who inspired her to plan a career in music education when she attends Cairn University in September.

Laura Preston, a special education teacher from Candor Central School District Don Cutton *CR, and Mary Lou Wood, SZ President

Masters’ Degree. Her school honored her with a surprise tea after school hours on June 12th. The scholarship was presented by Donald Cutton *CR, Scholarship Chair of SZ, and Mary Lou Wood, SZ President.

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Please save the date of September 20, 2017, if you are interested in attending the SZ Annual Meeting. The Corning American Legion is the site of our meeting and we hope to see you there at 8 River Road. The cost is $20 and includes a continental breakfast, beverages, lunch and program. Contact Paula Gillies at pmgc59@aol.com

Our zone has been working hard to encourage our local government officials to support legislation, especially that of the “bump up” to give more monies to the retirement accounts of those who retired many years ago and whose benefits have not kept pace with the cost of living.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer.
Western Zone
Michelle Claus, Public Relations Chair

As Public Relations Chairman, I often ask for help writing articles. Loretta Peszynski always volunteered. She was like that. A rock, someone you could turn to when you needed help. Loretta was writing this paper’s article. She was working on an article about volunteers, people that give of themselves, see the need in people, and respond. This article is about one extraordinary member of NYSRTA, Loretta Peszynski, who passed away June 6, 2017.

Her teaching career was at Bennett High School in Buffalo, New York. Students described her as “a wonderful, hard-working, brilliant teacher, their most favorite.” Her favorite classes to teach were United States History and Government. She was the “go to girl” among the faculty for current events.

Chuck and Loretta met at a curriculum committee meeting and became friends. Chuck called Loretta in 1972, asking Chuck to be her “date” as she chaperoned the Senior Prom. Chuck remembered how funny, smart, and beautiful she was in her blue dress that night. They were married July 14, 1973. The blue dress is still stored in their house. Chuck and Loretta had 3 daughters. Lanora and her husband are currently stationed in the Air Force, England with their three granddaughters.

She was so involved in retired teachers’ lives. She was willing to go above and beyond for anyone she cared about and that was many. This is a partial list of her experiences: Western Zone Board of Directors, Corresponding Secretary, Federal Legislation Chair, and member of the following committees: Resolutions, Awards, Public Relations, Friendly Service, and State Legislation. Among other organizational services she was involved in were; bringing food to the needy at the Little Portion Friary, ushering at Studio Arena until it closed, League of Women Voters-President, Polish Arts Club of Buffalo, and Pomost International. You can see Loretta was always looking out for those that needed help or were in need. She mentored new members, we could speak freely, discussing anything. Our members describe Loretta as devoted, caring, honest, and willing to go above and beyond. At our NYSRTA Annual State Conference, October 2016, Loretta saw a need for Western Zone. She knew we wanted David Keefe, President of NYS Teachers’ Retirement System, to speak at our WZ Annual meeting the next year. When the opportunity arose, Loretta asked David to be our next year speaker. He accepted and put the date in his calendar. Thank you, Loretta.

She was so full of energy, interests, and interaction with life. Her hard work, dedication, and caring will be missed by all. May Loretta Peszynski, who led our organization in the past with so much dedication, be an inspiration to all of us to serve the well-being of all retired educators.

Historian Committee
Memories Wanted!
Carol Lord *CR, Chair

I know lots of activity has been happening in each of your zones. You had great Spring meetings and are preparing for Fall. Share your news with your zone historians!! I look forward to the pages they bring to convention to add to our yearly scrapbook.

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The Resolutions Committee reviewed the four proposals that were submitted by three different zones. Two resolutions are recommended for consideration by the delegates at the 2017 Annual Meeting, and two are not recommended. All NYSRTA members should review these proposals and make their feelings about them known to their Zone President, Resolutions Chair, and Delegates. A complete listing of the resolutions that have already been adopted can be found on the NYSRTA website.

Resolution B-5-1: Social Security (North Central Zone)

WHEREAS, wage earners pay 6.2% federal tax for Social Security and a 1.4% tax for Medicare while employed; and

WHEREAS, wage earners who retire pay ordinary federal tax on 50% of their Social Security benefit if filing a joint tax return and earning between $32,000 and $44,000 per year and 85% of their benefit if filing a joint tax return and earning more than $44,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, this constitutes double taxation, that is, individuals are taxed twice on the same earnings; and

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that we urge the NYSRTA to support the removal of all federal taxes on Social Security benefits.

Reference: NYSRTA Bylaws, Article II, Objectives 1, 3, 5

The Resolutions Committee voted “To Recommend”.

Resolution E-16-2: Delegates to the Constitutional Convention (Western Zone)

WHEREAS, despite the fact that the NYSRTA opposes the approval of the 2017 referendum to convene a NYS Constitutional Convention the organization must be prepared in the event such a convention is called; and

WHEREAS, the delegate to said convention would be elected in November, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the process to become a delegate is very involved, requiring a substantial number of petition signatures, an effective campaign mechanism and financial resources; and

WHEREAS, the process strongly favors individuals who are current office holders, political party leaders and insiders despite the fact that the delegate positions are technically open to everyone; and

WHEREAS, the decisions and recommendations made by the convention will be heavily impacted by the makeup of the delegates and their background and special interests; and

WHEREAS, a Constitutional Convention could result in recommended negative changes to many areas of concern (including but not limited to public education, collective bargaining rights, pensions, environment, social welfare) to the NYSRTA and its members; now

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that if the referendum to convene a NYS Constitutional Convention is approved in November 2017, the NYSRTA initiate an immediate and active campaign in an effort to have individuals whose interests represent the objectives of this organization be elected as the delegates to the Constitutional Convention: and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NYSRTA join like minded organizations to promote the election of delegates who will defend and protect our common interests; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NYSRTA initiate and conduct a mechanism to inform the membership of the intricacies and importance of the delegate selection process; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NYSRTA, the zones and units encourage their members to become informed and active participants in the delegate selection process.

Reference: NYSRTA Bylaws, Article II, Objectives 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

The Resolutions Committee voted “To Recommend”.

Resolution D-16-1: A Resolution in Opposition of Vouchers, Charter Schools, and Other Schemes to Privatize our Public Education System (Northeastern Zone)

WHEREAS, teachers, administrators, and other educational leaders have worked hard to create and maintain a public education system that helps people secure the tools they need to be successful in the global work environment of today; and

WHEREAS, as retired educators the members of the NYSRTA remain committed to that promise for all children regardless of their needs, zip code, ethnic background or their family wealth; and

WHEREAS, the current President and his Secretary of Education

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have an agenda (HR-610) to pursue programs and initiatives that are direct threat to the very existence of our Public-School system by defunding and privatizing our Public Education system for the benefit of those with private investment interests; and

WHEREAS, such schemes will minimize the public’s ability to be involved in public school policy by turning over control of the public schools to public/private charter schools where decisions will be made with profit motive competing with student needs; and

WHEREAS, research does show charter schools schools are not any better than their public-school counterpart in similar settings; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration has proposed that Title funds combined in block grants to the stated (see HR-610). Such blocks would reduce New York’s share of the current Title funding appropriations, and

WHEREAS, public school choice and vouchers can lead to school segregation and inequalities in funding for the schools with the greatest needs now,

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the NYSRTA oppose any attempts of the Trump Administration or Congress to privatize our American public schools in the form of vouchers, charters, title funding in block grants, and other tax exemptions or credits, and be it further

RESOLVED that the officers of the NYSRTA make every effort to join other coalitions that have similar concerns, and be it further

RESOLVED that the NYSRTA inform its members on these positions and contact our legislators with the same message.

Reference: NYSRTA Bylaws, Article II, Objective 4

The Resolutions Committee voted “Not To Recommend.” (Covered under D15 and D16)

Resolution B-4-1 and C-20-1: A Resolution in Support of Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid Benefits (Northeastern Zone)

WHEREAS, the appointment of Tom Price to head the Department of Health and Human Services underscores President Trump’s support and plans to make major changes in Medicare and Medicaid; and,

WHEREAS, the changes suggested include reductions in Medicare and Medicaid as we know it today into a voucher and other private account schemes that would severely impact the availability and quality of health care for millions of Americans; and,

WHEREAS, plans to fund Medicaid through block grants to the individual states would have a severe impact on the budget of New York State and consequently the entire Medicaid program in our state; and

WHEREAS, the president many times promised to replace “Obamacare”, ACA, with something with better coverage for all and a much deeper premium cost; and,

WHEREAS, Secretary Price has shown little support for the Children’s Health Insurance Program, which serves more than 8.1 million children (the program’s funding ends Sept. 30, 2017); and,

WHEREAS, Social Security and the benefits provided is and has been a contract between Americans and their government to provide workers with a safety net and a small benefit at the time of retirement; and,

WHEREAS, President Trump repeated the campaign promise, “I will not make any cuts to Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid”, many times during his campaign; now,

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the NYSRTA oppose any legislation that makes any cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security benefits; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Officers of the NYSRTA make every effort to join other coalitions that have similar values; and be it further

RESOLVED that the NYSTRA inform its members on these positions and contact our legislators with the same message.

Reference: NYSRTA Bylaws, Article II, Objectives 1, 2, 3 & 5.

The Resolutions Committee voted “Not To Recommend”. (covered in B-1, B-2, and C-17, is too specific to certain people as people transition in and out of government positions, limited in time frame because of the people named)

Any proposal that is not recommended by the committee may be brought up for consideration to be resubmitted to the committee by a 2/3 approval of the delegates.

Lastly, the Resolutions Committee is required to review annually the adopted resolutions and recommend for rescission for those which are no longer legal, timely, relevant, or have been accomplished. This was done, and there are no recommendations for rescission at this time.
Membership Report, Salvatore Sedita *CR, VP for Membership

At recent meetings of the combined committee of Zone Membership Chairs and the Marketing Plan Committee, several documents have emerged and are emerging that will help in recruiting new members.

First of all, the combined committee has developed and approved the Constitutional Convention Card. This card should be used to explain the upcoming referendum on a Constitutional Convention (Nov ’17 ballot) and to advocate for its defeat. Each member received a copy of this card in the spring President’s Appeal letter. Additional copies can also be obtained from NYSRTA headquarters by Zone Membership Chairs and Zone Presidents.

Secondly, the committee has also approved a list of the advantages of joining and belonging to NYSRTA and one of its zones. The document is entitled “The Magnificent Seven (7) Strengths of NYSRTA”. The document will soon be available on the NYSRTA website for members to copy and use. Members should review it and use the information when talking to prospective new members. A card version of the document is being developed by a sub committee of the Combined Committee so that members can use it as a handout or an “elevator speech” when recruiting.

Special recognition is given to Kevan Mulligan (NEZ, Senior Vice President), Lois Thornberg (LIZ), Burt Phillips (NEZ), and Michelle Caus (WZ) for their work on these projects.

As NYSRTA President Angelo Grande has said many times, “Membership retention is vital to the organization” and “We need new membership to survive as an organization."

Membership is everyone’s obligation.

First, the job is so big that it cannot be done effectively by one or two people. The greater the number of members involved in contacting and recruiting new members, the more successful the recruitment campaign is. It is essential that every member become involved and active in the recruitment of new members. New member recruitment is everyone’s obligation.

Secondly, the most effective recruitment technique is personal contact and follow-up of each potential new member by a current member. A recruitment campaign that involves an individual member being responsible to work with an individual potential new member and convince him/her to become a member is always successful.

If you have not yet contacted a new retiree or a retiree who has not yet joined NYSRTA and brought him/her into our organization in the current year, it’s time to get going. It is not acceptable for you to sit by and expect others to do it.

Contact your unit or zone membership chair and let him/her know that you are able and willing to become actively involved in bringing in at least one new member to the organization this year.

I am looking forward to reporting at the Convention in October that our organization’s membership has turned the corner and is now growing. I will be able to do that when each of you has done your part.

Nominations Report, Emily Castine *CR, Nominations Chair

As there were no applications received by the May 31st deadline for the open position of Vice-President for Membership, the Nominations Committee of NYSRTA did not have to meet in Liverpool on Monday, July 17, 2017. Instead, Nominations Chair Emily Castine gave a report to the Board of Directors on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at their Executive Meeting.

Our Bylaws provide solutions to the problem of having no candidate for an open position in the following ways:

1) Article VIII - Elections, Section 3, p.13, lines 389-390: “Nominations for officers may be made from the floor” at the 2016 Convention.

2) Article VIII - Elections, Section 5, p.13, lines 402-405: “The term for an elected officer shall begin November 1st and end on October 31st of the following year, except the officer shall continue until a successor is elected for that office.”

3) Article VI- Executive Board, Section 3, p.9, lines 255-6: “The Executive Board shall have the power to fill any vacancies that may occur in any elected office of the Association.”

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Flachbart Castine *CR, Nominations Chair

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Individual donations in 2016, made in memory of 60 deceased individuals, as well as the deceased of zones, counties, and families serve as a lasting tribute to those who have gone before us. Additionally, 6 individuals were honored by a donation to the Fund.

As of this report, only two zones, that is Western and Southern have contributed for 2017, and only seven units – Alleghany, Fulton, Gouverneur, Horseheads, Newburgh, Southern Chautauqua, and Upper Montgomery have contributed. We know that many are experiencing financial difficulties, but we urge each zone, unit and individual of NYSRTA to support this very urgent need. In the past ten years, the Trust Fund has given over $350,000 in stipends and grants to assist needy retirees.

The Trustees acknowledge and appreciate the support that the zones, units, individual members, and the NYSRTA office staff have given to the DeCormier Memorial Trust Fund, and ask your continued support.

DeCormier Financial Assistance, Anne Flansburg *CR, Chair

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The zone chairs from the committee are out visiting legislators this spring along with their local committee members. We are asking for support for the Minimum Pension Bump-Up bill (A06603 and S5329), the Improve Pension Cola bill (A06045 and S03306), and for meaningful ethics reform. The numbers of eligible candidates for the bump-up continue to decrease while the need continues to grow for those individuals who retired before July 1, 1980. This bill passed the Assembly with an almost unanimous vote. The Senate failed to get it to the floor. Our committee has pledged to fight for this as long as it takes. The November 7th vote for or against holding a Constitutional Convention was brought up at our meetings, as well as with elected officials, and at our unit and zone meetings. We are encouraging everyone to vote no and presenting our reasons for that stance.

In March, several of us met with the legislative aides for Senators Schumer and Gillibrand. We presented our position on the importance of allowing Medicare to negotiate for Part D covered drugs. We asked them to support S41 (Amy Klobuchar - MN) and will meet with our House members in their local offices to ask them to support HR242 (Peter Welch - VT). Observation vs. Inpatient continues to be a problem for patients covered by Medicare. We are asking for support of S568 (Brown – OH) and HR 1421 (Courtney – CT). Our third federal bill has to do with strengthening the Social Security and Medicare Trust Fund and an increase to the average beneficiary of $800 per year: HR 1114 DeFazio (NY), and S427 Sanders (VT).

The Legislative Action Committee has a presence at the unit and zone level. They provide updates and present information to the members, keeping our legislative issues at the top of their minds.

Community Service promotes membership in our organization and we are proud to serve our communities in a broad spectrum of ways. Teachers want to be a strong part of helping others and retired teachers find some time whether an hour or a day to volunteer. Our organization without community service makes us just an organization for ourselves; sounds kind of selfish, doesn’t it?

As a state-wide project, we are continuing the NYSRTA WALKERS project. Have you walked or run for a community effort in a health related cause? If you have, check with your Zone Community Service Chair and she/he will let you know what you need to do to make it count for the zone as a whole for a participation award for the zone. Community Service is tracking walking / running events that members participate in from October 1, 2016 through October 1, 2017. Elaine Leasure of Central Western Zone reports their zone walked in eight different walks this Spring. How many has your zone walked in? Don’t forget to report them to your Community Service Chair by October 1st.

Our other goal this year is to update the State Community Service Notebook of projects.

Elaine Leasure, CS Chair for Central Western Zone has reported continued involvement in such projects as the Red Bookshelf with Seneca County; Wayne County donated non-perishable items to Pines of Peace, a comfort care home now being built and also donated three large boxes of books to the Red Bookshelf for Seneca County; Livingston County collected perishable items to Pines of Peace, a comfort care home now being build; and Steuben County collected non-perishable items to Pines of Peace, a comfort care home now being built; and collected items for the local food pantry, and collected items for Angel Action, a children’s backpack program; Ontario County collected items for Home of John, a comfort care facility in their area; and Steuben County collected money for Genesee Country Museum to help build a sugar shack.

In my own home zone of North Central, we are continuing the “Love Your Public Library Award” at each meeting. This spring we continued our volunteer service to the huge WPBS “Ready, Set, Fun” event where our job was to man booths with volunteers to pass out a “new book” to each child coming through and collect gently “used” books and allow children to choose from collections of used books on display. This is a new project done the past two years so this will soon be added to the notebook. Also, we continue with Coats for Families (formerly Coats for Kids) and this project has gone on for nearly a decade, and has been very successful. There is a new update of co-chairs, as Doug and Patricia Dietrich pass the torch on to two very upbeat and dedicated new members, Patricia Corey and Toni Gigliotti.

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Community Service Updates continued

book was first completed in October, 2011. Our job as Community Service Chairs is to keep it up to date. This year a goal is to update it with new projects, revise old projects with updated contacts, etc. and educate our zones on how it is to be used and how to collect information. As I write this letter, I am sending projects that are in the notebook to each zone community service chair to review. In larger zones with many units, I ask the units to cooperate with their zone chair and get information to them on new projects and contacts. They may send you a form to fill out with details. Please help with updating.

In 2011, one notebook was placed in the hands of each zone Community Service Chair. If you cannot locate yours, there is one to look at in the Albany Office. However, if you need a full notebook, contact Kathi Bassett to determine the cost to run off pages, then you can supply your own ring binder. Thank you.

Friendly Service, Harriet Beers *CR

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