



JUNE BULLETIN

Spring Luncheon!

Our LIZ luncheon was held at the Irish Coffee Pub, on **May 10th**. We enjoyed good conversation, excellent food, and ten amazing raffle prizes, including several huge floral baskets, jewelry, stained glass, English china filled with chocolates and other fun surprises!

CALENDAR

Sept. 20, 2023 LIZ Fall Annual Mtg
Oct. 11-13, 2023 RENY Convention
 Contact Eileen Holmes, elo2@optimum.net, if you are interested in being a delegate to the convention at Turning Stone.

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VP Val Stype awards a Golden Apple to President Eileen Holmes for her Convention hosting

Angelo Grande presents Little Shelter speakers with a grateful donation

Jo Anne Powell presents Jim Davies & Lois Thornberg with raffle prizes

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Opportunity Calls!

Having retired from Glen Cove High School five years ago, I was looking forward to a new beginning, needed to stay busy and have a purpose. I wanted to volunteer but I wasn't sure what I wanted to do.

After some research, I came across "The Opening Word," a non-profit literacy and job training program run by the Sisters of St. Dominic, based in Amityville. I work three mornings a week teaching ESL to immigrant women who live in our Long Island community. While most volunteers usually teach only one morning a week, we are so short-staffed that I opted to go in three mornings and *I love it!*

We are in dire need of volunteer teachers. It's a stress free work environment, lesson plans and materials are provided, and you don't have to be ESL trained. The program receives Federal and State funding accessed in part through Western Suffolk BOCES.

With 1-2 jobs, many of the women work overnight before coming to school each day with the desire to learn English and job-related skills like math and computer technology in order to become eligible for permanent US residency and citizenship.

To learn more about our program please call Gillian at 631-643-0541. –LIZ member Tom

STILL NEEDED:

PLEASE drop a postcard or email to your legislators to pursue Bills A-10425 & S-09347 which would guarantee educators the health insurance benefits with which they retired AND to Gov. Hochul who vetoed the legislation in 2022: Hon. Kathleen C. Hochul, NYS State Capital Building, Albany, NY 12224 or www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form. Thank you, again!!

Please Mark Your Calendar

The previous luncheon was so pleasant that you ought to join us at the next on **September 20th** at the Irish Coffee Pub! Not only will there be great food and other nice people, but numerous raffle prizes, an opportunity to vote for next year's officers, and the presentation of the prestigious annual Silver Tray Award.

From **October 11th to 13th**, the Retired Educators of New York will be holding its Annual Convention at The Turning Stone Resort in Verona, NY. Between meals and meetings, there are plenty of fun activities. Contact Eileen Holmes, elo2@optimum.net, if you are interested in being a delegate to the Convention.

Memorial Day

Many of our retired educators have a loved one who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We mourn their loss while appreciating those freedoms that were secured around the world and at home.



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