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From Your President:

School is closed and we who are retired have a chance to welcome our new fellow retirees to their well-earned life after school! For those just beginning retirement, the thrust is to “relax” and put the papers, grades, faculty meetings and all things school related behind them. For others, it is like undergoing “withdrawal” from a world that has defined their existence for 20-25-30 years or more!

Withdrawal is not easy; you have to master many new life skills. How do you read the newspaper in the morning and not after supper? If you do that, what do you do after supper? What is it like to shop for groceries during the day? And how do you get over that guilty feeling that makes you look for supervisors or administrators who might see you there at this unusual time? Coffee can be enjoyed at any time of day, and without having to gulp it down! Lunch is on your own time and schedule and wherever you want it. The only bell you will hear is the doorbell when a neighbor or friend stops by. Life as you have known it is over!!!

Now what do I do and when do I do it? That is the question we all faced and had to answer. I had a friend who happily tore up his calendar and told me he would never need one again. When next we met, he sheepishly confessed that he now had to have two to keep track of what he was doing and when. Life changes after school, it does not end! For most of us, life has been spent on planning and organizing our time and activities. Now it is no longer an algebra lesson or reading level 4-B that we plan, but how to enjoy our time and efforts and how do we help others. We have been doing that for decades and that impulse that led us to teaching does not go away.

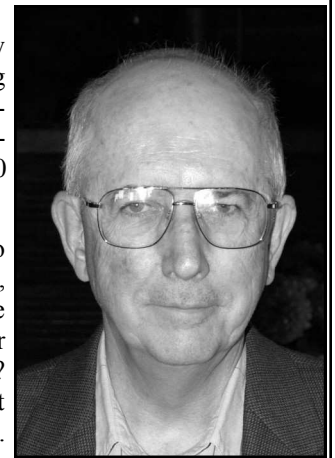
For some it is the irresistible chance to spoil the grandchildren every day while the parents are away! For others it is community agencies such as **Care Links** in Burnt Hills/Clifton Park that need our help. I recently spent some time with a colleague who retired from my district and now devotes some of her time every week to helping a **food bank** in her home town. Oh and yes, she also helps care for her grandchildren occasionally as well. Some of us provide assistance at hospitals and nursing homes, visit residents and provide non-medical assistance. We have those who work at **English as a Second Language** programs in their libraries or communities as well as those who help children learn to read in their community schools. There is no shortage of good, useful things to do.

I hope some of you might consider helping RC 10 functions as one of your time sharing commitments. We need folks to serve in programs with short time commitments or with flexible ones. If you sew, how about some sewing for the **Joy Bear** program to help cancer victims get through their treatment programs? You can do it as a group or as you watch TV at home. They meet a couple of times a year at NYSUT to work on some bears. **The RC 10 Scholarship Committee** meets once or twice a year to update the forms, process and review the applications, etc. They provide the time, we provide the lunch. Children in every county we serve get the benefit! It may not change your life, but it can sure change the students' lives. It takes the work of folks like you to make it happen.

Some needs take more time and an ongoing time commitment to RC 10. Serving as an officer or Committee Chairperson involves one or more meetings a month and for a good part of the day. We need folks to serve as ambassadors and connect us to their local retiree groups, informal or formal. That is a year-round effort but mostly involves attending some or all of the Board meetings and whatever local meetings your local colleagues may have such as lunch or breakfast gatherings, etc.

There are a host of committees that need new or added members. Our social committee is productive and busy. But we still have calls for more social activities, lunches, day trips, overnight trips, and more. It's simple! More programs require more members on the committee. This committee also needs skilled help with our present efforts, such as getting materials ready for publication or preparing them for posting on our web site. Beyond the social programs, we all enjoy we need to improve our communications with all of our members. We do not now have a *Twitter* program, a *Face Book* program. New technologies can help us do more and better but that requires the service of those who know how to use them and will do it.

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ON THE WEB—TRIP INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS—HOW TO GET IT. 1) Log on to <http://rc10.ny.aft.org>, 2) Click on ACTIONS & EVENTS menu, and 3).then the Travel & Social tab. The generic travel/social form is a pdf file on this page.

SAVE THESE DATES—TRAVEL & SOCIAL CALENDAR!!!!

Sept 8 – 30, 2014, Thailand and Burma – Doug Porter will lead a 22 day trip to Thailand and Burma (Myanmar). **Registration has ended!!! SORRY!**

October 8, 2014, Wednesday, Fall Luncheon at the Queensbury Hotel— Come welcome our new teacher and SRP retirees at the Fall Luncheon which will be held at the Queensbury Hotel, 88 Ridge Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801.The noon luncheon will be preceded by a business meeting at 11:15. Menu choices are chicken Normandy (sautéed chicken breast glazed with Calvados brandy, Gala apple cream sauce) OR Vegetable Strudel (roasted vegetables, agiogo cheese layered with roasted garlic lemon). All entrees include salad, dessert, and coffee/tea. The price is \$25. After lunch, Dave Patterson and Charlie Kuenzel, two retired Saratoga teachers who are owners of Saratoga Tours, will provide a historic presentation of Saratoga. Please return the reservation form and non-refundable check made out to NYSUT Retiree Council 10 to Maureen Rossley, 25 West Lane, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-9327, by October 1, 2014. Phone: 518-587-5374 or e-mail at maureenroz@gmail.com

October 15, 2015, Wednesday, NYC On Your Own. PRINT TWO COPIES OF THE GENERIC FORM BELOW AND STICK ONE ON THE FRIDGE! Indulge yourself with shopping, a show or a visit to a museum, and if you want to visit the 911 Museum you must send for tickets. UPSTATE TRAVEL will leave from Saratoga at Wilton Mall left side of Dick’s by light pole 2 at 6:30 am; Latham at Latham Farms in front of Sam’s Club at 7:00am; Albany at Crossgates Commons lower level of Walmart’s at 7:30am. Return will be around 10:00pm. Stops in NYC will be made at Bryant Park (6th Avenue @ West 42nd St) and the Metropolitan Museum of Art (1000 5th Avenue) around 11am. EVERYONE WILL BE PICKED UP AT BRYANT PARK AT 7PM. Cost: \$40 for RC10 members and \$45 for non-members.

October 16-October 19, 2014 (4 days) Washington, DC, Trip No. 2. A four-day trip to Washington, DC, starting with a Guided Tour of the DuPont Estate and Powder Mills complex on the Brandywine River located in Wilmington, Delaware, (Hagley Museum and Estate) as well as day and evening tours of the nation’s capital. The hotel is three blocks from the Smithsonian. The trip will conclude with a tour of the Air and Space Center in Chantilly, VA. Trip cost—dues paying members \$500, non-members \$520. For details, call Daniel Boone either early in the am or after 7 pm at (518)-642-1075.

October 25, 2014—Pre-Retirement Seminar—A few good volunteers needed; contact Jim Stolis at 424-5426 or jimfros@aol.com.

Oct. 28 – Nov. 18, 2014, Tuscany and Amalfi Coast with Rome – Doug Porter will lead a 22 day trip to Italy, including Tuscany, the Amalfi Coast, and Rome. **Registration has ended!!! SORRY!**

March 1, 2015. ONLY 4 SPOTS LEFT for the Costa Rica – the World of Nature tour– a 12 day small group outdoor and cultural trip starting Cost \$2949 for RC 10 members (\$50 additional for non-members) **if booked by Sept. 1** (additional \$50 off for AAA) **price increases after Sept 1.** Highlights include Tartuguero National Park, Sarapiquí Rainforest and Manuel Antonio National Forest. Jungle crocodile safari, bird watching, jungle animal walks, canopy tour, nature presentations, coffee plantation, traditional crafts, chocolate making, local cooking demonstration and much more. Air from Albany, 24 meals, small group (24 total), all activities. Contact Karen Maher (kmaher2@nycap.rr.com or (518) 477 6746.

April 11-25, 2015 Southern Spain. Only 2 spots left! 5th run of this small-group trip (20 + leader) for independent travelers who want to experience the culture. Lodging is in the heart of old town Nerja, minutes walking from the Mediterranean and great restaurants. The first week, 3 hrs. light Spanish classes daily to help you interact during your visit. Afternoon activities include wine and culture seminars, movie (subtitles), excursion to Frigiliana, etc. Optional tapas excursion, cooking class, salsa. Second week, day excursions: Málaga, Ronda, Córdoba, Granada (Alhambra). Three free days for . All breakfasts and 4 dinners included. This is a trip for active travelers who are excellent walkers. Cost of \$3,494 includes transportation from Albany and tips. Information & itinerary: Alice Schielke: 368-9009; aliceschielke@gmail.com.

May 16 – 30, 2015, Ireland and Scotland – A 14 day trip led by Doug Porter is tentatively approved for Ireland and Scotland with an option for 4 rounds of golf. Details aren't fully available at printing, but look for more information soon! Contact Doug Porter [518-669-3433](tel:518-669-3433) or e-mail dporter1950@aol.com

TRAVEL/SOCIAL GENERIC REGISTRATION FORM

Read Me!!!! Highlighted Lines Required Information

(If you are signing up for more than one activity, or bringing a guest, please copy this form and write the appropriate information)

Name _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone * _____
*Bring phone to event

Email _____ Registering for: Event/Date _____

Check One 2014-2015 () RC 10 Fee Paying Member () Non Fee Paying Member
(RC 10 fee paying members receive a reduced price on all trips)

Event Selections:

For Luncheons/Meals . Entree of Choice _____ For Trips. Pick Up Location _____

Other notes (Keep it Simple): _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

RC 10 Sustaining Membership Form

July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015

Please print all information and fill in all blanks.

Send to:

Joan Root, 744 Route 32N, Schuylerville, NY 12871

Questions? Call 518-796-8468

Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (Cell) _____ Email: _____

I retired in (year) _____ from _____ School District in _____ County as a
_____ Teacher _____ Counselor _____ Medical _____ SRP

in (area—elementary, middle school subject, high school subject, etc.) _____

I served in the capacity as _____ in my local Union chapter.

***** I will work on the following Committees: *****

Legislation: _____ Travel: _____ Social: _____ Scholarship: _____ Financial: _____ Election: _____ Activist: _____

Other (please specify): _____

Membership. Make Membership checks payable to: NYSUT Retiree Council 10

Please place an X before the correct statement:

- ☐ I have been retired 20 years or less and am including \$20.
- ☐ I have been retired 20 years or less, have an annual pension of less than \$25,000, and am including \$10.
- ☐ I have been retired 21 years or more (since 1994 or before) and wish to still receive information from RC 10 by sending in this completed membership form with no fee.
- ☐ I have been retired 21 years or more (since 1994 or before) and I am including \$_____.

☐ I am enclosing \$_____ as a donation for the **Scholarship Fund**. Please enclose a **SEPARATE CHECK** made payable to **NYSUT Retiree Council 10 Scholarship**. (The bank requires a separate check.)

This section is for Retired New York State Teachers and SRPs who are members of another Retiree Council in New York State or Florida.

☐ I would like to become a Social Member for trip discounts and am including \$20. I am a FEE PAYING MEMBER of RC____. FEE PAYING MEMBERS of other RCs are eligible to join RC10 as social members.

Office use: Date Paid: _____ Check Number: _____ Amount: _____





Keep this section as your 2014-2015 RC 10 Membership receipt.
No Membership Card will be issued.

Date Paid: _____ Check Number: _____ Amount: _____

For another form and/or more RC 10 information: www.rc10.ny.aft.org

A MUST READ!!!!

“Stop doing the wrong things. Stop promoting competition and choice as answers to the very inequality that was created by competition and choice.”

**Diane Ravitch,
Reign of Error:**

**The Hoax of Privatization Movement and the
Danger to America’s Public Schools**

A SAD STORY

So, John was on his deathbed. His wife, Mary, asked, “John darlin’, do you have any last request?” And John said, “Indeed, I do. Will you get six members of RC 10 to be my pallbearers?”

Mary was quite perplexed. “But John,” she said. “You never paid a membership fee, never went to their luncheons, never contributed to VOTE/Cope. Why would you want them to carry your casket?”

“Well, Mary dear,” he answered. “They’ve carried me this far in retirement. They might as well carry me all the way out.”

Taken from the RC 15/16 January/February Newsletter

RC 10 2014 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This year’s spring luncheon where RC 10 honored the four scholarship winners, was held at the Shaker Ridge Country Club on Thursday, June 5th. Also celebrated were four retired member honorees. It was a very successful event with all four-scholarship winners and their matching retired honorees in attendance.

Saratoga County was represented by Julianna Luciano from Saratoga Springs High School. Julie has undertaken a rigorous academic program while also finding time to be on the varsity basketball team at Saratoga. Julie will be attending St. Rose College in the fall. Patricia Mueller was the retired member honoree from Saratoga County.

The scholarship winner from Rensselaer County was Kerry Allen. Kerry attends Columbia High School. Carrying a heavy academic program, Kerry was also very involved in the arts as a member of the band, chorus and Columbia players at Columbia. Kerry plans on attending Roger Williams University in the fall. Benedict Schaefer was the retired member honoree from Rensselaer County.

Blayne Marion was our scholarship winner from Albany County where she attends Guilderland High School. Blayne carried a demanding academic program while also being a member of the Concert Choir and the Wind Ensemble at Guilderland. Blayne plans on attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall. Virginia Ucci was the retired member honoree from Albany County.

Scholarship winner Hali Winch represented Washington County this year. Hali excelled academically at Greenwich High School while also participating as a player and coach for the Field Hockey team. Hali plans on attending SUNY Adirondack in the fall. Roger Gilbert was the retired member honoree from Washington County.

Our congratulations and best wishes go to these four young people as they take their first step to what will hopefully be a long and rewarding teaching career. (See expanded bio’s on the RC 10 website)
Submitted by Scholarship Committee Chair—Jeanne Bush

LOOKING TO PUBLISH SOMETHING IN THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE NOTE AND SAVE THE FOLLOWING:
NEXT NEWSLETTER—RC 10 MEETING 7/15/14; ARTICLE DEADLINE 7/18/14; TO NYSUT 7/25/14; TO MEMBERS 8/16/14



President’s Notes—Continued

We also need those who will provide guidance and support to other volunteers who lack skills but have a need to use them in their RC 10 work.

Can **you** help? We need committee members, technically skilled people, drop in help, all kinds of help. We are trying to clean up problems we have encountered with the processing of prior volunteers’ offers and to be sure everyone who is willing to help will do so. Whether you are a new retiree or long retired, give us a hand. Send an email or note to our secretary (rc10secretary@hotmail.com) or to me, and we will get back to you promptly. We welcome your service! We need your help!

David Golden, President



L to R: Jeanne Bush-Scholarship Chair, Roger Gilbert, Hali Winch, Kerry Allen, Benedict Schaefer, David Golden—RC 10 President, Blayne Marion, Virginia Ucci, Juliana Luciano, Patricia Mueller (see above for details)