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The Active Retiree

A Newsletter for Retired Members of United University Professions

Farmingdale retiree responds to amendment struck down at DA

by Daniel Scott Marrone
Farmingdale Officer for Retirees

The proposed UUP constitutional amendment permitting the chair of the Retired Membership Governing Committee (RMGC) limited voting at UUP Executive Board meetings was debated at the 2022 Spring Delegate Assembly, held April 9 in Albany. The proposed amendment stated that the RMGC chair would *only* vote on noncontractual issues related to and delimited by issues involving SUNY retirees.

At the Spring DA, more than a few individuals expressed “respect toward retirees,” yet opposed them having a vote—even regarding retiree-related issues. One individual stated that since the number of SUNY retirees is quickly escalating, the retirees would soon be outnumbering and overpowering those still actively employed. This comment is wrong on both counts. While the retirees are growing in number, they still would have only one vote on the statewide Executive Board—that which is represented by the RMGC chair—and that vote is limited to only issues directly affecting retirees.

Another “nay” comment referred to the fact that the retirees have “no business”



being involved in contractual matters. This comment is also off base since the proposed constitutional amendment clearly states that the RMGC chair could not vote on any contractual matters.

I came to SUNY in 1984 as a part-timer. It took three years for me to land a full-time position. Subsequently, each promotion in rank, as well as my SUNY Chancellor’s Award application, required multiple attempts. I feel we now have a similar situation where the proposed UUP constitutional amendment will require additional attempts.

My suggestion is that we resubmit the proposed UUP constitutional amendment allowing the RMGC chair limited voting rights.

NYS survivor’s benefit information available

U UP retiree members who would like to find out more about the New York State and Local Retirement System Survivor’s Benefit Program can contact the Call Center toll-free at 1-866-805-0990 or at 518-474-7736 within the Capital Region.

Retirees can also write for more information to: New York State and Local Retirement System Survivor’s Benefit Program, 110 State St., Albany, NY 12244-0001. Please include the last four digits of your Social Security number in any correspondence.

Further information can be found at <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/files/retirement/publications/pdf/1860-survivors-benefit-program-retired-employees.pdf> or at <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/retirement/publications/survivors-benefit-program-retired-nys-employees>

NOTE: This is NOT a UUP benefit but a New York state benefit. UUP has no further information or access to beneficiary forms for this coverage.

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In memoriam

Let us remember those who have passed away since winter 2022:

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Judith Best.....	Cortland
Gordon Beadle.....	Cortland
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Patrick Chen.....	Downstate Medical
Adiba Rana.....	Downstate Medical
Jeffrey Guilmette.....	Empire State
Arthur Bilco.....	ESF
Cornelius McAdorey.....	Farmingdale
Melissa Cass.....	New Paltz
Irene Lober.....	New Paltz
Paul Scheele.....	Oneonta
Laura Smith.....	Oswego
Benjamin Furst.....	Potsdam
Aaron Carton.....	Stony Brook
William Woodville.....	Stony Brook
Amelia Salinero.....	Stony Brook
Ruth Latour.....	Stony Brook HSC
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NYS Teachers' Retirement System 800/348-7298

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Fidelity 800/343-0860

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From RMGC Chair Charlie McAteer

Nice to meet some of you!

As spring rolls into summer, I am very glad to have met some of you at the various UUP retiree functions throughout New York state. We have been waiting a long time for in-person meetings, and I appreciate the work of our regional retiree coordinators, their chapter assistants, and Walter Apple, your retiree benefits services coordinator, for organizing and getting out the word about these meetings.

Many of those meetings are highlighted in this edition, beginning on page 4. I enjoyed traveling from one end of New York to the other to attend these meetings, and I appreciate your comments and suggestions. Since I am a product of the SUNY system, it was nice to see some of the campuses and surroundings where I have studied and worked. Your thoughts help our RMGC (Retired Membership Governing Committee) work toward improvements and programs that benefit all retirees. We are working on draft operating by-laws for your RMGC, and I hope to have something before the next election cycle.

Your civil comments in reply to the UUP Retiree News, Info. & Monday ARA Alerts are appreciated. As I have mentioned in previous columns, we may not always agree with some points of view.

But when we keep it civil, we *hear* each other, rather than hearing only the scream. It reminds me of the classic artwork “The Scream” by Edvard Munch, in which the subject is screaming while holding their hands to their ears, and cannot hear others over their scream.

I want to thank Jo Schaffer, RMGC immediate past chair, for stepping up to assist with the Central New York retiree region leadership duties as approved by the RMGC. As we start to meet in person again, we can use—and appreciate—the help in our chapters in Central NY, as well as those at ESF, Morrisville, Oswego, Polytechnic Institute, Upstate Medical and Empire State College.

For those of you who either live in or “snowbird” in Florida, we have included an article on page 13 with contact information and a map showing the various New York State United Teachers subunits in Retiree Council 43, which covers the state of Florida. Thanks, Joan, for the information as she is our NYSUT Election District 52 director that UUP retirees (as well as all higher education retirees) belong to in the 250,000+ NYSUT retiree structure. We belong to NYSUT Retiree Councils 40, 41 and 42. But if you are in the Florida area, you can also be part of that group. At last count we have more than 425 UUP retirees liv-



ing in Florida and many more who spend a few months there each year. Check it out, you have nothing to lose.

I end this column with appreciation for all the thoughts sent to your retiree leadership about the recent setback on the proposed UUP constitutional amendment for the retiree chair to have limited voting on the statewide Executive Board (see related story on page 1). We are looking into what may work in the future. As Batman would say, “Stay tuned to the same Bat time and the same Bat channel!”

Stay safe and healthy, and I hope to see you at a fall UUP retiree event somewhere in our great state of New York.

Charlie

Organizing Your Vital Records booklet available online, by mail

Having your personal information in one place makes it easier to deal with the unexpected. The Retired Membership Governing Committee (formerly COARM) created a checklist designed to be an organizing tool that will help you and your family more easily navigate moments of change. It will assist you in aggregating your important data.

We hope this document helps give you a view of your vital information, and some measure of peace of mind for you and those you hold dear,” said RMGC Chair Charlie McAteer.

The document can be found on the website at <http://uupinfo.org/reports/reportpdf/OYVR2016fillable.pdf> or by contacting Walter Apple, retiree member services coordinator, at wapple@uupbenefits.org or at (800) 342-4206.



RMCG and retiree news from the chapters, regions

Alfred

by Gary Moore

Alfred Chapter Officer for Retirees

On April 28, we had a brunch in Hornell with 14 in attendance. A representative from the Steuben County Office of the Aging gave a presentation. Follow up questions were taken.

Those in attendance said they would like to have their next

brunch back on campus in the fall.

One member had questions about COBRA, regarding the dental and vision program. At the Alfred State end-of-the-year luncheon for employees that I attended, another member who was retiring asked me the same question. Both were referred to UUP Retiree Member Services Coordinator Walter Apple at (800) 342-4206.

Binghamton

by Robert Mess

Binghamton Chapter Officer for Retirees

On June 22, with state restrictions having been lifted, we were able to have an in-person summer meeting on the Binghamton University campus. The meeting was well attended and we were able to see some old friends and make some new ones.

Staffer Walter Apple and RMGC Chair Charles McAteer brought us up to speed on all efforts being made on our behalf. Dr. Yong Wang of the System Science and Industrial Engineering Department gave an enlightening presentation on his research in autonomous systems and how artificial intelligence is being implemented.

Special thanks to Loraine Tyler, Jo Schaffer and Corinna Kruman for all they did to make this a successful event



ROBERT MESS

Cortland

More than two dozen Cortland-area retirees met for their spring meeting June 7.

Evan Faulkenberry, an associate professor in the college's history department, right, spoke about new research on slave revolts from the 18th century to the 19th century.

Retiree leader Jo Schaffer, far right, addresses the group.



PETER SCHAFER PHOTOS

Delhi/Oneonta

by Loraine Tyler

RMGC Southern Tier Rep

After a two-year hiatus, UUP retirees from Oneonta and Delhi met May 10 at Alfresco's Italian Bistro for brunch and conversation.

Charles McAteer, chair of the Retired Members Governing Committee, greeted attendees and reviewed the failure of a proposed amendment debated by delegates to the 2022 Spring Delegate Assembly; if successful, the amendment would have given

the RMGC chair the right to vote on certain issues before the statewide Executive Board.

William Simon shared language of a proposed resolution being discussed by the Oneonta Chapter to "endorse the concept of direct election (by all UUP members, not just delegates) of statewide officers."

UUP Retiree Member Services Coordinator Walter Apple covered aspects of the new MetLife travel benefit. The new benefit was well received, with many questions.

A fall meeting is scheduled for Delhi. Details to follow.

Long Island

by Daniel Scott Marrone

RMGC Long Island Region Rep

Dr. Daniel S. Marrone, UUP Long Island Region representative, hosted the "Coming Back Together—Long Island" meeting May 24, that included 118 participants from Empire State College in Old Westbury, SUNY Farmingdale, Stony Brook HSC, Stony Brook University West Campus, and SUNY Old Westbury.

Held at the Radisson Hotel Hauppauge, the meeting featured an array of speakers. Marrone began the meeting with a brief history of Long Island. Prior to Jan. 1, 1898, Long Island

consisted of the City of Brooklyn (Kings County), Queens County and Suffolk County. On that climatic first day of 1898, the City of Greater New York was formed and Brooklyn became one of five boroughs. Queens was divided with the western 19 percent of its area comprising the Borough of Queens and the remaining 81 percent transformed into the newly named Nassau County.

Marrone next introduced for special recognition Judy Wishnia and Barbara Maertz, founding members of the UUP Committee on Active Retired Membership (COARM) that in later years became the Retired Membership Governing Committee. Judy's granddaughter, Karen Wishnia, handed out name tags to entering guests and was in charge of compiling attendance and financial records for the meeting. Nancy Nearman, Old Westbury Chapter officer for retirees, assisted.

Stony Brook Chapter member Andrew Solar-Greco spoke on behalf of the five UUP Long Island chapter presidents. He emphasized the importance and strength of UUP in its pivotal role representing SUNY's academic and professional staff.

RMGC Chair Charlie McAteer provided a comprehensive



NICK KORIDIS PHOTOS

Above, NYSUT Retiree Council 52 leader Joan Perrine updates Long Island retirees on the NYSUT retiree council structure.

Below left, UUP retiree Judy Wishnia, left, was acknowledged for her lifelong commitment to SUNY, UUP and retirees. She is shown with granddaughter Karen Wishnia, who helped to organize the spring event.

Below right, Daniel Marrone poses with RMGC Chair Charlie McAteer, right.



update on statewide UUP activities and meetings affecting retirees across New York state and Florida, the latter of which nearly 500 retired UUP members now reside.

McAteer recounted his efforts at the union's 2022 Spring

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LONG ISLAND



NICK KORIDIS

More than 115 retirees attended a May 24 luncheon meeting on Long Island.

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Delegate Assembly in Albany, to secure passage of an amendment to the UUP constitution.

Presently, the RGMC chair has a voice—but not a vote—on the statewide Executive Board. The amendment proposed at the DA would have permitted the RMGC chair to vote on issues affecting UUP retirees. The April 9 vote on the amendment came up three votes shy of the required two-thirds majority. McAteer promised to try again in obtaining passage of the proposed amendment at the next UUP DA.

He then introduced RMGC presidential appointee Doreen Day, who brought to the speakers' podium representatives from the Osher Lifelong Learning Insti-

tute (OLLI) housed at Stony Brook University.

McAteer next introduced NYSUT Retiree Council 52 elected leader Joan Perrini, who spoke in detail concerning NYSUT, an organization representing more than 600,000 people—of which 250,000 are retirees—who work in, or are retired from, New York's schools, colleges and health care facilities. NYSUT is a federation of more than 1,200 local unions, each representing its own members. UUP is a local of NYSUT, which is affiliated the American Federation of Teachers, the National Education Association and the AFL-CIO. UUP belongs to NYSUT Retiree Councils 40, 41 and 42, and votes to elect the NYSUT retiree leadership.

TIAA reps to address elder care counseling, finances via Zoom

Dr. Daniel Marrone, RMGC Long Island Region representative, has organized an online workshop open to all UUP retirees.

The workshop—set for Friday, Oct. 21, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.—will cover “Elder Care Financial and Legal Issues,” as well as free and voluntary benefits programs for retirees.

Retirement firm TIAA is providing an expert on elder care financial and legal issues. Walter Apple, UUP retiree member services coordinator, will speak on the benefits to retirees offered through UUP, NYSUT and SUNY.

The last hour of the online workshop will be devoted to questions from participants.

Western NY

by Stacey Johnson

RMGC Western NY Rep

The Western NY Region met June 28 for the first time in three years at Classics V for “bruncheon.” Members from the Buffalo Center Chapter, Buffalo HSC Chapter, Buffalo State Chapter, and Empire State College Chapter attended to hear all that's been happening in our retiree organization.

Buffalo Center Chapter President Ken Kern, RMGC Chair Charles McAteer, and UUP Retiree Benefits Services Coordinator Walter Apple were featured speakers. Several recently retired members were present.

Kern spoke about the relationship of the retirees and his chapter, encouraging participation when possible.

McAteer told about all that has been happening with the retirees, including:

- A proposal to grant the retiree rep a vote on the Executive

Board was turned down at the Spring Delegate Assembly (see related story, page 1);

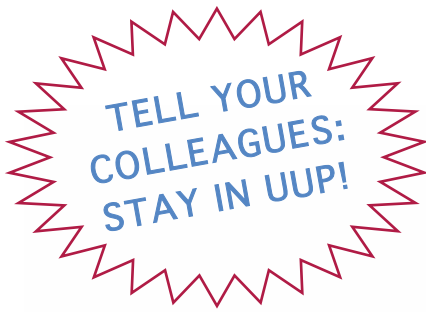
- Retirees' relationship to NYSUT. UUP has nine votes for UUP retirees at NYSUT, giving us significant input into NYSUT.

Apple explained the new travel benefit offered through MetLife, formerly through UNUM. He also explained the UUP insurance policy of \$1,000, paid with retiree member dues., and he fielded many questions from the audience.

The three speakers received a certificate of appreciation for their participation in this event.

Tonalee Batchelor, Buffalo Center Chapter retiree, circulated a statewide petition (approved by McAteer as it had no budgetary aspect) regarding the less than minimum wage that health care aides get with no benefits. The petition is to change this situation. She asked those present for their support of this statewide proactive action by signing the petition.

Since it was Election Day, I encouraged everyone to vote.



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RMG Committee Chair
Charita McMorris

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- Discount products and services from: Apple; BJ's Wholesale Club; Barclays Center; Brooklyn Nets; Enterprise Rental Car; Goodyear; hp Academy; NYCB Live; NYPIRG Fuel Buyers Group; The Walking Company; and TicketsatWork.

- Opportunity to participate in and/or purchase NYSUT, AFT and NEA discounted programs and services.

In addition, Retired Members have the right to vote and to serve in elected and appointed positions, such as the chair of the Retiree Membership Governing

Committee (RMGC). The RMGC chair also serves as the elected delegate to UUP Delegate Assemblies and as a nonvoting member of the UUP Executive Board. Retired Members may be elected as a regional RMGC representative, or as a chapter officer for retirees.

MISSION STATEMENT of the Retired Membership Governing Committee

The statewide Retired Membership Governing Committee (RMGC), through education and action, shall advocate for retiree benefits on the state and national levels for current and future retirees and for the UUP agenda for public higher education, and shall work with other organizations to improve the lives of seniors.

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Current Retiree Members are asked to update their information using this form.

Retiree meeting highlights: April 8, 2022

by Loraine Tyler
Oneonta

The union's statewide Retired Membership Governing Committee met virtually April 8.

Present were Charles McAteer, chair; F. Glenn McNitt, Capital Region; Dan Marrone, Long Island; Ray Guydosh, North Country; Stacey Johnson, Western New York; Eric Russell, Metropolitan; Loraine Tyler, Southern Tier; and Doreen Day, presidential appointee. Not represented were RMGC members from Central New York and the Finger Lakes.

Also on the call were UUP Membership Development Officer Tom Hoey, officer liaison, and staff member Walter Apple, retiree member services coordinator.

Guests included Jo Schaffer, immediate past RMGC chair; Richard Tyler, RMGC Finance Committee member; Florence McCue, NYSUT retirees; some chapter officers for retirees; and other interested retirees

McAteer called the meeting to order at 11:17. The Code of Conduct was read.

Minutes of Jan. 13 were adopted as written. Moved by Guydosh and seconded by L. Tyler.

Chair Report—McAteer

- Vacant RMGC Long Island Region Representative seat. L. Tyler moved and McNitt seconded that Dan Marrone be appointed to fulfill the remaining one-year term, given he had the second most LI region representative votes. Passed.

- Status of constitutional amendment for partial voting rights for the RMGC chair (who serves currently as a nonvoting member of the statewide Executive Board) to have limited voting; it was unanimously approved by the UUP Executive Board. If adopted by delegates to the Spring DA, the RMGC chair would not vote on contract issues, terms and conditions of employment, and the union's annual budget (see related story, page 1).



STACEY JOHNSON PHOTOS

RMGC members and other retiree leaders discuss issues of import to active and retired members of UUP. This was the first in-person meeting in more than two years.

- Retirees in the ORP can use auto-deduction for VOTE/COPE contributions, effective December 2022.
- Negotiations for the MetLife Insurance program was done on our behalf without our final input. In the past, a subcommittee was established to participate. The committee needs to be reconstituted in the future.

MDO comments—Hoey

- UUP now has 6,363 retirees
- Pre-retirement workshops offered frequently by W. Apple used as an organizing tool.
- The Executive Board recommended the amendment allowing the RMGC chair limited voting, except issues related to bargaining, terms and conditions of employment, and budget). He said retirees bring institutional memory, wisdom, experience, and loyalty to discussions.

NYSUT Representative for Retirees—McCue

- ED 52 includes all higher ed retirees; UUP retirees are represented by Retiree Councils 40, 41, and 42, with nine votes of 52.
- NYSUT is 650,000 strong, including 270,000 retirees. UUP retirees are mem-

bers of NYSUT with no dues paid.

- Working with UUP to get more full-time lines in SUNY. Getting more involved with retirees around the state.
- Blueprint for Successful Retirement, NYSUT benefits listed on NYSUT.org and in our retirement brochure.
- *The Active Retiree* is distributed to all regional NYSUT presidents.

Finance Committee Report and Budget Discussion—R. Tyler

- Current budget based on our last “regular” year in 2019. Accepted unanimously.
- Expected revenue for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, rounded to nearest dollar, is \$322,150:

Projected expenses include:

- Administrative expenses, \$146,974;
- Retiree life insurance, \$132,275;
- Governing expenses, \$4,500;
- Meetings/travel, \$4,000;
- Outreach support, \$100;
- Regional meetings, \$24,876; and
- Other, \$19,425.

Guydosh moved and Marrone seconded to approve the 2022-23 budget. Carried.

- Discussed purchase of UUP/NYSUT Union for Life pins, as well as jackets for RMGC members and Walter Apple.



Jo Schaffer of Cortland, right, discusses the proposed constitutional amendment with members of the RMGC, including, from left, Dan Marrone of Farmingdale and Glenn McNitt of New Paltz.

RMGC Chair Charlie McAteer, right, addresses committee members during the April 8 meeting. To his right is RMGC Finance Committee member Richard Tyler of Oneonta. Tyler said the expected revenue for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is \$322,150.



Marrone moved and L. Tyler seconded the purchase of 14 jackets with the UUP logo. Carried. Postponed discussion of pins pending cost and design.

Regional Reports/Meeting Request

- All RMGC regional reps and chapter officers for retirees submitted plans for meetings in spring 2022 and fall 2022. L. Tyler and Guydosh moved to fund

in-person spring/fall meetings, pending CDC rules. Carried.

Retiree Benefits—W. Apple

- Highlight new MetLife benefit wherever you go!

Old Business

- Chapter officer for retirees vacancy at Brockport was discussed.

New Business

Emeritus Status for retirees varies by campus. Some campuses don't give emeritus status. Need to have retiree benefits in writing.

Pearl H. Brod award nominations due April 15. Committee will meet virtually to make recommendations for Executive Board approval.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.



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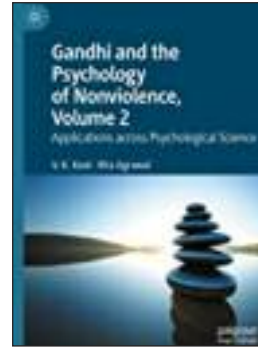
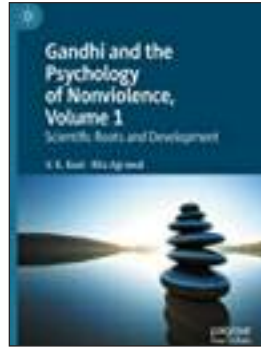
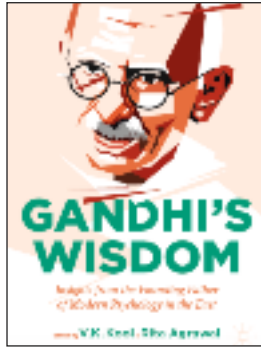
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SUNY Poly retiree pens three books in three years

SUNY Polytechnic Institute-Utica retiree member Vinood Kool kept busy during the COVID-19 pandemic—writing three books on Gandhi.

The books—published by Macmillan between 2020 and 2022—are based on Kool’s research conducted for more than four decades, as well as from interviews with the family members of Gandhi and his followers, and archives in India. Kool also interviewed nonagenarian Justice Dharmadhikari, a close associate of Gandhi, at his home in Mumbai, India, in 2017, shortly before Kool’s retirement from SUNY.



Books published by Kool between 2020- and 2022 are:

- *Gandhi’s Wisdom: Insights from the Founding Father of Modern Psychology in the East*, with Rita Agrawal (Macmillan Palgrave, USA/UK, 2022);
- *Gandhi and the Psychology of Nonviolence: Scientific Roots and Devel-*

opments, Volume 1, with Rita Agrawal (Macmillan Palgrave, USA/UK, 2020); and

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SUNY names first retiree to UFS committee

UUP retiree Daniel Scott Marrone recently became the first SUNY retiree to be appointed to a SUNY University Faculty Senate (UFS) committee.

“Being asked to serve on the UFS Governance Committee sets a precedent that opens the door for other SUNY retirees to serve on UFS committees,” said Marrone, the union’s Farmingdale Chapter officer for retirees and Long Island Region representative on the statewide Retired Membership Governing Committee.

But it wasn’t as easy as to be appointed as one might think. First Marrone had to apply to the UFS parliamentarian (Downstate Chapter retiree Henry Flax) to determine if retirees were eligible to serve on UFS committee. Once over that hurdle, he had to be accepted by the UFS Executive Committee.

“I had the great honor to be mentored by Dan when I served as his alternate in the Faculty Senate. And when his term expired, I was privileged to follow in his footsteps,” said Farmingdale Chapter colleague Lou Scala. “Thanks to Dan’s efforts, this opportunity for service and continued UUP influence in the statewide governance process is now open to retirees.

“I congratulate him on his appointment to the UFS Governance Committee.”



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Engineering reunion

Five members of the Stony Brook University facilities engineering crew got together during a recent chapter retiree meeting. From left are Eric Hathaway, Nick Koridis, Greg McClain, Chuck Wrigley, and Charlie McAteer.


The rally that wasn’t

Despite finding out that a May 17 rally for Albany-area Starbucks workers was called off last-minute, System Administration Chapter retiree John Schumacher, right, didn’t let that dampen his spirits. After all, the rally was cancelled when workers voted 8-6 to unionize. In June, workers at another local Starbucks voted 15-0 to unionize; UUPers also visited that Starbucks in support. Starbucks workers are unionizing to improve their working conditions and to negotiate issues such as pay and staffing.



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UUP urges FL retirees to get active!

by Joan Perrini
NYSUT Retiree Council 52

Many of our NYSUT and UUP members have moved to the warm, sunny state of Florida or are part of the large group of winter snowbirds.

They have created the well-run Retiree Council 43 with several TRIF (Teacher Retirees in Florida) unions in the state. Their biggest challenge has been growing and maintaining their membership. So they need the help of our NYSUT Retiree Councils to identify the NYSUT and UUP members in

Florida, to reactivate some of their units. Our newest retirees could be very helpful.

RC 43 has two highly informative conferences each year, with speakers from NYSUT and from Florida. The officers also planned a Florida tour this summer to visit units throughout the state to keep their membership informed.

If you are a member living in or visiting Florida, it would be advantageous to keep informed on your retiree benefits, while also becoming aware of prominent issues in Florida.

Please contact one of the officers who can lead you to meetings in your area:

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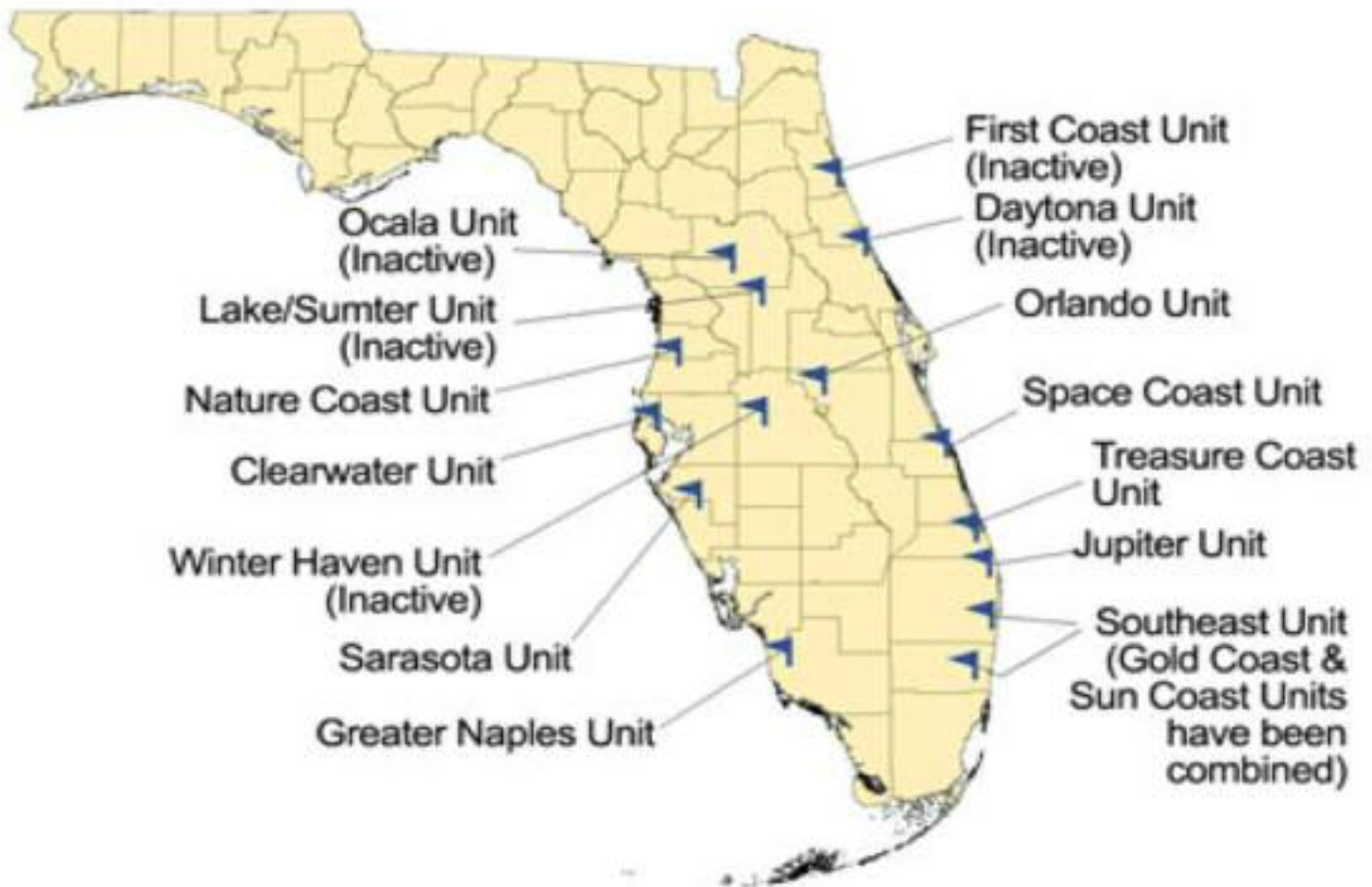
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NYSUT retiree units in Florida



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Ethel Roosevelt Derby—Founder of the American Red Cross on LI

by Daniel Scott Marrone
Farmingdale Officer for Retirees

U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919) and second wife, Edith Kermit Carow Roosevelt (1861-1948), had five children. All had interesting lives, including Ethel Roosevelt Derby.

Residing in the White House during her father's presidency (1901-1909), down-to-earth, practical Ethel (1891-1977) assisted her mother in first lady responsibilities.

Barely in her teens, Ethel decided to become a nurse. While treating the sick in hospital wards, she met Dr. Richard Derby, whom she married in 1913. After World War I erupted in 1914, the newlywed couple volunteered to serve in war-torn France. As Derby, a major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, was tending wounded soldiers near the front lines, a German cannon shell exploded just yards from him, rendering him unconscious for hours. Derby never fully recovered from the head trauma he sustained in WWI. When he returned to the U.S.A., the young doctor practiced medicine, but chronically suffered from severe headaches. Derby also experienced post-traumatic stress disorder. In 1922, Richard and Ethel's eight-year old son, Richard Derby, Jr., perished from sepsis. This became a breaking point for Ethel's husband. For six years, Derby was affected by debilitating anxiety and depression. By 1928, he was well enough to resume his medical career, but on a far more limited basis. Ethel did her best to cope with her husband's medical problems, while at the same time raising three surviving children and leading Long Island's branch of the American Red Cross. In his later years, Derby resided at a Vermont rest home. He passed away at age 72 on July 21, 1963.

Following her mother's passing in 1948, Ethel successfully negotiated the transfer of her parent's home, Sagamore Hill, to the U.S. National Park Service—henceforth becoming the Sagamore Hill National Historic Site. The site has remained one of the most visited units of the National Park System. Ethel also served



for many years as a trustee at the American Museum of Natural History—an institution her grandfather, Theodore Roosevelt, Sr. (1831-1878), founded in 1869. Post-presidency, TR contributed to the museum thousands of specimens brought back from his African safari. On January 19, 2022, his equestrian statue was removed from the museum's entrance and relocated to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in North Dakota.

Ethel was a prominent community leader in Oyster Bay, Long Island during the 1960s and 1970s. In this capacity, she became an outspoken champion for civil rights causes. Strongly supporting the Civil Rights Movement, Ethel advocated for the rezoning and building of housing for low-income families in Oyster Bay. For bringing African American families to her home town, she endured

harsh scorn from her rich, not-in-my-backyard neighbors. Nonetheless, Ethel tirelessly continued the fight for equitable housing. Successful as a community leader and spokesperson, Ethel Roosevelt Derby became known as the “Queen of Oyster Bay.”

Ethel's greatest achievement was her role in establishing the American Red Cross on Long Island during WWI. She continued to be active in the organization for over sixty years. When Ethel reached 70 years of age, her children requested that she sit for a portrait. In setting-up the painting, the artist asked Ethel to wear her most prized evening gown and jewels. Instead, she donned her well-worn American Red Cross uniform.

After a lifetime of service to her hometown and nation, Ethel Roosevelt Derby passed away at the age of 86 on Dec. 10, 1977.

(Daniel Scott Marrone, Ph.D., is a distinguished service professor emeritus from SUNY Farmingdale. He was the college's first recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Scholarship and Creative Activities.)



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