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The Active Retiree

A Newsletter for Retired Members of United University Professions



Retirees work hard for endorsed candidates

UUP members across the state made calls, traveled by bus to go door-to-door, and participated in affiliate conferences to endorse and support pro-labor, pro-education candidates.

A delegation from UUP participated in the AFL-CIO’s endorsement process as part of the New York AFL-CIO’s 34th Constitutional Convention in New York City. Delegates endorsed candidates for state congressional seats and also for the New York state Senate and Assembly. UUP members also played a role in NYSUT endorsements for federal offices and state legislative races. In deciding endorsements, unions typically consider a candidate’s positions on issues of importance to the labor movement, including support for public education, the right to organize, and affordable health care.

Once the endorsements were reached, the unionists wasted little time before hopping on buses to the battleground state of Pennsylvania—organized by UUP and its national affiliate, the AFT—in get-out-the-vote efforts.

Members also showed their support for NYSUT-endorsed candidates by greeting the NYSUT campaign tour bus at the 2024 Fall DA. The bus traveled around the state as part of the NYSUT election campaign called “Common Ground Over Chaos.”



Top, delegates greet NYSUT’s campaign tour bus at UUP’s 2024 Fall DA.

Above, UUP retirees John Schumacher of System Admin. and Jacqui Berger of ESC make phone calls for candidates.



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Left, RMGC Chair Charlie McAteer and RMGC Presidential Appointee Doreen Day handwrite postcards for Josh Riley, an endorsed candidate for Congress.

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Letter to the editor

Tier system is reasonable solution

To the editor:

I saw Dan Marrone's article on Tier 6 (Spring/Summer 2024 issue, page 1) ... (and) I would like to ask the powers that be: Given the need to face economic realities, the tier system seemed like a reasonable solution that maintained benefits for longer-tenured employees. What would they recommend to fix the issue? Cut benefits for everyone so there is no disparity?

We as a union can't keep asking for more, more, more. Instead, we should work with management and the state to find solutions to our problems.

Taxpayers cannot keep footing the bill for our wish list of benefits, salaries, working conditions, etc.

— Fred Bristol
 Buffalo Chapter

In memoriam

Let us remember those who have passed away since spring 2024:

K. Drew Hartzell.....Albany
 David Dronsick.....Alfred
 Arthur McLaughlin.....Alfred
 Michael Cutler.....Binghamton
 August Mueller.....Binghamton
 Nicholas Sterling.....Binghamton
 Susan Petersen.....Brockport
 Joseph Siracusa.....Brockport
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 Joseph Prezio.....Buffalo HSC
 Patricia Gordon.....Buffalo State
 Arthur Moslow.....Buffalo State
 Dolores Sullivan.....Buffalo State
 Effie Bennett-Powe.....Cobleskill
 Daniel Driscoll.....Cortland
 Anthony Hunter.....Delhi
 Joel Kazmierski.....Delhi
 John Reeher.....Delhi
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 Meredith Brown.....Empire State

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 Robert Waugh.....New Paltz
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 Joseph Tausta.....Oneonta
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 Tracy Lewis.....Oswego
 Joan Loveridge-Sanbonmatsu...Oswego
 Margaret Sternberg.....Oswego
 J. Richard Beach.....Plattsburgh
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 William Dawes.....Stony Brook
 John Lutterbie.....Stony Brook
 Anthony Rizzuto.....Stony Brook
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 Rita Porwik.....Stony Brook HSC
 Peter C. Williams.....Stony Brook HSC
 Francis Gilroy.....Upstate Medical
 David James.....Upstate Medical
 David Keith.....Upstate Medical
 Jean Shook.....Upstate Medical

From RMGC Chair Charlie McAteer

New year, elections and changes

As we start 2025, we renew our hopes and desires for a wonderful new year filled with thanks and possibilities.

This past November, many of our retirees were engaged in the federal and state elections. Retirees are known as the political action “day-time army” for advocacy. Based on your memos to me, our active retirees split their support on both sides of the aisle.

Our elected leaders know that seniors vote. Thank you if you exercised your right by casting your ballot. Whether your candidates won or lost, we will work with our elected lawmakers to pursue our union’s agenda through advocacy and the power of the retiree vote. Please help us help you by keeping in touch with your elected officials in person, via email, by phone or through the media to advocate on our collective interests.

As for elections, your chapter elections (every two years) will take place this winter. Those elections include the all-important Chapter Officer for Retirees. We need each of our 32 chapters to fill this position and thank those who have been in this office for the last two or more years for working with Retired Membership Governing Committee regional retiree representatives. They help

plan and organize local retiree activities and report on what is happening at campuses. Your statewide RMGC members serve three-year terms and are up for election in early 2026. Among the issues under discussion: the establishment of a retiree-sponsored scholarship award and hope for an initial application process in 2026. Stay tuned.

I hope you enjoy Dan Marrone’s article on Gen. Herkimer as part of the Saratoga campaign. In visiting Saratoga Springs, I read “The Compleat Victory ...” by K. Weddle that included Herkimer’s Battle of Oriskany and other parts of the American victory, such as the Battle of Bennington (actually fought over the line in New York state). All setbacks and battles won contributed to Saratoga’s victory and its future national and world influence on the final Patriot victory many years later.

Even with setbacks, these final victories remind me that we need to think of the long game and be part of UUP advocacy events and actions in spite of some wins and losses. Like the lottery, you have to be in it to win it!

Let’s collectively help make the changes we desire by being part of the solution.

Lastly, we ask for your help in thinking of worthwhile UUP retirees to be submit-



ted for this year’s Pearl H. Brod Outstanding Retiree award. The deadline is April 1 via email and the application is on page 6.

I hope to see many of you at a retiree event this spring, and please vote in your chapter elections and consider running for offices and/or delegate.

Charlie

NYSUT conference

Dozens of UUP and NYSUT retiree leaders attend the NYSUT Long Island Regional Conference “Your Vote, Your Voice,” Oct. 15. Farmingdale Officer for Retirees Dan Marrone informs attendees about NYSUT/UUP members converging on the State Capitol to urge the Legislature to “Fix Tier Six.” The ultimate goal is to match NYS retirement plans Tier 5 and Tier 6 with Tier 4. Listening in is NYSUT Second Vice President Ron Gross.



NICK KORIDIS

RMGC minutes: Sept. 28, 2024

by Loraine Tyler
Oneonta

The union's Retired Membership Governing Committee met to discuss retiree issues during the 2024 Fall Delegate Assembly in Albany.

The following represents the minutes of that meeting.

Present were: Charles McAteer, chair; Ray Guydosh, North Country; Eric Russell, Metropolitan; Loraine Tyler, Southern Tier; William Giangarra, Long Island; Gary Moore, Finger Lakes; David Ballard, Western New York; Mike Lyon, Central NY; Betty Shadrick, Capital District; Doreen Day, presidential appointee; Richard Tyler, RMGC Finance Committee; and statewide Membership Development Officer Patrick Romain, officer liaison.

Absent: Otilie Woodruff, presidential appointee.

Guests: Jo Schaffer; Nand Relan, Michael Bonvento, C. Wrigley, Glenn McNitt, Oscar Flores, Bruce Bryski, Joe Maritza, Frank Goldsmith, Barbara Warkentine, Jeri Anne Jerminario, Margarika Vargas, Deb Bnular, Cindy Fuller, Larry Fuller, Kedetto Nichols, P. Resmojine. D. Norton, D. Kunec, M. Korious, Stacey Johnson, J. Adams, S. Patterson, Carol Gizzi and M. Martinez.

McAteer called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Code of Conduct was read.

The minutes of April 12, 2024, meeting were approved as submitted, following a motion by Russell and Lyon.

Chair Report/Update—McAteer

- Posters were given to each district officer. Vinyl signs will be printed.
- RMGC nominations for 2025 UUP Task Force on Retiree Issues—McAteer, Jerminario, Shaffer.
- Weekly communications including the



NICK KORIDIS PHOTOS



Above, Mike Lyon of Upstate Medical, right, makes a point during the RMGC meeting at the Fall DA. Also seated, from left, are Bill Giangarra of Stony Brook HSC, statewide Membership Development Officer Patrick Romain and Debra Benware of Upstate Medical.

Left, DA delegates—including retiree members—belt out Solidarity Forever to open the policymaking convention.

ARA Alert are sent to the district representatives and retirees.

- As of today, UUP has 7,404 retirees, 19.5 percent of the union.

- Quackenbush has been holding successful virtual pre-retirement meetings every month for 100-125 members.

- Chapter Officers for Retirees should: contact new retirees and publish the membership application in chapter newsletters.

- Regional reps should have a meeting with retiree officers (may be virtual) to plan brunches.

- Winter is the cycle for election of Officers for Retirees (all chapters). Reach out to chapter members for interested nominees.

- Responsibilities of elected Officers for Retirees were updated and distributed. Should be added to Officer for Retiree Handbook.

- Rally for Harris/Walz planned for Oct. 1 in the Southern Tier.

Finance Committee Report—R. Tyler

- Beginning Balance, \$677,798.11; Income, \$382,163; Expenses, \$322,785; Balance, \$743,785. Motion to adopt by Lyon and Russell. Report passes.

Report of MDO—Romain

- Committed to meeting the needs of retirees. Working on credit card issue.
- Provided September numbers of retirees by campus.

UUP Retiree Benefits Report—Quackenbush

- There will be no Delta Dental premium cost increases between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2027.

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Retiree news from the chapters, regions

Finger Lakes

by Gary Moore
Alfred

Twenty-one Alfred State retirees and spouses gathered Oct. 30 in nearby Hornell for their fall brunch meeting.

The guest speaker was Sheila Brewer-Montero, fraud/scam prevention coordinator at Life-span of Greater Rochester, which offers trusted guidance and services for older adults and caregivers. She covered ongoing scams and how to prevent them.

In other business:

- If the new endowment is established, it needs to be well advertised; and the regional meeting/brunch allotment needs to go up.
- Deb Faria, Brockport Chapter officer for retirees, and Gary Moore of Alfred, RMGC Finger Lakes regional rep, plan to run for re-election to their respective posts; and
- Moore visited registered voters in Geneseo wearing his union gear, passed out flyers and asked them to vote.



Sheila Brewer-Montero, fraud/scam prevention coordinator at Life-span of Greater Rochester, discusses how to identify and prevent scams.

Delhi/Oneonta

by Loraine Tyler
Oneonta

Oneonta and Delhi retirees met Oct. 15 at the Bluestone Restaurant. The day and fall colors were beautiful!

After a delicious brunch, UUP Benefits staffer Dan Quackenbush brought members updates, and Loraine Tyler covered Medicare changes for 2025. Joe Greenleaf spoke on “What’s New in Mechatronics,” including exciting plans for Delhi’s engineering program.

Metropolitan



CHARLIE McATEER

RMGC Metropolitan regional rep Eric Russell, standing, addresses a group of active retirees Nov. 22 at Puglia’s Restaurant in Little Italy.

Southern Tier

by Robert Mess
Binghamton

The fall luncheon for SUNY retirees was held Dec. 6 in the TAU Room at Binghamton University. The event was well attended.

Angella Kim and Resha Muir from the Employee Assistance Program gave a presentation on the services available to retirees.

UUP staffer Dan Quackenbush discussed important information regarding insurance matters.

Ethan Tyo, assistant director of Native American and Indigenous Student Initiatives, was guest speaker. His presentation, “Sowing Seeds,” brought us up to date on the university’s efforts to include our Native American population in the student body and pedagogy.

Special thanks to HR staffer Corinna Kruman, RMGC rep Loraine Tyler and RMGC Chair Charles McAteer for their efforts to facilitate the meeting.



Ethan Tyo of the Native American and Indigenous Student Initiatives outlined ways the university works to include the Native American population into campus life.

Pearl H. Brod Outstanding Retiree Award



I. Eligibility: Any active UUP retiree who has rendered outstanding volunteer service to his/her community and has provided exemplary service to UUP and to SUNY *after* retirement is eligible to be nominated. (A candidate may qualify if outstanding in all or any combination of the criteria listed.)

DEADLINE: April 1
Applications will only be accepted via email.

II. Name of Nominee: _____

Address _____ Phone No. _____

UUP Chapter _____ Year retired from SUNY _____

III. Nominee Activities (If additional space is needed, use attached sheet.)

A. Service to Community: Organization _____ From-To _____

B. Service to UUP: _____ From-To _____

C. Service to SUNY: _____ From-To _____

D. Other Accomplishments (i.e., continual professional accomplishments) _____ From-To _____

IV. Name of Nominator _____

Address _____ Phone No. _____

Signature _____

V. Endorsements

- A. One or more letters attesting to the candidate's accomplishments since retirement from SUNY.
- B. Letters from leaders of organizations served, describing scope and quality of volunteer service to the community, UUP and/or SUNY.

The award will be presented at the Fall Delegate Assembly.

Applications will only be accepted via email. Email completed nomination form, including letters of endorsement, to:

UUP Retiree Services Coordinator
Dan Quackenbush at
dquackenbush@uupbenefits.org
DEADLINE: April 1

Herkimer: The general who saved New York

by Daniel Marrone
Farmingdale

Citizens of the United States, especially those in New York state, owe much gratitude to Brig. Gen. Nicholas Herkimer.

During the American Revolutionary War, Herkimer organized and led the Tryon County Militia, the exemplar of the 1786 New York Militia, and decades later, led the New York Army National Guard. Through his heroic actions, thousands of New Yorkers were saved from annihilation at the hands of Brevet Brig. Gen. Barri-more St. Leger invaders in August 1777.

Earlier that year, British Army Gen. John Burgoyne devised a plan to quash the rebellion by separating New England from the rest of the colonies—by then newly formed states of the American republic. “Gentleman Johnny’s” so-called “Grand Strategy” included two invasions emanating from Canada into New York. Burgoyne led one of the invasion armies, a force of 10,000 Redcoats and Hessian mercenaries. Invading from Lake Champlain, Burgoyne’s invaders captured Fort Ticonderoga and then proceeded south toward Albany, a key American trading and military hub south of the intersection of the Hudson and Mohawk rivers. The other British invasion force of 2,000 was led by St. Leger. These invaders sailed from Canada across Lake Ontario and landed at British-held Fort Oswego, 100 miles west of Burgoyne’s juggernaut army. From there, St. Leger’s marauders moved southeast in a path of murder and destruction.

The invaders arrived at American-held Fort Stanwix (present-day Rome, NY) on Aug. 2, 1777. The fort was strategically positioned to defend the headwaters of the Mohawk River, a 149 miles-in-length twisting tributary that empties at Cohoes Falls at a juncture with the Hudson River—11 miles north of Albany. Had New York’s capital city been captured, northern New York would fall under the control of Crown forces. Furthermore, the nascent nation would be divided and therefore more easily conquered.

St. Leger’s invaders surrounded Fort



Gen. Nicholas Herkimer

Stanwix where they met stiff resistance by 100 Continental Army soldiers stationed within the wooden stockaded ramparts. However, there were 2,000 Redcoats and Iroquois warriors threatening the annihilation of 1,000 civilians, who had sought shelter within the fort. Thus, a plea for help from the besieged fort was sent to Gen. Herkimer. On Aug. 3, this message reached Herkimer, who then called-to-duty his 800 Tryon County militiamen with an incessant snare drum “rat-tat-tat” alert along the Mohawk River Valley. This clarion call to arms became known as “Drums along the Mohawk.” From their staging point at Fort Dayton, the rescuers embarked on a 35-mile trek that crossed the meandering Mohawk River and its tributaries to save those trapped in Fort Stanwix. Among Herkimer’s 800 militiamen were 50 from the Iroquois Oneida Nation, who allied with the Americans.

Battle of Oriskany

On Aug. 6, less than three days into their rescue mission, Herkimer’s militiamen were ambushed while wading across Oriskany Creek, seven miles before reaching Fort Stanwix. Surprised and inexperienced in battle, many militiamen were killed during the first hours of combat. Herkimer was mounted and thus an easy

target. Just minutes after the fighting commenced, he and his horse were shot. Herkimer’s mount fell on him further worsening his gunshot leg wound. Though bleeding profusely, the militia general refused to leave the battle. Instead, Herkimer had his men prop him against a tree at the battlefront. Prominent and vulnerable to musket fire and tomahawk attack, Herkimer proclaimed “I will face the enemy!” The iconic 1901 painting by artist Frederick Coffay Yohn entitled “Herkimer at Oriskany,” depicts the general ordering his men to “Stay and fight!”

By his stalwart example of bravery and resolve under fire, Herkimer’s militiamen stayed their ground and, crucially, learned to effectively fend off the ambushers. Their new strategy, gleaned after hours of costly combat, was to have one militiaman load a musket while the other fired. By doing this, the militiamen returned a steady stream of fire that repulsed the attackers. The militiamen ultimately scored a victory at Oriskany, though at a steep cost. Among their 800, 480 were killed or seriously wounded during eight hours of hand-to-hand combat.

Post-battle, Herkimer was carried on a stretcher to his home in the Village of Little Falls. The infection in his leg

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1. Premium Calm Subscription:

All in-service and retiree members receive unlimited free access to the popular Calm app's full library of sleep, meditation, and relaxation content. Members can add up to five dependents (age 16 or older) to receive their own premium Calm subscription.

2. Peer Support Line:

Whether you're facing a specific stressful situation or would just like to speak with a supportive voice, this confidential helpline is free to all NYSUT members and their families. Call toll-free 844-444-0152 to connect with a peer.

3. AD&D Insurance Benefit/ Travel Assistance Services:

All in-service and retiree members are automatically provided with a \$5,000 accidental death & dismemberment insurance benefit, along with free travel assistance services from AXA Assistance.

4. New Member Life Insurance:

All new members are eligible to receive a free term life insurance policy providing coverage for up to \$25,000 for one year, guaranteed renewable at the end of the year.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Member Appreciation Event is back!

NYSUT Member Benefits is excited to announce that Member Appreciation Event will be held this March! This celebration will feature prizes donated by Member Benefits and our endorsed program providers. To be eligible to win, you must be a participant in our MAP Alert email service.

If you're not already a MAP Alert participant, simply scan the QR code, visit memberbenefits.nysut.org, or call 800-626-8101 to sign up. You'll then receive weekly updates about endorsed benefits, information about new programs, and be able to take part in special prize drawings such as Member Appreciation Event.

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HERKIMER

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necessitated amputation. On Aug. 16, 1777, 10 days after the battle, he succumbed from blood loss and infection.

Through their bravery and sacrifice in battle, Herkimer and his militiamen killed many ambushers, including 65 British-aligned Mohawk, Seneca, Cayuga, and Onondaga warriors. The dispirited, surviving warriors abruptly abandoned the siege at Fort Stanwix. Facing mounting desertions, the remaining invaders were increasingly outnumbered and by Aug. 20 were forced to flee New York and sail back to Canada.

With the St. Leger invaders forced back to Canada, British Army Gen. Burgoyne was denied reinforcements. Consequently, the British were becoming outnumbered and mired at Saratoga, nearly 40 miles before reaching their strategic target, Albany. In two decisive battles at Saratoga, the British defeated the Americans at Freedman's Farm (Sept. 19, 1777) and the Americans defeated the British at Bemis Heights (Oct. 7). Both battles significantly

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depleted the fighting strength of Burgoyne's army. In subsequent days, the Americans tightened the noose around Burgoyne's army. On Oct. 17, Burgoyne was forced to surrender. This was a major victory for the Americans. Had Albany been captured, northern New York would have been occupied and controlled by Crown forces. Furthermore, the Redcoats would have effectively cut off the New England states from the rest of the nation. The British surrender at Saratoga is deemed the "turning point" in the war for it spurred the French government into significantly aiding the Americans with soldiers and naval forces, as well as vast quantities of materiel.

For his pivotal role in the defeat of the British at Oriskany and for helping save

from annihilation those trapped in Fort Stanwix, Gen. Herkimer is justly honored. SUNY Herkimer College proudly bears his name. Many avenues and streets are also named after him. (This writer grew up near Herkimer Street in Brooklyn.) The Village of Herkimer is geographically within the Town of Herkimer which, in turn, is within Herkimer County.

The New York State Military Museum, located at Saratoga Springs, affirms that Gen. Herkimer's Tryon County Militia was the paradigm for the 1786 New York Militia and the New York Army National Guard.

At the beginning of the nation, Americans had the good fortune to have Brig. Gen. Nicholas Herkimer, who went beyond the call of duty and saved New York from catastrophe.

RMGC

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- Can supply lists of members for regional reps.
- Outreach needed for nominations for the 2025 Pearl Brod Outstanding Retiree Award. Nominations are due April 1. There were no nominations for the 2024 award.

Regional Reports

• Regional Reports were made by representatives McNitt (Capital), Guydosh (Northern), Russell (Metro), Griffen (Finger Lakes) and L. Tyler (Southern Tier). All regions have fall brunches planned. Moved by L. Tyler and Russell that regional brunches for spring and fall 2025 be approved. Passed.

Old Business

- Third-party notification.

- VOTE-COPE info needs to be on UUP retiree web page.
- ORP-TIAA, TRS, ERS through payroll deduction, voucher.

New Business

- Business card requests should be submitted to Quackenbush.
- Student Scholarship Award—Create a scholarship sponsored by the RMGC. Named L. Tyler and Lyon to a subcommittee to develop guidelines, application, amount of endowment.
- Recommend NYSUT send a letter to new retirees who contributed to VOTE-COPE while active members, suggesting ways to continue their VOTE-COPE contributions. Letter would contain needed forms.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

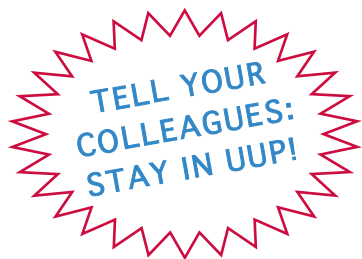
Next meeting will be spring 2025.

What your beneficiaries need to know

Don't forget to remind your beneficiaries that, upon your death, they need to inform the campus Human Resources Department *and* contact a UUP Retiree Member Services Coordinator at 800-887-

3863 option 2. If they don't contact the campus or UUP, they won't get the survivor's benefits: that's \$3,000 from the state and \$1,000 from UUP. Remind them to make the calls!





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RETIRED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Benefits of UUP

Whether you are retired or just thinking about retirement, you do not have to stop being active in UUP! Retired Membership is open to any UUP member who retires from SUNY with a minimum of five years of continuous UUP membership leading up to their retirement. If a UUP member has fewer than five years of employment, the member must have continuous membership for the length of their employment.

Additionally, 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 also be elected as a regional RMGC representative, or as a chapter officer for retirees.

Also, UUP members who retire in good standing are eligible for \$1,000 of Group Term Life Insurance Coverage and are eligible to participate in the various voluntary programs listed below.



RMGC Committee Chair
Charlie McAteer

UUP Member Services Trust Voluntary Programs

- Aflac Insurance
- Collette Tours
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- InsurChoice
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- MetLife Group Universal Life Insurance
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- Real Estate Advantage Program
- Trupanion Pet Insurance

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- True Yoga Healing

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RETIRED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Retired from: Campus _____ Date of Retirement _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Non .edu email _____

Dues are assessed on an annual basis.
Send check for \$65 payable to: UUP, P.O. Box 15143, Albany, N.Y. 12212-9954.

UUP Retired Members make a difference.

Many of our retirees choose to remain involved with UUP because they understand



that their union helped them retire with dignity and security.

UUP retirees have the energy and the time necessary to spread UUP’s message and work for the good of all

our members. For some, it’s a way to give back. Others stay active to create positive change for UUP and SUNY.

“UUP recognizes the vital role retirees play, and we appreciate and encourage their continued involvement in their union. UUP is committed to working to protect the rights and represent the interests of our Retired Members, a constituency that continues to grow each year.

I encourage you to continue your UUP membership as a Retired Member. You have so much to offer and our members have so much to gain. UUP needs your wisdom, your dedication and your drive.

Your union can’t do it without you.

— UUP President Fred Kowal

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.

AFFILIATES

UUP retired members can shop and compare insurance programs, discounts and online purchasing through NYSUT Member Benefits and UUP’s national affiliates—the American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association.

For more information on costs and services go to:



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1-800-627-4636
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