



August-September 2010

With the end of winter, the beginning of Spring and the eventual emergence of Summer, we find that things begin, continue and end. We look forward to Spring to witness the birth of baby animals, the blooming of trees, plants and flowers. Fall, with its vibrant colors, are a marvel to experience. With all these changes, some things remain the same. We need to keep up with the legislation and politics related to your health benefits, social security, the preservation of your pension and general health and welfare issues.

Please make sure that you continue/begin to educate and act upon issues that will greatly impact on you now and in the future.

\*Retirees must stay informed, keep an eye on this commission and make sure that your EARNED Social Security and your EARNED Medicare benefits are not unfairly targeted. Let your members of Congress know that you oppose any recommendations that will raise the retirement age, and lower, privatize or diminish these earned benefits. **“Your earned benefits are a right not a privilege,”** said NYSUT Vice President Kathleen Donahue.

As a retiree, you will need to keep up with legislation and policies that impact on you. NYSUT is your union, working for each of us. Make sure that you know and keep in contact with your Government Representatives on the local, state and national level in order to make your voice heard.

There are 2 retiree meetings a month that are open to all of us. RC#18 meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at the North Bellmore Library at 10:00 am. The first RC#18 meeting is on Monday, Sept 20, 2010. The first CORTLI (Coalition of Retired Teachers of Long Island) of this year will meet at NYSUT in Woodbury on Monday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. By attending these informative meetings, you arm yourself with facts, topics of interest and clarification of issues.

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We congratulate and welcome our 2010 FTA retirees:

**Archer**

Judy Birnbaum

**Atkinson**

Patricia Murray

**Columbus**

Cathy Harbulak

**Dodd**

Larry Block

John Pizzo

**Giblyn**

Catherine Butterfield

Jeanne Frein

David Gorin

**New Visions**

Diane Blum Brown

**Bayview**

Sharon Burton

**Freeport High School**

Tony Basile

Martin Harrision

Doris Maccarrone

Marion Benecivenga

Robert Korshin

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**FYI**

The Freeport Teachers Association covers the cost of retiree dues for NYSUT. Your participation in NYSUT Member Benefits continues as a retiree as well. As a retiree, your payment changes from Payroll Deduction to Pension Deduction. Call NYSUT Member Benefits at 1-800-626-8108 if you have any questions. If you do not receive your NYSUT, NEA or AFT publications, please let me know so that I can rectify the situation.

Within the past month or so, each of you (except those of you who have Pension Deduction) should have received VOTE/COPE information. I strongly urge you to continue your contributions to Vote/Cope either through Pension Deduction or check. REMEMBER Vote/Cope represents issues for both active and retired teachers. Please make sure you contribute!!!!



**News from our Members**

It is with deep regret and personal sadness that I inform the membership of the passing of my husband, Martin Fischer on April 29, 2010. I share this tremendous loss with my daughter and son in law, my grandchildren, my 2 brother in laws, my mother, my extended Fischer family and friends. Marty was a loving and caring man who will be greatly missed by all those fortunate enough to know him. Donations to the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County, or St. Jude can be made in Martin's name.

It is with great sadness that I inform the membership of the passing of Denise Bruzzo, Peter Bruzzo's (FHS 6/06) wife, after a brave and valiant fight. We send our heartfelt condolences to Peter, his children, family and friends. Donations can be made in Denise Bruzzo's name to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Our best wishes go out to Joyce Marged (Bayview 6/06) as she recovers from a long hospital stay. We wish her continued good news on her road to recovery.

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In this time of great stress, economic turmoil and uncertainty many problems arise. Problems come in many forms. As does the help that NYSUT provides. Call NYSUT Social Services at 1-800-342-9820, extension 6206. Help is only a phonecall away. This service is available to In-service and Retired Members and their families at no cost, no limitations on usage with personal response to your unique issues.



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### Little Tips to Know

1. Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.
2. Reheat Pizza - heat up leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove, set heat to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy microwave pizza.
3. Broken Glass - Use a wet cotton ball or Q-tip to pick up the small shards of glass you can't see easily.
4. No More Mosquitoes - place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.
5. Flexible Vacuum - to get something out of a heat register or under the fridge, add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.
6. Measuring Cups - before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don't dry cup. Next, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out.
7. Foggy Windshield? - Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows go, rub with the eraser. Works better than a cloth!
8. Reopening Envelopes - If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Viola! It unseals itself.
9. Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end of the recipe if you want a stronger taste of garlic.



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# CORTLI

*The Coalition of Retired Teachers of Long Island*

**INVITES YOU TO  
JOIN US  
FOR OUR ANNUAL FALL LUNCHEON**

Wednesday OCTOBER 13, 2010

AT

12:00 NOON

AT

THE CREST HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB

8325 Jericho, Turnpike

Woodbury, New York

**OUR FEATURED SPEAKER**

will be

Andy Pallotta, Exec. VP, NYSUT

Andy is newly elected to replace Al Lubin and supervises our legislative efforts.

**IF YOUR RETIREE COUNCIL OR CHAPTER IS PAYING ALL OR PART OF YOUR COST:**  
register by filling in the form below and sending it, with your check, to your retiree Chapter or Council.

Or

**TO REGISTER YOURSELF:** fill out the form below and send with your check for \$38.00

(made out to CORTLI) to: John Cooney, 19 Cliff Rd. No. Merrick, NY, 11566

**ALL CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29**

**ABSOLUTELY NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR !!!**

LUNCH WILL BE: Cocktail hour with Cold Display station/ salad / Chicken Milanese, or

Norwegian Salmon, Dessert and coffee

pitchers of Iced Tea will be on each table

**TO PROCESS YOUR REGISTRATION, WE MUST HAVE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING**

Make copies if needed

Name .....

.....Retiree Chapter name.....Retiree Council #.....

Address .....

Telephone

Please Seat me with my: Chapter  Council

I would like Chicken

Fish

(Special Dietary Needs: Sugar Free dessert  Other.....)

**We will do everything possible to meet your needs, but we can not guarantee your choices.**

**We can NOT provide seating with specific individuals !!**



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**800-626-8101.**

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- Browse destinations,
- Plan road trips, and
- Book group travel.



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