



# LCRTA Newsletter

Livingston County Retired Teachers Association is now on FaceBook. Find us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/521086584982897/>

## Message from our President, Vicki Universal

Fall 2018  
Volume 1, Issue 1

Congratulations to those who are trading the nervous excitement, anticipation, and fatigue of the start of a new school year for the opportunity to go to sleep at night without setting the alarm and waking up knowing this Fall will be one to savor. Lately I am often in mind of the old saying, "Make new friends but keep the old, one is silver and the other gold." As retirees create new lives, it is harder to stay in touch with those who were so much a part of our teaching years. The Livingston County Retired Teachers Association meets twice

a year for an opportunity to reconnect. All new retirees are invited to find out what our group has to offer at our Fall Luncheon on October 17 at the Livingston Country Club. See below for details.

The LCRTA is an important building block of the New York State Retired Teachers Association which works to further the interest and protect the pensions of retirees. Thank you to all who continue to support both the LCRTA and the NYSRTA!

We always need more active volunteers to share the work of keeping our organization

viable and I am grateful to our new volunteers: Mary Corey, newsletter; Anne Hasler, community service; Betty Grant, Fall luncheon; Avon folks, Spring program. Now, if someone would just agree to a 3-year term as president!



### Inside this issue:

Message from Vicki	1
Fall Luncheon	1
Join our Team	2
Membership Report	3
Historian's Report	3
Friendly Service	3
Fall Luncheon Info	4

### We Help:

Anne Hasler has volunteered to be in charge of Community Service. This year's gift will support the CWZ project and go to the **Golisano Children's Hospital Fund**. If you can donate, make checks out to LCRTA and **send** to our Treasurer, Gayle Stout, 9686 Highland Ave., Dansville, 14437 or **give** them to her at the Fall luncheon.

## Save the Date! Fall Luncheon – October 17, The Oaks at Livingston Country Club

This year's Fall Luncheon will be held on October 17, noon, at The Oaks at the Livingston Country Club. We will need to know if you are attending and your

menu option by October 8.

**Look for the reservation form on the last page of this newsletter.**



## Join our team! Yes, you!

### Vice-President

Livingston County Retired Teachers Association is a viable link in the NYS Retirement System – in that it is the association closest to members at the local level.

We make every attempt to inform and the lead in conjunction with the NYSRTA, Central Western Zone, those of us at the grass roots level.

As with many organizations, membership is a crucial element to which each of us must contribute.

You can help by encouraging newly retired teachers to join up. This is no easy task, but a necessary one.

Thanks to Vicki Universal and a strong and active executive committee, the job of vice-president and chairman is not overwhelming.

As my term as vice-president comes to a close, I urge you to consider volunteering for it. If you are interested in volunteering and doing your part to keep our association strong, this might be an

easy post for you to fill. We need you.

Submitted by: Maureen Kingston, Vice-president



## Membership Report: New Retirees Contacted

Over the summer, I contacted the eight school districts in Livingston County and received the contact information for 25 new retirees. Our congratulations go out to them on reaching this milestone and entering a new and exciting part of their life's journey! Thank you to Vicki Universal for writing the new

retirees a welcome letter. I sent it along with our last newsletter and membership forms for our association and

**A friend commented on how busy she's been since retiring, "I don't know how I ever found time to teach!"**

the New York State Retired Teachers Association. Central Western Zone for local members to join and maintain their membership in NYSRTA. It is the only organization that works specifically for retirees. Please let us know if you need more information on how to sign up. We hope new retirees will join us and NYSRTA!

Submitted by Barb Hellwig, Membership Chair

## Historian's Report

As the Livingston County Retired Teachers Association Historian, I maintain a scrapbook with photos, newspaper clippings and other information. These items are used to highlight our county's Spring and Fall meetings and programs. The scrapbook also has obituaries of our past members. I submit pages from our scrapbook to be included in the Central Western Zone Scrapbook. If you have something

that you would like to have included, bring it with you to our next meeting.

Submitted by Sue Moses

**Vote!**

### Winter's Coming

LCRTA wants to remind you to support your local food banks.



## Friendly Service: Keeping in Touch, Lending a Hand

Our Friendly Unit is comprised of one or two volunteers representing each of our eight school districts in Livingston County. We are happy to report that all eight districts are now covered.

Our purpose is to maintain contact with retired members who reside in our area, especially those over 90, and those in nursing homes or homebound. We contact them with "thinking of you" cards, notes, phone calls, and visits. Cards are sent during the December holiday season and for birthdays. The 90+ folks are often given a small gift

and a visit on these occasions – sometimes a small party. We also send get-well and sympathy cards.

Our volunteers keep track of what they do during the year and every December a simple report is filled out and forwarded to our zone Friendly Chair.

We also coordinate funds. Money is available through the state that may be used to assist a member in financial need for a home repair like roof repairs or furnace repairs.

The Barrie Fleegle Grant, has been given to actively employed

teachers who are taking ed. classes or completing an advanced degree and are actively involved in community projects. Several teachers from schools in our county have received this grant.

Pat Muscarella and I co-chair our Friendly Service Unit and also maintain contact with member retirees in the York-Leicester School District. We appreciate and send a thank you to all our volunteers.

Submitted by Betty Grant and Pat Muscarella

### **Perks of reaching 60 or being over 70 and heading towards 80!**

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
3. No one expects you to run--anywhere.
4. People call at 8 PM and ask: "Did I wake you?"
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
8. You can eat supper at 5 PM.
9. You can live without sex but not your glasses.
10. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
11. You can't remember who sent you this list.
12. And you notice these are all in Big Print for your convenience.

**Forward this to everyone you can remember right now! And remember, Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night!**

### **DeCormier Fund**

Do you know a retired teacher who is struggling financially? Perhaps someone who needs a new roof, furnace, or help paying for utilities? Funds may be available through NYSRTA. Find out more at [NYSRTA.org](http://NYSRTA.org)



### *What are you reading?*

*Member Recommendations will be a new addition to the newsletter. Send your recommendation and a sentence or two about it for our Facebook page and next issue to [mc Corey@brockport.edu](mailto:mc Corey@brockport.edu) or Mary Corey, 7 Clearview Ave., Hilton, NY 14468*

---



Annual Fall Luncheon, October  
17, 2018 @ Noon  
The Oaks at Livingston Country Club  
4436 Lakeville Rd., Geneseo

---

**Reservations needed by October 8!**

To reserve your seat and make your lunch choice call Betty Grant at  
243-0184 or e-mail her at [fragra31@yahoo.com](mailto:fragra31@yahoo.com)

Menu Choices are

Chicken/walnut/craisin salad \$12

Beef on Weck \$9.00

Livingston Club \$9.00

Livingston Burger \$8.25 + \$1 for cheese

Reuben \$10.00

(soup, drinks, & desserts will also be available)

Reminder: Checks to support the Golisano's Childrens Hospital Fund can  
be turned in at the luncheon. Make checks out to LCRTA.

---