



LCRTA Newsletter

It's TGIR (Thank Goodness I'm Retired) Time

Yes, I remember the excitement of Back to School, both as a student and as a teacher. But life goes on and I am happy to have traded that feeling of nervous excitement for new opportunities and experiences. Congratulations to the 22 new Liv. Co. retirees on beginning a new chapter of life. I hope you will join the Livingston County Retired Teachers as we celebrate the opportunity to get together in the middle of a school day. Lunch will be at the Glen Iris in Letchworth Park at noon on Tuesday, September 26. NO business meeting – that was taken care of by the Executive Committee on Aug. 30. Come for good food, great scenery and lively conversation. In lieu of a speaker or program, plan a visit to the beautiful new Nature Center– or a walk by the falls. The reservation form is included with this newsletter.

NYSRTA The Legislative Agenda for this Fall is focused on the need to protect our pensions by voting NO to a NYS Constitutional Convention on the November 7th ballot. You will need to **turn the ballot over** to vote on this proposition. Other new resolutions under consideration include opposition to the privatization of the public school system through vouchers and charter schools, support to keep Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid benefits, and a call for the removal of all federal taxes on Social Security benefits. Check out the NYSRTA.org website for more information and please consider joining if you are not already a member!

CWZ The annual Zone meeting will be held in Canandaigua on Thurs. Sept. 28. More information and a reservation form can be found at cwzretiredteachers.org. Every year the CWZ awards the Barrie Fleegel grant to teachers working on advanced degrees. This year Michelle Ingerick from Livonia, a teacher in Mt. Morris received \$100. Kyle Inda from Naples Elementary School won the NYSRTA Hudson-Kramer grant for a school project. She will be working with teachers and community to create outdoor classrooms in a courtyard area.

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

Membership

Welcome to new lifetime members Jeaneane Finnemore, who retired in June from Keshequa, and Victoria Bush, a retiree from Livonia CS who taught art for 33 years. We hope to see you both on Sept. 26 at the Glen Iris.

Community Service

A group of retired teachers from Avon, including our Historian Susan Moses, has a wonderful community service project. Every Fall they still go "Back to School" shopping and donate their purchases of school supplies to the Open Door Mission. Please be on the lookout for ways you can continue to support local schools and students during retirement. The school nurse can be a good resource for needs.

THANK YOU – Friendly Service is an important part of our local units. Volunteers reach out to fellow members through cards, calls and visits. I will be recognizing Pat Muscarella and Betty Grant for **20+ years** each of Friendly Service – and coordinating our volunteers for each town - at our September Zone meeting.
 PS They are looking for someone to help out in Mt. Morris.