

ONTARIO COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS

Unit of Central Western Zone New York State Retired Teachers Association

Spring 2018

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Phelps-Clifton Springs Jane Crosby

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Victor Linda Armstrong

BOCES vacant

Jane Crosby

Do you belong to NYSRTA? If no, WHY NOT? New York State Retired Teachers Association works for you! It has a legislative agenda both state and national. It has many benefits---hearing aid program (important for many of us as we age), travel programs (the Association gets monies if you use this benefit); a job program for those of us looking to keep busy in retirement, and many many more. These benefits can be seen on their website--

www.nysrta.org. The price of all of this is only \$30 a year---THIS FIGURES OUT TO EIGHT (8) CENTS A DAY---where can you find a bargain like this. Contact me --crosbyrn60@gmail.com or

at 2192 Carter Road, Geneva, NY 14456 or Dave Bush, OCRT Membership Chair --
dbush15500@gmail.com or at 46 Merrick Avenue, Manchester, NY 14504 for an APPLICATION. THIS WILL BE THE BEST \$30 YOU HAVE EVER SPENT!!!!!!!!!!

Co-Presidents' Message

Greetings on this mild and sunny late winter day. We hope that the last few months have been good to you and that you are looking forward to the many opportunities that warmer weather provides.

If you still live in the area, do you still attend any school functions such as the spring musical concerts, sporting events or fundraisers? We may no longer be actively teaching or no longer know any of the students but we never stop caring about the youth of our communities and the schools they attend. Attending school board meetings and participating in the annual school budget vote are also important ways to support our communities and the current faculty, staff and students.

We are saddened beyond belief by the tragedy that occurred at a Florida school recently. These were innocent young people going about their lives in a place they felt safe, looking forward to the future. These were teachers and coaches who cared about their students. This could have been our school; this could have happened to us. We encourage you to lend your voice to any local conversations about school safety and to express your opinions to your representative in Congress regarding the multitude of ideas being put forth to prevent this from happening again.

The House of John in Clifton Springs continues to be our community service project for 2018. This facility provides wonderful hospice care to the terminally ill and their families. Please see further information elsewhere in this newsletter and come prepared to donate.

There are several awards and grants available through the Central Western Zone Retired Teachers. These range from helping retired teachers with financial assistance to providing grant money to active educators for school projects and graduate course study. Details are available at www.cwzretiredteachers.org.

This school year will soon come to a close and there will be new retirees to add to our ranks. Please do all you can to invite and encourage them to join with us. It is to their advantage to do so. Now is also the time to revisit those retirees from last year that weren't ready to join. Perhaps this is the time.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our spring meeting.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP
CHAIR—DAVE BUSH**

WHO GETS THE SPRING NEWSLETTER?

If you received this Newsletter, your dues are paid up!

If you know someone who **did not receive** it, they are probably **not paid up**.

If someone thinks he is paid up and did not receive the newsletter,

CALL DAVE BUSH at 585 289 6008.

OCRT MEMBERSHIP FORM

PLEASE PRINT MR. MRS.MS. MISS

Name _____ Birthdate _____

ADDRESS _____

*** If you are a snowbird, need date returning for spring mailing _____

Telephone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Do you wish to receive your Newsletter via E-Mail? _____

SPOUSES are also eligible to join. Send their membership with yours.

District retired from _____

Year retired _____ Number or years taught _____

Position _____

ANNUAL DUES—\$5 LIFETIME DUES—\$75 EMERITUS (90 and older)—exempt

Please send your membership and check made out to ONTARIO COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS to: David Bush, Membership Chair, 46 Merrick Avenue Manchester, NY 14504, (585)289 6008, dbush15500@gmail.com

JOAN HANDFIELD, COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR

Our Community Service project for 2017-18 is the House of John, a hospice home in Clifton Springs. Last fall they were delighted to receive our cash donations as well as our paper products and personal care items. We would like to continue our generosity. Please bring your donation with you to our meeting in the spring.

Some of the items from the House of John's wish list are: paper products, copy paper, stamps, Swiffer Wet Jet pads, Clear 13 Gallon garbage bags, dishwasher detergent, medium vinyl gloves, HE laundry soap for front loading washing machine, Keurig cups, cola, diet cola, uncola, jello, soup, jam, bird seed, cash for utilities, and gift cards for Staples, WalMart, BJ's.

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting and helping out a most worthy cause.

ONTARIO COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS SPRING LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Finn's Tap Room and Party House

14 Railroad Street, Victor, NY 14564 Telephone 585-924-4660

10:00 a.m. Social Hour—coffee, tea and ice water
10:30 a.m. Business Meeting
11:00 a.m. Program—League of Women Voters Court Watch—Leonard DeFrancesco
12:30 p.m. Lunch

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Luncheon

Buffet Lunch

Send your reservation and check for \$20.00 each (includes tax and gratuity) made out to OCRT to

Bruce Croucher

2514 County Road 25—Clifton Springs, NY 14432

315-462-3067

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS— May 15, 2018

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Name: _____

School District: _____

I will only be attending the meeting and/or program _____