



YATES COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS
Alphabet Soup

Our spring **YCRE** luncheon/meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 4th at 12:00 at the Moose Lodge**. Please come and join your fellow retired educators for a luncheon/social time followed by a presentation by **Steve Griffin**, another of our own hometown heroes.

Steve, as the Chief Executive Officer of the Finger Lakes Economic Development Center, is responsible for the overall operations of the



FLEDC and its affiliated agencies—Finger Lakes Horizon Economic Development Corporation and Yates County Capital Resource Corporation, with \$8 million in total assets. Steve has spent the past 16 years in Economic Development, and during that time, has helped nearly 500 businesses expand or locate in New York with planned capital of \$500 million. During his tenure as CEO, Yates County has seen significant success in business attractions with more than 80 new businesses making Yates County their home. Under his leadership, the FLEDC was named one of 7 “High Performing Economic Development Organizations in the World” by the International Economic Development Council. Steve has consulted with economic development organizations throughout the Northeast on rural development and with government and economic development professionals from around the world including Canada, Mexico, Russia and China. We will be excited to hear about the tremendous job he is doing to put Yates County on the map.

Thank You, Robyn Ballard

We very much want to thank Robyn Ballard for serving on the executive team of YCRE for the last several years, and especially as president the past two years. Her dedication to our organization is admirable, and we are sure, this will continue as she serves as past president. At our June meeting, we will be electing a new executive committee, which includes Mary Hanlon and Linda Snyder serving as co-presidents. We also are happy to be welcoming our new secretary, Amy Stewart and treasurer, Deb Minor. Thank you to Elaine Gleason, Kay Meisch and Connie Castelluzzo for agreeing to keep their positions, and we will certainly miss **Lyn Fitch** who is stepping down after more years of service than we can count. We do have openings for two people to serve as chairs of Community Service and Legislation. (both—two year terms), please consider this, as we would love to have you join us!

BOX TOPS

Please remember to bring your *Box Tops for Education*, and we will get them to the schools. Even better—look around your neighborhood (or your family) for elementary aged kids. They will be thrilled to take them to their classroom. The BIG Smile you will get will make your day!



**Yates County Executive Committee
2016-2018**

- President: Robyn Ballard.....607-243-5619**
- Vice President: Ronald Miller.....315-729-7858**
- Secretary: Linda Snyder.....315-536-8844**
- Treasurer: Mary Hanlon.....315-694-1161**
- Friendly Service: Elaine Gleason.....315-536-8870**
- Community Service: Lyn Fitch.....315-536-9811**
- Legislation: Nancy Scher315-536-4890**
- Membership: Kay Meisch585-396-9735**
- Historian: Connie Castelluzzo315-536-4125**
- Past President: Mary Ellen Morgan ..315-536-8440**

**Slate of Officers
2018-2020**

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- Secretary: Amy Stewart**
- Treasurer: Deb Minor**
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- Legislation:**

FRIENDLY SERVICE: ELAINE GLEASON

TRYING SOMETHING A BIT DIFFERENT THIS TIME

In order to try to accommodate different diet restrictions....we will be having a **buffet lunch** this meeting. On the buffet will be: ham and boiled potatoes; ziti and meat balls; cold chicken salad; toss salad; rolls; and fruit. Dessert will be provided by your Executive Committee! You will go through the line, choosing what interests you! If you would like help in getting your meal...one of the officers will gladly wait on you! Because there are three main meal choices...the price will be \$15.00. We hope that this will help everyone to have a lunch of choice and enjoy the time together.

We will be honoring some special birthday people at the meeting so we hope you come and help us celebrate. The Friendly Service card senders would also love to have your birth date to add to their lists!

MEMBERSHIP: KAY MEISCH

If you are not a member of the Yates County Retired Educators (YCRE) you are encouraged to join our group. There are no dues the first year and after that, the dues are \$5/yr. Retired teachers from Dundee, Penn Yan, and Marcus Whitman are invited to join our group plus retired teachers from other schools, who are now living in Yates County.

If you aren't a member of the New York State Retired Teachers Assoc.(NYSRTA) you should join. The cost of joining is \$30/yr and gives you many benefits such as: travel opportunities, newsletter, insurance, annuity programs and a variety of volunteer and social activities. You can send your \$30 check for NYSRTA membership to: NYSRTA, 8 Airport Park Boulevard, Latham, NY 12110-6414

Being a member of NYSRTA is very important as our officers and delegates continue an aggressive agenda for the betterment of our retired teachers. The President's appeal is for everyone to join which will give needed financial assistance. Last year NYSRTA played a huge part in defeating the proposal to have a constitutional convention.

Remember to bring your NYSRTA membership card to the June luncheon as we'll have a list at each table where people can check their name with the number of their membership. This sign up has been requested by Jane Crosby, CWZ membership Chair. An accurate NYSRTA membership list is crucial as the zone membership is the way delegates to the NYSRTA Convention are chosen, one delegate for every 100 members.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: LYN FITCH

CWZ is collecting items for the Golisano Hospital NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit). Please bring some of the following items to our meeting for the littlest of our future students and CWZ will take it to the hospital. Thank you!

Preemie-infant 0-3 months clothes & socks

Sibling activity supplies

Crayola crayons, markers, colored pencils, stickers, drawing pads

Parent journals and pens

No smaller than 4x6.

Variety of designs for moms & dads

Team Kira meets CWZ in our 50-50

You probably saw the signs this spring about Team Kira (Christensen) as she was undergoing successful treatment at Golisano Children's Hospital. CWZ has chosen Golisano as its community service project for this year. **Our 50-50 will go to the hospital in her honor AND the amount will be matched from our treasury! Let's buy lots of tickets!**

LEGISLATION: NANCY SCHER



Nancy has moved to Canandaigua, and will no longer be chairing this committee. We will certainly miss her and be forever grateful for the contributions she gave to YCRE. We hope she returns to visit!

If you are a person who enjoys keeping up on state news and legislation related to the education of our children, this a perfect spot for you to fill.

Penn Yan Educators Association News

Tina Webber, president of Penn Yan Educators Association is accepting letters of interest for serving on their Executive Council from 7/1/18-6/30/19. Per their constitution, **one retiree** is needed. The position includes attendance at monthly meetings, as well as committee work. The current stipend is \$599. Interest should be expressed by 6/1, and an email (to Tina Webber twebber@pycsd.org) is sufficient.

The Penn Yan Educators Association is planning to honor district retirees at their end of year celebration, which is being held on Thursday, 6/14, at Climbing Bines, beginning at 4pm. PYCSD retirees are welcome and asked to rsvp to Tina at the above email address if planning to attend.