



YATES COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS
Alphabet Soup

YES, WE ARE FINALLY MEETING!

We are happy to say that Yates County Retired Educators are finally going to meet on **October 4th** at the Moose Club. We will start with our business meeting at **11:00 A. M.** followed by a safely delivered and delicious lunch for a cost of \$15 including tip. Masks are not required, but feel free to do what feels comfortable for you. Our tables will be set for six persons rather than eight to allow for more distance. After lunch we will have a sharing/open mike time for all to chat and catch up on what we have been missing with all of our friends. Be sure to read Elaine Gleason's Friendly Service article for more details, and make sure to send in your reservation form by September 24th. We look forward to seeing all of you!!



**Election of Officers
2022-2024**

At our business meeting, we will be electing the members of our 2022-2024 executive team. We certainly thank all of our members who have agreed to stay on. We also thank Mary Hanlon for her years serving as treasure and co-president, and also Amy Stewart who has been our secretary. We are happy to welcome Dee Smart who agreed to fill the secretary position. Here is our team:

- President: Linda Snyder.....snyder2457@hotmail.com
- Vice President: Ronald Miller.....rkmiller@linkny.com
- Secretary: Dee Smart.....deesma@aol.com
- Treasurer: Deb Minor.....dbrminor@gmail.com
- Friendly Service: Elaine Gleasonbug50@eznet.net
- Membership: Kay Meisch.....meisch704@aol.com
- Historian: Connie Castelluzzo...conniecastelluzzo67@gmail.com
- Legislation: Tom Abraham.....Abrahamtk@roadrunner.com
- Community Service: Teresa Ballardtgballard@usa.com
- Past President: Mary Hanlon.....jjkm114@gmail.com

**Address, Phone & Email
Updating**

We are finding that many of your addresses, phone numbers and emails have been changed in the last few years. In order for us to stay in touch with everyone, we asking that you update your current information on the reservation sheet when you return it to Deb Minor. Even if you haven't attended meetings in a while, please update your info, if you wish to continue to receive newsletters and other communication. Deb and all of us will certainly appreciate it. Thanks!!

College Scholarship

We are pleased to report that our first YCREA College Scholarship was presented to Claire Pullen at Penn Yan Academy's Awards Ceremony in June. Claire will be pursuing a degree in early education at Nazareth College this fall, and we wish her success! We hope to continue to offer this scholarship each year to students in Yates County, who wish to enter the field of education. We will continue to accept donations from any of you, who would like to contribute to this fund. **There will be an opportunity to do this by including your contribution with our meeting reservation form or at our meeting. If you haven't already, perhaps you would be willing to donate your 2020 dues (which have been waived) to this scholarship fund. You may send a check to YCREA in care of Deb Minor, 2435 County House Rd., Penn Yan, NY 14527. (phone: 315-536-8483).**

We thank Tom Abraham for his work in creating this, and all of you for your support!





FRIENDLY SERVICE ELAINE GLEASON

We can hope! October is just around the corner and we are hopeful that we will gather once again on Monday October 4 for a time of catching up! At this point, masks are not required, but certainly wear one if you feel more comfortable. The folks at **The Moose** are looking forward to having us back with them. Our tables will be set for set for 6 rather than 8, leaving us a bit more space to sit and our friendly Moose hosts will serve us our buffet meal.

When you arrive and find a seat...you will also find 6 note cards with their envelopes on your table. I would like to ask each one of you to **address the card to someone you think needs to hear from all of us**. You can write the message or leave it blank and I will fill it in, stamp it and mail it. The important thing is you are addressing the card!!! This will help us reach out to many that we are missing.

Our **50/50** at this meeting is going to go to Jack and Laurie Nichiporuk. Jack is the Administrator at The Moose, and Laurie is often one of our servers. Jack is the contact for our lunches and is also the man in the kitchen helping to prepare all of our meals! Jack and Laurie lost their home and all its contents in a fire on August 15. When our Executive Committee met, we decided to help them because they are always so good to us. Let's give back to those who have been so good to us!

At this meeting we will also remember the many special friends we have lost since COVID. Bring your thoughts and stories and we can take time to talk about them and remember the many years of service given to our children!

Thank you to the Friendly Service workers for sending birthday, Christmas, and thinking of you cards to everyone during this time. Please help us by giving us updated addresses and birth-dates! Thank you Meredith Nielsen, Jeannie Schuck, Amy Stewart, Joan Rubin, Anne Meyer-Wilber; and Pam Ayers!

See you on October 4 for a time of fellowship and reminiscing!

MEMBERSHIP KAY MEISCH

Remember NYSTRA is officially now named and has been for over a year Retired Educators of New York (RENY) to better distinguish our state organization. RENY has a membership initiative which lasts until Dec. 31, 2021. Any unit member new or old who is not currently a RENY member or who is delinquent in their dues can join RENY for a three year membership for \$75, a savings of \$15. If you do not desire to join for 3 years at this time for \$75 you can always join for a year for \$30 and in either case, the check can be sent to: **RENY, 8 Airport Park Boulevard, Latham, N.Y. 12110-6414**. Many of our unit members do not belong to the state organization losing out on the benefits of belonging to the organization that serves only retired educators.

Some Key Services that RENY provides are: Legislative Action Committee advocacy on behalf of the members at both the state and federal levels, A health Care Committee, RENY's "Health Insurance information Network", Discounted Insurance Plans, Financial assistance via the DeCormier Memorial Fund and the Unique Friendly Service Program, Hearing aid assistance/discount, Discounted travel through Collette Travel Vacation tours to Europe, U.S.National Parks, South Pacific, China and more, A Friendly Service Committee, A Community Service Committee and the quarterly magazine YORK STATE that reports news and important information from the Zones, with updates on the actions taken by RENY on important State and Federal legislative issues, and Health Care issues.

We certainly hope that our new retirees and present members will be attending the October 4th luncheon and meeting of YCRE at the Moose Club in Penn Yan. Since we did not meet in October 2020 that means that we would encourage all of the 2020 and 2021 newly retired teachers to join us.

Barrie Fleegel Memorial Active Educator Grant 2021

The CWZ has been awarding Barrie Fleegel Memorial Grants to full time educators who are enrolled in graduate level classes for over 50 years. The applicants are judged on financial need, non paid school involvement, service to their communities and exemplary achievements. We are happy to say that one of those recipients for 2021 is Dundee CSD teacher Erin Brooks, who teaches physical education. We recognize and congratulate Erin on her accomplishments.

