



BRTA NEWSLETTER

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Spring Edition

April, 2024

Upcoming Events

May 23, 2024--

Spring Luncheon at
The Columns Ban-
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June 11, 2024--

Don Guerra Open
at Terry Hills. Infor-
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September 4, 2024

Annual Meeting
and Luncheon at
Classics V. Infor-
mation in summer
newsletter

December 5, 2024

Holiday Luncheon
at Salvatore's. In-
formation in fall
newsletter

President's Message

I hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to the spring and summer seasons. This winter season saw a sharp decline in snowfall when compared with the previous season. That is always fine with me!

It was nice to see all of you who attended the winter luncheon at Sean Patrick's. I hope that you enjoyed the luncheon and a chance to reconnect with people with whom you worked. The staff at Sean Patrick's always does such a nice job. They are very easy to work with. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the split club ticket sales. Your generosity enabled BRTA to make a nice donation to the Variety Club Telethon to benefit Children's Hospital.

The spring luncheon will be held at The Columns Banquets in Elma on May 23rd. It is located on Transit Road near Route 16. We had many positive comments about this restaurant last year. The reservation form is on page 6. Please be aware of the reservation deadline.

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News briefs

NYSUT Member Benefits:

All retired teachers are members of NYSUT and are eligible to use the benefits. Go to memberbenefits.nysut.org. For more information, go to page 5.

Volunteer Opportunity:

All Meals on Wheels in the Buffalo area are in need of volunteers in various capacities. Google Meals on Wheels for more information and a location near you.

Community Activity:

Earth Day Market

Saturday, April 27 11am-3pm FREE

Pre-registration requested
www.TIFFT.com

Small businesses at indoor market. Kids' craft available. Bring a used book (adult's or children's) to trade at our Book Swap.

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph Brunner

Marilyn Murak

Donna Czwajdak

Nancy Nyitrai

Judith Eigner

Terry Page

Betty Evans

Arthur (Art) Parks

Constance B. Eve

Richard (Dick) Pauly

Patricia Gee

Peter Schifferli

Patrick Giles

Salvatore Sedita

David Greco

Irene Seitz

Ralph Wilde

BRTA would like to acknowledge the passing of those who served the children of Buffalo. If you would like to have someone included in the "In Memoriam" listings, please notify Josephine Cross (636-3014).

Anniversary Congratulations

Leonard and Marcia Saran--65 years

Frequently Requested Numbers

Website: www.brta.biz Email: brtamembership@yahoo.com

President: Thomas Giambra 716-877-7796

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued from page 1)

You should have received an invitation from the Benefits Office to attend one of three seminars to compare traditional Medicare and the Independent Health Passport PPO. This is a Medicare Advantage plan available to you. The first seminar occurred before this newsletter was mailed. The other dates are April 30 and May 15, 2024. As always, please be sure that the Independent Health Plan meets your needs before you make a switch from traditional Medicare.

The annual BRTA Golf Tournament will be held at Terry Hills Golf Course on June 11, 2024. I need to thank Steve Parada for all his work in organizing and running this event. More information can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

I hope to see you at the Spring Luncheon. Until then, stay well and take care!

---Tom Giambra

VACATION OPPORTUNITY

Perfect Florida vacation getaway. Small country cottage located in a quaint town on the East Coast of Central Florida. Book your 2025 vacation now.

New construction. Max occupancy: 2 (single person or couple.) 1 bedroom with queen bed, 1 full bathroom, full kitchen, living area. Private outdoor back patio area for sunning. Laundry facilities available. Wifi, and cable included. Cottage is smoke free and Pet free.

5 miles away from a 17 mile long accessible beach. Easy access to all the popular Theme Parks, the Space Center and excellent local dining. Just bring bathing suit and beach towels.

Rental is by the month for 4 weeks.

To view photos and rental information, go to www.coastalfloridacottage.com

Contact BeachyGator@outlook.com with questions, and information about open dates and prices.

(paid ad)

BUFFALO RETIRED TEACHERS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

THE DON GUERRA OPEN

The annual golf outing will be held at Terry Hills Golf Course, 5122 Clinton Street, Batavia. The course is 1 mile east of Batavia on Rte 33...8 minutes from NYS Thruway Exit 48.

It will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. Report and sign in is at 11:15 AM, but no later than 12:00PM. The cost per golfer is \$50.00 and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, and a hot dog or hamburger before tee-off

Reservations should be received no later than June 1, 2023. Foursomes and Individuals welcome. See reservation form below. --Steve Parada

Buffalo Retired Teachers Annual Golf Outing

The Don Guerra Open

Make checks payable to **Buffalo Retired Teachers Association**

Mail entry and check to: Stephen Parada 23 Tremont Avenue Kenmore, NY 14217

FOURSOMES OR INDIVIDUALS WELCOME

Name(s), Address (es) and Phone (s)

You may contact Steve with inquiries by phone, 716-875-3392, or email, srada48@yahoo.com

Your Benefits as a Member of NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL #44

When a member of the Buffalo Teachers Federation retires, he or she retains membership in NYSUT and becomes a member of NYSUT Retiree Council #44. In addition to BTF retirees, the council includes those individuals who belonged to Buffalo Educational Support Team (BEST). Transportation Aides of Buffalo (TAB) and Substitutes United Buffalo (SUB). You join over 260,000 NYSUT retirees across the state. As a member of RC#44 you have access to the following:

1. NYSUT Member benefits including discounts on things such as phone service, rental cars, appliances, and insurance programs. The Peer Support Line and the Calm subscription subscriptions are also available through Member Benefits. Visit <http://MemberBenefits.NYSUT.Org> for more information.
2. NYSUT Social Services to help you and your family navigate the system of hospital and elder care as the need arises. Visit www.NYSUT.org/social_services
3. A yearly pocket calendar that is mailed to you with your NYSUT membership card. Your membership card can also be found on NYSUT's website at nysut.org.
4. Social activities such as luncheons, trips and conferences.
5. Support for receiving negotiated post-employment benefits.
6. A regional NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant, Janet Goddard can be reached at the NYSUT office (716-634-7132) or by email at janet.goddard@nysut.org
7. Publications from NYSUT such as **NYSUT UNITED** and our Retiree Council newsletter, **Buffalo Retiree**.
8. Advocacy through NYSUT legislative and political departments and VOTE/COPE to protect earned benefits such as social security, pension and health care.
9. Continued membership in the American Federation of Teachers (AFT). Retirees are also eligible for AFT Member Benefits. Visit aft.org
10. Membership in the New York State Alliance of Retired Americans
11. Lifetime membership in the National Education Association is available for a one-time payment of \$300.

Please contact Sara Rodland (sarasarasara2008@live.com), president of NYSUT Retiree Council #44, with any questions you may have in regard to your membership.

BUFFALO RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Cordially invites Members and Guests to attend the

BRTA Spring Luncheon

To be held at

The Columns Banquets

2221 Transit Road Elma, New York 14059

(716-674-3241)

On Thursday, May 23, 2024

Social Hour: 11:15 AM Complimentary Fruit Punch and Cash Bar

Luncheon: 12:15 PM Choice of:

1. Chicken Marsala--topped with a mushroom Marsala sauce
2. Oven roasted Salmon--with lobster dill sauce
3. Breaded Pork Loin--with homemade pork gravy
4. Vegetable Lasagna--baked and topped with marinara sauce

Luncheon includes Garden Salad, Roll and Butter, Potato, Vegetable, Dessert and Beverage

Cost: \$40.00 for members--\$45.00 for non-member guests

(BRTA subsidizes cost for members)

Payment: due by **WEDNESDAY, May 8, 2024**

Payable to: Buffalo Retired Teachers Association

Mail to: Elisa Harting, 344 Parker Ave., Buffalo, NY 14216 (716-838-3708)

N.B. NO CASH REFUNDS GIVEN AFTER RESERVATION DEADLINE

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ BRTA member Yes ___ No ___

Meal Choice _____

Name _____ BRTA member Yes ___ No ___

Meal Choice _____

Name _____ BRTA member Yes ___ No ___

Meal Choice _____