

Congratulations to the following couples who have celebrated their 50th anniversary:

Gene and Joanie Long

Michael and Jean Fitzpatrick

Michael and Judith Cimato

Tom and Candy Zak

Announcement:

The BRTA Card Club will not meet during the holiday season. The next session will be January 18, 2021 at 10 AM.

Happy Holidays from your friends at BRTA



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IN MEMORIAM

Donald Beck	Claire Lrvi (nee Levy)
Timothy Burns	Ida Mruk
Anthony Coppola	Raymond Multerer
Judith Frazier	Hortense Nash
Robert Hickey, Jr.	Mina Neidrauer
William Hulme	Rose Sapecky
William Klein	Anne Schulz
Jeanette Licata	Joyce Siegal
	Salvatore Termini

BRTA would like to acknowledge the passing of those teachers 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).

Correction:

Our last newsletter incorrectly included

Anthony Catalfamo

in our "In Memoriam". We apologize for this error.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe during this most difficult time. This has been a trying time for all. Hopefully things will start to improve soon.

I regret to inform you that BRTA has had to cancel the Holiday Luncheon at Salvatore's. First of all, gatherings are still limited to fifty people. It does not seem that the restriction will be lifted anytime soon. Second, it seems that the pandemic is getting worse. Who can tell when it will be safe to have a gathering of over 250 people? Canceling the luncheon was the only choice that the organization could make at this time.

This is the third luncheon that we have had to cancel this year. I would never have guessed that a situation would arise that would force us to do this. Also, the BRTA Board of Directors has not had a face-to-face meeting since January.

The fall luncheon for 2021 has been set for September 8th at the Millennium Hotel. The 2021 Holiday Luncheon will be held at Salvatore's on December 2nd. We have not set the dates for the winter or spring luncheons. We hope that we will be able to arrange these two events. However, that will depend on the pandemic. If things improve, we will still have time to make arrangements for those two events.

I would like to thank the BRTA Board of Directors for their efforts during this most difficult year. For example, the Scholarship Committee was able to award three scholarships to well deserving students of the Buffalo Public Schools. Thank you, Committee Chair Clarann Josef and the members of the committee. Also, thank you, Linda and Steve Parada, for all of your work on the membership renewal campaign. I need to thank Elisa Harting for all her work on the newsletters which BRTA sends to its members.

Please be aware that the Benefits Office will soon be sending out the coupons to those retired teachers who need to make payments for their health coverage. The notice that we recently received from the Benefits Office about changing health coverage included information about making the required payments. The notice included a new address to which the payments are to be sent after January 1, 2021.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of BRTA, I want to wish you a wonderful Holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year. I hope we can all get together again soon.

Best wishes to all, Thomas Giambra