

# Spotlight 21

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## ***A Message From***

## ***President Joan Perrini***



### **IS IT SPRING YET?**

By the time you read this, spring will have arrived at exactly 4:57 pm on March 20. After one of the worst winters I can remember, I certainly hope that all memory of the misery of snow, slush and brutal cold has begun to fade and we can all start looking forward to the warmth and beauty of the season.

So in that spirit, let's take a look at what RC21 has planned for some fun and enjoyment:

- In May 2014, we'll have a fantastic, 12-day trip to Israel, Jordan and the Holy Land.
- In June we have a trip to eastern Long Island that includes a stop at Sylvester Manor, a former slave plantation on Shelter Island .
- A trip to Coney Island
- A tour and lunch at Oheka Castle
- Depending on ticket availability this summer or fall, we will try to get tickets to the play, "Beautiful," about Carol King's life.
- This Fall we will have a cruise on the Connecticut River at Essex and a New Hampshire foliage tour.
- Also in Fall we may be able to book a trip to Biltmore House in North Carolina.
- The annual Awards Luncheon for all of our hard-working members at the lovely West Sayville Country Club

- Defensive Driving to improve our drives through the country
- In addition to these, we have some interesting programs and speakers for our meetings including the "Joys of Aging" (there actually are a few) that covers information from the Office of the Aging on Medicare with questions and concerns.

### **DATES FOR ALL THESE EVENTS CAN BE FOUND IN EVERY ISSUE OF THE SPOTLIGHT.**

Applications will be available at General Membership Meetings and on our website at [rc21.ny.aft.org](http://rc21.ny.aft.org).

But while we think about the joys of spring, we cannot forget some of the devastating things that have affected our teachers and our union this winter. We currently have a Governor, a legislature, and an Education Commissioner in New York State that are all working against us. Our Congress is determined to privatize Social Security and Medicare, which will not only affect new retirees, but will impact those of us who are already retired and depend on the promises made to us by law.

And it is for these reasons that RC21 directs its focus on political action so you can learn what can be done, not only to preserve our benefits, but to help preserve our public schools and inevitably our middle class society.

So please join us for the fun while you continue to get the details on what affects our lives, our welfare and our future.

**RC 21 Benefits Committee** is planning a trip to:

### **Shelter Island to tour Sylvester Manor**

#### **Date TBA**

Includes tour of working farm, 1810 Dommy Windmill, archaeological remains and more.

Lunch at **Kyles Restaurant** on Shelter Island and then a stop at **Greenport Village** concluding with a stop at **Briermere Farms**.

Suggested Reading: **The Manor: Three centuries at a Slave Plantation on Long Island by Mac Griswold**. This is a non-fiction story of a uniquely American place that has endured throughout three and a half centuries in the hands of the Sylvester family. The book provides a look at the extensive and little known story of Northern slavery.

## ***Did you move or have a phone number change?***

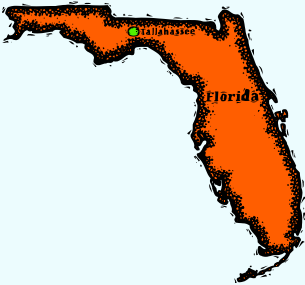
To inform NYSUT of these changes you can go through your chapter President or make the changes known directly to NYSUT Member Records at (800) 341 - 9810 ext. 6224. You can also inform Membership in writing to:

NYSUT Member Records  
800 Troy-Schenectady Road  
Latham, NY 12110

You can email your notice of change to: [memberec@nysutmail.org](mailto:memberec@nysutmail.org)

**If you are a snowbird, it takes a few weeks to change the address each way, so consider sending change a week or two in advance of move.**

RC 21 wishes to inform NYSUT retirees living in or visiting Florida that they are invited to attend meetings of "Teacher Retirees in Florida" (TRIF). Members living in Florida have the unique benefit of being able to join a NYSUT/TRIF Unit as well as retaining membership in their home Retiree Councils and locals. (Remember, you must retain membership in your original local retiree chapter in order to retain NYSUT benefits). Snowbirds may want to attend TRIF meetings as well.



Listed below are TRIF Units across the state of Florida:

Clearwater	Space Coast (Melbourne area)
Daytona	Nature Coast (Spring Hill area)
First Coast (St. Augustine area)	Greater Naples
Sarasota	Jupiter
Southeast Florida (Boynton Beach area)	Treasure Coast (Stewart, Palm City area)
Orlando	

For information about Florida NYSUT/TRIF meetings where you live or visit, contact:

**Maxine Knisley, Membership Chair NYSUT RC 43**  
(772) 321 - 4974 or email: [mxknisley@aol.com](mailto:mxknisley@aol.com)

## **LIRDC**

(LI Retiree Delegates Council)

### **Legislative Luncheon**

Meet your NYSUT Delegates and NY State Political Leaders from LI. Get a chance to speak with our lawmakers at this crucial time when Social Security, Medicare, Pensions, and Education are being unfairly attacked.

**Day & Date: Friday, May 9, 2014**  
**Time: 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
**Location: Woodbury Country Club**  
**Cost: \$40 per person (Check payable to LIRDC\*\*\*)**  
**\*\*\*Contact your retiree chapter President for payment information**  
**First registered basis - Space is limited!**  
**Respond as soon as possible.**

Mail check to: Louise Levine-Rosenthal, 4 Admiral Road, Massapequa, NY 11758

Download full application form from our website: [rc21.ny.aft.org](http://rc21.ny.aft.org)



### **Feeling Calm**

*Science has never drummed up quite as effective a tranquilizing agent as a sunny Spring day.*

—W. Earl Hall

# Bits and Pieces

## **RC 21 Elections to be held on May 13, 2014 at General Meeting**

Positions are: President  
1st and 2nd Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Three delegates to NYSUT  
Two alternate positions for delegate

### **All Terms are 3 years**

Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

#### Current Slate

President:	Joan Perrini
Vice President 1st:	Simonne Harkavy
Vice President 2nd:	Marilyn Aitken
Secretary:	Julia Arena
Treasurer:	Richard Walters

Delegates: Marilyn Aitken, Marie Kanzler,  
Joan Perrini

Alternate Delegates: Tim Wood

## **RC 21 & Liberty Mutual offering Defensive Driving Course**

*Tuesday - April 29, 2014*

*9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

*At West Islip Public Library*

*Cost: \$40 Check made payable to RC 21*

*Continental breakfast and lunch*

*Bring your driver's license*

*Send your application to:  
Simonne Harkavy, 104 Raleigh Ln, W.I. 11795*

**Get the application form from**  
[rc21.ny.aft.org](http://rc21.ny.aft.org)

*First 40 registrants will be accepted.*

## **Continuing Education Grant Applications**

May be picked up at our next  
**General Membership Meeting**

West Islip Public Library.  
Applications are due on or before  
**April 30, 2014**

**Send Application to:**  
**Simonne Harkavy**  
**104 Raleigh Lane**  
**West Islip, NY 11795**

## Why Donate to VOTE/COPE ?

Your contributions helped NYSUT :

- Get NY Patient Admission Status Notification Bill which requires hospitals to notify patients of their admission status. This safeguards follow-up nursing home and rehab services.
- Lobbying efforts (along with AFT and ARA) to convince President Obama to remove the Chained CPI from his budget. This helps secure our COLA adjustments to Social Security.
- Work to support fighting Governor Cuomo's budget proposal to discontinue reimbursing the Medicare Part B IRMAA surcharges.

**Contact VOTE/COPE**  
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**Latham, NY 12110**

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## **RC 21 Meeting Dates 2014**

### **General Membership**

West Islip Public Library  
Higbie Lane/Montauk Hwy.  
10:15 a.m. - 12 noon

<p>Change of Date May 13, 2014 Election of officers &amp; delegates</p>
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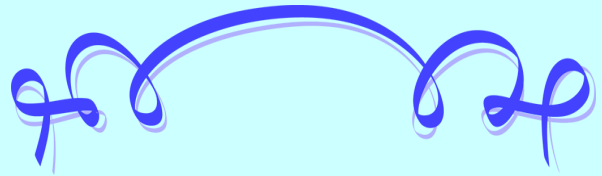
<p>June 17, 2014 Awards Luncheon Meadow Edge Restaurant @ West Sayville Country Club</p>
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### **Executive Board Meetings**

NYSUT Office  
150 Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge (Citibank Building)  
10:15 a.m. - 12 noon

<p>May 6, 2014</p>
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<p>June 3, 2014</p>
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## **RC 21 Calendar 2014**

### **Upcoming Events**

April 24, 2014  
Little Odessa & Coney Island

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May 9, 2014  
Legislative Luncheon  
Woodbury Country Club  
(See flyer in Newsletter)

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June 17, 2014  
Awards Luncheon

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Date TBA  
Tour Sylvester Manor, Shelter Island

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August Wednesday TBA  
NYC Broadway Play  
*Beautiful* (40 tickets only)

Get details & registration forms online at  
our website:

<http://rc21.ny.aft.org>

and at General Membership Meetings.  
Reservations accepted on a first-come basis.