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From Your President:

Summer is almost here and we all look forward to a time of relaxation and reflection. RC 10 will be doing its part with an array of summer and fall social and travel events.

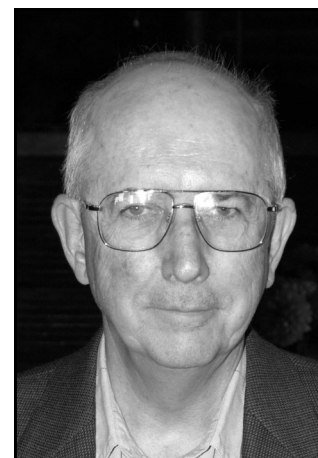
There is a great trip to Cooperstown and the Glimmerglass Opera that includes bus, tickets and lunch at the Otesaga Hotel. All the relaxing food and fun is yours with no driving or parking issues to worry about. **August 7** will be a day you will fully enjoy and always remember. If the word "opera" puts you off, take another look. It's really a work by George Gershwin, and in English. You get to experience a famous American work performed by a first-rate company in a nationally acclaimed venue, and good food as well! Try it--you will like it!

Can't wait for August? Try the annual spring luncheon on **June 1** at the Shaker Ridge Country Club near Albany Airport. This is always a good meal and social occasion. The venue is beautiful. You will get a chance to see and hear about each of the four students we have granted scholarships to this year. They come from all four counties in our service area. It is also a time to honor four of our own from these same four counties by presenting these awards in their honor. These honorees have served you, the members, well. Come and have a fun day and enjoy good food and companionship.

For those who have had the pleasure of our annual trip to the Culinary Institute of America and various mansions and sites of the mid-Hudson valley, it's time to get on board again. The trip will go on **Tuesday June 6**, and already has a substantial enrollment. Don't think about it too long or you may miss the bus. This year's attendees will be enjoying a three-course meal at the Caterina de' Medici Restaurant, the Italian Restaurant at the CIA and an hour-long tour of the school's kitchens. The afternoon Hudson River Mansion tour by the National Park Service will be the Frederick Vanderbilt's "Gilded Age" home and estate in Hyde Park.

Our annual trip to NYC for a day on your own will be going on **June 24**. See the notice and sign on for a fun day exploring the Big Apple to see what you want to see and do what you want to do. This ever-popular option will fill quickly so get your plans made and reservations in.

If you prefer to wait until the heat of summer has abated, take a look at the trip to wine country in the Finger Lakes. This **September 12-14** sojourn gives you a close-up look at the wine making process and a chance to enjoy the food and wine of this great Central NY region. You also get a bit of history, and especially history related to the Women's Rights movement in America which changed not only our country but is still helping to change the world.



DAVID GOLDEN

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RC 10 NEEDS YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS!



This will be the last print issue of Skyline News until September. It is crucial that RC 10 have the e-mail addresses of members so that news of travel and other issues can be communicated. If you did not receive a pdf of this issue by e-mail, it means we do not have your e-mail on file. Sign up on <http://rc10.ny.aft.org>, or send your e-mail address and contact info to nysutrc10@gmail.com.

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SAVE THESE DATES—TRAVEL AND SOCIAL CALENDAR!!!!

SEPTEMBER 2-14, 2017, PORTUGAL AND THE DOURO RIVER—THIS TRIP IS FILLED.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017, ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON. The Annual Spring Luncheon will be at the Shaker Ridge Country Club (802 Albany Shaker Road in Colonie, near the Albany County Airport). The noon luncheon will be preceded by a business meeting at 11:15 am. The highlight will be the celebration of the RC 10 scholarship winners and RC 10 honorees. Entrée selections will be Turkey Breast, Sliced Roast Beef, or Baked Atlantic Salmon and will include salad, dessert, and coffee/tea. The price, including tax and gratuity, is \$26. Please complete the reservation form and send it with a non-refundable check payable to NYSUT Retiree Council 10 to **Kathryn Chesterfield, 12 Heritage Court, Cohoes, NY 12047** by May 25, 2017. Telephone: **518 235-0264**.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017, CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA ANNUAL SPRING TRIP. This year's attendees will be enjoying a three-course meal at the Caterina de'Medici Restaurant, the Italian Restaurant at the CIA. The first course will be "Asparagi E Riccia," an asparagus salad with frisée, egg and smoked bacon. The main course will be "Spalla Di Vitello," roasted veal with mixed seasonal vegetables and potatoes. For dessert, we will have "Budino Al Fichi," armagnac-fig bread pudding with creme fraiche and candied nuts. Includes coffee, tea, or iced tea. A one-hour guided tour of the CIA complex is scheduled prior to lunch. The afternoon Hudson River Mansion tour by the National Park Service will be the Frederick Vanderbilt's "Gilded Age" home and estate in Hyde Park. Charter bus departure points will be 7 am from Aviation Mall in front of Sears, 7:15 am from Northway Exit 15 Park and Ride in front of Dick's, and 8 am from the rear of Crossgates Commons near Pet Smart. The bus should be back in Albany around 5:30. The price including the meal, transportation, fees, taxes, and tips is \$90 for those members who have paid the annual sustaining membership fee. Price is \$95 for guests and members who have not paid the annual sustaining membership fee. Using the form below, be sure to list your place of pickup and house and cell phone numbers. Make your non-refundable check payable to NYSUT Retiree Council 10 and send to **Dan Boone, 187 Aldous Road, Granville, NY 12832** by May 30. Any questions, call Dan at home in the evenings: **518-642-1075**.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017, JOY BEAR PROJECT. Come help with this amazing service project for cancer patients. See Page 4 for info.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2017, GLIMMERGLASS IN COOPERSTOWN, NY. Enjoy a summer day at Glimmerglass listening to Porgy and Bess, George Gershwin's classic "folk opera" that deals with the attempt of Porgy, a disabled beggar, to create a home for himself and Bess, a young woman whose troubled past threatens to consume her present. Porgy and Bess is one of the pillars of the American opera repertory, with unforgettable melodies including "Summertime," "Bess, You Is My Woman Now," and "I Got Plenty o' Nuttin." The buffet lunch will be at the Otesaga Hotel. UPSTATE TRAVEL will pick up at Wilton Mall by left side of Dick's by light pole 2 at 9 am and Latham Farms in front of Sam's Club at 9:45 am. The price is \$155 for those members who have paid the annual sustaining membership fee. Price is \$165 for guests and members who have not paid the annual sustaining membership fee. Please complete the reservation form and send it with a non-refundable check payable to NYSUT Retiree Council 10 to **Kathryn Chesterfield, 12 Heritage Court, Cohoes, NY 12047**, by July 15. Telephone: **518-235-0264**.

SEPTEMBER 12 TO 14, 2017, A TASTE OF THE FINGER LAKES TOUR. We'll travel by Yankee Trails Bus to visit five prominent wineries in Seneca and Keuka Lakes area, as well as distinguished sights of interest. A thorough orientation to wine making, as well as tastings, will be included. Particular highlights will include lunch at Belhurst Castle, the Glenn H. Curtis Museum, The Rose Hill Mansion, and both the National Women's Hall of Fame and The Women's Rights National Historic Park. We will stay two nights at the Best Western PLUS Vineyard Inn and Suites in Penn Yan. There will be a departure from Wilton Mall (from the Park and Ride at Dick's) at 8 am and Latham Farms (in front of Dick's) at 8:45 am. We should return to those locations at approximately 5 pm and 6 pm on September 14. Activities are moderately strenuous. Shoulders and elbows should be in good shape! This tour will fill quickly, so don't delay! **COST:** Price is \$370 for those members who have paid the annual sustaining membership fee. Price is \$390 for guests and members who have not paid the annual sustaining membership fee. If you're traveling as a single, there would be an additional cost of \$136. Most meals are included, as well as gratuities. **Costs Not Included:** one lunch and any possible purchases of alcohol. A minimum **deposit of \$100** is due by May 1 with the balance due by July 15. Make your non-refundable check payable to NYSUT Retiree Council 10 and send to **Doug Porter, 9 Blakley Court, Troy, NY 12180**. To register or if you have any questions, contact **Doug Porter 518-669-3433** or e-mail dporter1950@aol.com.

OCTOBER 5, 2017, SHELburne MUSEUM AND SHELburne FARMS. A one-day trip at the peak foliage season to the Shelburne Museum located in Vermont's scenic Champlain Valley. This museum is one of the finest, most diverse and unconventional museums of art and Americana in New England. There are over 39 buildings open with 21 beautiful gardens and the old side wheel steamboat Ticonderoga just to name a few of the many attractions. At 3:30 we will travel to Shelburne Farms, where we will have a guided tour of the Webb (Vanderbilt) country estate as well as the cheese making operation and other parts of this property designed by Frederick L. Olmstead, who designed Central Park. We will have dinner at a restaurant on Shelburne Road (all costs are included) before returning to Albany around 9:30-10:00 p.m. The bus pick-ups will be at three locations: Albany at 7:15 a.m. at the lower level of Crossgates Commons, Saratoga at 8:15 a.m. at Exit 15 Park and Ride (Wilton Mall close to Dick's Sporting Goods), and Glens Falls at 8:30 a.m. at the Aviation Mall in front of Sears. The total cost, including dinner, transportation, and tips, plus admission is \$90 for those members who have paid the annual sustaining membership fee. Price is \$95 for guests and members who have not paid the annual sustaining membership fee. Reservations must be made by September 1, 2017. Make your non-refundable check payable to NYSUT Retiree Council 10 and send to Daniel D. Boone, 187 Aldous Road, Granville, NY 12832. Any questions: contact Dan at **518-642-1075 in the evening**.

OCTOBER 10, 2017, FALL LUNCHEON AT NYSUT. At the Retiree Council 10's fall luncheon and general meeting, Peter Savage, Senior Legislative Representative for NYSUT, will provide information on the Constitutional Convention. More information will follow.

APRIL 16-26, 2018, ESSENTIAL HOLLAND: TULIPS IN SPRING. Join RC10 and Alice Schielke for a captivating nine-night river cruise from Amsterdam, Holland, to Brussels, Belgium, during spring's magical tulip time. This cruise offers an exceptional mix of beautiful landscapes, UNESCO heritage cities, history, art and cultural connections. Enjoy a canal cruise and a guided tour of the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. Visit the UNESCO city of Kinderdijk, where you'll visit a working windmill and tour the Dutch countryside. Feast your eyes upon a sea of tulips at the famed Keukenhof Gardens and visit a bulb grower farm to learn about the flower trade. Tour Antwerp and Bruges, where you'll be treated to another canal cruise. Choose between an art museum or WWII history museum, listen to a lecture on transatlantic relations at the Roosevelt Study Center, enjoy an aperitif in a local home, opt for sampling Belgian Culinary Delights or even an optional tour of the famed Red Light District of Amsterdam—truly something for everyone!!! All of this while traveling in comfort with Vantage Deluxe World Travel on the Ms. River Splendor, a ship designed with the American traveler in mind. (Warning: don't come planning to diet!) Priced at an exceptional \$4,048 per person (Cat. D, shared cabin), including air from JFK. Bus from Albany to be arranged. Limited singles available; supplement applies. Much more than can be listed here. For flyer and registration information, contact: **Alice Schielke: aliceschielke@gmail.com or 518-368-9009**.

When registering for a trip, please remember that a **member of RC 10** is anyone who has retired from a NYSUT local that is located in Albany, Saratoga, Rensselaer, or Washington counties or is a Social Member who has retired from a NYSUT local in some other part of the state and has paid member fees to his/her Council and a social membership fee to RC 10. Anyone who did not retire as an in-service member of a NYSUT local is not eligible for sustaining or social membership and must pay the guest registration fee. A **sustaining member** has paid the annual sustaining membership fee for the fiscal year that is from July 1 to June 30.

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From Your President (Cont'd. from Page 1)

The Shelburne Museum Trip on **October 5** is just coming out, but now is the time to get on the list before it fills up. The beauty of the Champlain valley and the diverse exhibits and sights are always popular. The scenery of Vermont in September is not to be missed. The food is good too! See the posting in the travel section on the next page, and don't wait to sign up!

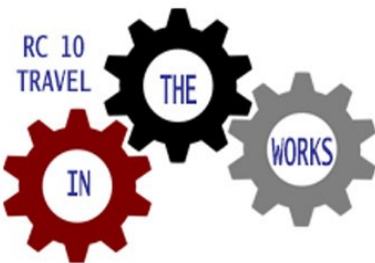
OCTOBER 10, 2017, FALL LUNCHEON AT NYSUT. At Retiree Council 10's fall luncheon and general meeting, Senior Legislative Representative for NYSUT Peter Savage will provide information on the Constitutional Convention. Save the date and learn about how your pension and benefits are at risk and what you can do to safeguard yourself. Check the website or look information in your e-mail inbox, if you are on our list.

So why is my emphasis this time on your options for fun and travel? Why not the usual legislation and policy issues? Well there are a number of compelling reasons for that. First of all, we have been there and done that. Next, let's face it, we can all use a bit of down time to relax and recharge. Let's also not lose sight of the fact that NYSUT has had to economize some to carry on the battle for teachers' rights and entitlements. One of those is to reduce the number of print issues of the Skyline News that we are able to send you. We have to get that travel and social information out when we can, and not necessarily when you might be most focused on the time of the trip or event. For many of these popular events, it is a question of, we tell you now, or risk missing it altogether.

"If you did give us your home e-mail address, we can and will try to keep you abreast of changes and options. If you will not share that with us and/or NYSUT, then you might just miss out on something that is important to you."

The attack on teachers' rights and pensions is not limited to the Constitutional Convention question. It also requires us all to change the ways we do business. Procrastinate about registering and miss the bus or see the event cancelled for lack of enrollment. If you did give us your home e-mail address, we can and will try to keep you abreast of changes and options. If you will not share that with us and/or NYSUT, then you might just miss out on something that is important to you. Take this trip information and save it. Send in your registration using the form printed below. Put the RC 10 website on your browser favored list, and check it frequently for updates. Get on our e-mail list. Don't miss out!

~David Golden, President



RC 10 wanted to give its members advance notice as to what trips are being planned for 2018. Pricing will not be available until the spring of 2017, but we make our best efforts to find quality programs for a good price. Keep an eye on future newsletters, emails, and the website for more information about these trips.

MARCH 2018, OUT AND ABOUT IN NEW ORLEANS: JAZZ, JAMBALAYA, AND JOIE DE VIVRE. Enjoy 6 days/5nights at an historic hotel in the French Quarter. See the magic of New Orleans: Jazz on Bourbon Street, a miraculous bowl of gumbo, a Garden District mansion. Discover the literary landmarks of Tennessee Williams, meet a Mardi Gras Indian, learn the secrets of creole cooking from a local chef, etc. Visit the WW II Museum and the Museum of Art, and have an expert lead exploration of the Garden District. Have time on your own to stroll Bourbon Street, walk the levee, eat beignets and Muffaletta sandwiches or ride a streetcar named Desire.

MAY 2018, ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES. This 15-day excursion will include two days in London; two days in Cheltenham Village (incl. Oxford, Cotswolds Village, Bath, and Stonehenge); two days in Snowdonia, Wales; three days in York; one day in the Lake District to the northwest; and three days in Edinburgh, Scotland.

OCTOBER 2018, SANTA FE AND TAOS: A TALE OF TWO CITIES. The highlights of this trip will include collections of pottery, weaving, baskets, jewelry, paintings only seen by the public via special invitation at the Indian Arts Research Center; a lecture about the life and art of Georgia O'Keeffe and a tour of her museum; a day in Taos and a visit to Taos Pueblo, the only living Native American community designated both a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and a National Historic Landmark; and visits to Santuario de Chimayó, Santa Clara Pueblo, Poeh Museum will introduce us to chilis, Hispanic weaving and Pueblo Pottery. And much more!

WATCH FOR NEWS ON A NEW SERIES OF TRAVEL TRIPS—VISIT THE CITIES OF THE USA. In the upcoming years, RC 10 will sponsor trips in the spring and fall that will focus on educational and enlightening experiences in the cities of our country. Trips will be approximately one week in length and will usually feature a single stay hotel in the heart of the featured city. Keep an eye on future newsletters, emails, and the website for the cities we will be touring.

GET TRIP INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS ON THE WEB! Here's how: 1) Log on to <http://rc10.ny.aft.org>. 2) Click on ACTIONS & EVENTS menu, and 3) Click the Travel & Social tab. The generic travel/form (printed below) is a pdf file on this page.

TRAVEL/SOCIAL GENERIC REGISTRATION FORM

(If you are signing up for more than one activity, or will be taking a guest, please copy this form and fill in the appropriate information.)

Name _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone* _____
*Take phone to event

Email _____ Registering for: Event & Date _____

Check One: For 2016-2017,
() RC10 Member who has paid the annual sustaining membership fee
() Guest or Member who has not paid the annual sustaining membership fee

Event Selections:

For Luncheons/Meals, Entrée of Choice _____ For Trips, Pick Up Location _____

Other notes (Keep it Simple): _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Retiree Council 10 is pleased to announce its scholarship recipients for 2017: **Megan Anders** from Guilderland High School in Albany County; **Jamie Salerno** from Averill Park High School in Rensselaer County; **Victoria Breslin** from Saratoga Springs High School in Saratoga County, and **Samantha Markham** from Hudson Falls High School in Washington County. Congratulations to the winners who we look forward to honoring at the RC 10 Spring Luncheon on June 1.

At that luncheon, the following RC 10 members will also be honored for their service to the Council: **Jim Stolis** from Albany County, **Ann Cherney** from Rensselaer County, **Alice Schielke** from Saratoga County, and **Paul Smith** from Washington County.

Special thanks go to this year's Scholarship Committee members: **Janet Breeze, Jeanne Bush, Betty Close, Karen Fein, Deb Gara, Laraine Gillette, Beth Johnson, Judy Markessinis, Barbara McCarthy, and Helen Tamaso.**

NEWS FROM THE RA

RC 10 delegates **Dennis Bouchard, Dan Boone, and Jane Weihe** attended this year's RA, held in NY City April 7 and 8.

RC10 was successful in getting four resolutions introduced at this year's RA. Resolutions 41 and 43 were successfully passed, Resolution 28 was referred to the Board of Directors and Resolution 34 was tabled. Full texts of the resolutions are available at nysut.org.

In addition, Tony McCann, who was unanimously endorsed by RC 10 for Director of ED10, was reelected.

A total of 44 resolutions were considered and an election was held to choose NYSUT officers. Both the Unity caucus and the newer Stronger Together caucus offered candidates for officer positions. Unity caucus candidates Andy Pallotta, Martin Messner, Jolene DiBrango, J. Philippe Abraham, and Paul Pecorale were elected.



RC 10 ON LINE
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RETIREE COUNCIL 10 NOTICE OF ELECTION JUNE 1, 2017

As per the Retiree Council 10 Constitution, the election for officers, delegates, and alternate delegates will be held on June 1 during the business meeting portion of the Spring General Membership Meeting that will start at 11:15, at Shaker Ridge Country Club, 802 Albany Shaker Road, Colonie. Members do not need to attend the luncheon to vote.

Below is the list of nominees for each position whose term of office is July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2020. Nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the election.

The nominations are **President:** David Golden; **First Vice-President:** Jim Stolis; **Second Vice-President:** Ann Cherney; **Secretary:** Laraine Gillette; **Treasurer:** Paula M. Johannessen; **NYSUT Delegates,** Select Three: Dennis Bouchard, Bonita Maxon, and Jane Weihe; **NYSUT Alternates,** Select Three: Deb Escobar, Vince Pelliccia, and Loretta Quigley; **AFT Delegate:** Jim Stolis; **AFT Alternate:** Bonita Maxon.

SHARE SOME JOY!

RC 10 will hold another Joy Bear Workshop on Wednesday, June 7 from 10 am to 12 noon at NYSUT on Route 7 in Latham. Joy Bears are decorated teddy bears that are given to cancer patients to provide comfort as they undergo chemo treatment. It is the hope of the project to get dozens of bears decorated and delivered to cancer patients. This project only asks for your time. All materials are provided free of cost. You do not need to be a long time craft person to make a Joy Bear. Bring a friend or two to help us complete these much appreciated bears. To sign up, please contact Ann Cherney at acherne1@nycap.rr.com or call 982-1923 after 3 p.m. Please help! If you know of a person undergoing treatment for cancer, please contact rc10secretary@hotmail.com and a bear will be sent to that person.

