



RETIREE COUNCIL 10 SKYLINE NEWS

**NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 10: SERVING OVER 11,000 NYSUT
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Welcome to all the new retirees!

Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone. If you need help filling up your newly freed calendar, I hope you can join us for some of our events. I am entering my third year of retirement, and I am STILL having first day of school dreams! It's so strange but it makes me still feel a part of the school year and I love that.

Retiree Council 10 is an active organization. We support our community, union, schools, and each other. Please feel free to reach out to us for anything.

RETIREE COUNCIL 10 INFORMATION:

- As we begin the new school year, our Backpack program through the Regional Food Bank continues. (Page 4)
- Our very own 2nd VP *Sandie Carner-Shafran* was awarded the American Federation of Teachers Gold Recognition Living the Legacy Award honoring 40 years of service and leadership! Sandie is a tireless leader for public education and unions. Congratulations Sandie! This link leads to our website and article: <https://rc10.ny.aft.org/american-federation-teachers-gold-recognition-living-legacy-award>
- The *Labor Day Picnic* will be on *Monday, September 7, 12-4* at the *Joe Bruno Stadium*. (Page 4) Please bring a nonperishable food item. Teamsters will bring their trucks, and our goal is to fill all of them.
- The program and registration for the Fall Annual Meeting is on page 3. *See you there.*

NYSUT NEWS-

August has been a very busy month at NYSUT. We had Candidate Endorsement interviews and the NYSUT Endorsement Conference. At the end of August, Albany hosted the New York State AFL-CIO Endorsement Conference. That's always an exciting event.

Federal School Voucher Program

I mentioned the Federal Voucher program in my last message. NYSUT is continuing to impress on the Governor to *OPPOSE* the *Federal Voucher program*. For more information about NYSUT's campaign, visit: <https://publicschoolsuniteus.org/our-initiatives/voucher-program/the-threat-to-public-schools>. This is the link to a *School Voucher Webinar* by NYSUT: <https://vimeo.com/1212690791/7aaaae72a1>

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The Salamanca City School District *was planning to use a humanoid* named Sally in a high school. New York State Education (*and NYSUT*) acted quickly and currently, the project is put on hold. The hold is completely voluntary by the district. We need legislation to put in guardrails around the use of AI in classrooms. Students need humans not machines acting like humans. NYSUT has written an open letter to Commissioner Rosa, Chancellor Young, the Board of Regents, Governor Hochul, and state legislators. Click the link below to read the letter. <https://www.nysut.org/news/2026/july/open-letter>

This time of year has always been bittersweet for me. Sometimes it's tough saying goodbye to summer but the fall does bring fresh energy. We will be in touch with opportunities for you to join us. I hope everyone enjoys these last few weeks of summer!

In Solidarity, *Tara*



RC 10 CONTRIBUTING FORM

July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027

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Davia Dymond, Membership Director
32 Appletree Lane, Clifton Park, NY 12065
Questions: rc10membership@aol.com



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My job was: _____ Teacher _____ Counselor _____ Medical _____ School Related Professional

If you are interested in volunteering with RC 10, contact rc10communications@gmail.com.

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Contributions: Make contributing checks payable to: **NYSUT Retiree Council 10** and complete the following

Please place an X before the correct statement:

I RETIRED AFTER: _____ **after 2006:** \$20 _____ **after 2006:** pension less than \$25,000, \$10
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_____ I would like to become a **SOCIAL MEMBER** and am including a check for \$20 payable to NYSUT RC 10

I retired in (year) _____ from _____ District in _____ County



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KEEP THIS SECTION AS YOUR 2026-2027 RC 10 CONTRIBUTING RECEIPT.
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For another form and/or more RC 10 information: www.rc10.ny.aft.org

Many of us made contributions for VOTE COPE when we were working? The work of VOTE COPE continues. See what NYSUT has accomplished with our contributions at
<https://rc10.ny.aft.org/why-vote-cope>

Easy to sign up for Pension Contributions by downloading this form [Pension Deduction Form for VOTE COPE](https://rc10.ny.aft.org/sites/default/files/media/documents/2026/2026-08-09%2013-27.pdf) on our website <https://rc10.ny.aft.org/sites/default/files/media/documents/2026/2026-08-09%2013-27.pdf>

RETIREE COUNCIL 10 FALL GENERAL MEETING

October 8, 2026

NYSUT Headquarters, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham

- 8:30 - 9:00 am **Registration**—NYSUT Lobby. Beverages available in the dining room
ALL MEETINGS FOR THE DAY ARE IN THE AUDITORIUM
- 9:00 - 9:45 am **Annual Business Meeting**
- 9:45-10:30 am **Breakfast**—Scrambled eggs, fruit salad, assorted pastries, bacon and skillet fried potatoes
- 10:30-11:15 am **Pete Savage**, Deputy Director of Legislation for NYSUT, and **Peter Kim**, Regional Political Organizer for NYSUT, will share important concerns for the upcoming election.
- 11:25 -12:25 pm **Barry Kaufmann**, President of the New York State Alliance of Retired Americans, will present **Stop the Scam: A Primer for Older Adults**. Hear about the latest techniques scammers are using to steal your important information.
- 12:25 p.m. **Concluding remarks.**

Think about asking a former colleague to join you for this event.

We'll provide a list of recommended local restaurants for lunch so you can extend your day and catch up on how you've been spending your retirement. *Hope to see you there!*

Since your contributions to RC 10 are **subsidizing** this meeting, the price is \$12 per person.

Send the registration form and your check made payable to *Retiree Council 10* to:

RC 10 Secretary: Colleen Condolora
623 Michelle Way, Schenectady, NY 12304.

OR register using this link : <https://forms.gle/cDbHYUGoN5pNGCKYA>

OR QR Code to go to link:

On-line payment uses *PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, Credit or Debit Card*

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ALL registration must be received by October 1.

Questions? RC10communications@gmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM

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RETIREE COUNCIL 10 CONTACT INFORMATION

NYSUT Retiree Council 10 represents retired NYSUT members who were employed in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, or Washington Counties. To receive all information, please update your personal email address and mailing address by contacting rc10communications@gmail.com or completing our membership form on Page 2.

Information from the Council is provided by the *newsletters that are published five times a year* and emails through Action Network and RC10communications@gmail.com on Tuesdays called **Tuesday Tidbits**. The web address for the Council is rc10.ny.aft.org . Join our private **NYSUT Retiree Council 10** Facebook page

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RETIREE COUNCIL SOCIAL JUSTICE EFFORTS

Two efforts that RC 10 has supported with volunteer opportunities (one time or longer commitments) are the Ronald McDonald House and the Regional Food Bank and its Backpack program.

-For the Ronald McDonald House, over 70 people have helped in the past 2 years. Upcoming Days of service in October will be announced soon. Please contact pmjohannessen4@gmail.com to receive information on RC 10's involvement and how you can help.

- Thanks to the dedicated school staff and the Regional Food Bank, most local districts have a **BackPack or School Pantry Program** alleviating food insecurity faced by so many families. Retiree Council 10 is continuing to support these programs during the 2026-27 school year with donations to The Regional Food Bank. Contributions can be made by: give.regionalfoodbank.net/rc10 OR CHECKS payable to: Regional Food Bank. In the memo section, specify school/district. Send to: Matt Miller, 11 Trinity Place, Selkirk, NY 12158. A donation in any amount is appreciated.

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BE ON THE LOOK OUT!

There are many events and activities being planned for NYSUT Retiree Council 10 members. Between newsletters, updates will be on our website <https://rc10.ny.aft.org>, our NYSUT Retiree Council 10 private Facebook page and directly to you via Tuesday Tidbits- emails from rc10communications@gmail.com via Action Network – sent when we have updates.

Current items to watch for:

- Labor Day Picnic at Joe Bruno Stadium Sept. 7- sign up materials coming out soon.
- Meet and Greet: In the works including September 8 at 11 am at Common Roots in South Glens Falls and another one farther south
- Retiree Council 10 (RC 10) Fall Meeting, Breakfast and Conference October 8 at NYSUT in Latham (see page 3)
- Social Justice and Travel and Social opportunities