

Dina Ariemma, RC 10 First Vice President

I began my teaching career at a small country school in the Catskills and finished at Albany High. My first years at both schools happened to be during great turmoil with walkouts by students, conflict between teachers and administrators, and negotiations of contracts. While I was not a union officer, I was part of the rank and file loyally supporting our locals' leaders especially APSTA's great, Bill Richie. I served my union by attending board meetings, joining union rallies, and walking picket lines.

As a teacher during those turbulent times, I believed my job was to keep a calm atmosphere in my classroom and with my students. I firmly believed that our administrators needed to be treated respectfully while conducting their daily administrative duties. We could have differences of opinions, but our goal was the same – to provide our students with a safe and positive environment for learning.

In 2016 when I took my first trip with RC10 to Cuba, I became very interested in being a part of the RC10 Travel Committee. Since then, I have enjoyed planning trips and events for our members. I am a new member of the Scholarship Committee and help each year with the Social Justice Committee's milk and egg coupon sorting. Now I would like to expand my role in RC 10. As First Vice President it would be my duty to support and help the President achieve their goals for the coming 3 years. I will do it to the best of my ability.