

RETIREES OF BRENTWOOD SCHOOLS (ROBS)

NYSUT - AFT - NEA - RC21 - NYSARA - AFL/CIO

Hello Friends and Colleagues,

We hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy during this most unprecedented time. For those of you who retired this year we want to wish you all the very best as you embark on what we hope will be a wonderful and personally fulfilling retirement journey! We welcome you to join ROBS so that you may maintain contact with your colleagues from the district and to form new friendships with our many members.

Since our regular programs, monthly meetings, luncheons and New Years breakfast are all on hold right now you might be thinking that this might not be the time to join ROBS but your thinking would be incorrect! We can and will provide you with up-to-date information on issues of the utmost importance that directly impact the lives of retirees. ROBS goals as an organization align with the goals of NYSUT to provide retirees with the information needed:

- * to defend income security (including Social Security and Medicare)
- * to keep pensions secure
- * to enrich the lives of retiree members through educational and social activities
- * to continue to organize and advocate for and provide services for retired members

Our ROBS award-winning website www.robs.ny.org will inform you as well as entertain you. Please check out our **Announcements** page where we inform you on what is happening with our organization as well as news from our colleagues both in-service and retired. Take a walk down memory lane and peruse the section of the website that contains a comprehensive history of the Brentwood School district. You will find pictures of colleagues, class photos, yearbooks and oral history videos that present a snap-shot of life within the district. The website also contains a calendar of meeting dates and the members of the Executive Board.

The members of ROBS and our parent organization RC21 involve themselves with activities, programs and projects that enrich the lives of the families within our school district and beyond. Some examples would be:

- [Project Hope](#) - adopting 3 - 5 needy families for the holiday season
- [Pronto](#) - collecting canned and dried goods for needy families at each of our monthly meetings
- [St. Patrick's Outreach](#) - monetary donation used for the Back-To-School supplies drive
- [Books To Home Program](#) - providing books and plush stuffed toys to children within the district
- [Food drives](#) - for needy families dealing with food insecurity
- [Scholarships](#) - for deserving Brentwood High School seniors going to pursue degrees in the field of education and health care
- [American Cancer Society](#) - monetary donation to the Breast Cancer Walk

Please join us at the West Islip Public Library on Wednesday, October 6th at 10:15 am for a General Membership meeting of RC21 to learn more about our parent organization. Masks are required to attend. Also please note that due to current circumstances there will be no refreshments served. Please consider joining ROBS. We have included with this letter an application to join. Please take a few moments to do it now while you have it in your hands ... you won't regret joining ... we promise you! **We look forward to seeing you at our regularly scheduled meetings held at the Brentwood Public Library on the 1st Friday of the month at 10 a.m. Please check our ROBS website frequently for important updates.**

Wishing you and yours peace and all good ... until we can be together safely again,

The ROBS Executive Board

