

NEWSLETTER

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Retirees of Brentwood Schools

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After a great job, a lot left to do

Frank Lerche retired in June of 1991 from the Brentwood Sonderning High School Center where he taught Art.

Always an active person, some of us wondered just what he would find to fill up his days besides private art work, which can be isolating.

NOT TO WORRY! Frank found so much to do that even his evenings are booked.

Besides continuing the creation of the lovely Victorian Christmas ornaments he has been making for the Huntington Historical Society's Holiday Boutique, he joined the Fine Arts Department of St. Joseph's College in Patchogue, and now knows the agony of grading term papers. He is in his second year as Yearbook Advisor, and has been supervising and creating sets for the campus Clare Rose Community Playhouse productions.

As if this were not enough, this season he appeared as the lawyer in the production of "Death Trap."

Add to these activities his travel excursions. Last year it was the British Isles. This April he is traveling to Egypt with St. Joseph's Alumni group, "if there's no revolution." And in June, he is taking a group to Paris, Lourdes, and the Riviera. He informs us there are still openings on both tours.

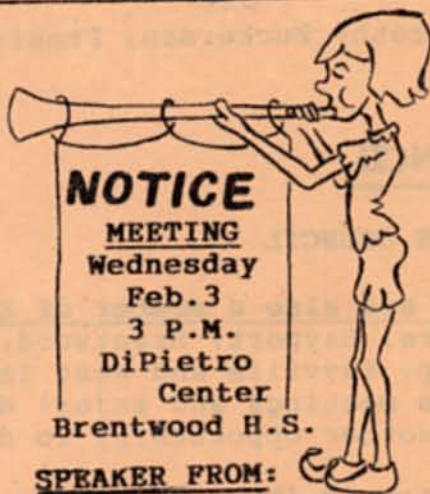
As a result of all this, he can't make ROBS meetings, but he does join us at morning E.D.21 meetings.

Frank is a lesson to all of us that there is a great deal to do out there if one wants to, and also that one thing seems to lead to another.

About that commissioned portrait of our president....

WELCOME TO NEW RETIREES

Jeanne Bukowski
Marie Jarolem
Camille Petrycki
Rita Rosenthal



NOTICE

MEETING
Wednesday
Feb. 3
3 P.M.
DiPietro
Center
Brentwood H.S.

SPEAKER FROM:

UMBRELLA SENIOR HOME SERVICE, LTD.
Seniors Helping
Seniors



From the EDITOR

With this issue, we kick off our first of at least three yearly newsletters. We'll try to pack it full of YOU and the things that suit your lifestyle and needs. To do that we need your input. Send ideas to me at: 11 Yates Avenue, Commack, N.Y. 11725. Enjoy!

Chris Veech

A New Beginning

Once again, the New Year is here with the promise of new beginnings. The joy of starting a new year brings with it the excitement of plans for the future and the anticipation of good things to come. This newsletter is a first for us in 1993. It is our hope that through this format we will be able to bring to you in-depth coverage of such important issues as upcoming legislation affecting retirees, both national and state; discussions of health insurance coverage; what's happening with retirees within NYSUT and AFT; and doings of other retiree chapters here on Long Island and around the state. In addition to all this, we plan to report on the ventures and activities of our own Brentwood retirees.

At the present time, ROBS numbers 192 members - teachers, secretaries and clericals. Our goal is to reach 200 members within the next month. Our communications, including this newsletter, are being sent to members only. If you know any Brentwood retirees who have not yet joined with us, reach out and enroll them as members. Share this newsletter with them. Bring them along to our next meeting. They are still eligible for charter membership at \$15. Let them know that this membership automatically entitles them to all the benefits of NYSUT and AFT that were available when they were employed: legal service plan; insurance, automobile and travel plans; fuel oil discounts, to list just a few. Through the E.D. 21 Retiree Council, they are eligible for a cost-saving dental plan. If all this isn't enough, their membership in ROBS - one of the largest retiree chapters in the state - will make them an integral part of the fastest growing group in the country - active and involved retirees.

Retirees do make the difference, in votes and in efforts. We saw that in the election campaign, and we can prove that in educational matters, in school budget votes, and in legislative issues. We're proud of who we are and what we're doing!

Happy New Year and Happy Days to all the Retirees of Brentwood Schools!

In Unity,

Dorothy Zuckerman, President



NYSUT E.D. 21 RETIREE COUNCIL

REPRESENTATIVE: E.D. 21 RETIREE COUNCIL

Jack Zuckerman

Do you know that if you are a member of ROBS you are also a member of E.D.21 Retiree Council?

The Council includes: Bay Shore, Bayport, Brentwood, Commack, Connetquot, East Islip, Hauppauge, Islip, Sayville and West Islip. All you have to do is show up at one of E.D. 21's meetings and enjoy! NYSUT and AFT have created this structure to give us another opportunity to deal with retiree concerns effectively.

What if you don't have a chapter in your former local? (ROBS does). No problem! You can have direct membership in the E.D. 21 Retiree Council.

How can you receive more information? Speak to your chapter's representative to the Council. Or you may call Jack at 567-3866 directly. Hope to see you at the next meeting on January 19, 1993, 10 A.M. at the Connetquot Library. There will be a featured speaker from the Suffolk Department of Aging.

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and
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3-6 P.M.**

DiPietro Center-Brentwood High School
\$25 Pre-payment by February 12th
Make checks out to ROBS and send to:
Ruth McCalla
100 Columbus Avenue
Central Islip, 11722

* COURSE OPEN TO ALL ROBS MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

UPCOMING ROBS MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31st

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2nd

We are going to launch a new project that we hope you will find both informative and useful. Many members have expressed their belief that a directory of members' names and addresses would make it possible for us to keep in touch with each other and, in addition, make it possible to renew old ties with those with whom we once worked.

If you would like to have your name included in our directory please fill out the following questionnaire as completely as possible. PLEASE PRINT!

It is understood that this directory is for the social use of our members only and not to be used, under any conditions, for commercial reasons.

The address should be your permanent address. If space permits we will list an alternate (winter) address with pertinent dates.

Phone numbers will be listed unless you indicate that your number is unlisted. A number may also be listed as follows:

333-254-6654 (unlisted)

Please remember that to be in the directory you must return this questionnaire or any paper which gives us the relevant information. This is a membership service and will be made available only to members. Send your completed questionnaire to:

Jack Zuckerman
8 Woody Lane
Oakdale, New York

Directory Questionnaire

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ALTERNATE ADDRESS: _____

ALTERNATE DATES: _____


INTERESTS & HOBBIES: _____

I give permission for the information given above to be used in a ROBS directory.

signature and date

Don't forget to send back your Directory information.

Directory
Changes



Affordable Legal Counsel is Just a Phone Call Away

Today, legal advice is a necessity. Take a look at these types of situations in which you may find yourself:

- a house closing
- a disagreement over a rental contract
- a discrepancy in a consumer bill
- a traffic ticket
- making out a Will

NYSUT's Legal Service Plan can help you in these and many other situations.

Upon enrolling in the Plan, you're given a toll-free number to the Plan's lead firm, which serves as the initial point of contact for each legal situation that may arise. Often times, the lead firm can resolve your situation, whether it be writing a letter on your behalf, advising you on a personal legal matter, or reviewing legal documents.

If the legal matter requires face to face contact, you would be referred to panel attorneys in your local area who have agreed to charge maximum guaranteed fees for a number of legal matters. For other situations, they will charge a reduced hourly rate.

The Plan costs \$49.50 per year and provides, at no extra cost, two office consultations; a Simple Will (or update); unlimited telephone consultation and advice; legal letters written or

NYSUT LEGAL SERVICE PLAN



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159 Wolf Road, Box 15-008, Albany, NY 12212-5008. 1-800-626-8101.

phone calls made on your behalf; and the *Preventive Law Quarterly* newsletter.

A Business Protection rider can be purchased for a modest fee.

For an application/brochure, call NYSUT Member Benefits, 1-800-626-8101.

Note to Retirees: A Legal Service Plan developed for Retirees is available for \$29 a year.

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TRAVEL NOTES

Jeanne Bukowski, who retired in October 1992 as office manager of Ross High School, just returned from Italy.

Phyllis and George Bauman (she retired in June of 1992) returned from a trip to Israel to the birth of their first grandchild. Congratulations!

And to the Snow Birds, fly safely and enjoy the warm.

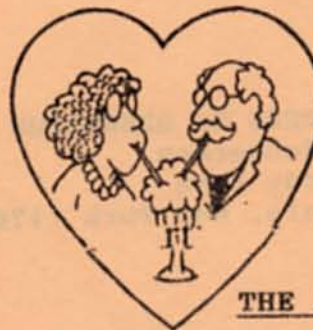
Dot and Jack Zuckerman have been traveling a great deal with Elder Hostel. They love it: Nova Scotia, Cooperstown, Vermont was last year. Dot is quite a quilter.

Jeanne Bader is soon off on a Caribbean cruise. Happy sunning!

Elmon Kazandjian

Don't forget to send back your Directory information.

Directory Changes



THE ACTIVE RETIREE

We'd love to hear from each of our members with news of interest. Are you doing something you can share with us? Good news of a hobby, job, wedding or birth? Let us know. Don't be shy. Write our membership chairperson, Elmon Kazandjian at 119 South Bay Avenue, Islip, 11751; or call Dorothy Becker at 273-7369.

LEGISLATION/POLITICAL ACTION

Miriam Massucci

A new year, a new beginning with a new national administration interested in some of our goals. One of those goals is health insurance. E.D.21 R.C. joined the Committee of 100 last spring in Albany, and this was a major focus. Dot and Jack Zuckerman, and Chris Veech were three of our five representatives.

On October 22, 1992, the Suffolk Retiree Councils hosted a Legislative Breakfast in Melville where this issue was again highlighted. Twelve state representatives attended, as did two aides to absent members.

The Retiree Advisory Committee of NYSUT will be introducing a Long Term Care package at this year's R.A.. It is a many-faceted plan that needs explanation and NYSUT plans a retiree workshop on it.

So we're moving. Join us. We welcome your input.

BRENTWOOD H.S. RETIREMENT PARTY

Thursday, June 10, 1993

6:30-10:30 P.M.

Larkfield Manor

507 Larkfield Road

East Northport

\$50.00 per ticket

This includes complete dinner and dancing. NO SPEECHES! Last year it was lots of fun and the food was excellent! Contact Harriet Helman at the Ross Reading Lab, Brentwood High School, Brentwood, N.Y. 11717. Tables for 8, 9, or 10 may be reserved.

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UPDATE

RETIREES OF BRENTWOOD SCHOOLS
c/o Zuckerman
8 Woody Lane
Oakdale, New York 11769

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