

# =NEWSLETTER=

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RETIRES OF BRENTWOOD SCHOOLS

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## WORTH NOTING

If you missed our February and March meetings, you really missed the boat! In February we had David Branshaw explain the workings of UMBRELLA SENIOR HOME REPAIR SERVICE. This service is for those over 60, single parents, the handicapped, and those over 55 in special circumstances. The mission of the group is to keep people in their homes as long as possible.

The annual fee is \$200 for a single story house, \$250 for a two story. This encompasses home-watch, mowing, 24 hour emergency service, as well as gutter cleaning maintenance. Work is guaranteed and great care is taken to match senior and worker. For a senior living alone it takes away the fear of hiring a stranger for those little things that never get repaired.

The organization started last year and now has 200 members evenly divided between Nassau and Suffolk. The NEW YORK TIMES reported on it glowingly last spring. For further information call: 1-800-2320.

At the March 31st meeting we had a wonderful introduction to the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society by its president and acting director, Gayle E. Haines. We discovered that there is a wealth of enjoyment right in our own backyard, Robert Moses State Park off Field #5. Not only can one visit the lighthouse, but there are plans afoot to build an Education Center attached to the Keeper's Quarters.

Fund raising and grant proposals have already begun. On April 18th there was a Walk Event that a few of our members participated in. On August 7th the annual Barefoot-Black Tie Event will be held. There will be dancing, food, and a costume contest under the stars, all for \$30.

So, climb the 192 steps of the lighthouse, take your grandkids to participate in the children's programs, and sand castle contests, just watch the birds or take nature walks, shop in the gift shop, ADOPT A BRICK for \$5, or join the Society! Call the Society at 321-7028, or the National Seashore at 661-4876 for information on events.

**DON'T MISS OUR MEETINGS IN THE FUTURE. WE TRY TO MAKE THEM INTERESTING FOR YOU AND WE WANT YOUR INPUT. PLEASE CLIP AND RETURN THE FORM ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT AT OUR MEETINGS. SEE YOU ON JUNE 2nd!**



NEWS NOTES

We were saddened in April at the death of Lillian Thompson, Physical Education teacher at Sonderling High School, and former Maslow Toffler Alternative School staff member. She had planned to retire this June officially. She died after a long bout with cancer. A scholarship fund has been set up in her name. Contact Addie Lee, 475-3056.

Our condolences to Betty DeLong, who retired as Library Assistant from Sonderling in 1990. Her son, Paul, who graduated in 1966 from Ross died suddenly on February 16th. He leaves a wife and three children in Oklahoma. A memorial service was held in Brentwood Presbyterian Church on April 4th with a number of Brentwood staff in attendance.

And in April, since many of you are traveling, or out of town, NEWSDAY reminded us of the death of Joseph Badalamenti, custodian at the high school complex, who was killed by a drunk driver just days before his retirement in July 1992. The driver just received 15 days in jail. As one of our retirees wrote in a letter to the editor, she "was fortunate to have Amy Fisher's lawyer." We spoke to Matilda, his widow, to extend our sympathies to her.

Now for some good news: Boca Ratan, Florida seems to have a preponderance of Brentwood r e t i r e e s . Grace Fishenfeld, ('92), spent the winter there. She writes that she speaks often to real estate tycoon, Marilyn DePlaza, who was

a bi-lingual teacher and retired several years ago. Marilyn and her husband also travel a great deal to South America. Newly moved to the area is Yvette Zimmerman, ('91) former department office secretary at Ross. Also in Boca Ratan are: Miriam Friedman, (South Jr.), who is also a singer, and Anita Silverman Grace should get them all together on her terrace and do a group painting. Perhaps "Retirees on the Half Shell."

Emma Howard is dividing her time between Washington, D.C. and West Hempstead, and enjoying life!

Joyce Shapiro ('80) and husband Chester send greetings from Boynton Beach, Florida.

Ardelle Baer, (Franklin, N.C.) is busy as a bee quilting and singing in a choral group, as well as grand-aunting her niece's newly adopted boy(10) and girl(9) from Russia.

James Hansen, (Crystal River, Fl.) is a high School volunteer 3 days a week in Math Reasoning, Life Skills, and Income Tax. Wife Merry, is teaching in a new math program in a nearby community.

Marvin Cooper of Smithtown and Miami Beach, has discovered a new interest: building doll houses! This in addition to music, travel, theater and photography.

Tom O'Connor ('92), hasn't let any grass grow under his feet either. He is currently an associate with the Shannahan Group, a public relations and communications firm. He's doing

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speeches, newsletters, brochures and journals.

Catherine Aveni is in Chester, Md.. She'd love to hear from old friends. See Directory.

Millie Eisenberg ('90), and husband never unpack their bags. They Elderhostel a good deal and love it!

Eugene Gelfand of East Northport continues as a MSW certified Social Worker.

Betty (Jeanne) Curran, ('91), secretary at Ross, is no slouch either. She loves retirement (don't we all), and occasionally does work for Kelly Temporaries. She's still in Williston Park.

John Leeman ('91), high school science, has now found time to do volunteer work and do the traveling he and his wife always put off in the past.

If you see Amy Leftenant at Good Samaritan Hospital, not to worry, she's a Guild volunteer. Her other interests include sign language, calligraphy, and cross stitching.

Pauline Lonschein of Spring Hill, Fl., has even taken up line dancing! The way to go!

John Sherin ('92) has started a whole new career as a consultant.

Minerva Vosgerichian is writing, collecting dolls and fans, and involved with lace making. Her number is: 586-9149.

Special get well wishes to May Moller, ('91) former science teacher, Northwest Center.

Send News Notes to: Chris Veech or Elmon Kazandjian. SEE DIRECTORY!



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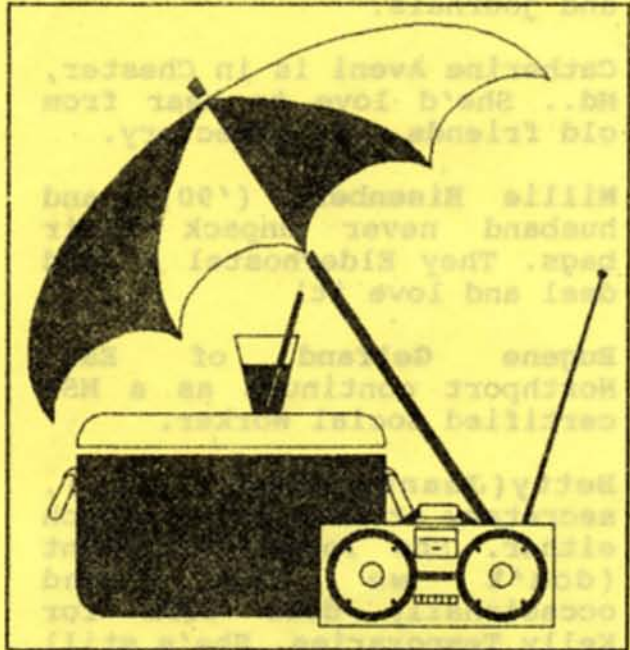
#### Frank Saladino-1985 Retiree

Frank, who became a widower in 1970, and raised his two children alone, one of whom was then 3 weeks old, has, since retiring returned to college to study Creative Writing and Poetry. He has written several stories, some of which have been sold to magazines. All of his stories are approached with a sense of humor. An only man, raising a young son and daughter certainly faces many unbelievable experiences!

Frank now lives in a comfortable condo in Central Islip and spends most of his time reading poetry and stories wherever there is an open mike. Stony Brook University invited him to read last year. He was a bit shy, but for ten dollars a minute, he quickly overcame his shyness and read longer than six minutes...the allotted time.

His son is a civil engineer now, and Frank is planning his May wedding. Frank's daughter is in her final year at Dowling. He feels that college opened up a whole new world for him and he's writing about it!

BEFORE YOU TAKE OFF FOR THE BEACH THIS SUMMER, REMEMBER THAT ROBS NEEDS YOU AS MEMBERS TO CONTINUE AS ONE OF THE LARGEST RETIREE CHAPTERS IN THE STATE WITH 198 MEMBERS! NOW THAT WE'RE FULLY ORGANIZED YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO MORE NEWSLETTERS, UPDATES ON ISSUES, PERSONAL CONNECTIONS, MORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, MEMBER BENEFITS, AND MUCH MORE!



BRUNCH ANYONE?

E.D. 21 will meet for brunch May 20th at noon at Barrington's on Main Street, East Islip. The cost is \$18. Mail to June Dawson, 54 Live Oak Drive Holbrook 11741. Her phone number is: 472-9110.

-----CLIP AND RETURN-----  
 Harriet Pepine, Treasurer  
 82 Gloria Boulevard  
 Hauppauge, N.Y. 11788

\_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed \$15 for my ROBS dues for 1993-94 .  
 \_\_\_\_\_ In addition I am enclosing \_\_\_\_\_ for VOTE COPE.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT TYPES OF MEETINGS WOULD YOU LIKE?

- \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL \_\_\_\_\_ CULTURAL \_\_\_\_\_ ISSUES  
 \_\_\_\_\_ HEALTH RELATED \_\_\_\_\_ WORKSHOPS  
 \_\_\_\_\_ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES  
 \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT TIME DO YOU PREFER FOR MEETINGS?

- \_\_\_\_\_ 10 A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 P.M. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 P.M.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

# LEGISLATION

The need for action to save the Senate Special Committee on Aging loomed larger than ever this past month, when its counterpart, the House Select Committee on Aging, was abolished on March 31st.

This came as a result of inaction by the full House, and a vote taken early in the year to abolish all Select Committees took effect.

Should the same fate befall the Senate Select Committee on Aging, there will be no single committee in either House of Congress giving voice to the needs and problems of America's elderly.

Remember that this committee saved taxpayers \$5 billion dollars by curtailing the price of prescription drugs. It also had a significant impact on issues such as: Medigap reform, pension rights for women, hospice care, and Social Security.

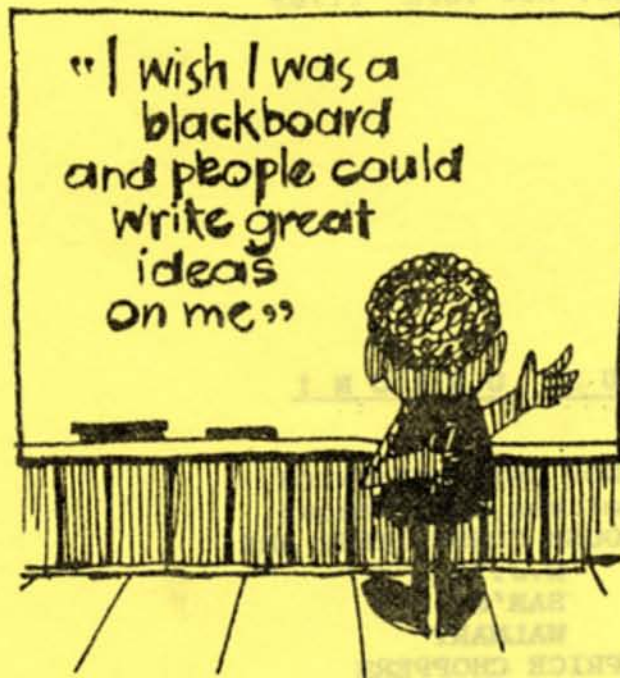
Senator Moynihan voted against abolishing the committee on February 24, 1993. Senator D'Amato voted in favor of abolishing the committee. Remind Moynihan that the issue will be dealt with in the Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress, and ask for continued support.

Let D'Amato know how important the Aging Committee is to all older men and women, and urge him to reverse his position!

Address your cards or letters to: Sen. (Name of Senator), Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510.

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MY HUSBAND RETIRED...

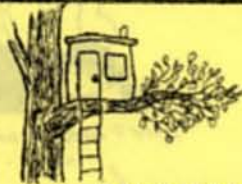
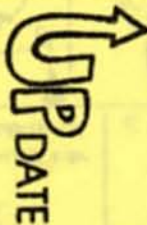




**END OF THE YEAR SOCIAL**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2ND  
10:30 A.M.  
BRENTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us for our end of the year coffee/tea social!  
Make new friends, renew old acquaintances.  
Share what you're doing, get input into new opportunities.  
Find out what happened at the R.A.  
And gossip about the active teacher's environment.  
Join us for some "breakfast for your head," as they say.



**MEETING**

Teachers and teacher aides, now in their fourteenth week of strike, continue to walk the picket line at Madonna Heights School in Dix Hills.

At its March 31st meeting, ROBS collected more than \$200 dollars as a donation to help those teachers and aides who have been without paychecks since their strike began in January of this year. See E.D. 21 R.C. Newsletter, ON TRACK. We retirees still care about injustice!

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