



NEWSLETTER

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RETIREES OF BRENTWOOD SCHOOLS

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STORM STRIKES ROBS MEMBERS

When they awoke one morning in March of 1993, and found the ocean had undermined the beachfront of their home in Chrystal River, Florida, Jim and Mary Hansen had little time to react. Before they could get themselves organized, the water surged into their house and they found themselves chest-deep in swirling water and they could not get out.

Fortunately they were rescued by a boat that actually had to come into the house to get them! Jim and Mary are rebuilding their home, but the dislocation has been quite traumatic.

The storm? It had no name, and was not reported on national news. It was just one of those freak Florida things! We wish the Hansen's our best. Glad they finally got their mail and communicated with us so we could pass this on.

At our last meeting of ROBS we were also reminded that the fires in California were threatening areas in which some of our members live. So much for uneventful living!

RESOLUTIONS FOR RA APPROVED

ED 21 Retiree Council has approved four resolutions put forth by the LI Retiree Delegate Council, which comprises all Nassau and Suffolk County Retiree Councils. These will be presented at the Representative Assembly in March. The resolutions are:

RETIREMENT OPTION CHANGE- which states that NYSUT undertake a feasibility study on allowing retired teachers to change their retirement option on a one-time basis only. This came out of ROBS initially.

PERMANENT COLA- that this be a top priority to seek legislation to establish a Permanent COLA for all N.Y. State public sector retirees.

PENSION SUPPLEMENTATION- priority to work for emergency pension supplementation for all N.Y. State public sector retirees.

HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION FOR RETIREES- guarantee health insurance for retirees at least the equivalent to that provided active employees in their respective school districts, but not less than the level of coverage enjoyed by said retirees at the time of their retirement. Also that it continue to be given the high priority assigned it by past Representative Assemblies of NYSUT.



After a great job, a lot left to do



CAMEO

BEAUTY OF THE AGES



Texas may be known for its Miss Americas, but Long Island can be proud of the fact that it has the most beautiful grandmothers and great-grandmothers in the Empire State!

Proof of that was evident in October, when three Long Islanders captured top spots at the gala Ms. Senior New York State Pageant held at the Grand Hotel and Country Club in Kerhonkson in the Catskills.

Ms. New York Senior turns out to be fellow ROBS retiree, Esther (Kitty) Hayes, 65, of Central Islip. She competed in the areas of personal interview, philosophy of life/inner beauty, evening gown and talent. The talent was singing "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man" from "Showboat."

More than 200 people attended the event at which Antonina Nigrelli, 64, of West Islip was first runner-up; Aida Rivera, 61, of Dix Hills was second runner-up; and Bonnie Buchner, 73, of Corona Lake was third runner-up.

The Ms. Senior America Pageant is in its 14th year of honoring women 60 years and older who have reached the "Age of Elegance," according to Ethel Bennett, 70, of Amityville, state director for Ms. Senior America, and New York's 1985 queen. The premise of the pageant is that seniors can remain active and vital.

The outgoing Ms. Senior New York State was Loretta Haack, 61, of Wantagh. She relinquished her title to the statuesque Kitty Hayes (our Kitty) who is a Tina Turner

look-alike, a retired Brentwood teacher, a singer and an actress. Everyone thinks she has what it takes to snare the national crown in Reno, Nevada in May.

You've got our votes, Kitty. Right on! Go get them! Well done!

GUESS WHAT'S COMING

The U.S. Public Health Service says it has bad news for seniors this winter. Influenza, which is expected to be prevalent throughout the country, is of the "nastier variety." The flu virus has mutated, so unless you caught it at the end of the last flu season, you have no immunity to it. The PHS estimates three to five times the usual 10,000 to 20,000 flu deaths!

The good news is that the current vaccine has been tailored to protect against the new strain, has been manufactured in quantity, and distributed to doctors, clinics, and hospitals.

More good news is that Medicare, for the first time, will pay for flu shots for people 65 and over, the most susceptible group.

SO GO GET THAT SHOT TODAY!



THE NYSUT RETIREE

ROBS EXECUTIVE BOARD OK'S PROPOSALS FOR LOCAL ACTION

At the September Executive Board Meeting, the Board endorsed three proposals presented to it by Jack Zuckerman in consultation with other ROBS members.

The first was that an oral history of the Brentwood Schools be compiled. John Sherin has agreed to chair this committee, and has already begun to compile visual and audio segments. Contact him with your ideas or if you wish to be on his committee...even those of you in other states!

The second is one that deals with Cameos, an on-going "Where Are They and What Are They Doing Now" story that will be compiled and published in the ROBS Newsletter. Chris Veech has agreed to head this up. Contact her with information! Perhaps we'll do a book too.

And last, but not least, a proposal to initiate closer ties with Florida members (TRIF). This will involve meetings with them in Florida by officers of ROBS. This will not involve money expended by ROBS.

NEWS NOTES

Our condolences to Edith Erda whose husband Bernie passed away. They had just purchased a home in Florida.

Also to Phyllis Tulipano who lost her husband in October. She retired as an aide from Ross H.S. in September.

Y Smile!

Get well wishes to Hal Pastor's wife Judy. Also to Lou Cairo who is recovering from surgery.



Summer and Fall seem to be good times for grandchildren. In August, June and Aram

Athanasian were presented with their first one, Joseph Andrew to their daughter and son-in-law in Chicago. There will be lots of Senior Citizen airline tickets for them!

October brought two more to ROBS members. There was a grandson for John Lehman, named of course, John Michael! And Dot and Jack Zuckerman had their third, a boy to join a sister and another brother of their son's!

Aren't kids wonderful when you can give them back? We all remember parenthood, right? And we all adore grandparenthood! Those ads are so right, there's nothing like an uninterrupted cup of coffee.

A POEM / BILL LANE

Retirees of Brentwood Schools,
No restrictions, and no rules.
(penned at Sagamore Hill Trip)

Why Long-Term Care Insurance? Why now?

It's hard to make decisions about the future when we feel we won't be affected by them for many years. It's especially difficult to say what care needs we'll require. But the better prepared we are about problems that could arise, the better we can plan for them.

Fortunately, now there's a way to be prepared - to help protect the future you've worked so hard for. Consider long-term care insurance. To determine whether this insurance is appropriate for you, ask yourself the following questions:

- What are the chances that I or someone close to me will someday need long-term care?
- Will I have family and friends available to care for me? Am I able to care for someone close to me?
- Do I have the resources to meet long-term care expenses? (Nursing homes in New York can cost from \$35,000 to \$70,000 a year.) Will I have to deplete my savings in order to pay for care?

NYSUT recently endorsed Metropolitan Life to underwrite a comprehensive, unique long-term care plan for members. Four plan options offer varying levels of benefits to cover a wide range of situations. One plan option allows you to keep your assets and apply for New York State Medicaid when policy provisions are exhausted.



Remember, long-term care insurance is not just for when you retire. It's for people of all ages. No one is too young to consider this protection. In fact, there are many advantages to enrolling in a long-term care plan when you are younger. Premiums are based on your age, so the younger you are when you enroll, the lower your premiums are. Also, once you're approved for coverage, your insurance cannot be canceled for any reason as long as you continue to pay the premiums. You do have to be healthy to enroll, but if your health changes, it will not affect your coverage.

For more information about the Long-Term Care Plan that NYSUT designed for us, call MetLife at 800-638-0133, weekdays from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., Eastern Time. Hearing impaired individuals with a TDD may call 800-638-1004.

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A Preview of the Fall 1993 Directory

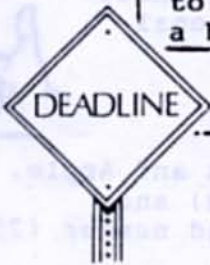
I am pleased to be able to write that plans for the second edition of the ROBS Directory are now near completion and that there will be many changes that you will see when you receive it. The most noticeable change will be the names which are now included. Added are the twenty-seven new names which were not in our first edition. Most are new retirees, but others are members who did not participate in the Directory last year. This is an increase of over 25% new names that you did not have before.

In addition, I am now working with a new computer and database. The new addition should be more readable. Of course, the change over creates the possibility that errors might sneak in, but every effort will be made to proofread as carefully as possible. Should the unlikely happen, an update list, with corrections, will follow.

The most difficult change to make will be the deletion of those who did not renew their ROBS membership. Since this is a members' Directory the only names included will naturally be those of ROBS members. If you haven't remembered to renew your membership, do so now. We will not go to press until we hear from you. Don't delay, please!

J.Z.

If you do not join us, this will be the last newsletter you will receive. We hope you'll renew both to keep in touch and to be in the 1994 DIRECTORY! Send your check today, and include a brief news note for the Newsletter!



-----CLIP AND RETURN-----

to

Harriet Pepine
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 _____

PHONE _____

___ I give permission for my name to be included in the Directory.



JOIN US AGAIN TODAY!

DATE TO REMEMBER!

E.D. 21 HOLIDAY PARTY
DOODLES
60 East Main Street, Bay Shore
Friday, Dec. 10th
4 to 6 P.M.
Hot and Cold Hors d'oeuvres
Cash Bar
Contact June Dawson
516-472-9110
Or send in form you received in mail!



RESULTS OF SURVEY OF ROBS MEMBERS

Meeting Times

10 A.M. 31
1 P.M. 23
3 P.M. 7

Activity Preferences

Health 43
Social 38
Issues 35
Cultural 31
Workshops 21
Volunteer Op. 10
Other/Travel 0

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UPDATE

HOW RETIREES CAN VOLUNTEER

For a free copy of A Guide to Volunteering For Older Americans, send your name and address to: Consumer Information Center, Dept. 82, Pueblo, Colorado 81009. This book tells you how to get involved, and lists volunteer agencies in every state.

HOW TO GET HELP

Eldercare Locator is a toll-free referral number designed to give seniors and their families local telephone numbers they can call for information on nursing homes, in-home care, legal help, elder abuse, financial management, and other on-going aging-related services. The number is: 800-677-1116, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. weekdays. Be prepared to give state, city, zipcode of the region about which you want information. Program is run by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging.



AFT COMPUTER PURCHASE PROGRAM

Special purchasing and financing arrangements on IBM's and Apple. For more information call toll free 1-800-426-7456(IBM) and 1-800-959-2775 (Apple) and give former local's name and number (2514).



BOOK BAG BULLET

A .22-cal bullet grazed a Brentwood female freshman sitting in a Regents Math Class, after a state trooper's 13 year old son brought one of his father's guns to school and it "accidentally" went off in his 14 year old cousin's book bag. Date: October 29, 1993. Jerry Steiner, Brentwood spokesperson was quoted as saying: "They're good kids who did something terribly, terribly dumb and reckless. It was a show and tell that went bad." THE JURY IS STILL OUT ON THIS ONE, BUT AREN'T YOU GLAD WE'RE RETIRED?

DISCOUNTS FOR SENIORS

Houseman's Guide to Discounts for Seniors in America's Favorite Cities is available from Seniority Press, 2 Saco Island Suite 2285, Saco, Maine, 04072-1480. Or call 1-800-639-2451. The cost is \$12.95.

RETIREES OF BRENTWOOD SCHOOLS
c/o Zuckerman
8 Woody Lane
Oakdale, N.Y. 11769



KEEP THIS NOTICE!

DON'T FORGET!

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR

WITH

A ROBS BREAKFAST GET-TOGETHER



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1994

9:30 to 11:30 A.M.

BE PROMPT!

EXPRESSWAY DINER
MOTOR PARKWAY
BRENTWOOD

\$4.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES TAX AND GRATUITIES
MENU INCLUDES NINE COMPLETE BREAKFAST CHOICES
(SEE OTHER SIDE)

Please mail your check for \$4.00 per admission by December 18,
1993 to:

Ruth McCalla
100 Columbus Avenue
Central Islip, N.Y. 11722
516-234-8013

Cut and return with check made out to: ROBS.

NAME _____ NO. OF PEOPLE _____

ADDRESS _____ AM'T. ENCLOSED _____

PHONE _____



Good Morning!!
Enjoy your breakfast.
Choose by number.

No. 1
Choice of Fruit Juice
TWO EGGS, Any Style
with Toast, Coffee or Tea

No. 2
Choice of Fruit Juice
TWO EGGS
with Ham, Bacon,
or Sausage,
Toast, Coffee or Tea

No. 5
Choice of Fruit Juice
GOLDEN BROWN
GRIDDLE CAKES
with Syrup and Butter
Coffee

No. 6
Choice of Fruit Juice
OUR OWN
CHALLAH BREAD
FRENCH TOAST
Coffee or Tea

No. 7
Choice of Fruit Juice
GRIDDLE CAKES
with Ham, Bacon or Sausage,
Syrup and Butter,
Coffee

No. 8
Choice of Fruit Juice
ONE EGG, Any Style
with Ham, Bacon or Sausage,
Toast, Coffee or Tea

No. 9
Choice of Fruit Juice
GOLDEN BROWN WAFFLE
with Syrup and Butter
Coffee or Tea

No. 10.
Choice of Fruit Juice
GOLDEN BROWN WAFFLE
with Ham, Bacon or Sausage,
Syrup and Butter
Coffee or Tea

No. 11
Choice of Fruit Juice
2 PANCAKES
2 EGGS
2 STRIPS OF BACON
Coffee or Tea

Happy New Year!
Stay in touch!
Be involved with ROBS!

