



## ROBS NEWSLETTER

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RETIRES OF BRENTWOOD SCHOOLS

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### ROBS DATES

Thursday, 5/11  
Gen. Meeting - Election of  
ROBS officers  
**PITCH & PUTT**  
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Thursday, 6/1  
**LUNCHEON**- Riverview  
**SEE FLYER**

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### CLERICAL RETIREES

**Lynda Romano** - Human  
Resources (1/27/06)

**Grace Mauro** - Music  
Office

**Cathy Gerokman** - Supt.'s  
Secretary, 2/28/0



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## WHEN LIFE GETS TOUGH, THERE'S HELP...

The room at the Bay Shore Library was filled with Brentwood retirees who wanted to know about Patient Services of the Visiting Nurses of Suffolk and their newly opened Hospice House in East Northport.

They got that and a personal journey through the lives of people the Director, Joyce Palmeiri, has encountered through the last 20 years of nursing dying patients since graduating from Brentwood in 1975.

Joyce was a student at Maslow Toffler at the high school, when she was **Joyce La Bozzetta**, and John Sherin taught there.

Hospice House, opened in 2005 is an 8 bed facility that deals with palliative care. It

has a sunroom, kitchen and meditation room. The facility exudes comfort for the dying and their families, allowing life review and sharing of feelings and experiences.

VNS receives Medicare for care, but also does its own fundraising for all the other costs involved, including the building and maintenance of Hospice House. No one is turned away if they fit the criteria of health need. Not even the undocumented

VNS has run a Home Care Program since 1952. At this time there are 400 patients in this program, many of whom recover. Volunteers, who help by visiting, shopping, driving to

appointments, getting children to and from events when parents are ill, undergo a 6 week training program before they begin their work. (631-261-7200)

VNS sponsor's a retreat at the Montauk Yacht Club for grieving families each year. Some come for years after their loss, especially the children, because the connections are so important to them.

Our Ivy Rosenthal won the VNS raffle of the *Heart Healthy Cookbook*, written by Joyce. For more info: (visitingnurseservice.org). VNS is located at 505 Main Street in Northport. Hospice House: 101 Laurel Rd., East Northport. (631-930-9399)

## BRENTWOOD "GRADS" ALL OVER THE PLACE

Former Brentwood grads and staff are everywhere. Graduate **Glynn Heigher**, now 30, opened **Corporal Heigher's Sports Barber Shop** in Bay Shore in November. It is dedicated to the memory of his younger brother, **Raheen**, who was killed in Iraq. Besides military memorabilia, attention is paid here in conversations about the war, those killed, and the 8,000 some injured so severely they can't return to duty, and the 9,000 injured who could. A grand opening is slated for April 27.

Then there are those you meet

along the way. This editor discovered out of 4 members of a committee on By-Laws of the Presbytery of L.I., there were 3 of us and one's son-in-law.

**Joan Chodkowski Sommermeyer**, now of Wheatley Heights, attended Brentwood through 7th grade in 1972. She was at NE, Twin Pines, Pine Park and North Jr. **Shirley Russell**, who is now Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of L.I., taught Math for 4 years at North Jr. and left on maternity in 1963. Jackie Lloyd and Larry Briggs were remembered by her. The son-law of one, is **Walter**

**Wingenfeld** (60's) who is now a building consultant to the McMansions that abound on L.I.

Another former staff member encountered at another Presbytery committee is **Frank Marino**, who taught language in Brentwood way back when & retired from Three Village as chair of that department. Sends greetings to Bernice.Reperto.

And Judi Hearst Weissman (retiring in 2007) is always introducing this editor to students & grads wherever we go.

They all remember Brentwood fondly and send greetings to those who may remember them.

# PHYLL'S FORUM

Phyllis Goodwin, President - (631-673-2971)



Dear Colleagues,

Spring has arrived and not a minute too soon. I was pleasantly surprised to see so many members attend our April meeting. There were plenty of new faces which was very encouraging, and boosted the Executive Board's morale. At our last meeting, I handed out two major printouts on Medicare Part D and "creditable coverage." I will send it out in an email for all to have a copy. It is quite lengthy - four pages - but worth the download time. Those of you who do not have email addresses, or choose not to receive them, can request that they to be sent to you.

We are winding down our scheduled program year and are making some changes. We will add two at-large delegates - for a total of four - at our first

meeting in the fall.

Although we did not send out our Directory this year, it was not from lack of trying. I am setting up a new format for the Directory and hope to have it printed in book form. Thereafter, it will only be sent as an addendum. This will cut down on our printing costs.

This year, our newsletter was commended for its' increase in member contributions. We received the Award of Merit in Journalism for the news story, "War's Impact On Brentwood," concerning losses in the military effort in Iraq and Afghanistan. Congratulations Chris Veech for a job well done.

I would like to take this space to thank:

Adrienne Eastman, Lois Morella and Harriet Pepine for supplying the minutes for our meetings for the past year and a half. Also, Peter Vercillo, Letty and Sheila Sustrin, Lois Morella and all the "wrappers" for Project Hope.

We have two more meetings for this year. I hope you will attend the "Pitch and Putt" at Cedar Beach Park on May 11, 2006 and our luncheon at the River View in Oakdale on June 2, 2005. There will be door prizes. We look forward to see you.

In Harmony,  
Phyllis Goodwin

## 18 hole (or whenever you stop) PITCH & PUTT GOLF THURSDAY, MAY 11, 10 AM to Whenever



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If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you: that is the principal difference between a dog and a man.  
-Mark Twain

### ROBS Newsletter

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### THE M-T CORNER

"Life is a place of service and in that service one has to suffer a great deal that is hard to bear; but more often to experience a great deal of joy."

— Count Leo Tolstoy

## **NYSUT NOTES**

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### **YOUR BILL OF RIGHTS AS A PATIENT**

No one really looks forward to being in the hospital but if the time does come it is extremely important that you know beforehand what rights and protections you have as a patient that are guaranteed by state and federal laws and regulations. Whether you enter through the emergency room or are admitted into the hospital you will receive a piece of paper that outlines your rights as a patient. This is an extremely important document that could save your life but most people don't take the time to read it.

**DID YOU KNOW that you have the right to appeal if you think you're being asked to leave the hospital too soon?** The hospital may think you're ready to leave but you may not have had time to make arrangements for care at home. Before you're discharged you must receive a written **Discharge Plan** that describes what medical care you may need when you leave. If you are a Traditional Medicare patient you have the right to a **fast review/appeal** and **two additional days** without financial responsibility. You must receive the **Notice of Discharge in writing** while you are still in the hospital and you must file your appeal **before** you leave the hospital.

**DID YOU KNOW that you have the right to file a complaint about doctors or physician assistants or other health care professionals?** If you think you have received incompetent, negligent or fraudulent care you may file a complaint with the New York State Department of Health. (See the Long Island address below)

**DID YOU KNOW that you must have access to your own medical records?** New York State law requires that you should be able to inspect your medical records within 10 days of your request.

**DID YOU KNOW that you have the right to accept or refuse medical treatment?** Planning in advance with a Health Care Proxy form and a Living Will lets you provide specific instructions about the kind of care and treatment you do not want. You should be very specific **in writing** about which medical treatments you refuse and under what medical conditions you would refuse treatment. You must be sure your family members know your wishes and are able to express them to your doctor if it becomes necessary. **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)** is emergency treatment used to restart a heartbeat and breathing or to regain circulation. A **Do-Not-Resuscitate Order (DNR)** tells all medical professionals that you do not want any emergency CPR measures taken to keep you alive. That means, for example, that you would refuse mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, electric shock, inserting a tube into the airway, injecting medication into the heart or open chest heart massage. **Before you request a DNR order you must give very careful, explicit and thorough thought to what care you would want to receive in a life threatening situation.**

**New York State Department of Health**  
**Long Island Office Courthouse Corporate Center**  
320 Carleton Avenue - Suite 5000 Central Islip, New York 11722  
(631) 851-4300

### **BITS & PIECES: JURY DUTY SCAM & THE "UNSALES" PROGRAM**

— Most of us take the call for jury duty seriously, but enough people skip out on their civic duty that a new and ominous kind of scam has surfaced. Fall for it and your identity could be stolen, reports CBS. In this con, someone calls pretending to be a court official who threatens that a warrant has been issued for your arrest because you didn't show up for jury duty. The caller claims to be a jury coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Sometimes they even ask for credit card numbers. Give out any of this information and bingo! Your identity just got stolen. The scam has been reported so far in 11 states, including Oklahoma, Illinois and Colorado. The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their Web sites, warning consumers about the fraud. To find out more, go to <http://www.snopes.com/crime/fraud/juryduty.asp>

— A state-funded program in Pennsylvania sends "unsales representatives" to doctor's offices to encourage the use of generic and other medications that cost less than brand-name treatments. The program is based on the research of Jerry Avorn, a professor of medicine at Harvard University, who has established a system that tries to encourage doctors to make prescription decisions based on scientific evidence rather than promotions from pharmaceutical company sales representatives. In Pennsylvania, the state Department of Aging will pay \$3 million over three years to a foundation to implement an "unsales" force to counter promotions by pharmaceutical companies and reduce medication costs for the state. Members of the "unsales" force visit doctor's offices and discuss alternatives to brand-name medications, such as generic and over-the-counter treatments or behavioral modifications.

## ROMANCING THE TRADES: TRIBUTE TO JOE CAMPO, BRENTWOOD TEACHER

**A letter from a Brentwood Grad - Ray Flores, Morehead City, N.C. 2/28/06 (Thanks to Andy Book, retired in Beaufort, NC)**

I routinely read *The Carteret County News-Times*. ...I always thought I would keep my comments on issues to myself... until today. I realize there has to be a line we will defend...for me it is education. The Feb. 26 front-page article on relocation plans for the Bridges Middle School is that line in the sand. First, I proudly state I am a product of an "at risk" education. I was a disposable child. The first time I was sent home, suspended, was in the 4th grade. I was suspended 17 times, expelled twice, arrested in school once and told I would never amount to anything. I was locked in classroom closets for hours, in the dark, by teachers who did not care to, or could not, reach out to me, teachers who could not recognize my needs...

Most people would not openly share this type of information about themselves... but I tell you this because I am proud of the path that defines me as a man today. You see my life was changed not by events I caused and was held responsible, for but by **the action of one man, one day, one minute. That man was a teacher. That teacher's name was Joe Campo and I attended the Brentwood School System in Long Island, N.Y.**

The school system I attended did not, I repeat, did not separate, isolate, and confine the "problem" kids. We were kept in "general population." ...mainstreamed. **Mr. Campo, the teacher,** realized it was a challenge to teach those of us who were NOT the brightest or the best behaved. He realized that every child was deserving and worthy of effort. **Mr. Campo did not shy away from the challenge that calls every teacher to teach, not just the easily teachable, but the difficult gifted children (as I prefer to call them)...** Mr. Campo was able to figure out what motivated me and used my motivator to inspire a change that to this day defines me. Isn't every child worthy of that effort? ...



I have a surprise for you, these throw-away children we are giving up on today will grow up to be members of this community tomorrow, not having the opportunity, privilege, education, time and money to go to college. They are the future employee base of Carteret County. What does it say about our community when we fail to realize that **the tallest a man can ever stand is when he first kneels to help a child?** Instead of working ...to separate and isolate, we should be working to integrate and mainstream...My soapbox is this: This great county has a unique opportunity to establish programs that romance the trades to these young children and to teach them how to use their hands. We have already given up on them using their minds. Let's teach them how to use their hands.

I am a contractor ... I believe we do a disservice to our children if we only introduce them to college and a "professional career." There is a big gap between the big box employer and having a college degree and a profession. The trades fill that gap, and we fail to teach the trades ...to our children. These throwaway children some residents don't want near their privileged children, are the very employees their children will someday have to hire.

The community college is...starting a program that will allow business and community leaders such as myself...to have direct input and participation with our upper class students... This program will be a great bridge for [those] not able to obtain a college degree. On top of that program we need to romance the trades to our children at the middle school level and start to teach them simple things like using a hammer and reading a ruler. As business leaders, as concerned parents (grandparent for me), as neighbors, I challenge everyone, and the concerned parents of the Newport Middle School, to spend a day with the children of the Bridges school and see if they can find any part of themselves in those children, or any part of their own children in these children for that matter. See if their hopes and dreams are any different than the hopes and dreams of the children they are trying to protect....

I challenge every business person to give of their time and money, to build programs and schools that romance the trades and teach our young children that we have two hands and 10 fingers and everything in the world is accomplished by these two very simple God-given tools. It's not rocket science...[it has] an easy solution. Elect politicians that support education... Empower those in the education trade to educate...Seek and reach out to the least of us and transform them into the best of us. I was an at-risk child.... My life is not defined by those failures but by the success of that fact. Education...Without it, what do we really have? And who are we to say which children are worthy and which are not?

Carteret County has a great opportunity to change the course of the lives of our most valued possessions, our children. Work to support programs and efforts that enable that change. Any effort whose goal is to separate and isolate needs to be reviewed ... [Children] are not disposable. Their lives can be an asset, and all it will take is **one man, one day, one minute.**  
Thank you Mr. Campo.

(Joe was the "wrestling guy" in the Phys. Ed. Department at the high school. He passed away a few years ago.)

# NEWS NOTES

Apologies for last issue's typo: It was **Jim Watson** (not Warson) who was hospitalized with congestive heart failure.

Brentwood High School End-of-the-Year Retirement Party kicks off on June 8, 2006 from 7 PM -11 PM at Captain Bill's. The \$65 per person includes dinner and gifts for retirees: Don Brown, Robert Howells, Daniel Millheiser, Robert Dalpiaz, Carlos Ramirez, & Richard Livveri. Please make check payable to: Teachers' Retirement Party Fund and send to: Laura Paris at Ross HS. For questions, call Laura Paris at 631 434-2201, or 631 589-1170.

From **Eileen Kelly**, 6<sup>th</sup> grade South Middle: "When I look back at these past six months, I cannot express enough appreciation to the Brentwood community. The love, the understanding, the support is more than I could ever imagine. Growing up as a child of a Brentwood teacher, I always heard and saw how everyone would come together when there was a crisis. However, I never imagined that one day I would be a Brentwood teacher and would experience first hand the strength that I needed to get me through some tough times. Thank you to everyone for being here for me. Thank you for remembering my mother with all the tributes. Thank you for contributing to the Bartolo Kelly Brentwood scholarship fund. (keep it coming). Thank you for keeping my mom's memory alive."

Cruising has become the travel of choice of **Henry and Marilyn DePlaza** after their maiden voyage on the Costa Magica to the Caribbean. Next: the Panama Canal. They have discovered luxury "for this time of our lives."

**Jeff Wolfe** (HS SS & fencing coach) reports he is busy coaching fencing and serving as a tour escort. The U.S. Fencing Association on L.I. has decided to call its Coach of the Year Trophy the **Jeff Wolfe Coach of the Year Award**. One of his young fencers said: "that's so cool, coach, to have an award named after you and you're not even dead!"

With the advent of our new BrentwoodRetiree@aol.com email address we've gotten some good mail. **Linda Eckert** (HS SS) writes that she keeps up by reading this newsletter, especially News Notes. She & husband Jim built, and are still working on, their house in Mattituck and loving the beautiful North Fork. **Linda** started a home based business providing private sewing instruction. It's growing and she's having fun doing it! They visited **Barbara & Steve Krakehl** in their second home in SC, and had a brief visit with **Rich Edwards** in Florida. Then there's the North Fork Chorale for **Linda**, and the French Horn in several East End bands for Jim. Life is good, they are in excellent health and thoroughly enjoy retirement. One of these days she promises to get to one of our social events. Hope so. It would be good to see you, **Linda**. Stay in touch though.

And **Estelle Hoyt** (Dist. SW '96) just returned from a wonderful trip to Guatemala and Costa Rica. "Color is the word for Guatemala, and Nature is the word for Costa Rica," she reports. Living in Seaford, she can be seen in Nassau performing in improvisations dealing with mental health problems as a volunteer for the Nassau Mental Health Association. Performances are at schools and other organizations and encourage audience participation. She can be reached at 516-781-9885 for further information. And **Mary Jane DeVito** ('05) sends greetings to all her former colleagues at the high school.

After a stint in the hospital, **Jack Zuckerman** was in rehab at St. Charles, but is home now. We're all thinking of you, **Jack**, and looking forward to seeing you soon.



**Mildred O'Neill**, friend to the many Brentwood kids she had contact with as a High School Teachers Aide and beloved by those of us who knew **Millie** during our years of active service to the Brentwood District, died March 21 after a long illness. A contributor to ROBS Writers Group, and to the ROBS Newsletter, her words will continue to inspire. She leaves Don her husband of 53 years, daughters Peggy Conaghan, Donna Porzio, and Maureen O'Neill, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. The address is 9 Gray Street, Brentwood 11717.

**Wesley Trutt**, 62, died Saturday Jan. 21 in a place he loved - The Villages, FL. Born in NJ, he first gained prominence as a quarter miler and a fine card player (a skill he learned from and practiced with his father). Those talents and selling shoes helped him through college, where he fell in love with the certainties of mathematics and the first of two wonderfully beautiful wives. He taught with flair and exacting presentation in Brentwood HS before retiring & moving to warmer climes. He was a superb bridge player (silver life master), that rarest of Americans an avid reader, a golfer, gardener, cat lover and crossword puzzler. He was born a Jew; married Christians; lived as a pagan. He traveled widely, if not well. And wherever he was he would gather surprisingly diverse people around him. Everyone who knew him had a funny story. Those who loved him are still smiling. He is survived by his daughters Vanessa and Emily. A memorial celebration is planned... (**Ken Moss**: HS Eng.)

## FIESTA DINNERWARE STILL AN AMERICAN ICON

Anyone who grew up with the Mickey Mouse Club on TV and a Schwinn bike in the family garage will instantly recognize Fiesta Dinnerware, which has been an American icon for decades. Unlike other American icons – Radio Flyer red wagons and Levi's jeans come to mind – Fiesta is still made right here in the USA.

While many competitors shipped jobs and production overseas or closed their doors, Homer Laughlin China invested in its Newell, WV plant and its workers who were unionized in 1939, retooling, retraining and turning out Fiesta – one of the most beloved and collected lines of dinnerware. In fact, the company has produced one third of all the dinnerware ever sold in the United States. That success, in part, is the legacy of former CEO Joe Wells, Jr., who died in March at the age of 90.

The AFL-CIO is featuring one of Homer Laughlin's most distinct union-made-in-the-USA products, the Fiesta Disc Pitcher, which is lead free. You can purchase it in The Union Shop Online and help celebrate the classic work of the GMP members who make Fiesta Dinnerware. Available in Peacock, Persimmon, Sunflower, & Turquoise for \$32. Go to [www.unionvoice.org/ct/3daVI\\_M1ccWZ/](http://www.unionvoice.org/ct/3daVI_M1ccWZ/)



## DISASTER RELIEF: THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON

This letter received a few days ago from an AFT member in Louisiana who received a check from the AFT Disaster Relief Fund says it all: "You will never understand how much good you all did with the check for \$500. I can finally cover the opening in the ceiling of my room that was damaged by the hurricane. The money helps, but to know that people care is the most important lesson in all this. I thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I pray that you don't have to go through a disaster like this.—Y.S.

Contributions to the AFT Disaster Relief Fund now total \$1,223,130. Special thanks this week go to the North Suburban (Ill.) Teachers Union (Local 1274), the Chicago Teachers Union (Local 1), as well as the entire state of Illinois. The state contributed more than \$15,500 this week; \$10,000 of that came from Local 1274. In addition, hundreds of members from our Chicago local have submitted checks totaling more than \$2,300, and we are still counting as we transmit this message. Illinois has now exceeded 143 percent of its minimum goal. The largest single donation this week came from an AFT member in the Boston Teachers Union (Local 66). Her \$500 contribution puts her in the President's Circle for the second time. To make a tax-deductible contribution, go to [www.aft.org/katrina](http://www.aft.org/katrina). Every penny goes to hurricane relief, and all donations from members will be credited to the appropriate state's totals.

## DISCOUNTED THEME PARK TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE



AFT PLUS is excited to add another benefit for AFT members just in time for spring! You can now purchase discounted theme park admission tickets online for Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks. Visit [www.aftplus.org](http://www.aftplus.org) and click on the link for *theme parks*. Tickets for Busch Gardens, SeaWorld, Sesame Place and other Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks are just a few mouse clicks away. Print your tickets at your own leisure...right at your own printer!

Explore nearly 355 African acres of animals and coasters at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay. Or travel through the countries of Busch Gardens Williamsburg for a European excursion. You can go below the surface, above the waves and beyond your expectations at one of the three SeaWorld parks. And even splash and slide with your favorite Sesame Street characters at Sesame Place!

In addition to tickets, you can also find great information on booking a vacation, dining options and adventure camps for the kids! Just visit [www.aftplus.org](http://www.aftplus.org) and click on *theme parks*.



*ROBS Luncheon*

*Friday, June 2, 2006*

*12-4 PM*

*Three Course Luncheon*

*Fresh Rolls & Butter*

*Fresh Mozzarella & Sliced Tomato with*

*Tomato Basil Vinaigrette*

*Entrees*

*Sliced Steak with Mushroom Burgundy Sauce*

*Baked Filet of Salmon with Herb Cust & Cabernet Sauce*

*Breast of Chicken Marsala*

*Cash Bar, Soda, Coffee or Tea*

*Cheesecake*

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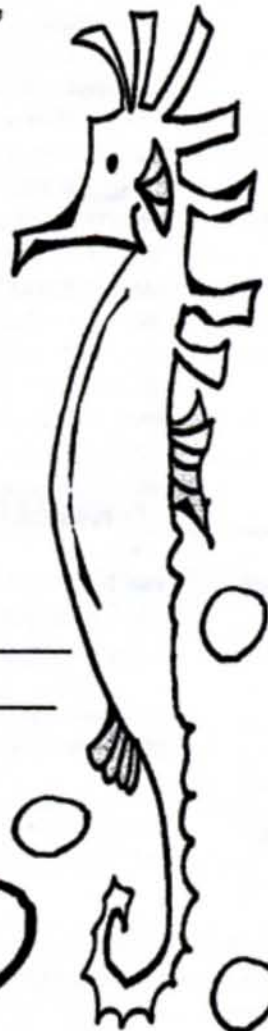
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## **New benefit introduced - Equifax Credit Watch Gold NYSUT members receive lowest price in the country**

According to the FBI, one in five families has been a victim of identity theft. One of the best ways to combat identity theft is to regularly monitor your credit report for changes you did not make.

To help you take immediate action in the event of an identity theft, the trustees of New York State United Teachers Member Benefits recently endorsed Equifax Credit Watch™ Gold. This 24/7 credit monitoring service alerts you within 24 hours of key changes to your Equifax Credit Report™. You can enroll in this service at the lowest price in the country - \$59.45 annually, with a free, no-obligation 90-day trial period.



Equifax Credit Watch Gold makes monitoring your credit report easy by automatically alerting you to key changes in your file --- for instance, if someone tries to obtain credit in your name --- so you can act before serious damage is done. Credit card fraud is the most common type of identity theft, and this service can alert you to changes in your credit card balances. Don't let this damaging crime wipe out your identity or good credit. Look into Equifax Credit Watch Gold today.

### **Equifax Credit Watch Gold includes:**

- E-mail alerts within 24 hours of key changes to your file.
- Monthly "No news is good news" monthly message if there are no alerts, plus identity theft protection news and tips
- Unlimited access to your Equifax Credit Report
- Dedicated Customer Care toll-free hotline available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Up to \$20,000 Identity Fraud Expense Coverage with no deductible (certain limitations and exclusions apply)† at no additional cost to you

Equifax Credit Watch Gold normally retails for \$99.95 for 12 months of service, with a 30-day free trial period, but NYSUT members receive the deeply discounted price of \$59.45 for 12 months with a 90-day free trial period. You can enroll by debit or credit card. Upon completion of the 90-day trial, unless you cancel, your credit or debit card will be charged the annual \$59.45 fee.

For information about Equifax Credit Watch Gold and other personal credit management products, call NYSUT Member Benefits at (800) 626-8101, e-mail [benefits@nysutmail.org](mailto:benefits@nysutmail.org), or visit [www.memberbenefits.nysut.org](http://www.memberbenefits.nysut.org) online and click on the Discounts & Travel tab. Accessing the Member Benefits site ensures you will receive the special NYSUT pricing.

For information about contractual expense reimbursement/endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please call NYSUT Member Benefits.

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**RETIRES OF BRENTWOOD SCHOOLS  
NYSUT - AFT - AFL/CIO**

Phyllis Goodwin - President Harriet Pepine - Vice President Marge Kirchner - Treasurer

**GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT  
MAY 11, 2006**

Office	Candidate	✓	Floor Nominee	✓
President	Phyllis Goodwin		<b>SAMPLE</b>	
Vice President	Harriet Pepine		*****	
<u>Secretaries</u> Recording Corresponding	Lucille Fink & Harriet Helman		<b>BALLOT</b>	
Treasurer	Marge Kirchner		*****	

**Article VI - G- Election**

Written notice shall be mailed at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election.

Election shall be by secret ballot.

Only members in good standing may vote.

If no candidate receives a simple majority for her/his office, a runoff election of the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be held as soon as possible.

The Secretary shall preserve all election records, including ballots, for a period of one (1) year.

Submitted by the Election Committee

Carmela Criscione

Adrienne Eastman

Ruth McCalla

Lynn Prass

\* Our May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Cedar Beach Park west of Robert Moses Causeway.