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RETIRES OF BRENTWOOD SCHOOLS

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MS. SENIOR NEW YORK DOES US
PROUD IN RENO!



Esther "Kitty" Hayes

Ms. New York Senior 1994

Kitty Hayes, Ms. Senior New York, and a Brentwood Retiree (we should all look that good!) represented New York State in the Ms. Senior America contest held in Reno, Nevada at the end of May. Kitty was one of the ten Finalists in the competition.

The 34 contestants were judged in four categories: talent, philosophy of life, evening gown, and a private interview with the judges. The selection Pageant itself lasted for two days.

The event was filled with sight-seeing, rehearsals, dinner/dancing events, and visits with dignitaries of Nevada, including lunch with Governor Robert Miller. U.S. Senator Reed presented each of the 34 contestants with watches with the Queen of Diamonds on the face.

Kitty has written an article on her experience in Reno for the upcoming issue of Senior News. The winner of the Ms. Senior America was, as Kitty described her, the elegant Ms. Senior Missouri, Deloma Hoffman. She, as well as the other Ms. Seniors, will spend the rest of their reigns appearing around local, state, national and international events. Their appearances serve to highlight senior issues, serve as role models, and help make the vitality of growing older a visible and elegant reality for the general population.

As Kitty says, even she learns about the pleasures of aging as she finds role models for herself among the women in their 80's and 90's who are still an active part of community life.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S



At ROBS last formal business meeting of this school year, election of officers was held. Elected to serve for two years were:

Pres. Dorothy Zuckerman
VPres. Chris Veech
Sec'y. June Dawson
Treas. Harriet Pepine



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE- Jack Zuckerman


We have been politically active on your behalf. We have been meeting with the Long Island legislators with some encouraging results. Another article appears in our Newsletter which deals with our latest efforts in Albany.

Remember that when you read of legislation, political action, and other areas vital to our interests that you are a member of ROBS AND you are also a member of the ED 21 Retiree Council. You should receive the *On Track* newsletter from NYSUT. This is our area newsletter. The point here is that political action is organized statewide by NYSUT through VOTE-COPE and, for retirees, through the Retiree Councils. So if you wonder if we are watching out for your interests, you bet we are! You can follow the information in the *New York Teacher* and in *On Track*.

Should the BTA ask us to become active in school budget campaigns and/or school board elections then we would become politically active at the ROBS chapter level. We would function at the local level and our Newsletter would keep you informed of all developments.



RETIREES' LOBBY DAYS



This year, NYSUT sponsored Retiree Lobby Days for five different areas of the state commencing on May 17, 24 and June 7, 14, and 21. Long Island's day was Tuesday, June 7th. Four busses rolled north at 7 A.M., and retirees descended on legislators en masse, carrying their Committee of 100 bags.

The key NYSUT pension Retirement bills that were focused on were:

- .Permanent COLA Legislation
- .Pension Supplementation
- .Safeguarding Retiree's Health Insurance

With the state budget finalized, the legislators are at the point when they will be voting on critical bills, and it seemed to those of us who lobbied that most of our elected officials are at least paying lip-service to being in favor of a permanent COLA. In the same breath, however, they are quick to add that financial constraints make it impossible to pass.

And that is where the Supplementation Bill takes on vital importance. Almost all supported this, recognizing the need for those government employees who retired before 1990 to be able to keep up with the rising cost of living.

Brentwood Retirees who participated in the Lobbying Day were: Dot and Jack Zuckerman, Chris Veech, Ivy Rosenthal, June Dawson, Dorothy Schaller, and Frank Saladino.

To write your legislators about the need for a retiree supplementation for all state workers, refer to S-8413, Trunzo in the Senate, and A-11628 Vitaliano, chairman of the Rules Committee in the Assembly. Stress that it is the permanent COLA Bill (S-5903 Nozzolio and A-5833 Weinstein) that should be passed, but that the Supplementation Bill would be acceptable at this time, to help those retirees who are feeling the pinch of rising costs of medical care as well as other necessities. CMV

After a great job, a lot left to do

HAVE A NICE SUMMER!

C A M E O

"Healthy, happy, working hard, but having fun," is how Andy Caruso describes himself now that he is retired. He and wife, Eva, live in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, where Andy writes us from Kwik Goal Limited. Physical Education teachers never stop. They just keep going for the goal!

And the goal in this time and space for Andy is soccer and coaching, and writing about them. Through Soccer Coaching, P.O. Box 971, Quakertown, Pa. 18951, he is marketing his books. Andy has written two: Soccer Coaching-Development and Tactics-The great Game for ages 12 to 20, and Soccer Coaching-Ages 5 to 12.

With Christopher J. Malone he has authored Safe Coaching, and with Tony DiCicco, GoalKeeper Medicine Ball Training. These books should have a good deal of interest right now since the International Soccer Championships are being held in the United States.

The *Soccer Journal*, America's premier Soccer publication wrote about Soccer Coaching-Development and Tactics, "Author Caruso has produced a book full of enthusiasm, optimism, and personal insight into the game. The coaching novice will profit from the sound explanation of basic principles of play and the extensive appendices. The experienced coach can find reinforcement for established ideas, maybe a new perspective, or simply enjoy Caruso's text as a 'refresher course.'" The book is being used as text books at the University of Delaware, Bridgewater State, and San Diego State, as well as dozens of clubs.

Who says we've retired? We've only moved on. Good luck, Andy!

UNSOLVED MYSTERIES

(or do you know these folks?)

The following Brentwood teachers never picked up their retirement plaques in 1991. If you know them, tell them to contact us, or pick one up at our fall meetings. Call Chris at 499-1680.

Eugene Gelfand, 24 years
 Leon Seidner, 29 years
 Evelyn Bonanno, 18 years
 Edward Harris, 29 years
 Gloria Barbara, 26 years
 Edward Parnell, 28 years
 Richard Zuck, 29 years
 Madeline Iacono, 31 years
 (also her 30 year award)

A MIRACLE FOR MORGAN

Morgan Brunbauer has been fighting Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia for almost half of his seven years. After a brief remission, he now faces a bone marrow transplant. All this has had a devastating impact on the family's finances. Most of the cost of the transplant is covered by medical insurance, but other expenses, such as moving with him to the transplant center area, will mean loss of income, and more bills.

Morgan is the nephew of Gail Inzerello Latella, who teaches at the Freshman Center in Brentwood, and for many years was at East Junior High. ROBS member, Marilyn Flamberg brought this to our attention. Donations can be made to: A Miracle for Morgan, c/o Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 605, Patchogue, N.Y. 11772.

THE NYSUT RETIREE



At the ROBS general meeting of April 6th, those attending learned about two local volunteer opportunities. Cathy Killian, editor of ED 21 RC's On Track Newsletter, is a volunteer for the Visiting Nurse Service Hospice of Suffolk, which is based in Northport. She is a retiree of the Hauppauge Schools. Vinnie Vuolo, a retiree of the Brentwood Schools, is a volunteer for the Literacy Volunteers of America, and operates in the Brentwood Library.

Cathy's three years of volunteering to care for the terminally ill have given her as much joy as she has given her patients and their families. Her job is varied, and entails making respite time for the caregivers, and reading to, talking with the patient.

Hospice also offers bereavement support for families, and especially for the children through special funding available. Cathy edits the Hospice Newsletter, and through its outreach, donations have increased.

All Hospice volunteers are trained before they begin their service, and given team support throughout. For more information, or to sign up for training, call or write Hospice, 505 Main Street, Northport; 261-7200.

Vinnie Vuolo calls his work with Literacy Volunteers of America "starting an adventure." Unlike teaching, there is the joy of instant feedback because the tutoring is one on one. These students want to be there, so there is no discipline problem. They want, and need, to learn how to be literate.

LVA conducts a six week

training session for all volunteers. Two hours a week is the minimum time to spend with your student, and you may tutor at your convenience.

Vinnie says that in Brentwood the need for volunteers is staggering. The teaching program for both reading and ESL sessions is simplified so almost any lay person can handle the material.

To volunteer, call the Brentwood Library at 273-7883 and ask for Vinnie.

DINING OUT

Back by popular demand was the ROBS breakfast held on Wednesday, June 1st at the Expressway Diner in Brentwood. About thirty-five members and guests turned out to enjoy good food and casual conversation with old friends and new ones.

This editor sat next to Frank Saladino and discovered, in a conversation about remembering boys wearing knickers, that we had grown up a block from each other in Brooklyn, and attended the same elementary school. (However my vanity makes me add that he was way ahead of me, and perhaps his baby brother was in school with me).

Along with Marvin Cooper, we reminisced about the horse-drawn street cars, and the horse barn that was under the old El on Third Avenue and 59th Street in Brooklyn as well.

Thanks to Harriet Pepine and Ruth McCalla for another outstanding event. I'm sure we'll repeat it in the fall or winter, because everyone enjoys a low-cost social!

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UPDATE

I Am Not What You See

by Lorie Pope Pauly ©



I didn't always look this way;
All wrinkled and sagging.
Hair wispy and gray.

My teeth in a glass,
My muscles grown frail,
My vision fast failing,
Skin sallow and pale.
You might be surprised,
Had you seen me at eight,
With eyes bright and eager,
Awaiting life's fate.

I ran with swift feet,
And sureness of gait,
Each day was so sweet,
Adventures so great!

At twenty, the world,
Was at my command.
My future was rosy
My time in demand.

At thirty, I'd conquered
Many a foe,
Well loved and respected,
By those in the know.

At forty, established,
With wealth and some fame,
My goals half accomplished
My deeds won acclaim.

At fifty, successful
With future assured
All systems were "Go",
All holds were secured.

How could this happen?
How could this be?
How could somebody
Play this trick on me?

While I wasn't looking,
While I didn't see,
Somehow an old body
Was traded for me.

I stagger, I tremble,
I drool, I complain,
My limbs won't sustain me.
My body knows pain.

Now dawdling, now dreaming,
What happened to me?
Where is that person,
That I used to be?

You see me defeated,
As you tend to my needs,
In caring for me,
You are planting your seeds.

For someday, it may
Be you in this place,
Submissive and broken,
In needs of God's grace.





You will do foolish things, but do them with enthusiasm.



NEWS NOTES

We received congratulations on the NYSUT Award of Merit for this Newsletter from **Marilyn DePlaza**, who lives in Boca Raton. She took the occasion to also thank us all for the hard work of organizing our retiree chapter and council, as well as for all the lobbying we do on behalf of retiree benefits.

Mary Bender writes to say that our Directory is a wonderful thing." One Sunday morning my phone rang and much to my surprise it was **Vertille Mason**, Kindergarten teacher from Southwest-living in North Carolina. I hadn't seen her in years- when she saw my name in the Directory, she called. It was a very pleasant surprise. Keep up the good work. It's so nice to keep in touch."

Phyllis Baumann also writes to applaud the Directory as a great job that **Jack Zuckerman** has undertaken. She also says that the townhouse in Brewster is great, and she and **George** plan to get to ROBS meetings even if it means a longer ride!

Maxine Berlin moved to Somers, N.Y. in December and writes that she and her husband survived their first winter in Westchester. They are right off Rt. 684. So if your car breaks down around there, be sure you have the Directory in your glove compartment. And **Phyllis**, **Maxine's** exchange is 277 and yours is 278. How far can that be? **Maxine** sends her regards to all her old colleagues.

Writer **Frank Saladino** is honing his skills editing the Park Row Periodical, a newsletter for the condominium complex in which he lives. Interest is high because elections for Board positions impact on the inhabitants. Good job, **Frank!**

While **John and Marion** (Sonderling) **Carrol** were in Australia, **Michael** (Brentwood grad) and **Andrea Carrol** had a "beautiful baby daughter, **Heather Nicole** on December 29, 1993." Number 11 for **Marion**. Son **Michael** is with Re-Max Best Realty in Babylon.

Not to be outdone, **Camille Petrycki** told us at the May meeting that she was presented with her 11th grandchild on her birthday in 1993. Congratulations all.

Also at our May meeting and just back from Florida and Disney World, was **Kay Gagliardo** also from Sonderling. She and her new puppy visited with **Fran Heffer** while there.

Get well wishes go to **Miriam Massucci** who has a strep infection which has her off her feet. This will be catch up on reading time.

Our condolences are extended to **Frances Johnson** and family on the death of husband **Tom**.

E.D. 21 R.C. UPDATE

A great time was had by those of us who joined the group of diners at the NYIT Culinary Institute at the DeSeversky Center on May 13th. There were upwards of 60 people from the E.D.

The Sagamore Hill/Milleridge Inn trip/luncheon on June 21st, was booked solid almost as soon as it was posted. This group of 60 enjoyed it as much as those of us who went last fall. We retirees really do lunch in a big way!!



If you are 62 or older, for a one-time charge of \$10, you can get a Golden Age Passport. This entitles you and all passengers in your car to free access to Federal Parks. It also entitles the holder to a 50% discount on all user fees, such as camping, picnic shelters and boat launching. Apply for the Passport in person at any national park or monument which charges an entrance fee. Happy lifetime traveling!

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LEGAL BATTLE VICTORY

The NYS Court of Appeals unanimously rejected arguments from the Medical Society of NY State that the 1990 state law limiting how much doctors can charge over the Medicare rate should be overturned. The Court also ordered the Medical Society to pay legal fees. This final disposition of court action against the 1990 Balance Billing Law means that doctors are forbidden to exceed the government-set rate for Medicare services by more than 10% in New York State.

Furthermore, if the long awaited report from the State Office for Aging shows that doctors have not improved their participation rate in accepting Medicare rates with no balance billing by 5%, the overcharge percentage must be lowered to 5% under the provisions of the 1990 law. Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Assemblyman Paul Harenberg for his sponsorship of this law!

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SUMMER COURSES: BRENTWOOD TEACHER CENTER

Call the Teacher Center at 434-2101 for registration.

- .Classroom Applications on the Macintosh Computer, Part II
M-F, 6/27-7/1, 8:30-3
Pre-req.= Part I or permission
- .Learning Practical Strategies to Use with Limited English-speaking Students
T-F, 6/28-7/1, 9-1
- .Authentic Assessment: Portfolio as a Tool
M-F, 6/27-7/1, 9-12