

# THE NYSUT RETIREE

## RETIRES OF BRENTWOOD SCHOOLS

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### MEETING

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**WHO:** ROBS (Retirees of Brentwood Schools)

**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 2, 1992

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** DiPietro Center, Brentwood High School

**PROGRAM:** Guest Speaker - Judith Reed,  
Continuing Education Department at Hofstra University  
A video presentation on Traveling with Elderhostel --  
A Lifetime Learning Experience

### 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, etc? Let us know what you are doing with your time and talents. Don't be shy! We want to know! Please write to our membership chairperson, Elmon Kazandjian, at 119 South Bay Avenue, Islip, NY 11751, or call Dorothy Becker at 273-7369.

# "PROJECT DIRECTORY" LAUNCHED

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 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 11769

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Directory Questionnaire

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE DATES: \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Date



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**ELECTION '92**

The election is over -- at last! We can finally sit back and breathe a deep sigh of relief (or regret) at the final results. We had a gratifying turnout of Brentwood Retiree volunteers at the phone banks. You outdid all the other chapters in your willingness to give your time for a democratic cause. There were many of you who showed up at the Hauppauge office, week after week, all during the month of October, and many others of you who gave your time in campaign offices throughout the Island. I know that the candidates and NYSUT thank you for all that you did. You can take great pride in having participated in the exciting adventure of this election. As active retirees you have made yourselves a part of "The Mandate for Change" and the hope for the future.

I must express my special appreciation to Jack Zuckerman and Chris Veech who kept the phone banks running smoothly on the days I wasn't able to be there. I knew I could depend on them to get the job done reliably and thoroughly and that's exactly what they did! Simple thanks are never enough.

Now the task ahead lies in getting passed the legislation that is so important to us all. Universal health care, COLA's for our pension, safeguarding Medicare and Social Security benefits are just the tip of the agenda. We promise to keep you informed of the progress of legislation throughout the year and how you can lend your support.

There are exciting times ahead of us and what makes it even more exciting is that we are a part of it all!

In unity,

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## **BALANCE BILLING LAW**

Senior citizens who are being overcharged on their medicare bills can call the NYS Department of Health in Albany at (518) 474-4481. At our October ROBS meeting, State Assemblyman Paul Harenberg gave us an excellent explanation of the 1990 law he introduced, that prevents doctors from charging more than 15% above the approved medicare rate. We are awaiting the report of the State Office for the Aging indicating the extent to which NYS physicians have improved their record of accepting the assigned rate for medicare cases. If their track record doesn't show a 5% improvement, the amount they will be allowed to "balance bill" will drop from 15% above the approved rate to 5%. Stay tuned!

## **SENIOR CITIZEN ALERT**

The Suffolk County Department for the Aging is alerting senior citizens in the county about an organization which identifies itself as the Suffolk County Senior Citizen Association. It has been reported to the Suffolk County Department of the Aging that this organization has been calling residents, asking for donations in cash or check for which they claim they will make up food baskets and deliver them to needy senior citizens. Should you be contacted to contribute, please call the Suffolk County Office of Citizen Affairs at 853-4600 or the District Attorney at 853-4161.

The Suffolk County Office of Citizen Affairs has notified the Department for the Aging that the organization doing business as the Suffolk County Senior Citizen Association is not properly licensed or registered with Suffolk County or the New York State Office of Charities Registration.

The Suffolk County Department for the Aging does not in any way endorse this organization.

# Warm up your holidays with NYSUT E.D. 21 RETIREE COUNCIL

DOODLES  
60 East Main Street  
Bay Shore  
666-2183



Friday, December 4, 1992  
4 to 6 P.M.  
Hot and Cold Hors d'oeuvres

Cash Bar

Please mail your check in the amount of \$6.50 per admission by November 27, 1992 to:

Ms. June Dawson, 54 Live Oak Drive, Holbrook 11741,  
516-472-9110

Checks should be made payable to: NYSUT E.D. 21 Retiree Council

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Return with check to June Dawson

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NO. OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

AM'T ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_



MEDICAID COPAYMENT HOTLINE

Anyone who has been pressured to pay a copayment on medical services or has been denied services because of inability to pay should call 1-800-541-2831 to complain. Clients must be seen and treated even if they can't make the copayment.