

THE OUTLOOK

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Alex Boschi Presented with the 2016 RC 12 NYSUT Community Service Award



RC 12 co-presidents, Sandra Bliss and Jeanne Williams Bennett, congratulate Alex Boschi on the recognition of his dedication to community service.

Established in 1993, the NYSUT Community Service Awards were created to recognize individuals who have given outstanding volunteer service to their communities. Since its inception, hundreds of NYSUT members have been nominated by their locals or retiree councils to receive this award. Alex Boschi is this year's award winner for NYSUT RC 12.

Alex graduated from Ithaca College School of Music with a Bachelor of Science in Music Education in 1954. After 2 years of Army service, he began teaching at Fonda-Fultonville Central School and retired from there in 1991 as chairman of the music department.

After retirement, Alex has become involved in the many following organizations. He has been the state chairperson for New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM) for 17 years. His duties consist of scheduling school music groups to perform at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, NY, during the month of March. He introduces each group and presents them with a plaque. Often, the members of the state legislature come down to welcome the students and some even have them introduced on the floor of the legislature when it is in session. Alex is a trustee for NYSRTA's Robert D. DeCormier Trust Fund, which awards monthly stipends to elderly retired teachers who are in dire need of financial assistance.

Alex was nominated by the State Senate on the recommendation of Senator Hugh Farley to be a member of the Board of Directors of the EGG (Center for the Performing Arts at the Empire State Plaza). He is also co-chairman for scheduling groups of senior citizen organizations to attend the Festival of Trees at the Century Club in Amsterdam, NY, during the Christmas season. He is a board member of the former Montgomery County Arts Council and the Amsterdam Area Community Concerts Association.

A delegate to the NYSRTA Annual Convention for approximately 20 years, Alex is a NYSUT RC12 director for Montgomery County for the past several years. Jeanne Williams Bennett remembers attending the Committee of 100 meetings, walking through the concourse to the Legislative Office Building, and hearing many wonderful bands performing. Jeanne says, "All of this entertainment was the result of Alex's organizational efforts and hard work. With so many draconian cuts in fine arts programs in our local schools, Alex's efforts showcase how vitally important music is to our students and school curricula. In addition, each year he sends letters to new retirees encouraging them to join RC 12.



Paul and Lynne Cole help RC 12 celebrate the 25th anniversary of NYSUT RC 12 At the June first meeting Paul was presented the RC 12 Award of Excellence .



From the President's Desk... Sandra Bliss

THE TEACH SYSTEM

Permanently or professionally certified teachers or educational leaders and Level III teaching assistant certificate holders must register with the New York State Education Department TEACH system

The 2015 Education Transformation Act became law as part of the adoption of the 2015-2016 New York State budget and included changes to tenure laws, APPR laws and certification laws, as well as, created receiverships for so called "failing schools". The quote below from NYSUT Factsheet 16-01, dated May 4, 2016, summarizes the new requirement to register every five years.

"Registering with the State Education Department

Beginning July 1, 2016, all permanently or professionally certified teachers or educational leaders and Level III teaching assistant certificate holders will be required to register with SED in the month of his/her birth. This registration process will be done using the State Education Department's TEACH system. These certificate holders will be required to register every five (5) years thereafter. There is no fee for registration unless the certificate holder fails to complete the process by his/her deadline. A late fee of \$10.00/month will be charged if the deadline is missed. Details on the actual registration process are still to be determined by SED."

We have been advised that late fees will not be charged for the first five year registration period. Check the NYSUT website to stay informed.

NYSUT recommends you create your TEACH system account **now**. This is an online password protected account that takes significant time to create. You must have a personal email address to list in the TEACH system. Creation of an account now will make it easier to register when SED creates the forms. The TEACH system has a public site where anyone can go online to check if a person currently holds New York State certification, what that certification is and when it was granted.

TO ACCESS THE TEACH SYSTEM, TYPE: <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/teach> .

Create your TEACH system account now rather than later.

Read the NYSUT Resources article on page 3 for more details.

The Outlook

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Jennifer Shaad-Derby, Judy Schulz, Jeanne Williams Bennett, Marlene Towne , Mary Pritchard, John Mazur, Jim Marquit, and Jean Gordon were honored for the service and dedication to RC 12 and NYSUT at the NYSUT RC 12 Conference at the Glen Sanders on May 10



NYSUT Resources for the New Regulations

To learn the details about the requirement to register every five years, read the May 6, 2016: Factsheet 16-01: Teacher Registration Regulations and Factsheet 16-02: Teaching Assistant Level III Registration Regulations. To access fact sheets 1) go to NYSUT.org., click on RESOURCES MENU, click on Factsheets (on left side of page menu), and find the fact sheet you are looking for.

The complete regulations are available on the New York State Education Department website:

www.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/316hea1.pdf

You can also read the June 2016 NYSUT UNITED newspaper article, page 16,. The NYSUT United is available on the NYSUT website if you do not still have your mailed copy.

Here are excerpts from “**10 things you need to know about NY’s new registration and continuing education regs**”

“4. Retired and not working in a public school or BOCES? You do NOT need to register. If you want to substitute teach or work again in public schools, you should register. Note: The act of ‘registering’ has no bearing on your permanent certificate (s)-your certificate is still valid for life.”

“7. Teaching assistants with pre-2004 continuing certificates do NOT need to register their certificates with the State Education Department nor complete CTLE hours.”

Another resource can be found on NYSUT website section — *Ask Us a Question about N.Y.S. Teacher Certification*. This can be found at <http://www.nysut.org/certification>. Here are some pertinent questions from the site.

“Q4: Do permanently certified teachers who are not currently working as teachers need to register with the State Education Department?”

A4: No, if you do not plan on resuming work in a public school or BOCES. However, you would need to notify the State Education Department via the TEACH system of this. According to SED, you would identify yourself as Inactive on your TEACH account. See <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/news/newsitem05122015.html>

Yes, if you will be working in a public school or BOCES in the immediate future or are seeking employment in the immediate future.”

“Q8: Is there a requirement to notify the State Education Department if I move?”

A8: Yes. Impacted certificate holders are required to notify the State Education Department within 30 days of moving. Address changes can be done on the certification holder's TEACH account.”

Retiree Council 12 Contribution Form July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017



Name _____ County _____

Address _____ City _____ Year Retired _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Original Union Local _____ You may share my email with AFT and NYSUT _____

My Assemblyman _____ My NY State Senator _____ My US Representative _____

I would be willing to work for my fellow retirees in the area of: ___ Legislation ___ Social Committee ___ Newsletter

Check this box if there has been a change in your contact information

**\$15.00 yearly contribution requested. Send to
Dolores Talmadge 206 Main Street, Fort Plain, NY 13339 Make check payable to NYSUT Retiree Council 12.
Any questions, please call (518) 993-2854.**



This photo was taken on the RC 12 Memphis trip. Bryan Smith is standing next to the F102 Fighter Interceptor that he worked on in 1969-70 as a member of the 57th Fighter Interceptor Squadron stationed in Keflavik, Iceland.

Save the Date– 2016

- June 28** **Congressional primaries**
- June 23** **RC 12 Trip to 9/11 Museum, NYC**
- July 27** **RC 12 Trip to Bethel Woods Museum**
- August 17** **RC 12 Trip to Hyde Park**
- Sept. 21** **RC 12 fall meeting at the Otesaga**
- Oct. 4** **RC 12 Essex , CT steam train & boat ride**

*April 27-30, 2017 Surprise RC 12 Trip -
This trip will be announced at the Otesaga meeting in the fall.*



Art and Music in the Adirondacks this Summer

By *Barbara Spaeth, Northville TA retiree*

The Sacandaga Valley Arts Network is presenting 7 outdoor concerts in the Northville Waterfront Park at 6 PM on Saturdays throughout the summer.

Here is the lineup:

July 9 – **Hair of the Dog** (Irish), July 16 – **The Trophy Husbands**



(Americana),

July 30 – **Alex Hitrick Band** (pop/rock) Aug. 6 - **New Shoes** (Bluegrass/Americana),
 Aug. 13 – **The Blenders** (60's Rock), Aug. 20 – **North & South Dakotas** (Folk/Bluegrass/Original),
 Aug. 27 – **Electric City Horns** (suggested donation \$5.00)

New this year is the SVAN Arts Festival on August 12-14. The kick off event at William Coffey's studio will start at 6 :00PM, Friday, August 12th. **The Cantanti Project**, an opera group from NYC, will perform songs from Gershwin, Porter, Rogers and Hart, Rogers and Hammerstein as well as Rossini and Gounod. Local pianist and composer, Philip Spaeth, will accompany them.

During Saturday, August 13th, and Sunday, August 14th, Art Trails will highlight studios and galleries, which will be open throughout the region. The **Blenders Rock Band** will perform in the Waterfront Park on Saturday. On Sunday, August 14th, at the 4:00 closing event at William Coffey Gallery, author and musician **Robin Gaiser** will be doing a book talk and signing of her book "*Musical Morphine: Transforming Pain One Note at a Time*", with a musical presentation.

For more information, go to <http://www.svanarts.org/>

NYSUT RC 12 - Hyde Park, NY Wednesday, August 17, 2016
Val-Kill - FDR Museum - Hyde Park Brewery

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service. Get your National Parks Senior Pass.
"Val-Kill is where I used to find myself and grow. At Val-Kill I emerged as an individual" (E. Roosevelt)
"All that is within me cries to go back to my home on the Hudson River." (FDR)

7:15 AM	Amsterdam Pick-Up	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 79 St. James Street
10:00 AM	Val-Kill Tour	Only National Historic Site dedicated to a First Lady
12:00	Hyde Park Brewery Lunch	
2:00 PM	FDR Home Tour	
3:00 PM	FDR Museum and Library Tour	
5:00 ish	Depart for Home <i>Rest Stop en route</i>	
8:00 PM	Arrive Amsterdam	

The cost of the trip -\$79, (includes transportation, all entrance fees, lunch (tax and tip), and driver tip)

Send registration form and check for \$79 per person (check payable to NYSUT RC-12) by July 16, 2016 to:

Kathy Lyman, 254 Riverside Place, Alplaus, NY 12008 phone: 518-399-0256 Trip insurance recommended.

RC-12 HYDE PARK TRIP - Wednesday, August 17,2016 - Registration Form

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Address _____

Email _____ Number of People Attending: ___@ \$79 Total _____

Lunch Choice: ___Drunken Turkey Sandwich ___Beef on Weck ___Eggplant Napoleon

1. Drunken Turkey Sandwich with Kettle Chips (lettuce, tomato, cheddar cheese, Winkle Lager cranberry aioli)
2. Beef on Weck (warm sliced top round of beef, horseradish sauce, salted caraway brioche bun)
3. Eggplant Napoleon (Crispy eggplant, sauteed spinach, roasted red peppers, mozzarella, mixed greens, blasamic glaze)

Plus coffee, tea, soda, dessert (Hudson Valley Apple Crisp)



Founding members and officers of RC 12, Jim Marquit and Marlene Towne, helped cut the celebration cake at the June first meeting.



Toni Cortese, founding vice-president of NYSUT and AFT secretary-treasurer, describes the formation of NYSUT and the importance of political action.

***RC 12 Celebration of 25 years of
NYSUT Retiree Councils June 1, 2016***



Co-president Jeanne Williams Bennetp and S. David King thank Mary Pritchard for her work as 2nd vice President for Legislative Affairs.

Jim Marquit, Mary Pritchard, and Jean Gordon share memories of the history of RC 12 and NYSUT



RC 12 Essex Steam Train Boat Ride - Tues., October 4, 2016



Itinerary

- ◆ Departure 7:30 AM from Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. John Street, Amsterdam NY
- ◆ Three-course dinner at the Griswold Inn
- ◆ 2.5 hour ride on the Essex Steam Train and the Becky Thatcher Riverboat
- ◆ View Gillette's Castle and Goodspeed Opera House
- ◆ Explore the town of Essex

The total cost is \$137 per person
Travel insurance is recommended!

RC 12 Essex Steam Train Boat Ride

Please mail this form and a deposit check for \$50 made payable to NYSUT RC12 to:
Phyllis C. Nicolella, 14 Wells Street, Gloversville, NY, by June 24, 2016. phylc@hotmail.com (518) 725-4060

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ame _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

Check # _____ Dated: _____ **The final payment of \$87 due by August 5, 2016**

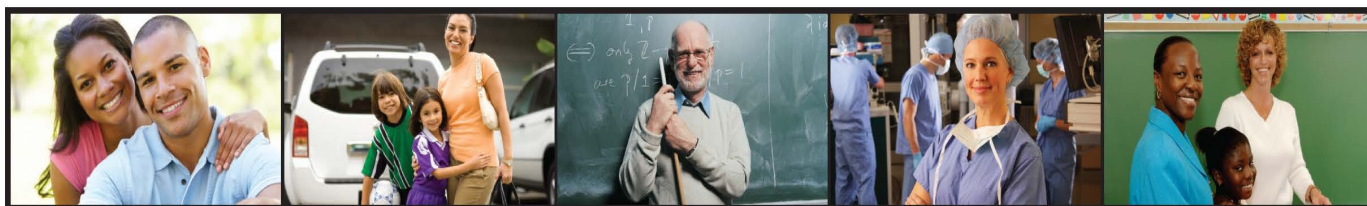
Lunch choices– Select one

(no refunds after August 5, 2016)

_____ Pan-seared chicken breast with bourbin cheese sauce

_____ Baked fillet of cod with onions, capers, and tarragon

_____ Pasta with fresh veggies, garlic, and basil tossed with assign cream sauce



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The NYSUT membership is made up of a variety of diverse professionals within the education and health care industries -- joining together in support of those who depend on them. We salute these men and women for their dedication and the sacrifices they make on a daily basis to help improve the lives of others.

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- Car & Truck Rentals
- Wyndham Hotels
- Endless Vacation Rentals
- Buyer's Edge, Inc.



To learn more about Member Benefits-endorsed programs & services, visit memberbenefits.nysut.org or call **800-626-8101**.



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