

The Rochester Retired Teacher

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RRTA BOOKS FOR KIDS RESUMES BRINGING BOOKS TO FIRST GRADERS



RRTA Books for Kids at #45: Lisa Harasimowitz, Kathleen Schello (#45 First Grade Teacher), Jennifer Wolford (#45 First Grade Teacher) 2nd row: Linda Davis, Ellen Best, Marybeth Knowles, Margaret Finch, Diana Voellinger

B for K has resumed its mission, (interrupted by the COVID pandemic) of purchasing new hard cover books for RCSD first graders and delivering the books to their classrooms. In October, Kathy Evans and Mary Zimmer delivered books to Megan Bonacci's first grade class at #9. On November 30, Books for Kids visited School #45 above.

RTA OFFICER ELECTION THIS YEAR

January 13	Nomination call sent to members
February 3	Written nominations closed
March 21	Nominations open at Representative Assembly meeting
April 21	Ballots emailed to members

In this election, RRTA Dues Payers may nominate and vote for RTA President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, RRTA Chair(member of Executive Council), Vice-Chair, Secretary, Department Representative. RRTA current officers are Chair Charlie Dean, Vice-Chair Gaya Shakes, Secretary Mary Zimmer, Department Representative Kathy Evans.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN TO SEND YOUR RRTA DUES FOR 2022 - 2023?

CHECK THE LIST ON PAGES 4 AND 5

THE RTA JUST SETTLED A CONTRACT THAT MAINTAINS HEALTH INSURANCE FOR RETIREES -
REASON ENOUGH TO PAY YOUR RRTA DUES.

2022 - 2023 RRTA DUES PAYMENT

NAME _____
FORMER SCHOOL _____ YEAR RETIRED _____
ADDRESS _____

(include ZIP)
PHONE _____
IF YOU WISH, YOUR
EMAIL _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

SEND COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK FOR \$39.30 MADE OUT TO RRTA AND NOTE THAT THE CHECK IS FOR 2022 - 2023 RRTA DUES. SEND TO RTA 30 NORTH UNION STREET, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, NY 14607

ROCHESTER RETIRED TEACHERS PHONE FOR ENDORSED CANDIDATES



Pictured from RRTA with Rep. Morelli (4th from right) are Julie Clayton (in we can do it t-shirt), Al Silverman(the tallest!), and Freddi Macek (3rd from right)

During the primary and election seasons, I organize and run the Rochester Labor Council phone banks. They are located at the NYSUT office on Union Street. These phone banks have a strong appeal for retirees as they are held in the afternoon. Plus, the members that phone are just great people to be with.

This year we called for Joe Morelli for Congress, Samra Brouk for State Senate, and Jennifer Lunsford for State Assembly. We called union members living in Samra Brouk's district. Therefore, we could call for Joe Morelli and Jennifer Lunsford (when her district overlapped). In a close election, all 3 were elected!

Others from RRTA who had phoned were Linda Rapkin, Paula Hanson, and Lucia Espinosa. They joined other retirees from Public Employees Association, Postal Workers, IUE 509 CWA, United Auto Workers, CSEA, AFSCME and other NYSUT members. We also had visits from all of the candidates!!!! A special thank you to Mary Barnum for getting the word out!!! We even had some County Legislative members come in. It was super!!!!

Every single phone call was appreciated!

In unity By

Freddi Macek (Rochester Labor Council Retiree Chair, Rochester Retired Teachers Association Rep.)

RTA GIVES AWAY 20,000 BOOKS!

On Saturday, October 29th at School #22, RTA, thanks to NYSUT and AFT, gave out over 20,000 books to teachers, parents, students and local community groups. This monumental task of unpacking and sorting over 20,000 books could not have happened without the help of some fabulous RRTA volunteers. Thank you to the following RRTA members who help out the week before the event: Susan Massar, Maureen Preston, Sharon Chandler, and Maureen McCarron. A special thank you to Mary Zimmer who came every day to sort and helped us throughout the event on Saturday. Thank you for helping us get books to our teachers and families.

By Aimee Rinere, RTA Treasurer

RESULT OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR RRTA REP

At the January meeting of RRTA Representatives, Crystal Chambers and Andrew Decker were elected RRTA Representatives, since there were no other nominees for the 2 empty Rep positions. Their terms end June 30, 2023.

RRTA Meeting (Virtual on Zoom) Oct. 6, 2022

Attendance: D. Altobelli, Z. Artson-Crichlow, M. Barnum, C. Bon-signore-Kitchen, P. Brody, B. Buckingham, C. Dean, L. Espinosa, K. Evans, M. Ferenchak, B. Gerace, W. Humphrey, M. Jenkins-Cox, F. Macek, L. Rapkin, E. Robinson, K. Schultz, G. Shakes, A. Smith, C. Smith, B. Swan, D. Sullivan, F. Valente, M. Zimmer, J. Zuniga
Absent: S. Flynn, K. Fager, K. Huey, M. Keating, A. Johnson, M. McCarron, S. Silvio, T. Stamper Webster, D. Voellinger, Y. Wooten
Also in attendance: J. Robillard, M. Lavonis (RTA Secretary/zoom administrator)

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 10:07.**
- 2. A moment of silence was observed** for teachers who have passed away in the past month: Robert Allen, Louis Battaglia, Jacqueline Boyle, Trina Casper, Bienvenido DeJesus, LeDell Giles, Chloe Hammond, Constance Harde, Major John H. Horton, Jr., USMC, Gayle Kendig, Harry Mackey, Jr., Karen Morris, Eleanor Nemeth, Mildred Ness, Patricia Ottmar, Donald Parker, Eugene Pietak, Herbert Picnic, John Thiele, and John Zappetella. A \$25 donation is made to Books for Kids in memory of any RRTA member.
- 3. The June RRTA minutes were approved as written.**
- 4. Announcements:** a) Medicare recipients have received from the district a letter about the creditable prescription drug plan. Save the letter for proof of having a plan from RCSD if questioned.
b) Prices for the 2023 health care plans have been announced: The enhanced plan will increase about \$18 to \$514.88; Medicare Excellus/Blue Choice (having paid \$52), the MVP buy up plan (having paid \$81), and MVP gold (having paid \$34) will have no charge this year. Costs have gone down and RCSD pays \$258 per month for each retiree which pays for the 3 plans and the retirees will not have a charge this coming year. Look carefully at the benefits of each plan and choose the best one that meets your medical needs. (ie, the MVP buy up plan has a lower hospital stay charge than the other 2 plans; there are differences in stays at nursing facilities, etc.)
November is open enrollment for the January to December 2023 year. If you wish to change, you need to fill out the form. The district will notify members about the open window period, but you may need to request the form. If you have questions, you can call Charlie Dean at (585) 865-1735. Check the RTA website for medical plans and prices, etc.
c) Medicare Part B monthly payment will decrease in 2023. It will decrease from \$171 to \$164.90 for those in the first level of IRMAA.
d) NYSTRA Cola has increased by \$45 as of your September check (survivors benefit increased by half, \$22.50). The Cola is for those who have been retired for 5 years and is at least 62 years old.
e) Social Security Cola has not been announced yet but it is speculated that it may increase by 8%.
- 5. There are 316 RRTA members** who have sent in their dues money. Please send in \$39.30. When you send in your check, you will receive a calendar as a thank you gift that acknowledges your check has been received.
- 6. Dress a Girl/Savvy Sewers** — Gaya Shakes reported that a shipment went in July to Uganda and she had received a thank you video which she shared at the meeting. In September the group met at the RTA for the first time since COVID and made 50 dresses and will be putting together another shipment. They encourage anyone to join them on the last Monday of the month at the RTA office or to donate money.
- 7. Labor Council** — Freddi Macek reported that the group is focusing on phone banks and literature drops. If interested in helping, contact Freddi at 244-9611 or by email at macek01@gmail.com. They are calling only union members and are concentrating on Sandra Brouk and Joe Morelli. She said that she sent out all the endorsed candidates through Mary Barnum and Charlie Dean. There was a discussion about lawn signs and you can call the Democratic office at 232-2410 or to the Morelli office at 232-4850.
- 8. Vote Cope** — Dave Altobelli reported that with the list of contributors in the recent RRTA newspaper, 28 new contributors sent in money. At the recent new teachers meetings he was able to sign up 48 new active teachers. They are concerned about changing the Tier 6 to attract new people to the profession.
Charlie Dean recommends members to increase your Vote Cope contribution as your Cola increases.
- 9. RRTA Newspaper** — October 15 is the deadline for the next newspaper submissions. Jim Kraus is writing an article about Bob Allen, a long time active union member who passed away recently. Freddi Macek is writing about the Inflation Reduction Act and how it effects retirees. There will be a list of dues payers and the form to submit your dues, info from NYSTRA and the CSD Medicare drug coverage letter.
- 10 Books for Kids** — The group will be restarting after Covid. There will be a meeting October 20 for any dues payer who would like to volunteer for the program. The meeting will be on zoom. In October a couple of teachers will be visiting School 9 to deliver books to first graders.
- 11. Calendar** — The RRTA and RTA meetings are on the calendar. There will also be the RCSD medical benefit meetings. Look for them in the RRTA newspaper.
- 12. Cathy Smith** suggested that there be an article in each RRTA newspaper spotlighting a retiree.
- 13. NYS Retiree Board of Trustee election** — All NYSUT members received a ballot recently. Please return the form. Charlie Dean said that he has worked with David Keefe and knows him to be a very knowledgeable candidate for retirees.
- 14. There are open RRTA positions.** A notice will go out in the RRTA newspaper asking for nominations.
- 15. October 16 is the Breast Cancer Walk at Frontier Field.** NYSUT

- is a sponsor. RTA has purchased 100 shirts. Come and walk or give a contribution.
- 16. Barry Swan reintroduced a motion** to have a member or 2 from RORE come and speak to the retirees to explain their platform, grass-root democracy, generational differences, etc. Some members of RORE are not teachers. Because it was voted down in June, it needed someone who voted against it then to reintroduce the motion. No one came forward to do so.
 - 17. There was a motion to continue RRTA meetings on zoom** until it was decided to begin meeting in person. There continues to be a concern of meeting in close quarters and with Covid. The vote was 17 to 2 to continue the meetings on zoom.
 - 18. Holiday Luncheon** — No place was reserved for 2022. Hopefully we will be able to resume the party in 2023.
 - 19. Solidarity Wednesdays** — The t-shirts are still being distributed to active teachers. There may be some available for retirees after that.
 - 20. Freddi Macek** asked if Dress A Girl were going to make blankets for the homeless as they did last year. The Labor Council retirees were interested in this. Gaya said that anyone interested are welcome to come to their meetings on the last Monday of the month at the RTA office.
 - 21. Patti Brody** said that there is a special exhibit at the Memorial Art Gallery on a commune of South African women on beading. It will be there until October 23 and well worth the visit.
 - 22. Mary Barnum** said that RTA continues to have difficulty with negotiations with the district but the RRTA is supportive of all RTA members as one union.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:53.**
The next meeting will be November 3 at 10 am.
Mary Zimmer, RTA Secretary
- RRTA Meeting (Virtual on Zoom) Nov. 3, 2022**
- Attendance:** , Z. Artson-Crichlow, M. Barnum, C. Bonsignore-Kitchen, P. Brody, B. Buckingham, C. Dean, K. Evans, K. Fager, M. Ferenchak, B. Gerace, K. Huey, W. Humphrey, F. Macek, M. McCarron, L. Rapkin, E. Robinson, K. Schultz, G. Shakes, S. Silvio, C. Smith, B. Swan, T. Stamper Webster, D. Sullivan, F. Valente, M. Zimmer, J. Zuniga
Absent: D. Altobelli, S. Flynn, L. Espinosa, M. Keating, M. Jenkins-Cox, A. Johnson, A. Smith, D. Voellinger, Y. Wooten
Also in attendance: J. Robillard, M. Lavonis (RTA Secretary/zoom administrator)
- s2. A moment of silence** was observed for teachers who have passed away in the past month: Nancy Burns, Marine Lisi, and Mary Jane Taylor. A \$25 donation is made to Books for Kids in memory of any RRTA member.
 - 3. The October RRTA minutes were approved as written.**
 - 4. Announcements** —
a) Charlie Dean said that COVID tests are available to those on Medicare. You can get them from the pharmacy or sign up on various platforms online. You get 4 boxes (8 tests) per month until the CDC says the pandemic has passed. The CDC has also said that the tests are good up to 6 months from the printed expiration date.
b) Social Security increase will be 8.7% beginning in January, 2023.
c) The NYSTRA COLA increase was \$45 per month effective September, 2022. The accumulative COLA is thanks to Vote Cope and the work of NYSUT.
 - 4. Labor Council** — Freddi Macek thanked those who have come in to make political calls for endorsed candidates (Alan Silverman and Lucia Espinosa). The Labor Council has been calling union members, including teachers to help save Social Security and Medicare. They are calling at the NYSUT offices downstairs and hope that more can come in from 12 - 4 pm. Sharon Silvio said that NYSUT school district teachers continue calling from 4:30 - 7:30 and that all are welcome.
Some teachers have sent out political postcards for NYSUT endorsed candidates.
Barry Swan asked Sharon Silvio to have NYSUT extend their reach for endorsements because employees live farther out of the city and vote in those areas in nearby counties.
Kevin Fager recommended that those who live in Webster vote for Mike DiTullio who was the president of the Webster Teacher Union and a teacher, himself. He is running for county legislator and was endorsed by NYSUT.
 - 5. Health Care, 2023** — Everyone should have received the packet with pricing and the side by side comparison sheet. If you have not received it you can call Benefits Office at (585) 262-8206. Three out of the four choices have no cost during the 2023 year. That is because the 3 are less than the \$250 that the district pays.
Look at the comparison of benefits that best suits your needs. You need the form if you are changing plans that you get from Benefits (download from the RCSD website, call or go in person).
The informational meeting will be November 9 from 3 to 5:30 at Wilson Informationals.
The forms are time sensitive and must be returned by the date indicated.
If your payment is autopay, when it goes down to \$0, watch your bank account to see if it changes.
Keep copies of anything you send to the district for documentation on your part.
Charlie Dean said he will attend the November 9 Informational Meeting and ask questions about billing and report back.
If you go down to benefits, they will review the forms you turn in and let you know if you filled them in correctly. They will time/date stamp it to ensure everything is completed. There may be more than one form needed to be filled in (particularly if you are changing to MVP) and if you use US Postal Mail, you may not have everything in on time.
Forms: RCSDK12.org/Pages/49971. Chart:

RCSDK12.org/Pages/49978

6. Dress A Girl/Savvy Sewers — Gaya Shakes said that they are sending dresses to Zambia; blankets to 3 homeless shelters in the Rochester area; cleaning products to Beyond the Sanctuary; and hygiene kits for girls. They also wrote postcards for Joe Morelli at their last meeting.

There is now a sister group in Gary, Indiana. They are sending dresses to Calcutta, India.

There is an article about the group in the RRTA newspaper.

The group is collecting money and cleaning products such as detergent to distribute to the needy. Please drop it off on the last Monday at the RTA office when the group is meeting.

Chojy Schroeder is collecting pots and pans to help immigrants and refugees. If you have anything to share you can contact her or Gaya Shakes.

7. Vote Cope — Dave Altobelli sent a message through Charlie Dean that he had received some more contributions for Vote Cope: Agnes Wright, Patti Brody, Carol Bonsignore Kitchen, Victor Galatea, Barbara Frederick, Barbara Gagliano, Patrick Bleier, and Marie Jenkins Cox.

Many are increasing their Vote Cope pension deduction with the recent COLA increase.

8. RRTA Newspaper — The newspaper was being delivered to the post office Thursday. Mary Barnum thanked Freddi Macek on the Inflation Reduction Act article and its effect on Medicare and Gaya Shakes’ article on Dress A Girl.

There is a dues reminder to become an RRTA member. Presently there are 380 members. The deadline for the January paper is January 10.

9. Shaw Festival — Maureen McCarron said that she is working on a Niagara on the Lake trip to see a play for the first time since 2019. They are working with Niagara Scenic Tours who will work with Maureen to customize a trip for RRTA. They will take care of all the details of obtaining tickets which has in the past been difficult with payment and obtaining the tickets in a timely manner. The price may be more than in the past. Maureen will try to get all the details worked out for the January RRTA newspaper. The RRTA members may get a discount, as in the past.

10. Books for Kids — The Committee met for the first time in 2 years. In October a small number of teachers visited School 9 and in November the group will be going to #45. Two to three teachers will go into the classrooms but the whole committee is invited to go to Barnes and Noble to purchase the books.

During the pandemic many checks were sent in to the RTA and put into a folder. Because we were not going into the office the checks expired. There were checks sent as a remembrance for someone who has passed totaling \$125. A motion was made to take the money out of the RRTA account and transfer the funds to the Books for Kids account to cover the money. The motion passed. The 4 other checks that had expired were from RRTA members and were being asked to replace the checks so that they could be cashed.

11. Calendar — The next RRTA meeting is December 1 at 10 am. Watch for the Shaw announcement in the January paper that will go to RRTA members only.

12. There was a check of the reps who regularly do not attend the meetings.

13. Gaya Shakes shared that her husband, David, is directing a play for Black Friars called Barbecue. Tickets are available on the website and at the door.

14. Kevin Fager wanted to inform the RRTA members that he is going to make a proposal at the RTA meeting that Adam Urbanski’s President Report be earlier on the RTA agenda. The meeting often ends before he is able to get to all his points and the newer teachers are not able to ask questions. Mary Barnum recommended that he speak to Adam to get his approval. Kevin said that he had already.

Meeting adjourned at 11:46.

Mary Zimmer RRTA Secretary

RRTA Meeting (Virtual on Zoom) Dec. 1, 2022

Attendance: D. Altobelli, Z. Artson-Crichlow, M. Barnum, C. Bonsignore-Kitchen, P. Brody, B. Buckingham, C. Dean, L. Espinosa, K. Evans, K. Fager, B. Gerace, K. Huey, W. Humphrey, M. Jenkins-Cox, F. Macek, M. McCarron, L. Rapkin, K. Schultz, G. Shakes, A. Smith, C. Smith, B. Swan, Y. Wooten, M. Zimmer
Absent: M. Ferenchak, S. Flynn, M. Keating, A. Johnson, E. Robinson, S. Silvio, T. Stamper Webster, D. Sullivan, F. Valente, D. Voellinger, J. Zuniga

Also in attendance: S. Raymond, J. Robillard, M. Lavonis (RTA Secretary/zoom administrator)

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05.

2. A moment of silence was observed for teachers who have passed away in the past month: Sister Ann Cullen and Joe Barone. A \$25 donation is made to Books for Kids in memory of any RRTA member.

3. The November RRTA minutes were approved as written.

4. Announcements —

a) Condolences were sent to Frank Valente, RTA and RRTA rep, for the loss of his mother this week.

b) We send get well wishes to Linda Katwas, RTA rep and member of the Grievance Committee, who has had 4 surgeries on her hip. Please keep her in your thoughts.

c) Social Security has recently sent out a message via mail or email letting recipients know what their 8.7% increase will look like in January. Also Medicare Part B and D deductions which have decreased are listed depending on your MAGI. If you did not receive anything, you can go to SSI.gov to your “My Social Security” page and look for a message.

5. RRTA special rep election for 2 open positions — Two nominations were sent in: Crystal Chambers and Andrew Decker. No other

nominations were taken at the meeting, therefore, they are elected.

6. Dress a Girl/Savvy Sewers — Gaya Shakes said that the group met the last Monday of November and were working on blankets for Willow, the women’s shelter. They continue collecting cleaning supplies for Beyond the Sanctuary (supplies are not covered by SNAP). If you would like to donate, drop off the supplies at RTA or call Gaya to be picked up. Smaller, regular size containers are preferred over the king sized containers so that more people can share in the supplies.

7. Vote Cope — Dave Altobelli said he continues to accept contributions. In the fourth quarter the number he is receiving has diminished. He has received 18 new contributors for October and November. Please consider increasing your contribution with your increase in your pension and Social Security checks.

8. Labor Council — Freddi Macek reported that the labor community is mourning the death of labor leader, Bruce Popper. December 7 will be the annual awards dinner and will have an award named after him. If interested in attending, contact Freddi.

Margie Brumfield, past RAP president who is now representing the coalition of Black Trade Unions is receiving an award as the retiree of the year.

Julie Clayton, an RRTA member, is being recognized for all the work she did in calling at the phone banks during the election.

Freddi Macek is having an award named after her. She has been on the Labor Council for 22 years.

Freddi thanked the retirees who called at the phone banks in October and November.

Many are calling from NYS to help the Georgian election for Rev. Wornack. They will be calling until the day of the election and if anyone would be interested in helping, contact Freddi. The AFL/CIO are in Georgia overseeing the calling.

Lucia Espinosa mentioned that Michael Moore, documentary filmmaker, has a podcast; and on it he asks that everyone to contact their congressman to get the autoworkers’ pensions returned.

There is also a petition in Monroe County asking lawmakers to release money for the infrastructure to get more jobs available in the county.

9. Newspaper — January 10 is the deadline for the next newspaper. Send in pictures, articles, information about activities, etc. Mary Barnum thanked Jim Krauss for the great article about Bob Allen and to Charlie Dean who sent in the pictures of Bob.

Mary said that the January paper will include the list of dues payers (542 members); additional vote cope contributors since the last publication; Shaw/Niagara on the Lake information; interview of a retiree (from Cathy Smith); Lucia Espinosa offered an article about podcasts that are labor and history related; etc.

10. Niagara on the Lake/Shaw Festival — Maureen McCarron presented the information she got from the bus touring company. The approximate cost will be \$155 for the ticket to the play, the bus ride and driver’s gratuity. There was a discussion about complementary tickets for the 31st and 42nd ticket that the company offers. The discussion was whether to spread out the benefit to lower the price or to offer the tickets to the coordinators.

RRTA members will get a discount on the price of the ticket only. Shaw has not yet set the prices of the tickets for the 2023 season. Valid passport or a NYS enhanced license is needed and to be shown before entering the bus in Rochester.

A motion was made by Mary Barnum and seconded by Barry Swan to choose the play Gypsy and to spread out the cost of the 2 complimentary tickets to all theater goers. The motion was passed.

Mary Barnum thanked Maureen for all the work she has put in to make this trip a reality.

11. Books for Kids — The group went to School 45 in November. The retired teachers from School 45 visited 3 classrooms. Cathy Smith said that she is preparing to go to the School of Inquiry in December.

12. Calendar — The next RRTA meeting is January 5 at 10 am and the Shaw play are on the calendar.

13. Barry Swan said that he is participating in a group that is organizing in February the first celebration in Rochester of Darwin Day for science and thought processes. If you would like to know more information about this, contact Barry Swan. There are plans to have activities for both children and adults.

14. Carol Bonsignore Kitchen said she was recently asked by a retired ASAR member who pays RRTA dues why the RRTA does not solicit more ASAR members to join RRTA. Charlie Dean said they are welcome to join if they had taught prior to being an administrator, but are not sought out. They do benefit from what RTA negotiates (health benefits) as do any retiree group such as Bente or RAP.

15. Mary Barnum said that RTA is deep into negotiations. The Action Committee is very active and retirees may be called to help at rallies, on solidarity Wednesdays, etc. Before the staff enter together on solidarity Wednesdays some retirees from that building could meet them with donuts or you could “like” posts on Facebook. Central Office is monitoring on line comments to see if the community if behind the teachers.

16. Al Smith is asking for help again this Christmas with Toys for Tots. They are meeting on Wednesday, December 14 to load vehicles at the old Gerber factory on Buffalo road (west of the RR bridge near Mt. Read traffic circle). Go to Door #100. After that they will be meeting at School 22 at 9:15 to hand out the Christmas presents. They will also be going to 2 community centers and another school. If you would like to help go to these places, or contact Al Smith.

Happy Holidays!

The meeting adjourned sat 11:24.

Mary Zimmer RRTA Secretary

RRTA DUES PAYERS AS OF JANUARY 6, 2023

Joseph Abernethy
Alice Abrams
Jean Acquilano
Richard Adamus
Jane Ahrens
Darcy Alaimo Kalaghan
Patricia Albring
Elizabeth Alexander
Margaret Alfieri
Elaine Alma
David Altobelli
Luanna Andrews
Janet Archibald
Zelda Artson Crichlow
Samuel Attardo
Nancy Attardo Atherton
Karen Bailey
Doris Bailey Gordon
Alan Barasch
Linda Barclay
Susan M. Baritot
Katherine Barkley
Richard Barrett
Lawrence Baxter
Marvin Bayles
Carol Beairsto
Jane Beaver
Natasha Bell
Peter Benvenuto
Selma Berger
Ellen Best
Cece Maureen Betancourt
Richard Bialczak
Cynthia Bianchi
Deborah Bielecki
Kecia Binko
Ken Bissinger
Peter Blair
Patricia Bleier
Ronald Bleier
Julia Bogardus
Tom Bohrer
Carol Bonsignore Kitchen
Carole Botash
Kathleen Bowersox
Charles Boyar
Randy Bradshaw
Michael Braell
Diane Bredes-Nies
Mary Jo Brennan
Paul Brigandi
Mary-Ann Brodt
Bob Brody
Patricia Brody
Cheryl Brown
Barbara Buckingham
Marsha Budd
Barbara Bukowski
Cynthia Burch
Deborah Burdulis
Marianne Burke
Thomas Burke
Bonnie Bush
Elizabeth Bush
Mary Lou Cadena
Mona Callan
Catherine Canty
Lea Cappella
Francisco Javier Cardona
Robin Carlisi
Jeanne Carlivati
Nilda Carmona Rivera
John Carr
Susan Carter
John Casella
Mary Casey
Steven Cassano
Michael Cavallaro
Michelle Cavallaro
Barbara Caviglia
Christine Chaffer
Crystal Chambers
Doris Chance
Sharon Chandler
Lynne Charette

Carroll Chiarelli
Margaret Clark
Julia Clayton
Larry Clayton
Beryl Clymer
Annette Coffey
Karen Cofield
Addie Coleman
James Collins
Barbara Compitello
Candee Conklin Chisenon
Loretta(Lorie) Cook
Patricia Cook
Sherry Cope
Cathleen Corbet
Patricia Corcoran
Gina Cordaro
Jay Costanza
Marie Costanza
Jocelyn Cox Hiler
Gary Cregan
Beatrice Crysel
Johanna Cummings
Maureen Currie
Stephanie Curry
Harlow Cushman
Martha Cuthbert
Brian Daily
Rosa Daiuto
Carolyn Daniels
Martha Daniels
Kenneth Dardenne
Mary Davey
Lauri Davis
Linda Davis
Willie Davis
Ann Davis
Rosanne Dawson Sydor
Joseph De Roller
Charlie Dean
Andrew Decker
Barbara Decker
Louise Delaus
Michael DeLaus
Deanne Delehanty
Barbara Densmore
Gail Dentinger
Ana Claudia Derleth
Elizabeth Derry
Diane Desmarais
Nancy DiMarco
David Dimmock
Dolores Dinolfo
Eileen DiPalma
Dennis Doll
Hanya Dombchewskyj
Carol Domenico
Peg Donaghy
Denise Doris
Shirley Dorsey
John R. Doser
Jane Drake
Barbara Drmacich
Daniel Dunne
Mary Lisa Dwyer
Jackie Eadie
Jessie Eaton
James Elam
Marcia Elwitt
Sheila Emmert
Christina Engels Vattana
Lisa Englert
Linda Epstein
Elaine Erbland
Lucia Espinosa
Claude Ettegui Katz
Bruna Evangelista
Nellie Evans
Kathleen Evans
Bedriye Evyapan
Irene Fadden
Catherine Fager
Kevin Fager
Lisa Farnung
Jeffrey Feinberg

Catherine Feinen
Marie Ferenchak
Anna Ferro
Teresa Fiermonte
Bruce Finch
Gregory Finch
Margaret Finch
Kathleen Finnegan
Mary Fiorica
Sharon Flynn
Ellen Folts
Cathleen Foster
Joseph Foster
Kathryn Franz
Louise Frederes
Barbara Frederick
Louis Friedman
Christine Fritsch
Paula Futrell
Mary Gagliano
Barbara Gagliano
Robert Galory
Victor Garatea
Richard Garcia
Carolyn Garman
Susan Gaskill
Lynn Gatto
Richard Gatto
Cheryl Gavenda
Robert Gears
Anita Gelabert
Sharon Gendron
Gary Genthner
Mary Gentry
Robert Gerace
William Gerber
Karen Gerew
Dorothy Giangreco
Patrick Gibbons
Roxane Gifaldi
Thomas Gillett
Andrea Giuffre
Paula Givens
Judy Glaubinger
Bryan Gnann
Patricia Godleski
Shira Goldberg
Maria Golder
Marvin Goldsberry
Judith Goldstein
Susan Goodwin
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Gypsy Thursday, June 15, 2023 Festival Theatre

Gypsy Rose Lee was the world’s most famous striptease artist; Momma Rose the ultimate stage mother. Follow their extraordinary story in Stephen Sondheim’s timeless musical about sex, power and longing. With legendary songs, including “Let Me Entertain You” and “Everything’s Coming up Roses,” Gypsy remains the greatest American musical.

- \$135 RRTA Dues Payer (includes bus and play)
 - \$155 non-dues payer (includes bus and play)
- 8:45 a.m. Depart Henrietta-Winton Place, east side of Java’s
11:30 a.m. Estimated arrival time at the Festival Theatre
7:00 p.m. Depart for home
9:30 p.m. ETA Winton Place

This year, for the first time, Scenic Excursions has arranged our trip.

REQUIRED ID: ALL TRAVELERS MUST HAVE A PASSPORT, PASSPORT CARD, OR ENHANCED LICENSE FOR TRAVEL TO CANADA.

NO REFUND. But trip insurance for medical reason available for \$25.00 per person.
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Send checks with completed form to RTA office, 30 North Union St., Rochester, NY 14607.

Gypsy June 15

Deadline April 3

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A Message From Vote Cope

Good tidings to all and let’s wish for a healthy year ahead. I am writing this update prior to the year-end summation by NYSUT. However, I can predict that VOTE COPE had a successful year, not only with monetary contributions but additionally with most NYSUT/RTA endorsed candidates either elected or reelected state-wide.

To what do we attribute this success? Well, the answer is obvious. You! Every year we increase awareness of our political goals and you always respond with financial support for our initiatives and endorsed candidates. In fact some retirees continue to work on phone banks, mailings and door-to-door canvassing. YOU are the backbone to an organization, RTA, that has been positive influence in our profession and into retirement.

We continue to pressure our legislators to amend the harsh conditions of Tier 6. Surely, some retirees benefitted from legislation that allowed Tier 3 retirees to retire from a less restrictive tier, tier 4.

Vote Cope will continue to be a viable political action movement. And its on-going viability is largely thanks to YOU. Let us continue to support our strongest ally, VOTE COPE.

By Davis A. Altobelli, VOTE COPE Coordinator

The following Rochester retirees have contributed to VOTE COPE since our October report:

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| Carol Bonsignore Kitchen | Victor Galatea |
| Patricia Brody | Nancy Keller |
| Jeanne Carlivatti | Sandra Martinez |
| Elaine Erbland | Caroline Pepper |
| Barbara Frederick | Paul Sheck |
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MORE ELECTION VOLUNTEERS

These are the retirees who helped with the RTA get-out-the-vote effort. Thank you Candace Rubin for these names. Some of these phoned, some wrote post cards. If you see any of these people, thank them.

Mike Hermann	Ellie Shulman
Rose Vercolen	Linda-Louise Krause
Lucia Espinosa	Carolyn Garmen
Kathy Evans	Cathy Fager
Alex Johnson	Linda Davis
Alice Palokoff	Janet Archibald
Ana Guevara	Wendy Wilson

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