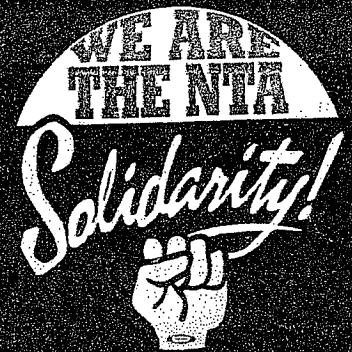


The NTA Retiree

Newsletter

A publication of the Retired Teachers' Chapter of the NTA



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are very pleased to report that membership in the chapter now stands at 568! As a result of the membership increase, we now have six (6) delegates and six (6) alternates representing us at the NTA's Delegate Assembly. Alternate delegate Ed Winfield is now the sixth delegate and Dottie Davidson is the new alternate. Your delegates and alternates are listed below and are elected to serve until June 30, 2012. We thank them for volunteering their time and energy to representing our interests at Delegate Assembly meetings.

DELEGATES: Frank Colone, Flip Gertler, Barbara Fogarty, Ray LeDuc, Dennis Morano, Ed Winfield

ALTERNATES: Bette Coughlin, Russ Coughlin, Dottie Davidson, Steve DeMarco, John Panzetta, Lenore Smith

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Retired Teachers' Action Fund, we sincerely thank George Bowles, Grace Bowles and Rachel Fitzgibbons for their recent contributions to the Retired Teachers' Action Fund. As you know, the fund is established to advance the interests of retirees and the Retired Teachers' Chapter. Again, thank you to all members who have generously donated in the past.

COMMUNICATIONS

In an effort to supplement our regular mailing, we are in the process of setting up a web page on the NTA's website. We hope to be up and running very soon. We will also have an email address soon for retiree use. You will be able to find our webpage as a listed NTA Resource at www.newburghta.org. Our email address

will be retirees@newburghta.com We plan to include our newsletter online in addition to other pertinent information.

VOTING RIGHTS REVISITED

As reported in the last issue of the *Newsletter*, the NTA and the Chapter agreed to resolve the last of the issues concerning the voting rights of retirees when we met with President VanDuser on July 17th. The issue arose when the NTA, under the previous administration, denied retirees the right to vote and to participate in the process of electing delegates and alternates to NYSUT, AFT and the NEA. The election took place in May 2009. By NYSUT constitution, retirees who are members through a chapter, as we are, are represented through the chapter, while the NTA constitution gives retirees the right to vote. We agreed not to pursue any claims of disenfranchisement in return for a guarantee of future voting rights. It was also agreed that President VanDuser would seek a vote of the Board of Directors to confirm that agreement, but that has yet to take place. We will update members on the matter at our brunch.

RETIREE BRUNCH

Our retiree brunch will be held this year on **Thursday, December 3, 2009 at Diana's Restaurant at 9:30AM.** . If school is cancelled that day, the brunch will be cancelled also. We also request that everyone attending bring **at least one canned food** to contribute to the holiday food drive. The cost of the brunch is **\$12.00 per person and checks should be made out to the NTA** and mailed to:

Mrs. Peggy Colone
11 Furlong Street
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Please detach below and mail with your check.

NAME _____
PHONE NUMBER _____
NUMBER ATTENDING _____