



FROM THE CHAIR

BY: **JIM RULISON**, CHAPTER CHAIR

On May 17TH the Capital District Chapter had its Annual Meeting at the Italian American Community Center on Washington Avenue Extension. As expected; the food, ambiance and camaraderie were all excellent. Although we had no designated keynote speaker, RPEA Executive Director Ed Farrell updated everyone on our legislative efforts and hosted a town hall type Q&A. We also heard from the benefits manager who handles RPEA's hearing and vision programs and (very helpful) representatives from the Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds had their computers up and running so attendees could find out if they were in their database (several were, including myself) and those who were in that database what actions and forms were necessary to claim those monies.

It was also reported that, since January 2015, we've held 13 defensive driving sessions and that well over 200 chapter members have participated in this program. These sessions are nearly always booked up so sign up early if you want a seat.

I also reported that the morning and evening June 9TH Organizing Your Vital Records seminars were booked up, as was an afternoon session that was added. We have a waiting list of 30 members so two more sessions will be scheduled to accommodate those individuals. More sessions beyond those are being contemplated by the Steering Committee.

I also shared some Chapter membership information that I was able to access from RPEA's new database. Our Chapter has almost 2800 members, of which almost 300 are lifetime members and over 200 are new members. We recognized the lifetime members who attended and we formally welcomed the newcomers who came to the meeting. While those numbers are impressive, they have to be put into context. According to the information we've received from the Comptroller's Office there are approximately thirteen thousand prospective public sector retirees in the Chapter's catchment area. That's where you come in. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Each of you must know at least one or two other retirees who are potential members. Please reach out to them, tell them how important RPEA is to monitoring and safeguarding their benefits and encourage them to join. The new \$15 first year membership fee is a miniscule price to pay considering what the increased health insurance premiums and co-pays would be without RPEA keeping State and local governments informed. We remind them of what the adverse impact would be on THEIR retiree constituents if they or the governor reduce what we worked hard and sacrificed for to achieve. RPEA needs to maintain AND INCREASE its member base for a variety of reasons (including the fact that we need to replace members who have passed away so as to keep dues to a minimum as well as to increase our voice with our legislators. **GO RECRUIT!**

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.



RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, INC.

THE CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER IS PROUD TO SPONSOR AARP'S DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

* FEE: \$20.00 AARP MEMBERS • \$25.00 NON-MEMBERS

AARP MEMBERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT THEIR AARP MEMBERSHIP CARD AT THE TRAINING SESSION.

CAN'T FIND YOUR AARP MEMBERSHIP CARD? CALL 1-888-687-2277 FOR ASSISTANCE.

* 6 HOUR CLASSROOM REFRESHER • ONE DAY • NO TEST

* LEARN HOW TO COMPENSATE FOR AGE-RELATED CHANGES.

* LEARN NEW TRAFFIC LAWS. REVIEW THE RULES OF THE ROAD AND MUCH MORE.

* YOU MAY RECEIVE A REDUCTION OF UP TO 4 POINTS ON YOUR DRIVING RECORD.

* REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED IN THE MORNING. * 1/2 HOUR BREAK FOR LUNCH **

** PLEASE NOTE: LUNCH IS NOT PROVIDED.

BECAUSE THE LUNCH BREAK IS ONLY A HALF-HOUR IT IS ADVISED THAT YOU BRING A LUNCH AND BEVERAGE AND NOT LEAVE THE COURSE SITE. A LUNCH-BREAK AREA WILL BE PROVIDED.

DATES OF DRIVING COURSES FOR 2016

CLASSES ARE SIX-HOUR, ONE-DAY SESSIONS. > 9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM

AUGUST 3RD * SEPTEMBER 7TH * OCTOBER 5TH

* NO CLASSES IN JULY, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

NEW YORK STATE REQUIRES ALL AUTO INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PROVIDE SOME MULTI-YEAR DISCOUNTS TO AARP DEFENSIVE DRIVING PARTICIPANTS.

THIS AARP COURSE IS APPROVED BY THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES. A CONFIRMING LETTER WILL BE SENT TO YOU.



* PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO AARP FOR \$20.00 OR \$25.00

WRITE YOUR AARP MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ON THE FRONT OF YOUR CHECK. IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER WRITE "NON-MEMBER."

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 518-869-2542

MAIL YOUR CHECK TO THE COURSE LOCATION: RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CDC)

435 NEW KARNER RD STE 15 - ALBANY, NY 12205-3833 ATTENTION: "DEFENSIVE DRIVING"

RESERVATION FORM: THE RPEA CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER SPONSORED AARP DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

NAME _____ PLEASE PRINT

ADDRESS _____ STREET CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE _____

DESIRED COURSE DATE: 1 ST CHOICE _____ 2 ND CHOICE _____ 3 RD CHOICE _____

AARP MEMBER AARP MEMBER # _____ \$ 20.00 * NON-MEMBER \$ 25.00



RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, INC. CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER

THE LAKE THEATRE

TUESDAY ♦ SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

\$82.00 PER PERSON

Southern Comforts is a funny and heartwarming December-December romantic comedy about a grumpy Yankee widower and a vivacious widow from Tennessee who find what they least expected...a second chance at love. When they decide to "tie the knot", the fireworks that ensue are funny, awkward, and enchanting. This Off-Broadway success is an affecting, late-in-life love story and a delightful mix of comedy, conflict and compromise.



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE
TO FIND THE
LOVE OF YOUR LIFE

DINING & ENTERTAINMENT YOUR CHOICE OF THE FOLLOWING ENTRÉES



- **MEDALLIONS OF BEEF**
› WITH BORDELAISE SAUCE SERVED WITH ROASTED POTATOES
- **CHAR-GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST**
› WITH HOMEMADE APPLE RELISH, LEMON VINAIGRETTE SERVED WITH ROASTED POTATOES (GLUTEN FREE)
- **BROILED ATLANTIC SALMON**
› WITH LEMON, WHITE WINE AND CAPER SAUCE SERVED WITH RICE PILAF (GLUTEN FREE)
- **VEGETARIAN PASTA**
› WITH SAUTÉED VEGETABLES OVER PENNE PASTA

ALL ENTREES SERVED WITH CHOICE OF CAESAR OR HOUSE SALAD, ROLLS, VEGETABLES, DESSERT & COFFEE OR HOT TEA.



BUS WILL LEAVE FROM LATHAM FARMS › AT SAM CLUB PARKING LOT - RTE 7
DEPARTURE TIME: 10:15 AM ▲ **RETURNS TO LATHAM: 4:00-4:30 PM (TIME APPROXIMATE)**



FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED. VERY LIMITED SPACE.
BUS SEATING WILL BE ASSIGNED FROM FRONT TO REAR IN ORDER OF RESERVATIONS RECEIVED.
SEAT ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AS YOU BOARD THE BUS.

COMPLETE, DETACH & MAIL THE RESERVATION FORM WITH A CHECK PAYABLE TO RPEA - CDC.
MAIL TO: MARY MOORE › PO BOX 712 › STILLWATER, NY 12170
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL MARY MOORE @ 518-664-5643

RESERVATION FORM: THE LAKE THEATRE ♦ TUESDAY ♦ SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 ♦ \$82.00 PP

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____
PLEASE PRINT

ENTRÉE CHOICE: BEEF ___ CHICKEN ___ SALMON ___ VEGETARIAN PASTA ___

PLEASE RETAIN THE UPPER PORTION OF THIS FLYER FOR YOUR RECORDS.

LIST NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF ADDITIONAL TRAVELERS ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER.

THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION COMES TO AN END!

BY: JACK MCPADDEN, RPEA PRESIDENT

The 2016 Legislative Session has concluded and, this being an election year, it's unlikely that legislators will be back before the end of the year. On the heels of our budgetary successes, and thanks to Tony Cantore's hard work, a bill requiring municipalities to give advance notice to retirees of any proposed changes in their health care passed both houses and is awaiting delivery to the Governor for final action. This bill was part of RPEA's Legislative Agenda and is a major victory for our members who are retirees of local governments.

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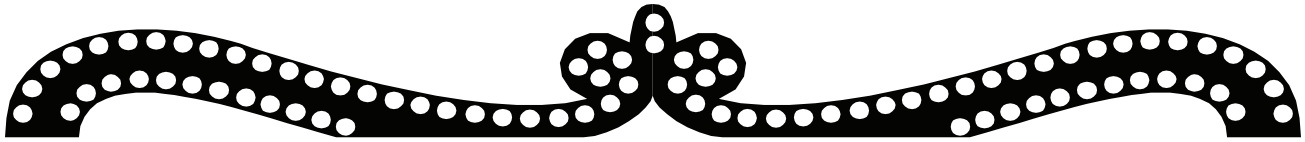
HUMANITIES INSTITUTE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING



The **Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning (HILL)** is a volunteer organization that presents college level courses, in the humanities and related cultural areas, for residents of the Capital District. HILL is an adjunct organization of the Bethlehem Central School District, solely funded by the modest fees charged for its courses. HILL's six week series of spring and fall classes are taught by distinguished faculty members of local colleges and universities. The classes are held at the Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Avenue (Four Corners). The 2016 Fall semester is scheduled to be-

gin the week of September 26th with registration starting in late August. The Fall semester courses include: The Elections of 2016; The Rights Revolution; The Compositions & Career of Gustav Mahler; Art, Nature & the Environment; Latino/a Literature.

Information about the classes, as well as course registration is posted on the HILL web page www.bethlehemschools.org/community/adult-education. HILL can also be contacted by phone at **368-7029**.



AN AMERICAN IN PARIS



An American in Paris is a new hit musical about an American soldier, a mysterious French girl and an indomitable European city, each yearning for a new beginning in the aftermath of war. Don't miss this stunning four-time Tony-winning production that earned more awards than any other musical in the 2014-15 season!

**This fresh, new production is having its world premiere for one week only at
PROCTORS THEATRE ★ SCHENECTADY, NY**

**RPEA has reserved a limited number of seats at a special, group price for the
SUNDAY ♦ OCTOBER 16, 2016 ♦ 2PM MATINEE**

RPEA, through the efforts of past president Paul Moore, has reserved a LIMITED NUMBER of seats for this performance. Some are orchestra seats in the 1st-15th rows and some are choice seats in the dress circle of the balcony (and the rows immediately behind those seats).

**PRICES: \$65 FOR THE ORCHESTRA AND BALCONY DRESS CIRCLE SEATS
AND \$49 FOR THE BALCONY SEATS BEHIND THE DRESS CIRCLE SEATS.**

DON'T WAIT !

**TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON A FIRST PAID BASIS
AND AS SEATS ARE AVAILABLE.**

SEND CHECKS (PAYABLE TO RPEA-CDC) To:

**JIM RULISON ♦ 36 HARMON ROAD ♦ GLENVILLE, NY 12302
QUESTIONS: CONTACT JIM AT 518-399-6112 OR jgrulison@yahoo.com**