



NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER CHAIR

Bring a new member to our September meeting. Since we have raised prices for non-members at RPEA events, it would be an advantage to join (\$15 first year). Any member who brings someone who fills out the paperwork and pays for membership at the September meeting will receive a gift card.

I have only been Chapter Chair since April but I've learned a lot. I get to teleconference the Albany Board meetings and I have been appointed to the Work Group for Membership, Recruitment and Retention. I get to interact with RPEA Board members and other Chapter Chairs. I've been gathering a lot of ideas and, hopefully, we can put them to work.

However, we currently have only four Steering Committee members in this Chapter; Chair, Treasurer, Legislative and Membership and one other person who does registration at our get-togethers and sits in on our meetings. Four of us cannot do this alone! I've had people step up to sell 50/50 tickets at meetings as well as tickets for gift baskets. But we need more members involved in this Chapter. We need a Secretary! Volunteer to take minutes for one luncheon meeting – September, December or April. (We will no longer have February meetings.) For now, we (the Steering Committee) will continue to do our own minutes. But, just maybe, after volunteering to do one meeting, you'll see it's not so difficult. We really need someone willing to do this and sit in on Steering Committee meetings and help make suggestions and decisions. We don't have Steering Committee meetings every month....

We also need someone to do programs – finding a speaker or entertainment for each meeting. Volunteer to do just one meeting. September is already taken care of and we have a few ideas to explore for December.

Publicity – this encompasses getting our name out there – advertising....

Social – you would be in charge of the Picnic and Holiday luncheon in December. You're not on your own. We all help.

If you would like us to keep having luncheons, picnics and other things, we need more people involved.

I'm going to need some volunteers to help with a table promoting membership at a couple of local events this fall. (i.e. Senator DeFrancisco's Health Fair). You need to donate an hour or two and you will get free admission to the event to hand out membership brochures and talk about RPEA. Call me at 315- 437-7464 or e-mail me at dbennett18@twcny.rr.com if you are interested. I will have more information at the September meeting.

Fill out the survey on page 2 and either mail it to me or bring it to the September meeting. Since we haven't had too much luck with bus trips these past two years, I'm suggesting some longer trips. If we don't have at least 20 or more people respond to this survey, it's moot.



CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER SURVEY

PLEASE MAIL TO DAWN BENNETT, 242 CLEVELAND AVE., SYRACUSE, NY 13208 OR BRING IT TO THE CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2016.

TRIPS - Please check which trips you might be interested in.

- _____ Nashville & Grand Ole Opry (bus trip of at least 5 days – most likely Spring)
- _____ Mackinac Island (Michigan) (bus trip of at least 5 days – most likely Fall)
- _____ Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Mt. Rushmore (fly & bus of at least 7 days – most likely Fall)
- _____ Train from Seattle to Glacier Park, Montana (fly, train & bus – 7 days – most likely Fall)
(2 nights on train/others in hotel – bus used through Glacier)
- _____ Mississippi River Cruise (fly & cruise – 7 days/possibly Memphis to New Orleans – most likely Fall)

Please Note: I have traveled extensively and have taken groups to many places. Of these, the rail trip is the only one I haven't done....



PICNIC - We have had our picnic in Onondaga County the past few years because, as it happens, the Steering Committee is all from Onondaga County. However, we also cover Oswego, Cayuga and upper Cortland Counties. If you are interested in having our annual picnic at another location, please fill in below. Without volunteers from **that** County to come up with a picnic area and caterer, it's too difficult to do long distance. The Steering Committee would still help.

_____ Place to have picnic.

_____ Name of volunteer (s).

Comments _____



MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS – We currently have our Membership Meetings at Bella Domani in North Syracuse. This is the best we have found that we can keep the price down (including meal and room). (Remember, RPEA does subsidize \$2.00 of your meal cost.) Other places we have checked would be at least \$20/person plus a separate charge for the room. We have cancelled our February meetings because if there is a snowstorm and you can't get there, you lose your money.

Would you be interested in holding our Membership Meetings at a VFW, American Legion or the like, with a local caterer at a significantly lower price? It's not a given, but would like to know how many people might be interested in trying these venues.

_____ Yes _____ No

Comments: _____



RETIREED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, INC.
CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

BELLA DOMANI RESTAURANT

5988 E. TAFT RD

NORTH SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

HANDICAP PERMIT MAY PARK IN GRAVEL AREA
AT ENTRANCE SIDE OF BUILDING.

11:00 AM ♦ **REGISTRATION**

11:30 AM ♦ **BUSINESS MEETING**

12:00 PM ♦ **GUEST SPEAKER**

1:00 PM ♦ **BUFFET LUNCH**

Join Us!



GUEST SPEAKER

JACK MCPADDEN

RPEA PRESIDENT

TOPIC

ALBANY UPDATE



COST: \$15.00 RPEA MEMBERS (PER PERSON) * \$20.00 NON-RPEA MEMBERS (PER PERSON)
(INCLUDING SPOUSE OR DOMESTIC PARTNER)



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ROAST PORK & GRAVY ♦ DRESSING

MASHED POTATOES ♦ LASAGNA

VEGETABLE ♦ CHEF SALAD

BREAD & BUTTER ♦ COFFEE & HOT TEA

DIRECTIONS

TO BELLA DOMANI RESTAURANT

FROM DOWNTOWN-Take I 81 North to exit 28 Taft Rd.
Turn right at light. 1/2 mile on right hand side.

FROM THRUWAY-Get off at exit 36. Take I 81 North to
exit 28 Taft Rd. Turn right at light. 1/2 mile on right
hand side.

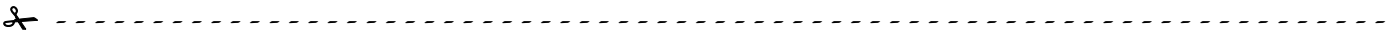
FROM NORTH-Take I 81 South to exit 28 Taft Rd.
Turn left at light. 1/2 mile on right hand side.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2016 * RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY!
NO RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE

*** MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO RPEA - CNY**

MAIL CHECKS TO: RPEA CENTRAL NY CHAPTER ♦ PO BOX 3475 ♦ SYRACUSE, NY 13220-3475

QUESTIONS? CALL DAWN BENNETT AT 315- 437-7464



REGISTRATION FORM: CNY CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING ♦ SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

PLEASE LIST ALL ATTENDEES BY NAME

_____ **MEMBER** _____ **SPOUSE /DOMESTIC PARTNER @ \$15.00 EACH = \$** _____

_____ **NON-RPEA MEMBERS @ \$20.00 EACH = \$** _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

NAME _____
PLEASE PRINT

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____
AREA CODE NUMBER PLEASE PRINT

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.

Our focus now turns to next session. I know some of the Chapters have summer picnics which are attended by legislators. RPEA has prepared a legislative summary (score card) to point out where we have support, and where help is needed. Be sure to use it at your events.

On behalf of everyone at RPEA, I wish you an enjoyable and safe summer.

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RPEA Join Us!

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