



## Notes From The Chapter Chair

April 2020

Did you miss our Holiday Party in December because of the snowstorm? Only about half of those who had registered were able to get there. The Steering Committee has decided that if you were registered for the December meeting and couldn't make it, we will reduce the cost of the April 6th luncheon to only \$10.00 per person for members. This is for April only. (If you don't remember if you had signed up, call me. I have a list.)

Unless we have something like the Blizzard of 1966, we can't cancel an event unless the venue does. In the case of a luncheon, the venue has already bought the food so we still have to pay them.

I want to thank all of the Steering Committee who made it to the event (and those who didn't) in helping to prepare for the event and helping at the event itself. I especially want to thank those members who volunteered and showed up to help with selling our raffle tickets – **JUDY BARTON, ROB MOSKAL and TERI RISLEY.**

Many thanks go out to everyone who brought donations for **FRANCIS HOUSE.** I don't know exactly how much was collected, but there were many, many boxes of toiletries, snack items, cake mixes, etc. For those of you who don't know, Francis House is a home in Syracuse for the terminally ill. Most spend a month or less there at the end of their lives, but there are some who are there much longer.

Our donation jars for December were designated for food pantries, who struggle at this time of year. \$125 each went to **ST. LUCY'S** (Onondaga County), **CALVARY FOOD PANTRY** (Cayuga County), **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** (Oswego County), and **PREBLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** (upper Cortland County). Thank you for your donations!

Our 50/50 raffle of \$101 was won by **LEIGH HUNT.** Our Money Tree, (consisting of cash and lottery tickets and a small artificial tree) with a value of \$100, was won by **CHRYSTAL LOVELL.**

Many individuals and companies donated either gift baskets, items for gift baskets, gift certificates or door prizes. We want to acknowledge and thank all of them for their generosity: **ALL MIXED UP, BOOKS END, BROOKLYN PICKLE, CAROL BRAUND, DAWN BENNETT, DIANE DWIRE, FIFI'S ICE CREAM & SWEETS, LILIE WELYCH, MAN IN THE MOON CANDIES, MARY & DAVID NORTMAN, MARY & PETE KLEMENTOWSKI, MIKE RODDA, MOTHERS' CUPBOARD, NICHOLS GROCERY, PETE RUSZCZAK, ROSE D'AGOSTINO, SACRED MELODY BOOKS, STELLA'S DINER, SYRACUSE METS BASEBALL, THE RETREAT, THERESE RISLEY, TOM SMITH, UNITED POLICE RETIREES, AND WITTY WICKS.** We appreciate all of these donations and couldn't have done it without everyone's help.

We had people who won multiple gift baskets, but we won't embarrass them. The lucky recipients of our many gift baskets were: **BETH GOLDBERG, BRENDA HOLIDAY, CHET JUSTIAN, CHRYSTAL LOVELL, DIANE DWIRE, DIANE JUSTIAN, DIANE MILLER, EARL DEWEY, JOHN MONGELLOW, KAREN ALDRICH, PAT KILTS, RICK MILLER, RITA GRAM, ROB MOSKAL, SUE FOSTER and TERI RISLEY.**

## Notes from the Chapter Chair continued...

We also had about 50 door prizes that were given away consisting of gift cards, gift certificates, candy and other items.

There are two trips attached. One is for the **Syracuse Mets** baseball game. There is an elevator here so no more than one or two steps. We are sitting on an upper level between third base and home, behind the Mets dugout. We are slightly under the roof so you shouldn't get sunburned or wet. This is always a fun time.

We also have a bus trip to the **Merry-Go-Round Theater** to see **The Buddy Holly Story**. This isn't until October but I need a \$25 deposit for tickets. We need at least 35 to sign up by the deadline for this trip to go. If we get at least that many, the deposit is non-refundable. If we don't, your deposit will be refunded. If you need accessible seats, I must know at time of registration. More trips to come.

**Membership is very important for our organization. More members better helps us to get legislation passed. We need your help so I'm asking each one of you to bring a potential member (either already retired or soon to be) to our April meeting. Applications for membership can be found on our website (rpea.org), at our meetings or from any Steering Committee member. If your friend can't attend the meeting, have them fill out a membership application and bring it with you. Anyone who refers – or brings – a new member will receive a \$5.00 gift card. The person who sponsors the most new members between our April and July meetings will win a \$50 gift certificate to the restaurant of your choice. You all have someone you worked with, a neighbor or a relative who we would love to have join us. And remember, that person's spouse or domestic partner will automatically become a member at no extra charge. Questions? Call me at 315-437-7464 or e-mail at dbennett18@twcny.rr.com.**

You might want to entice your newly retired or not yet retired friends to join by letting them know that RPEA initiated a bill to increase the maximum allowable public service earnings from \$30,000 to \$35,000 for public service retirees under 65 who return to government service that was just signed by Governor Cuomo.

RPEA will again have a booth at the **New York State Fair** this year and it looks like it will now be an 18 day event – August 21 – September 7, 2020. I am assured by the Director of the Fair that this will be the case. We will need a lot of volunteers and I will be accepting volunteers after April 1, 2020. We will have three shifts each day – 9:45 am – 2:00 pm; 1:45 pm – 6:00 pm; and 5:45 pm – 10:00 pm. We are looking at 2 volunteers each shift with 1 for the last shift. If you haven't volunteered before, you will be paired with someone who has. Each volunteer will get an admission and parking pass. Spouses and Domestic Partners are welcome.

Want to set up your grandkids or nieces and nephews with a college savings plan? Our speaker at our April meeting will be someone from **NY's 529 College Savings Plan**. Come check it out.....

We will also have a representative from the **New York State Comptroller's Office, Office of Unclaimed Funds**. Check for yourself and relatives to see if you have forgotten money.

Dawn Bennett  
Chapter Chair

# Central New York Chapter Annual Meeting Monday, April 6, 2020

Bella Domani Restaurant  
5988 E. Taft Road  
North Syracuse, NY 13212

11:00am Registration  
11:30am Business Meeting  
12:00pm Buffet Lunch  
1:00pm Speaker

## Guest Speakers

**NY's 529 College Savings Plan**

**New York State Comptroller's Office  
Office of Unclaimed Funds**

**Cost: \$15.00-** RPEA Members (per person)  
(Including Spouse & Domestic Partner)  
**\$20.00-** Non RPEA Members (per person)

**Menu:** Chicken Cordeon Bleu, Baked Ziti, Meatballs & Sausage, Garlic Parmesan Potato, Vegetable, Chef Salad, Bread & Butter, Coffee & Hot Tea, Dessert  
(Other beverages available at bar on cash basis)

Handicap Permit May Park In Gravel Area At The Entrance Side Of The Building.  
Reservation Deadline: We Need Payment And Final Headcount By March 27, 2020

**Reservations Are Mandatory! Make Checks Payable To: RPEA CNY Chapter**  
**Mail Checks To: RPEA Central NY Chapter, PO Box 3475, Syracuse, NY 13220-3475**

### 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.

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## **REGISTRATION FORM: CNY Chapter Annual Meeting April 6, 2020**

Please List All Attendees By Name

\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_ Spouse /Domestic Partner @ \$15.00 Each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Non-RPEA Members @ \$20.00 Each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Area code \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER  
ANNUAL MEETING  
APRIL 6, 2020**

# Take Me Out To The Ball Game



## Syracuse Mets vs. Rochester Red Wings



Wednesday, May 13, 2020  
10:30 am

### 2020 Upgrades to Stadium

New larger seats with cup holders  
Bleacher seating in upper deck areas  
Terraced area behind home plate  
Drink rail seating down left-field line  
Fresh exterior & interior painted surfaces  
New lighting  
Moving in the left field wall

Cost: \$13.00/RPEA Members    \$18.00/Non-RPEA Members

Includes: Ticket to game/NBT Stadium, Giveaways, if any. First 20 to sign up will receive \$10 in Conductor Bucks (food coupon) and a \$5.00 parking pass (1 per each ticket request). Elevators to seats are available, one step down to seats. We are in the shade, under roof.

Questions? Call Dawn Bennett at 315-437-7464 or email [dbennett18@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dbennett18@twcny.rr.com)

RETURN RESERVATION FORM BELOW WITH FULL PAYMENT BY April 17, 2020

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### Reservation Form: Syracuse Mets Game: May 13, 2020

Name (s) of all parties: \_\_\_\_\_

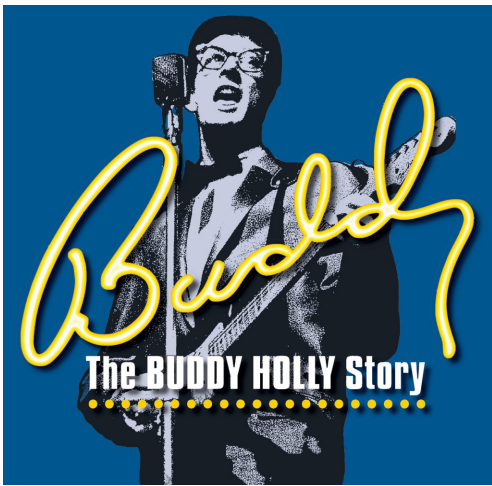
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

\$13.00 Members \_\_\_\_\_ \$18.00 Non-Members \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to CNY Wanderers and mail form and payment to:  
RPEA, PO Box 3475, Syracuse, NY 13220-3475



# The Buddy Holly Story

Merry Go Round Theater

Monday, October 5, 2020

\$128.00/RPEA Member

\$133.00/Non-RPEA Member

(If 42 or more sign up, each person will be refunded \$10 or more)

\$25 Non Refundable Deposit Due: March 15, 2020

Balance Due: September 1, 2020

10:45 AM: Depart from Big Lots Parking Lot: 2413 Brewerton Rd (Rt. 11), Mattydale, NY

11:45 AM: Lunch at Springside Inn. Choice of:

(A) Baked Virginia Ham with Peach Glaze

(B) Roast Sirloin of Beef with Mushroom Sauce

(C) Chicken Salad on Croissant served with Fresh Fruit

All served with garden salad, fresh rolls and butter, fresh vegetable, mashed potatoes, dessert of the day, and coffee/tea.

1:30 PM: Arrive at Merry Go Round Theater

2:00 PM: The Buddy Holly Story

Tells the true story of Buddy's meteoric rise to fame, from the moment in 1957 when "That'll Be the Day" hit the airwaves until his tragic death less than two years later on "The Day the Music Died". The show features over 20 of Buddy Holly's greatest hits including "That'll Be the Day", "Peggy Sue", "Everyday", "Oh Boy", "Not Fade Away", "Rave On" and "Raining In My Heart", plus Ritchie Valens' "La Bamba" and the Big Bopper's "Chantilly Lace". Seen by over 22 million people around the world, Buddy will have you on your feet and send you out of the theater on an unstoppable high.

4:30 PM: Depart for Home (Estimated arrival time home: 6:00 PM)

**Includes:** Round-trip motorcoach, Lunch at Springside Inn, Ticket to the Buddy Holly Story, all taxes and gratuities **EXCEPT** gratuity for motorcoach driver

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## RESERVATION FORM: The Buddy Holly Story:October 5, 2020

Please list all attendees by name:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choice: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CNY WANDERERS**

**MAIL RESERVATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO: RPEA, PO BOX 3475, SYRACUSE, NY 13220-3475**