



CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER

Notes from the Chapter Chair

It's been a long time since we have gotten together, so join us on Monday, September 13, 2021 for our first luncheon get together. Or you may have signed up for our Syracuse Mets game on Sunday, August 22, 2021 that was cancelled from last year. Plus we are going to try a bus trip in November with holiday entertainment and lunch.

Hopefully all of our members have been vaccinated. But we are going to try and do all of this safely as vaccinations are low in this area. For the Syracuse Mets game, if you have signed up for this game and have NOT been vaccinated, please let me know as this will determine the seating. Even if you have been vaccinated, you will want to wear a mask going in and out, in the elevator, restroom and when you are getting food.

For our luncheon, we're asking all who attend be vaccinated and send a copy of your vaccination card with your payment. We will do a sit down lunch so everyone isn't wandering around and not serving themselves. I know this is much more expensive than we usually have but the Chapter will be subsidizing your lunch and we are asking for 6 at a table instead of 8. You will be asked to wear a mask walking in and out of the restaurant and anytime you are not seated.

You do need to be vaccinated for the bus trip but you do need to wear a mask on and off the bus and if up walking around, but not when you are sitting. Same for the venue. The bus company is asking that everyone be vaccinated so please send a copy of your vaccination card with payment. We want to keep everyone as safe as can be!

We are looking for additional people for our Chapter Steering Committee. Our Steering Committee is very small and we have a lot of things to accomplish. The more people, the less work for everyone and the more ideas generated. I will never ask you to do more than you are comfortable with, but everyone is expected to pitch in – especially with new ideas. We are looking for someone to do Membership (probably our most crucial job); Legislation (keeping in touch with legislators in our Chapter area and keeping them abreast of any bills RPEA may be presenting to the NYS Legislature); Publicity (advertise the availability of RPEA in this area and events – preferably free advertising); possibly an Assistant to our Secretary (for when she is not able to attend a function) and an additional person to take photos at luncheons and events. I have reached out to several members but have had only two responses. Please help or we may not have a Chapter! Please contact me at either 315 437-7464 or dbennett18@twcny.rr.com and I can discuss in more detail what these jobs entail. You would be expected to attend our Steering Committee meetings (breakfast included) – about 8-10 a year. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, October 4, 2021.

Membership is very important for our organization. More members better helps us to get legislation passed to help us public retirees. We definitely need your help so I'm asking each one of you to bring a potential member (either already retired or a soon to be retired public employee to our September 13, 2021 luncheon meeting. Applications for membership can be found on our website (www.rpea.org), at our meetings or from any Steering Committee member.

Notes from the Chapter Chair continued

If your friend can't attend the meeting, bring their filled out application with you. You will receive a gift card for referring them. Any potential new member who signs up for membership at a luncheon meeting, will get the cost of their meal refunded. Remember that a member's spouse or domestic partner automatically becomes a member at no extra cost.

If you know of somewhere you can place membership brochures, I will have brochures with brochure holders available at the September meeting. This could be your doctor's office or somewhere people are in and out. (Generally not the office where you worked as unions object.) You would place your name and phone number on back of holder so they would know who to contact for more brochures. YOU MUST HAVE PERMISSION TO PLACE. Let me know where it is placed so no one else tries same place – or maybe you have come up with a place we hadn't thought of.

We try to have at least one pre-retirement seminar each year for any potential public retirees. We are planning one for the Fall at the Camillus Fire Department (after work). We provide refreshments and a one year membership in RPEA. This would be for anyone in Onondaga, Oswego, Cayuga, upper Cortland Counties who is a public employee. We also cover Seneca Falls/Waterloo area. A representative from the NYS Comptroller's Office will go over all of the information they need for retirement including what option is best for them regarding their pension. I am asking for your help. Although RPEA will send letters to every Human Resources Dept. in our Chapter's area, we are finding that not all of these pass the information on to potential retirees. We will provide all the information (beginning at our September luncheon) for you to pass on to anyone you know still working. It won't matter if they are ready to retire, but they can pass it on to someone they work with who is. Anyone who tells you they know what they are doing and how to fill out their retirement forms, remind them that whatever they submit can never be changed and they would be 'stuck' with whatever they choose. I know when I attended a pre-retirement seminar, I found it very helpful being able to ask questions and make informed choices.

As those of you know who have attended our luncheon meetings in the past, we have donation jars on each table for you to conveniently donate to whatever charity we have designated for that meeting. In September it will be the Central New York Diaper Bank.

We always have need for members to volunteer to sell raffle tickets for our luncheon meetings. This would involve you arriving at the meeting at 10:00 am and sell tickets until about 11.30 am. At that time you can then move to your table for lunch. Please call or email if you are willing to volunteer for our September meeting. (Also a great way to meet Chapter members.)

Please note that I don't routinely answer my phone unless I know who is calling. So, if I don't answer, leave a message. If I am home and hear who it is, I will pick up.

Sincerely,
Dawn Bennett
Chapter Chair

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Annual Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

BELLA DOMANI RESTAURANT

5988 E. TAFT ROAD
NORTH SYRACUSE, NY 13212

11:00am: Registration

11:30am: Short Business Meeting
Speaker: Sheri Owens,
NYS Office of Unclaimed Funds

12:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm: Speaker: Steven Tommasone,
NY 529 College Savings Plan

RESERVATION DEADLINE:

We Need Payment and Final
Headcount by:

September 3, 2021.

Reservations Are Mandatory!

Make Checks Payable To:
RPEA CNY Chapter.

Mail Checks To:

RPEA Central NY Chapter,
PO Box 3475

Syracuse, NY 13220-3475

Cost: RPEA Members (including spouse & Domestic Partner) per person
\$22.00 Taste of Italy Italian Platter (Stuffed Eggplant Roulette, Seven Layer

Lasagna, Grilled Sweet Sausage with Onion & Peppers

\$21.00 Sliced Oven Roasted Turkey with Homemade Dressing

\$21.00 Tender Roast Pork Loin with Homemade Dressing

Non RPEA Members (per person)

\$27.00 Taste of Italy Italian Platter

\$26.00 Sliced Oven Roasted Turkey

\$26.00 Tender Roast Pork Loin

All meals will include Tossed Salad, Vegetable, Potato, Rolls, Coffee & Tea



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Jingle All the Way

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021

10:00-10:15am: Arrive and Board motorcoach from Big Lots, 2413 Brewerton Rd. (Rt. 11, Mattydale, NY)

10:30am: Depart for Rochester, NY (no stop)

12:00pm: Arrive at Shadow Lake Golf & Racquet Club

12:30pm: Lunch is included today at the Club. Entrée choices are:

A) Prime Rib – Chef's Choice of starch & vegetable. Served with Au Jus and horseradish cream sauce.

B) Chicken French – Chef's Choice of starch & vegetable

C) Baked Haddock – Chef's choice of starch & vegetable

All entrée's will be served with Mixed Green Salad, Chef's choice of dessert, Coffee, Tea, and Water

2:00pm: Enjoy the show "Jingle All the Way". Join in and sing along with all your favorites: 'White Christmas', 'Jingle Bell Rock', 'Happy Holiday', 'Silent Night' and the too funny, all new, 'Twelve Days of Christmas' and so many more...

3:30pm: Depart for home with a stop enroute if group decides.

5:45 pm: Estimated arrival time home.

"Viva Voca" is a breathtaking duo of 'world class' entertainers not to be missed. Sam & Janine, by name, are both talented performers in their own rite. Sam DeLeo has appeared with such mega-stars as Johnny Carson, Rodney Dangerfield, Pat Cooper and Phyllis McGuire, just to name a few. Janine Mercandetti is a performer, director, choreographer and performance coach. She earned her BFA in acting from the Goodman School of Drama Conservatory Acting Program at DePaul University in Chicago. She studied classical voice at the Eastman School of Music and performs with the local Rochester Theatre Groups regularly.

ITINERARY, TIMES AND MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.

Package Includes: Round trip motorcoach transportation; Lunch; Christmas Show; all taxes and gratuities **EXCEPT** motorcoach driver.

Cost Per Person: \$90.00 RPEA/Folksmarch/AARP

\$95.00 Non-RPEA/Folksmarch/AARP member

(If 35+ are booked, there will be at least a \$10.00 refund.)

REGISTRATION FORM: CNY ANNUAL MEETING CHAPTER
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

VACCINATIONS MANDATORY (for each person)
Please enclose copy of vaccination card with payment.
Masks must be worn in & out of restaurant until seated.

____ Member ____ Spouse/Domestic Partner \$_____ Total Enclosed

____ \$22.00 Taste of Italy Italian Platter

____ \$21.00 Sliced Oven Roasted Turkey

____ \$21.00 Tender Roast Pork Loin

____ Non-RPEA Member \$_____ Total Enclosed

____ \$27.00 Taste of Italy Italian Platter

____ \$26.00 Sliced Oven Roasted Turkey

____ \$26.00 Tender Roast Pork Loin

Please List All Attendees By Name:

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Make Checks Payable To: RPEA CNY Chapter.

Mail Checks To: RPEA Central NY Chapter, PO Box 3475, Syracuse, NY 13220-3475

REGISTRATION FORM: Jingle All The Way

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

VACCINATIONS REQUIRED: PLEASE ENCLOSE COPY OF VACCINATION CARD WITH PAYMENT

(Mask required On/Off Bus & unless seated in restaurant)

___ RPEA/Folksmarch/AARP Member/Spouse/Domestic Partner \$90.00

___ Non-RPEA/Foksmarch/AARP Member \$95.00

____ (A) Prime Rib _____ (B) Chicken French _____ (C) Baked Haddock

Please list all attendees by name. PLEASE PRINT.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS _____

Make Checks Payable to CNY Wanderers

Mail check, reservation form & copy of vaccination card to:
RPEA CNY Chapter, PO Box 3475, Syracuse, NY 13220-3475

Retired Public Employees Association, Inc.
165 Jordan Road
Troy, NY 12180

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