



CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER

Notes from the Chapter Chair

I am so sorry that we have not been able to meet in person in 2021. I know we will be meeting in person in 2022. If you have not as yet been vaccinated, I would urge you to do so. If you know of anyone newly retired with a public pension, urge them to join RPEA. They can go to www.rpea.org to find out how.

Because of the slowdown in shipping of goods, I know grocery stores continue to have many bare shelves. Many people are not able to get back to work yet because they don't have child care. Organizations continue to provide bulk food pick-ups for those needing groceries

Normally, at our December meeting, we would be taking up a collection to donate to each county in the Chapter's food pantries. I urge, if you are able, to donate. The pantries and organizations we donate to do not receive any government funds and they survive solely on what they collect - money or food items. A donation of money allows a pantry to have some way of getting specific items from the Food Bank as they must buy them. They are listed on the back of this newsletter.

The Central New York Chapter of RPEA desperately needs Steering Committee members. Our Steering Committee meets between 8-10 times a year for about 1 ½-2 hours. As part of our Steering Committee, I will never ask you to do more than you are comfortable doing. We are looking for an Assistant Secretary, Membership Chair, Legislative committee members, Publicity Chair, and a person to take pictures at meetings and events (can use a cell phone). We need more people with fresh ideas. Many hands make light work for our meetings and events and we can then do more for our chapter members. If interested, you can call me at 315 437-7464 or e-mail at dbennett18@twcny.rr.com. Please leave a message.

Bella Domani recently informed me that they will not be doing meals to pick up this winter. However, they will be doing a Holiday Cookie Platter at \$13.95/lb. Please call 315-458-2514 to order, please give 48 hours notice. The platter can be picked up 5988 E. Taft Rd., North Syracuse, NY 13212.

I know several chapter members said they didn't get a cancellation notice about the September luncheon. You must be signed up for 'E-News' to receive these and any important messages from RPEA Troy. If you would like to sign up, go to www.rpea.org and see sign up at bottom of home page.

We may be doing our Chapter Picnic in 2022 at Breitbeck Park in Oswego. But we would need a caterer. If anyone knows a caterer in Oswego, please let me know. We are also thinking of doing something in Cayuga County.

If you have had COVID and are still suffering from 'long hauler's' COVID, there is help. It is done mostly with pulmonary physical therapy and Upstate Medical in Syracuse has several locations that can help. Call 315-464-6543.

If you have any questions - concerning anything - please call me.

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Onondaga County: St. Lucy's Food Pantry: 425 Gifford St., Syracuse, NY 13204

Cayuga County: Calvary Baptist Church Food Pantry: 90 Franklin St., Auburn, NY 13021

Oswego County: First United Methodist Church Food Pantry: 1408 State Route 176, Fulton, NY 13069

Upper Cortland County: Preble Congregational Church Food Pantry: 953 Preble Rd., Preble, NY 13141

Seneca County: Harmony Food Pantry @ First Presbyterian Church: 42 E. Main St., Waterloo, NY 13165

In My Father's Kitchen: 501 Hawley Ave., Syracuse, NY 13203

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CNY Diaper Bank: P.O. Box 367, Manlius, NY 13104 (www.cnydiaperbank.org)