I hope everyone is staying healthy and has been vaccinated and boosted. Unfortunately we won' be getting together in April but I have planned our picnic for July 11, 2022 at Breitbeck Park in Oswego, NY. You are going to love it there! It's only about 35 minutes from Syracuse on either I-690 or 481. Our other chapter get-togethers are planned for September 12 and December 5.

Meanwhile, we have some other exciting things planned for us. Have you ever been on a Central New York Folksmarch? CNY Folksmarch is a recreational, non-competitive walking event conducted monthly for people of all ages and abilities in Central New York. Folksmarching began in 1981 under the leadership of the YMCA of Greater Syracuse and has been conducted every month since then. In January 2017, the CNY Folksmarch became an independent non-profit organization. You walk as much or as little as you care to many places you probably haven't been.

You are invited to join us on April 9 or 10 at Lime Hollow Nature Center, 338 McLean Rd., Cortland between 9:00-12:00 Noon on Saturday or between 1:00-3:00 PM on Sunday. Normally you are charged $4.00 for an Adult, $1.00 for 6-18, Free for 5 and under and $9.00 Max for a family. However, your first time is FREE. You can take a short walk or a longer one. You are given a map and a commemorative pin. The charge goes to maps, pins and sometimes we pay to use the facility. For directions, either google or call me the week before the walk.

Alternatively, you are also invited to our walk on May 14 or 15 at Webster Pond, 2004 Valley Drive, Syracuse. The times are the same, the cost is the same (FIRST TIME FREE) and the perks are the same. Both places have websites and Facebook pages. CNY Folksmarch also has a website and a Facebook page.

Other places we will be visiting in upcoming months are the Village of Liverpool, Sterling Nature Center, Rogers Environmental Education Center in Sherburne, Amboy 4-H Environmental Education Center, Oneida Rail Trail and the Village of Skaneateles. I have been a member of CNY Folksmarch since 1982 and I do registration on Saturdays.

We also have some trips planned. Syracuse Mets vs. Rochester Redwings is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25 at 11:00 a.m. This is always popular and tickets are limited.

The rest are all bus trips, so look them over and sign up early. We start out on Tuesday, August 9 with Cruise Along the Erie Canal in Lockport, NY. A 2-hour cruise through the locks and lunch. We will end the day at Becker Farms with a slice of their handmade fruit pie and coffee, a wagon ride around the farm, and free time to explore and shop.

Letchworth State Park including lunch at the Glen Iris Inn, a driving tour of Letchworth and a tour of Mt. Morris Dam. You will also have time to visit the William Pryor Letchworth Museum.

The motorcoach companies for those two bus trips are requiring a copy of your vaccination card and to bring a mask. They will determine at the time of the trip if a mask is optional on the bus.

Our last bus trip will be October 25-27 heading to Lancaster, PA to see David at the Sight & Sound Theatre, a guided tour of Lancaster, and a visit to Kitchen Kettle Village. 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners are included. Trip insurance is available for this tour ($38) but you need to call me for the form as that and a deposit need to be submitted at the same time.

On all bus trips you do as much or as little walking as you are comfortable with and all are open to those with walkers and wheelchairs. Great opportunity to bring a friend with you who would be interested in joining RPEA. Although Covid will probably still be with us for some time, hopefully it will be much less of a threat.

Dawn L. Bennett
Chapter Chair
315 437-7464dbennett18@twcny.rr.com
Take Me Out to the Ball Game
Syracuse Mets vs. Rochester Redwings
Wednesday, May 25, 2022
11:00am

Includes: Ticket to game/NBT Stadium, giveaways, if any. $10.00 in Conductor Bucks (food coupon), and a $5.00 parking pass (1 pass per group ticket request). Reserved seats at 200 level, behind Mets dugout. Elevator to seats available, one step down to seats. We are in the shade, under the roof.

This is Education Day, so it may be crowded. You may be asked to show proof of Covid vaccination or wear a mask for elevator & bathroom. We will know as we get closer to date. Meanwhile, get vaccinated and boosted.

Questions? Dawn Bennett:
315-437-7464 or dbennett18@twcny.rr.com

Return Reservation Form and Payment by May 1, 2022

REGISTRATION FORM: Syracuse Mets Game
May 25, 2022

Please List All Attendees By Name:

NAME(S) ________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS ______________________________________________________________

TELEPHONE __________________________ E-MAIL_______________________________

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS ___________________________________________________

_____ RPEA Member/Spouse/Domestic Partner: $14.00 each

_____ Non-RPEA Member: $19.00 each

Make Checks Payable To: CNY Wanderers.
Mail Checks To: RPEA Central NY Chapter, PO Box 3475, Syracuse, NY 13220-3475
Cruise Along The Erie Canal
Tuesday, August 9, 2022

8:00 AM: Our deluxe motorcoach will depart promptly from Big Lots, 2413 Brewerton Rd. (Rt. 11), Mattydale, NY 13211 for Lockport, NY. We will make a brief coffee & restroom stop – on your own. (Lunch is early.)

11:00 AM: Upon arrival we will enjoy a lunch buffet at Canalside. Canalside – bright, open & spacious – creates an atmosphere that encourages participants to relax and enjoy the time spent along the Canal. There is a lot to do and see, as well as delicious food. The 1840 warehouse has been renovated to provide a casual yet elegant Canal Town atmosphere. Your buffet includes: garden salad, tender carved roast beef, deli-style corned beef, carved turkey breast, pasta station with marinara sauce, mashed potatoes with gravy, signature maple glazed carrots, applesauce, cranberry sauce, condiments, and freshly baked buttered breadsticks, Chef’s choice for dessert, coffee, or tea (iced or hot).

12:15 PM: Board boat.

12:30 PM: Experience a unique 2-hour Erie Canal Cruise which includes ‘locking through’ and being raised the 49-ft. elevation of the Niagara Escarpment (the same one that creates Niagara Falls) in the only double set of locks on the Erie Canal. You will pass under bridges that raise straight up, see water cascade over Lockport’s famous ‘Flight of Five’ 1840’s locks and travel through the solid walls of the ‘rock cut’ as your Captain describes the architecture, sights & folklore along the way.

2:45 PM: Depart

3:00 PM: Complete your day at Becker Farms for a slice of Becker Farms famous handmade fruit pie and coffee, a wagon ride around the farm and free time to explore and shop.

4:45 PM: Depart for home. (Estimated arrival time home is 7:45 PM)

Package includes: Round trip motorcoach transportation, Lunch Buffet at Canalside, 2-hour Erie Canal Lock Cruise, Visit to Becker Farms with pie & wagon ride, All taxes and gratuities EXCEPT customary tip to Motorcoach Driver.

Itinerary, times, and menus are subject to change at any time.

Cost: $140.00/RPEA Member and Spouse $145.00/All Others
Deadline to Sign Up: July 11, 2022

REGISTRATION FORM: Cruise Along The Erie Canal
August 9, 2022

Please List All Attendees By Name:

NAME(S) ____________________________________________ ____________________________________________

ADDRESS ____________________________________________ ____________________________________________

TELEPHONE __________________________ E-MAIL____________________________________________

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS ____________________________________________ ____________________________________________

Motorcoach Co. requires a copy of each passenger vaccination cards.

Make Checks Payable To: CNY Wanderers.
Mail Check, Copy of Vaccination Card, and Reservation to: RPEA Central NY Chapter, PO Box 3475, Syracuse, NY 13220-3475
CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER

News and Notes
8:30 AM: Depart Big Lots, 2413 Brewerton Rd. (Rt. 11), Mattydale, NY. We will make a short coffee and restroom stop.

11:30 AM: Begin your visit to Letchworth State Park, the Grand Canyon of the East, with an included lunch at the Glen Iris Inn. Please provide your entrée selection when making your tour reservation. **Lunch Choices:** Roast Turkey or Eggplant Parmesan

After Lunch there is a little time to visit the William Pryor Letchworth Museum across the road, or view the waterfalls. The Park has three major waterfalls and the Genesee River runs through it with gorges and magnificent views.

1:15 PM: Board Motorcoach and depart with a step-on-guide for a driving tour through the park. Photo stops are made along the way.

3:30 PM: Mount Morris Dam and Recreation Area. You will be welcomed by a Park ranger and hear a 15-minute Overlook Talk to learn about the history of the Dam. Inside the Visitor’s Center you can watch a short video or view the exhibits.

4:30 PM: Depart for Home. A stop will be made at a Thruway Rest Area for Dinner on your own. Estimated arrival time 7:15 PM.

**Cost:** $103.00/RPEA Member and Spouse  $108.00/All Others

Non-Refundable Deposit of $25.00 (for Lunch due: July 1, 2022)

Deadline for All Payments: September 1, 2022

REGISTRATION FORM: Letchworth State Park  
October 5, 2022

Please List All Attendees By Name:

NAME(S) _________________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS _________________________________________________________________________________

TELEPHONE __________________________ E-MAIL____________________________________________

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS __________________________________________________________________

LUNCH CHOICE: _____ Roast Turkey _____ Eggplant Parmesan

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Make Checks Payable To: CNY Wanderers.  
Mail Check, Copy of Vaccination Card, and Reservation to:  
RPEA Central NY Chapter, PO Box 3475, Syracuse, NY 13220-3475
Day 1: Board your spacious, restroom and video equipped Motorcoach and set off for Lancaster in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Later that day, enjoy a relaxing Dinner and check into your Pennsylvania-area hotel for a 2 night stay.

Day 2: Today after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will go on a GUIDED TOUR OF LANCASTER including Amish Country. Next, you'll enjoy lunch on your own at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Then, Sight & Sound Theatres invites you to experience the “DAVID” Show. Master Poet. Fearless Warrior. Anointed King. After unprecedented victories lead to devastating failures, this passionate warrior will face the biggest battle of all: the one within himself. Experience one of the most legendary Bible stories as it comes to life in this brand-new stage production! Tonight enjoy Dinner and head back to your hotel.

Day 3: After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you'll enjoy a visit to KITCHEN KETTLE VILLAGE - a charming marketplace of shops and restaurants. Later, you'll depart for home. A perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great shows you've seen and where your next group trip will take you!

Departure: Luther Memorial Church, 435 S. Main St. N, Syracuse, NY @ 8 am

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