



CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER

Notes from the Chapter Chair

The good news is we will be meeting on December 5, 2022 for our Holiday Party. If you missed our picnic in July, please join us for this get together. It's been a long time since we have seen each other and we have a lot to celebrate! Covid numbers are up again in Central New York so we will do this as safely as we can.

1) We will be meeting at Bella Domani again, and although prices have gone up the same as everywhere else, there is good news. We have an anonymous donor who has agreed to contribute to your lunch for the first 100 people to sign up so don't wait until the last moment.

I am asking that you send a copy of your Covid vaccine with your registration. If you have sent this previously, I still have it. If you don't remember, call and ask. A few things we will be doing to help keep everyone safe is to seat only 6 or less at each table instead of 8. We will have plenty of hand sanitizer and we ask that you bring a mask with you to wear when you are not seated or eating. There will be gift baskets, door prizes, Money Tree, 50/50, music, and fun.

2) We will also be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Central New York Chapter (January 1997) and you will get a special gift in commemoration of that. Our very first Chapter Chair was Richard Ward.

3) Are you a Lifetime Member of RPEA? We will be recognizing all Lifetime Members at this meeting with something special. Join us!

4) We will also be collecting donations for Francis House, which provides a home and extended family to persons with terminal illnesses so they can die with dignity surrounded by unconditional love. Many of us have family and/or friends or co-workers who were residents at Francis House. Some suggestions of donations would be travel size shampoo, mouthwash, unscented lotion, body wash, chapstick. They can also use: small canned fruit or fruit snack cups, jello snack cups (strawberry & orange), pudding snack cups, cookie/cake/brownie mix, cooking spray, crackers (Ritz, Club, Oyster, Saltine), frostings (chocolate, vanilla, cream cheese), peanut butter (16 oz. jar creamy), canned tuna (solid white, light), grocery store gift cards, home Improvement gift cards, postage stamps, disinfecting wipes, alcohol pads, freezer & storage bags (all sizes), AA, AAA, C & D batteries, and much more. For other items needed, please go to www.franchishouseny.org/wish-list

Our Donation Jars at our Holiday Party will be for food pantries in each County covered by this Chapter. These are small pantries and rely on donations. If you can't attend the meeting, perhaps you could make a small donation to one or more of the following:

Onondaga County: St. Lucy's Food Pantry, 425 Gifford St., Syracuse, NY 132

Cayuga County: Calvary Baptist Church Food Pantry, 90 Franklin St., Auburn, NY 1302

Oswego County: First United Methodist Church Food Pantry, 1408 State Rte 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: 50 Hawley Ave., Syracuse, NY 13203 (www.inmyfatherskitchen.org)

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

If you know someone who is a public employee retiree, receiving a New York State pension, and they are not yet a member of RPEA, consider bringing them to the Holiday Party on December 2nd. If they join RPEA at this meeting, they will receive a \$5.00 refund for their meal and you will receive a gift card. This includes teachers, law enforcement, State, County, City, Municipality....

We have quite a few members who would love to come to a luncheon but don't have transportation. I would love to have members step up and volunteer to transport anyone who is in need of a ride (I would try to match someone who lives near you). I also need those in need of transportation to let me know. Those being transported should offer gas money to their transporters. The earlier all of you contact me, the better.

For those of you who didn't attend our picnic in July at Breitbeck Park in Oswego, you missed a beautiful day right on Lake Ontario. The Mayor of Oswego has done so much improvement to Breitbeck Park and Oswego itself. Other than our picnic itself, there were so many opportunities to do other things that day or to come back and enjoy. Since our State legislators had been called back to Albany just a few days before, they subsequently had meetings the day of our picnic. However, we did have Senator John Mannion (who will represent the new 50th District, including Manlius, Clay, Cicero, Camillus and most of Oswego County) if re-elected. Although Assemblyman Will Barclay could not attend, he did send staff.

We did collect small stuffed animals at the picnic to be distributed to law enforcement (for when they work with children) by our retired law enforcement members. Thank you for all of the donations and I also I want to thank those who helped sell raffle tickets and those who helped set up.

I also want to thank two retiring Steering Committee members. Carol Braund served many years as our Membership Chair and Diane Dwire served many years as our Legislative Chair. I'm sure we will still see them at luncheons and other events.

You can reach me at dbennett18@twcny.rr.com or 315 437-7464. If I don't answer the phone, please leave a message. I get too many SPAM calls to answer all but I will pick up if I know who is calling.

Dawn Bennett
Chapter Chair

Directions to Bella Domani Restaurant

FROM DOWNTOWN: Take I81 north to exit 28 Taft Rd. Turn right at light. ½ mile on right hand side

FROM THRUWAY: Get off at exit 36. take I81 north to exit 28 Taft Rd. Turn right at light. ½ mile on right hand side

FROM NORTH: Take I81 south to exit 28 Taft Rd. Turn left at light. ½ mile on right hand side

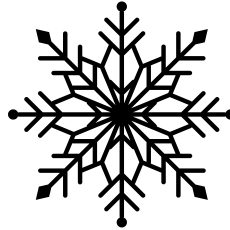
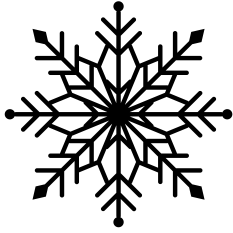
HANDICAP PERMIT MAY PARK IN GRAVEL AREA AT THE ENTRANCE SIDE OF THE BUILDING.

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Holiday Party

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022

BELLA DOMANI
5988 E. TAFT ROAD
NORTH SYRACUSE, NY



11:00am: Registration
11:30am: Business Meeting
12:00pm: Door Prizes, 50/50 Drawing
12:15pm: Buffet Lunch
1:15pm: Money Tree, Gift Baskets

Activities
Music
Money Tree
Door Prizes
Gift Baskets
50/50 Raffle
Unclaimed Funds

Buffet Includes: Beef Medallion Au Jus, Chicken Cordon Bleu Topped with Bella's Signature Cheese Sauce, Baked Lasagna, Roasted Potato, Pea Risotto, Vegetable Medley, Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Soda & Cocktails (self pay at bar).

\$15.00/per RPEA Member, Spouse, Domestic Partner
\$20.00 per Non-RPEA Member
(Subsidized by RPEA and Anonymous Donor)

Reservation Deadline: Friday, November 25, 2022. Not accepted after this date.
Bring a new member and each receive a small gift.

Questions: Dawn Bennett: 315-437-7464

CENTRAL NEW YORK HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION FORM

Number Attending _____ @ \$15.00/member or _____ @ \$20.00/non-member

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please List All Attendees By Name:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Special Instructions: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: RPEA CNY CHAPTER
SEND CHECK, RESERVATION FORM, AND COPY OF COVID VACCINE TO:
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