



WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

Notes from the Chapter Chair

September 2022 has been a very busy month for all of RPEA and especially the WNY Chapter. The WNY Steering Committee met on September 12. This was the planning meeting for the WNY Holiday Party in December. The committee also made suggestions for the Chapter Chairs meeting in Troy, NY the following day.

Chairman Tim Elliott represented WNY at the Chapter Chairs meeting. The Chairs meeting is a full day and deals with the issues brought up by the chapters. It was a good meeting and many questions were answered.

The RPEA Annual Meeting was held on September 14. This was the first in-person annual meeting since 2019. It was good to get back together and get reports on legislation and issues that the RPEA Board has proposed.

First, was the new COLA Bill that will be introduced soon. It has sponsors in both Houses.

Second, was the topic of Health Insurance. The RPEA position is that changes in Health Insurance should be the choice of the member, not a one-size-fits-all proposition. Changes have to be agreed to by the recipient, not an active employee bargaining unit looking for cost savings that will be added to active employees' wage rates.

Thirdly, we had a talk from the NYS Comptroller on the state of the pension fund. He reported that the fund is solid and in some cases, more than 100% funded. He brought his executive staff with him. He was very well versed and answered all of the questions from the floor. He is well aware of the RPEA COLA proposal and understands why it is needed.

The last item from the Annual Meeting were the vendors that offer services at a discount through RPEA - various Health Insurance add-ons such as hearing, vision, and dental. One member told me that his RPEA discount for his car Insurance was enough to pay his membership dues and much more.

The last event in September was the WNY Chapter meeting. The meeting at the Polish Falcons Hall in Depew was a fine sit-down luncheon. It was followed by a very timely talk about downsizing and rightsizing by the representatives from Caring Transitions. Their take and vision on the subject was very interesting. They brought materials to help with the process. One board member commented it was a very eye opening and timely topic.

The Steering Committee will meet in November to finalize the December Holiday Celebration scheduled for December 7. The reservation form is enclosed. It has been three years since our last Holiday Celebration. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Prices have risen but our Chapter still subsidizes each reservation. Come join us.

Finally, we still need a few new faces on our Steering Committee. The committee meets about six times a year and staffs all of our chapter functions.

With the best of Holiday wishes,

WNY Chapter RPEA




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Holiday Celebration



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022
SALVATORE'S ITALIAN GARDENS RESTAURANT



6461 TRANSIT ROAD
DEPEW, NY 14043



11:30am: Doors Open

12:30PM: Meal Served

Menu Choices:

Prime Rib of Beef: \$41

Chicken Francaise: \$32

Fresh Salmon: \$34

Vegetarian Upon Request

Activities

Share the Wealth

Raffles

Door Prizes

Basket of Cheer

RESERVATION DEADLINE:

November 23, 2022.

Reservations Are Required!

Make Checks Payable To:
WNY Chapter RPEA

Mail Checks To:

Maryalice Pellicci

70 Blue Pointe Lane, Apt. 210
Grand Island, NY 14072

We will be accepting monetary donations to be presented to

**Feed More of WNY
(Please NO food items)**

For Further Information or Questions Contact:

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REGISTRATION FORM: Western New York Chapter: Holiday Celebration

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please List All Attendees By Name:

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Please indicate meal choices for each guest

Chicken-\$32 Beef-\$41 Fish-\$34 Vegetarian

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____



2023 Meeting Dates

2023

May 24: Annual Meeting & Election of Officers: Polish Falcons, Depew, NY

July 26: Summer Picnic: Joseph's Grove

September 27: General Meeting: Polish Falcons, Depew, NY

December 6: Holiday Party: Salvatore's Italian Gardens

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