



WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

Notes from the Chapter Chair

The WNY Chapter of RPEA is completing our schedule for 2023 with our traditional Holiday Party. This is the only meeting we have during the year that is dedicated to just enjoying ourselves and one another. Elsewhere in this newsletter, there is a form for reservations. Please submit it early so we can have an accurate count to ensure we have enough of the choices you select. This event is always fun for our members and their guests and is our only meeting that does not have a speaker. We will just have a short report on the RPEA agenda for 2024. This year we are happy to be inviting the folks from the Genesee Valley Chapter to join us.

All of the profits raised by the raffles, share the wealth and basket of cheer go right back into our chapter. This money is used to subsidize the meeting costs.

Our 2024 schedule is also found elsewhere in the newsletter. Please make note of when our meetings are scheduled for next year. We already have some speakers lined up.

- Our May meeting featured a high-energy talk from the NY Attorney General's office. We also had our elections.
- Our July Picnic featured the RPEA president, Diana Hinchcliff, who gave us a nice report and a look into our future programs.
- Our September meeting was another high-energy presentation by staff of the Erie County Senior Services. They gave a talk on the University Express program and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

At our May elections, we re-elected MaryAlice Pellicci as our Treasurer. MaryAlice has been more than a friend to our chapter. She was a worker, kept our books, and ran registration for all of our meetings. She also volunteered to work the RPEA booth at the NYS Fair, attended every steering committee meeting and worked on the menu choices for all of our meetings. Health considerations have caused MaryAlice to resign from being our excellent Treasurer.

In her place will be Marie Ulrich. Marie has been an elected steering committee member for years. We all know Marie will do an excellent job. Please say "hello" to Marie at our Holiday Party and please keep MaryAlice in your thoughts and prayers.

Also at our May meeting, Mike Martin stepped down as Vice Chairman. I am sure that Mike will be at the Holiday Party, so this would be a great time to thank him for his many years of service to our chapter.

The rest of the steering committee continues to work hard for our chapter. Margaret LaTona does an excellent job keeping our minutes and keeping our meetings orderly as our Recording Secretary. Please say "Hi" and thank her for her many years of service when you see her at the Holiday Party. Karen McLean is the newest member of our Chapter Officers. As vice-chair, Karen is doing a "go through" of members who dropped out over the Covid years. Karen also runs the Registration table at our events. Please introduce yourself to Karen at our Holiday Party.

Our COLA bill will be coming up before the State Legislature next year. There are already Bill sponsors in both Houses. When it gets moving, we will need to contact all our State representatives. We all need to do our part to get it passed into law.

Lastly, we all know someone who needs to belong to RPEA. Take an application at the Holiday Party and give a membership as a gift. Or just hand it to them. We know they will enjoy our chapter and the RPEA benefits. Here's hoping everyone has a Great Holiday Season and gets ready for our Chapter's 25th anniversary year and celebration in 2024.

Best wishes from the officers and the Steering Committee Members



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Holiday Celebration



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023
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: \$43

Chicken Francaise: \$34

Fresh Salmon: \$37

Vegetarian Upon Request: \$33

Cash Bar

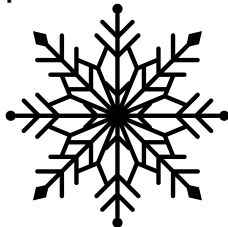
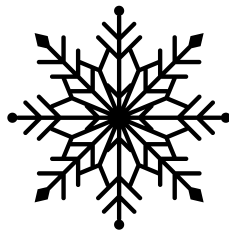
Activities

Share the Wealth

Raffles

Door Prizes

Basket of Cheer



RESERVATION DEADLINE:

November 24, 2023.

Reservations Are Required!

Table reservations for groups of 6 or more will be accepted.

Please note name of group on registration form.

Make Checks Payable To:
WNY Chapter RPEA

Mail Checks To:

Marie Ulrich

249 Okell Street

Buffalo, NY 14220



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 6, 2023

Total Enclosed \$ _____ Check# _____

Please List All Attendees By Name:

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Please indicate meal choices for each guest

Chicken-\$34 Beef-\$43 Fish-\$37 Vegetarian-\$33

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____



2024 Meeting Dates

2024

May 29: Annual Meeting & Election of Officers: Polish Falcons, Depew, NY

July 31: Summer Picnic: Joseph's Grove

September 25: General Meeting: Polish Falcons, Depew, NY

December 4: Holiday Party: Salvatore's Italian Gardens

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