

HHHART ANNUAL MEETING

The HHHART annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Bristol Assisted Living, 760 Larkfield Road, East Northport . (631-858-0100)

THE “AGE” OF INFORMATION

You are cordially invited to join your Executive Board for brunch at the Bristol, in their Country Kitchen. We have so much to share with you, important information that affects all retired teachers.

The Board has prepared an enjoyable, informative morning. Joan Petroske will inform us about local and state retiree issues, Richard Lee will disperse Health Care Advocacy information, and Mel Stern will note the political action campaigns and VOTE/Cope information. You will get to meet Janine Valentiner, the Director of Business Development for The Bristol, who heads up the Senior Advocacy for Employees (SAFE) and is the coordinator of our panel of experts for the day. The panel will share a general overview of eldercare issues, care options, and legal concerns. (To learn more about our panel, please visit our website – www.hhhart.net)

The hospitality committee has some free raffles planned such as a chance to win a seat at our Fall Luncheon.

This is a great opportunity to gather information and socialize with colleagues. Brunch will be served! Come have your morning coffee with us! Bring your calendars to note dates for a summer barbecue and our fall luncheon.

We thank the Bristol for providing a venue, brunch, and raffle prizes gratis.

HHHART is having its first-ever ‘Welcome Summer Barbecue’

It will be held at Centerport Beach at the upper site on Wednesday, June 26th, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$24 for food, desserts, and soft drinks. A flyer will be on the web site and sent to you.

ALERT

Change in printed copies of *HHHART Beat*

For those of you who are receiving printed copies of the *HHHART Beat*, our summer edition will be the last free copy you will receive. In the future, you will need to pay \$12 a year if you wish to have the TA office print a copy for you and mail it. NYSUT no longer prints and mails our newsletters, costs for printing and mailing have risen, and we don't wish to increase our dues to cover these costs because, at this time, more than 80% of our retiree members receive the issues via e-mail.

--- *The President's Message* ---

Spring started early this year, in February, with the NYSUT Regional Conference held at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City. About 300 people from both Nassau and Suffolk attended and we were brought up to date on Legislation, Benefits, Insurance, Retirement, and issues confronting our teachers today. These areas were addressed by Kathleen Donahue, NYSUT VP, David Keefe, Retiree Trust for the NYSTRS Board, and other Department Coordinators from the Albany office. They also provided a breakfast and lunch as well as guided tours of the museum. It was a great way to start the new year!

I recently returned from attending the NYSUT Representative Assembly in Washington, DC. The theme for this year was "VOICE" in all its iterations. Delegates were urged to use their voices in debating issues, celebrating our accomplishments, and protesting injustices. We also heard the voices of many children, from an elementary school, singing songs about learning, friendship, and nutrition.

Speaker, NY Senator Chuck Schumer, was introduced as the "staunchest ally and advocate of NYSUT and public schools in the U.S. Senate". His speech in support of teachers, and the public school system which he and his family attended, brought the delegates to their feet with praise. At one point, he said "It makes no sense to degrade, to belittle the most important profession in America".

We heard from State Education Commissioner John King who spoke briefly and then opened the floor to a Q&A session, which was lengthy. Many teachers had angry questions regarding the Common Core Curriculum-based exams being given this spring. Instruction in this curriculum only started in the fall. He replied that "these assessments are an opportunity to see how we do against something that is challenging ... after all, we want students to become adults who are courageous about taking challenges".

NYSUT VP Maria Neira gave a fiery call to action and to take our frustrations and anger to the streets. She told delegates that the SED's obsession with testing is "just the tip of the iceberg". This is "about testing becoming big business! It's about silencing our professional voice and the privatization of public education."

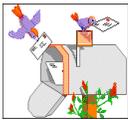
NYSUT President Dick Iannuzzi spoke of the outpouring of 10,000 e-mails, The Tell It Like it Is Forums, and the many petitions circulated. He referenced the Fiftieth Anniversary of Martin Luther King's March on Washington and said that we will have a "March" to Albany on June 8th. The hope is that most of our members will try to attend. If several thousand NYSUT members – active and retired – come out and use their VOICES, we will be heard. Buttons were distributed to all bearing the message "I'LL BE THERE 6.8.13". More details regarding transportation, etc., will be coming. Stay tuned.

Joan Petroske

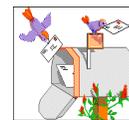
Our Vote/Cope contributions were such that HHHART received the Abel Blattman award for 2012.

Your VOTE/COPE contribution helps us to fight for our RIGHTS and BENEFITS. The VOTE/COPE year runs from January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2013. If you haven't sent in your contribution for 2013, there is still time.

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<p>After Sandy, the difficult winter, and cold spring, we thought you'd enjoy a spring poem from our childhoods.</p> <p>Spring has sprung, The grass has riz, We wonder where the boidies is.</p> <p>See you at the HHHART General Meeting in May and/or the Summer Barbecue in June.</p> <p><i>Sandy, Barbara & Norma</i></p>		



--- *Keep In Touch* ---



Glad to pay the modest \$30 dues. It's a meager amount for the service you folks render us. Thank you for the proverbial "bargain." *Carl A. Torillo*

Recent travels include Germany, Washington State, Florida, Austin, San Antonio, Texas, Oregon, California, Arizona, New Mexico. Four of the 5 grandchildren attending Texas Tech, old Dominion, Rutgers and Crane School of Music at Potsdam. Enjoying golfing (weather is always good). *James Rudolph*

Am now a fully licensed/certified and practicing Physical Therapist Assistant. Enjoying treating patients and continuing to learn. Looking forward to traveling, movies, books and theatre with new-found freedom. *Karen Bath*

I underwent open-heart surgery at New York Presbyterian Hospital, where I received excellent care and treatment. I spent 2 1/2 weeks at Huntington Hills Rehabilitation Center. The care there was wonderful also. I love reading the HHHART Newsletters. They help me keep ties to a wonderful period of my life. I hope all are well. *Carmela Basilice*

Life is good. Travel (a recent trip to Greece), theatre, lectures, classes. More time to enjoy the family. *Linda Kaplan Levine*

Enjoying life to the fullest! I continue to teach 11th and 12th grade part-time at Our Savior School. Take a yearly European trip. In 2012, it was the Adriatic Sea. Enjoy the seven grandchildren and maintaining ties with many of the GREAT people I had the privilege of working with at HHH. Our Union and its leaders were and are THE BEST. *Joanne Fraser*

I am still working at the country club. So far I have nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. I am pretty busy. *Mary F. Brewer*

My granddaughter starts kindergarten next year. She can swim across a full-length pool, unassisted. We had a fantastic vacation in New Orleans and plan to vacation in France next year. My small vineyard is looking great. I'm working on extending my garden. I miss you all! Loving retirement! *Jack Gestri*

Thanks for all the fine work you do keeping us "in touch" with news and benefits. I am doing lots of reading – joined a Mystery Book Club at my local library. Our Florida weather keeps me down here, but would love to be able to go North. I do keep in touch with some teachers I worked with. My family comes to see me. I have eight grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. I look back fondly on my teaching experiences and am using my reading abilities with children in our Sunday School. Thank God I celebrated my 89th birthday in September. *Dorothy See*

I have four grandchildren. Shel and I spend our time traveling and we winter in Florida. We see many of our HHH friends, and enjoy our leisure time. *Bonita Sebel*

Still enjoying the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in S.C. Continue with golf, traveling and visiting children and grandchildren, now in the work force and one teaching on Long Island. Have attended six college graduations which I loved. Not bad for an eighty-two-year-old proud retiree from HHH. *Josephine Leibfried*

We are on the yo-yo circuit (Florida to Connecticut, spring to the end of December when we go to Florida), and it seems to happen more quickly each year. *Adele Stein*

Tom and I were in Spain for Easter (2012). Carolyn (HSE '95) made us grandparents a second time. Hazel Hall joined us on May 3, 2012. Charlotte is a wonderful big sister. *Maureen Gillen*

Was elected Treasurer of Stewart Manor Garden Club. Will be installed as Co-Corresponding Secretary of Homemaker's Council, Floral Park-Bellrose. Enjoying retirement. and keeping busy. *Anne Meaney*

Continue to relish retirement every day. Spending time traveling, keeping up with seven grandchildren, playing golf, going to theatre and gardening, . *Alida (McGuire) Schubert*



Change of Address for Dental Plan

The P & A Group administers the dental plan (Met Life). They can be reached at 800-688-2611, dial 9, and ext. 5528 or 6705. It is the responsibility of the retiree to contact the Group if s/he has moved to give them the new address. NYSUT doesn't notify them when a retiree moves.

Salvatore DiFazio was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. He began teaching in Half Hollow Hills and retired in 1988. In 1978 he led Half Hollow Hills to its first and only Suffolk title.

Bob Hodum's (High School East, Spanish) account of his graduate study year in Medellin, Colombia, is available in the "local authors" display at the Book Revue in Huntington. His memoir is entitled *Conversations on LaPlaya: a Gringo's Life in Medellin*.

The Health Advocate has a smart phone app to help you make cost-effective healthcare decisions. It is available at no cost to Health Advocate members which allows them to generate cost comparisons for common medical procedures and services anytime and anywhere. The Health Care Estimator can also be accessed by logging on to their Health Advocate member website www.healthadvocate.com.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

(Sent to John Bilitsky)

I had to write to tell you how you molded my life. I had you as a 4th grade teacher in 1980. I remember being in your "A" group for math and not doing well one day, so you put me in your "B" group. The next day when I didn't show up for the "A" group, you said "Fuchsman, where are you?" I shuddered and said, "I thought I was in the B now." You said, "Get back here!" Well, let me tell you, your pushing me led me to pursue a career in math. After high school, I attended Clarkson University and graduated as a Civil Engineer.

After practicing for five years, I decided to get my Masters in Secondary Education. I have been a high school math teacher in Herricks High School for the past thirteen years. I absolutely LOVE it. To this day, I tell my students about my all-time favorite teacher and share my wonderful memories of you (including singing around the piano). I now have three boys of my own, who also excel in math because of wonderful teachers like you. I hope you are doing well and that life has given you wonderful memories, as you have given to your students.

Best Regards, *Alison Fuchsman* class of 80-81

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The **2013** **Vote** drive continues. **COPE**

\$25 or more suggested.

Vote/Cope helps strengthen political action at all levels. The single largest expenditure is rebates to locals for their own communities for support with school budget votes and local campaigns. Funds also go toward political action expenses. NYSUT and **Vote/Cope** are non-partisan and intend to remain non-partisan providing funds to pro-education and pro-labor candidates of all parties. Issues matter, not party.

Please send a check made out to **Vote/Cope** to the TA Office or you may opt to use the convenient NYSUT automatic pension deduction. (Contact NYSUT if you are interested) The 2013 **Vote/Cope** drive began in January and ends in December.

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Herman
February, 2013
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Know Your HHHART Board

Our interviewee this issue is **Sandy Glickman**, who is a publisher of the *HHHART Beat*



I was born and spent my first twenty years in the Bronx, except for three months, in Hermosa Beach, CA when I was eleven. At twenty, Ron and I got married and then I lived in exotic places like Sparta Wisconsin, and Colorado Springs, Colorado, while Ron was in the army, and Brookline and Cambridge, Massachusetts when he was at Law School. Then we moved back to New York - Flushing and Long Island.

My teaching career started as a first grade teacher in Fountain, Colorado. Then I worked for two years as a permanent substitute in Boston. At the time, teaching jobs were scarce in the Boston area for MARRIED WOMEN. This was a long time ago, but when I got a list of "Districts that **WILL** hire married women", I assumed there was a mistake and that I had been sent an antiquated message. Not so! Hence, the permanent sub position, which meant I had my own class for the year(s), but they paid me on a daily basis - meaning when we had a snow day, I did not get paid. I taught third grade in Malden, where I was paid an annual salary. When we returned to New York, I taught first grade for two years in Woodmere.

I took time off to have my children. Cliff, Larry and Mark all received their excellent Elementary through High School education in the "vaunted" Half Hollow Hills School District. Our family members recently discussed and all do agree that they had a wonderful school experience, with exceptional teachers and courses.

I started teaching in Half Hollow Hills as a sub. In 1972, I was ready to go back to teaching full time, and I was fortunate to get a position as a

Reading Teacher. That was my career for twenty-three years, and I loved it - the teaching, the learning, the students, and my colleagues (and Principals in Taukomas and Forest Park) in the Reading departments of the other schools. I had the good fortune to have Carol Parker, our extraordinary President of the Teachers Association at the time, as a mentor and to work for excellent Principals. I was so lucky to find this extraordinary place - Half Hollow Hills!

I retired in 1995. It's hard to believe I have been a former teacher for almost eighteen years. I keep quite busy. It would have been great to have our children's families nearby, but since they are not, we visit them frequently. Cliff has a PR firm. He and Caroline, Laura and Ellen live in Lynchburg, VA. Laura is a sophomore at Virginia Wesleyan College, Ellen will be a freshman at George Mason University next fall. Larry, who teaches History at the University of South Carolina, lives with Jill, Alexander (a high school freshman) and Abigail (who is in sixth grade) in Columbia, SC. Mark is an Economist and works for the Government Accountability Office (GAO) in San Francisco. He, Teresa, and Benjamin, (who is in first grade) live in Oakland, CA. OMG these fabulous families are such a source of joy to us.

I still love traveling, and going to museums, shows, movies, and concerts. I have recently taken bridge lessons and started to play bridge again after a forty-year hiatus. I belong to two book clubs, I co-edit this Newsletter and I very much enjoy spending time with Ron and my/our friends. Life has been good to me and I very much appreciate that!

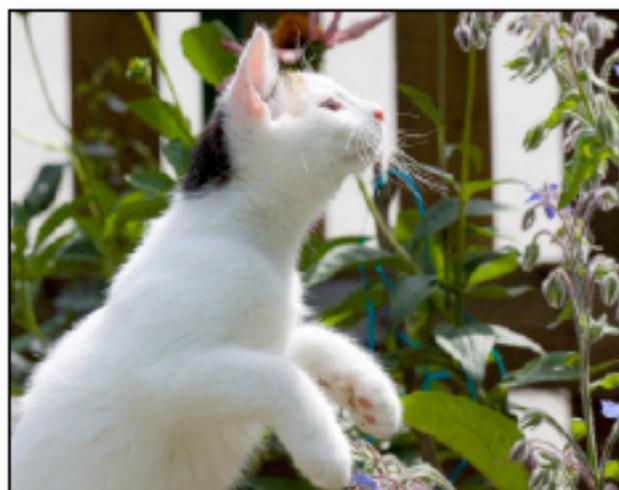
Sandy Glickman

NYSUT members: *Is danger lurking in your home?*

We've just about made it through a particularly cold winter, and spring is finally upon us. With that means warmer weather and the opportunity to spend more time playing with our pets (both indoors and outdoors).

And while we always hear about the dangers of ticks and fleas that can come from the "Great Outdoors," what about those potential hazards lurking inside of our homes as well?

Check out the following list from VPI Pet Insurance about the most common calls received by the Pet Poison Helpline:



Top 5 Toxins & Poisons – Dogs

1. Chocolate
2. Insect bait stations
3. Mouse & rat poison
4. Fertilizers
5. Sugar-free gums & candies

Top 5 Toxins & Poisons – Cats

1. Lilies
2. Topical flea & tick medicine for dogs
3. Household cleaners
4. Mouse & rat poison
5. Paints & varnishes

So have fun with your four-legged friends this spring, but be mindful of where your pet is roaming both inside and outside of your home.

If you suspect that your pet has ingested anything harmful, seek immediate veterinary advice. **The Pet Poison Helpline is also available for a fee 24/7 at 800-213-6680.**

Remember NYSUT members receive a 5% discount on VPI's base medical plan and up to a 15% discount if multiple pets are enrolled.

For more information, please visit memberbenefits.nysut.org and click on "Discounts & Travel – Members" and then "VPI Pet Insurance" or call toll-free 866-838-3461.

Insurance from A to Z...

While you're considering whether pet insurance is right for your pet, don't forget about the humans in your life as well. If you're looking to protect yourself or your family, make sure to check out the variety of insurance programs endorsed by Member Benefits.

The following programs are currently available: **Term Life & Level Term Life; WrapPlan® II Universal Life; Personal Property/Liability (auto, home, renters, boat, umbrella, etc.); Disability; Vision Plan; and Dental Plan.** Many of these programs are also available to cover spouses/domestic partners of members, dependent children, dependent parents, and grandparents.

Learn more about our endorsed programs by contacting Member Benefits at 800-626-8101 or visiting memberbenefits.nysut.org.

For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits. Agency fee payers to NYSUT are eligible to participate in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.

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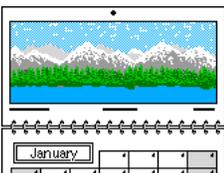
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Wednesday, May 8th

**General Meeting
Bristol Assisted Living
East Northport**

Thursday, May 30th

**RC 20 Luncheon
Captain Bill's, Bayshore**

Wednesday, June 26th

**HHHART Barbecue
Centerport Beach**

Thursday, September 12th

HHHART Fall Luncheon

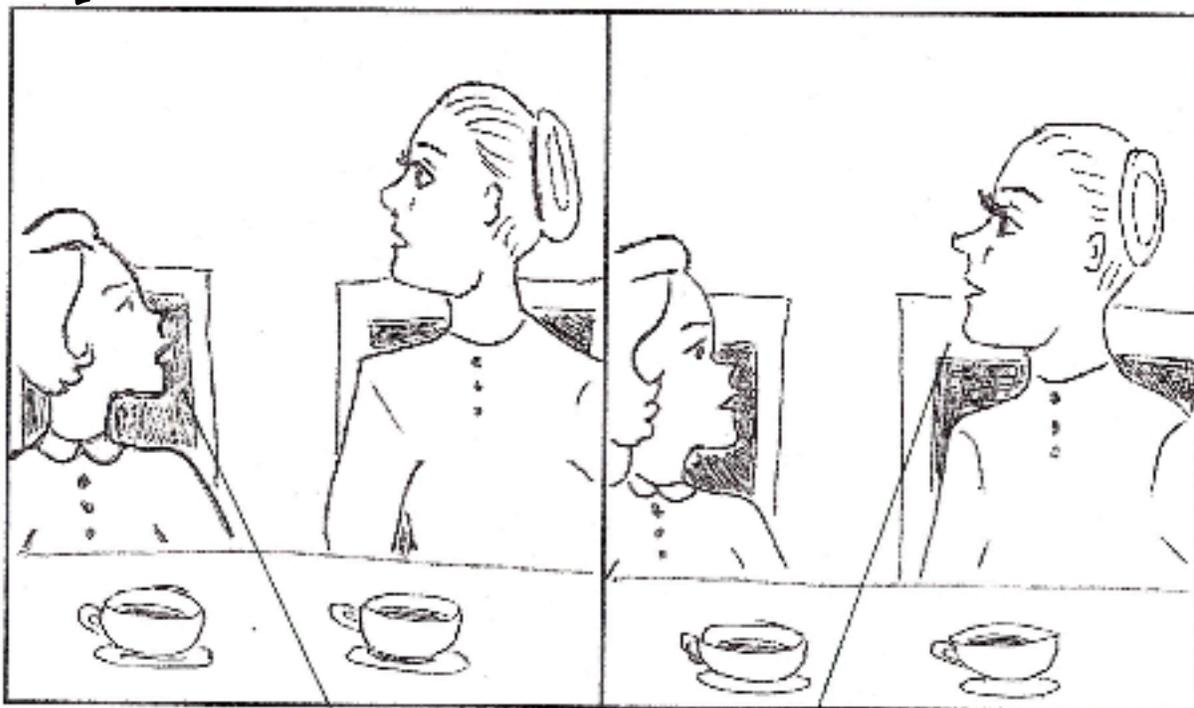
Thursday, October 17th

CORTLI Fall Luncheon

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aelang@optonline.net, if you wish to be
added to our e-mail list so we can continue
to keep you informed.

Glimpses

by Norma



Why are you calling, Sydney?
She's the youngest grandchild.

That's exactly why I'm calling her.
I need help with my iPad, Nook,
and computer.