



Volume XXXI Special Issue NYSUT RC 13 Spring Luncheon 2023



**NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL # 13
SPRING LUNCHEON**

***Beekman Arms* (888) 627-5794**

6387 Mill St. (off Rt. 9) Rhinebeck, NY 12572

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Registration: 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

COST: \$ 30.00 per person Guests are welcome

→ **Checks** Payable to: NYSUT RC # 13

Please send this form and your check by Thursday, May 11 to:

NYSUT RC#13 TREASURER - Spring Luncheon

201 Stockade Drive, Kingston, NY 12401

Name: _____ **Local:** _____

Email: _____ **Contact Phone:** _____

Guest (Name): _____ **Guest (Name):** _____

Please Check a Menu Option for each person:

____ Sautéed Chicken Breast, Madeira Wine Sauce ____ Vegetarian Pasta

____ Roasted Salmon, Beurre Blanc

Accompanied by salad and NY Style Cheesecake

Enjoy Folk Songs of the Hudson Valley by Storm King Skyline

Start with deep roots in traditional folk music, add musical versatility, mix in both historical and contemporary themes, all seasoned with a healthy dose of good-natured humor, then enjoy a performance by **Storm King Skyline**.

A newly formed musical group, Storm King Skyline has developed a unique sound that combines breathtaking vocals, instrumental dexterity, and a synergy that comes only from an intimate knowledge of each others' talents. That sound starts with Kevin's intricate finger picked guitar, augmented by his impeccable harmonica playing. Carol's soaring vocals - clear, bright, and pure, stand out when singing and form compelling harmonies with Kevin and Ken's baritone voices. Ken adds the skillful touch of a virtuoso on guitar and Linda adds some light percussion. The entire sound is anchored by Rich's solid rhythms on upright bass and his driving bluegrass-influenced banjo. They feature other instruments as well, notably mountain dulcimer, recorder, Bodh ran, and Appalachian limber horse. Their repertoire ranges from historical social significance and from traditional folk songs to the original songs of the band members. **Storm King Skyline** has an easy manner and relaxed stage presence which encourages audience participation and contributes to their entertaining performances.



Rich Keyes
Carol & Kevin Becker
Ken & Linda Sheehan

Cancellations MUST be received before the final number is submitted. To be eligible for a refund, the treasurer should receive either a call or email indicating the change no later than Thursday, May 11.

Email: maryloudavis125@gmail.com phone 845-223-5544

This year Ron Gross, NYSUT VP; Emiljana Ulaj, NYSUT Regional Political Organizer; Florence McCue, NYSUT At-Large ED Director; & Jennifer Kaseman, Regional Staff Director and Director of Constituency Programs and Services at NYSUT; will be coming to our Spring Luncheon. They are on the agenda & will give some brief remarks. Members will have the opportunity to meet & ask questions. Also, NYSUT Member Benefits will set up a table with their literature and be on hand to answer questions.



Here, Ye, Here Ye! It's Election Time!

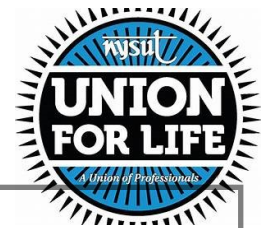
NOTICE OF ELECTIONS - June 1, 2023

~2023 -2026 PROPOSED SLATE ~

NYSUT Retiree Council 13 will hold its elections on June 1st, 2023, at the Annual Spring Meeting. Our elections are governed by our constitution which mandate a nomination process to our Executive Board. Additionally, any member in good standing can & shall be given the opportunity to stand for election and must submit his/her name to the Nomination's Committee. Nominations should be submitted no later than **May 15, 2023**, so information can be forwarded to NYSUT headquarters prior to the election. Please include: **full name** of the nominee, **name of the local** from which the nominee retired, **address, phone number, & e-mail** address.

NO nominations will be allowed from the floor. Please see our website for job descriptions. Please send to:

Attn: Janice Scriber Nominating Committee Chair
 NYSUT Mid-Hudson Regional Office
 201 Stockade Drive, Kingston, NY 12401
 email - jabs43@frontiernet.net



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NYSUT/AFT ALTERNATES: Paula Ptaszek, William Rule

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Donna Matthews	Ulster BOCES
Caren Levant	White Plains City SD
Clifford Foley	Wappingers

VOTE-COPE, our voluntary political action fund, calculates total contributions based on the calendar year. To get more information or to contribute you can go to (www.nysut.org) & click on the TAKE ACTION Tab & select VOTE-COPE or access the links directly on RC#13's website (www.retireecouncil13.com) under the VOTE-COPE TAB.

2022/23 Calendar
In person OR
ZOOM WITH US



The RC#13 Board of Directors meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month. If you would like to be a **GUEST** contact President Patrick McCarthy (rc13president@retireecouncil13.com). A link will be sent to you the **day** before the meeting so that you may **ZOOM** in or you may attend at the Kingston Regional Office!

PLEASE CHECK DATES!

March
8 Wed.-Board/Liaisons, Zoom Only
(10:15am-12 noon)

29/30 ED 51-53 mtg. Utica

April
12 Wed.-Board/Liaisons (in-person or Zoom)
(10:15 am-12 noon)

27-28 NYSUT Local & Retiree Council Presidents' Conference, Albany

28-29 NYSUT Representative Assembly, Albany

May
10 Wed.-Board/Liaisons (in-person or Zoom)
(10:15am-12 noon)

16 Tues.-Statewide School Budget Vote

June 1-RC #13 Spring Luncheon and Business meeting, Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck 11:00 AM



From The President's Desk
Patrick McCarthy

**MARCH
WOMENS' HISORY
MONTH**



Dear Colleagues,

I hope that all is well with you & your loved ones and that your Holiday Season was enjoyable.

As I write this we are still in our winter months, but I am sure that everyone who has not gone South would agree that it has been a rather mild winter. Let's hope that it continues this way into spring!

The RC #13 Board of Directors and our Social and Program Committees have been busy planning events for Spring & Summer. The theme for 2023 is "Art in the Hudson Valley." The committee plans to highlight art in each of our 5 counties, one event each month. This will then culminate with a boat cruise on the Hudson River in September!

To stay informed it is imperative that you check our website: (www.retireecouncil13.com) on a regular basis as these monthly events will be posted. While we list events in our newsletter, some

venues, will not finalize arrangements until early spring and those final details will be listed on the website. All events will require members to register, some involve a fee so please just take a moment each week and check our website.

Also, on the website you will see that we are offering monthly Medicare webinars for the entire year. The information is on the calendar providing the date and time of the webinar. Feedback on the two that have been held so far has been extremely positive..

Our annual Spring Luncheon, including business meeting is **Thursday, June 1st** at the Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck, NY. Details and registration can be found in this newsletter. Seating is limited so send in your registration ASAP.

Finally, most of you should have received information on the NYSUT Peer Support Line (1-844-444-0152), which was established a few months ago. This is a service offered through

Member Benefits at no cost to all NYSUT members and their families.

This confidential helpline-staffed by trained in-service & retirees can provide answers, resources and empathetic support when you need it. They can direct you to mental health services & supports, elder care or caregiving services, locating Medicare/Medicaid resources, & accessing services for individuals with disabilities, to name just some of the issues they are able to assist you with.

I recently contacted them in reference to major health issues of a family member, when I was feeling overwhelmed and at a loss as to what to do or where to turn. They provided the necessary information for me to deal with this issue. I have only KUDOs for the assistance I received.

In solidarity,
Patrick McCarthy



Vote YES for Schools!



**OUR
SOCIAL
SIDE**

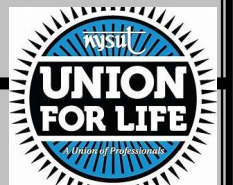
SAVE THE DATE!

Hudson River Maritime Museum & Solaris Boat Trip

June 21, 2023

See our website (www.retireecouncil13.com) for more information

Retiree Council #13-www.retireecouncil13.com		DIRECTORS:	
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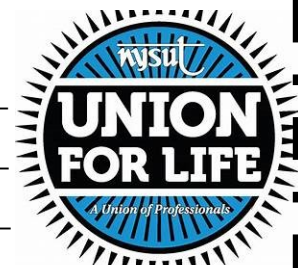




MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION FORM NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL #13

Representing: Columbia, Greene, Dutchess, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties

January 1 – December 31, 2023



Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

(E-mail addresses are for RC#13/NYSUT use only)

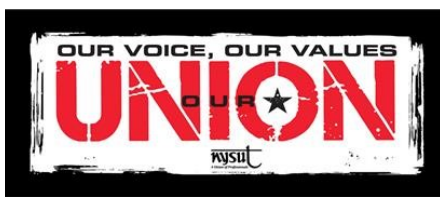
Retired from _____ School District _____

\$10.00 yearly recommended contribution Checks should be made out to **NYSUT RC # 13** and sent to:

**NYSUT RC #13 TREASURER
201 Stockade Drive, Kingston, NY 12401**

I would be willing to work in the areas of: **Newsletter (Bridges)** _____ **Travel/Social Events** _____

RC# 13 meetings are open to all NYSUT retirees & are held at the above address. The meeting calendar is in **MID-HUDSON BRIDGES**.

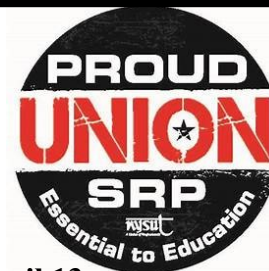


**SAVE THE DATE: June 1st
SPRING LUNCHEON
11:00AM
Beekman Arms-Rhinebeck, NY**



Strong Union Active Retirees!

About Retiree Council #13



Mid-Hudson Bridges, is a quarterly publication of the Mid-Hudson Retiree Council 13, serving: Columbia, Greene, Dutchess, Ulster, & Sullivan Counties.

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Electronic files are appreciated attached as a Word document or embedded as text of an email.

Next issue deadline: June 1st

Visit the *NEW* RC#13 website for other useful information:

www.retireecouncil13.com

