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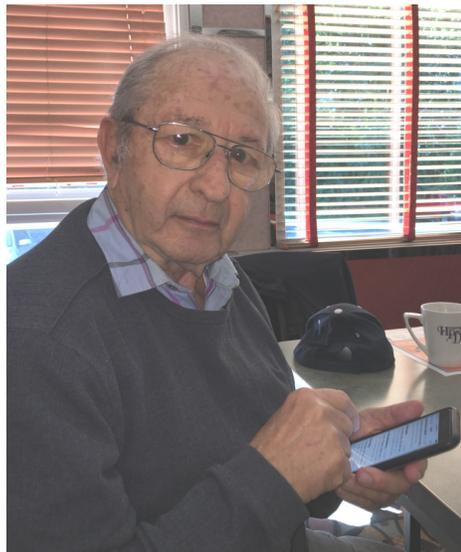
Thank you, Mr. Editor

Like many of the remarkable retirees behind the scenes of the SSRA, **Carl Haymes** has dedicated over two decades to building and growing this organization for the retirees of the Smithtown School district. Carl's area of expertise— your newsletter editor— with wife Carol as his proof-reader! He has given us this wonderful publication all these years. Now, at 85 years old, it is time for him to enjoy his well-deserved 'second' retirement.

Carl is a genuinely wonderful person to work with— always a smile on his face; always a clever story to tell. His unceasing curiosity with the ever-changing world of desktop publishing technology has given me a challenge or two! But he was always willing to learn, to bend, to make it work. I'd like to think we learned from each other, but truth be told, he taught me

more than I can ever say about patience, warmth, wit, tenacity, comradery, and the ability to keep our members entertained while providing up-to-date information on issues that could affect them. Thank you, dear friend, for a job well-done.

But Carl is not resting on his laurels! If you love "**Carl's Quips**" as much as I do, I have some great news! Carl has promised to continue to submit a few for each issue so that the laughs can continue. He confided that he still has hundreds of them left, collected over the years he spent as a teacher taken from actual student answers. I would like to take this opportunity now, too, to encourage all of the SSRA



membership to continue to send in their own special news or travel experiences for our "News of Members" pages, or to submit information for free classified ads. Your continued contributions are the sort of anecdotal content that makes this newsletter feel like a personal letter from an old friend or co-worker. It's what keeps us close, strong, and informed. With so many attacks on unions these days, it is comforting to know that we all worked together as a group in our own diverse bargaining units to get the job done for the students of Smithtown. Make note of the new email.

SSRAEditor@gmail.com

I cant wait to see what you've all been up to!!

I am proud of this retiree organization. We have members from every bargaining unit in the district — from administrators, to teachers; secretaries, custodial engineers, et al, and the presiding Officers and Executive Committee of the SSRA over the years has reflected a good swath of these different units.

As the former secretary of the Smithtown Teachers' Association, it was my pleasure and honor to work with the SSRA. But now, in retirement myself, there are big shoes to fill as I take-on this task as their new editor. I hope I can do justice to the legacy Carl has left me.

Hey Carl— do you think I could get Carol to proof-read for me, too?



~Mary Mills Desjeunes

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The Smithtown School Retirees' Association is affiliated with the
Smithtown Teachers' Association,
the **New York State United Teachers,** and the **American Federation of Teachers,**
and is comprised of members from all of the bargaining units
in the Smithtown Central School District.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of each month
at 9:30 AM at the STA office

All members are invited to attend.

We encourage your input and newsletter submissions.

Just a Reminder

SSRA Dues are due by
DECEMBER 31, 2018

(\$15.00—See Page 11 for mailing details)

If your dues are not received in time, you
may not be included in the printing
of the 2019-21 SSRA Directory.

Our Deepest Sympathy



Warren Parnell
on the loss of his wife
Betty,
September 30th, 2018

Family and Friends of
Cheryl Borden, Elementary Teacher,
October 7th, 2018



News of Members



As retirees, we have the opportunity to undertake many diverse and interesting activities and trips. Why not share them with us? We welcome any stories, poems, adventures or whatever you would like to tell your former colleagues.

Philippa and Arthur Green— Arthur and I celebrated our 50th anniversary with a trip to Montreal & Quebec. Canada is a beautiful country and I got to use my French! I am an instructor at Chaminade H.S. part-time teaching French horn. I love it— the boys I instruct, and the staff I deal with. I only wish it could be more often!

Joyce McLaren—Our whole family was on the move this summer. We weren't vacationing, each of us moved to a new home. Ron's health prevented him from maintaining our home, yard, and boat, so we moved to an over 55, maintenance free community in Mooresville, NC. Several friends also moved here, which made leaving the home we loved a bit easier. Each of our sons also moved. Todd moved to Ohio; Keith and his family moved to Florida. Keith's IT company is in TX, so he commutes!!

Larry and Yvette Hohler— Our September visit to Kenya was different from any we've experienced since we opened our Home in 2005. When we arrived in Nairobi we went to the hospital where Joe Kirima, our director, had just been operated on to remove a mass from his colon. Clustered around him were 4 or 5 young men who grew up at the Home and were now attending universities in Nairobi. They had given blood for the operation, and were acting as gatekeepers so that Joe wouldn't be inundated by visitors. They also insured that he was eating properly and getting enough rest. We arrived at the Home before Joe was released and found that everything was running smoothly - the younger kids were being fed and sent to school, clothes were drying on lines, and the dormitory rooms were relatively clean and tidy. In the evening we attended the Hope Children's Home Dragons soccer game, where our athletes were competing in Smithtown High School uniforms. (They lost 1 to nil) When Joe returned from Nairobi we visited the farm, where he showed us the acres of onions he planned to harvest in February, and the technical training center, where maize was being ground into flour for our kid's morning porridge. We also visited the room where school uniforms were being made.



Most impressive were our visits with our older kids who attend technical schools. Our young people are being trained to be plumbers, electricians, IT specialists, cooks, and beauticians. We stopped at the local Toyota dealership (who knew that Meru would have a Toyota Dealership)???? where one of our young men was serving an apprenticeship in the parts department. These kids will be joining the growing Kenyan middle class!

We returned to New York with an awareness that our efforts in Kenya since 2005 have been well worth it, and the hope that our buddy, Joe, will fully recover from his operation.

Pictured above are the athletes in their uniforms from Smithtown High School.

Editor's Note: Please don't forget **Hope Children's Fund** on your holiday donations list. You can donate at hopechildrensfund.org

OFF THE CUFF

by John Pettit



Membership/Dues:

A very big thank you to those many members who have already mailed in their dues renewal for next year. As explained in the previous newsletter (October), your annual dues (\$15.00) are expected by the end of December. If you haven't gotten to this yet, please take care of it today – instructions are on an info slip on page 11 of this issue. In the spring of 2019 we will be publishing our Members' Directory. It is published every other year and only those members in "good standing" will receive a copy.

Confusion Over Benefit Eligibility:

There are several misunderstandings among retirees regarding NYSUT/STA/SSRA membership(s): While still actively employed in the school district, everyone is a member of the statewide union - NYSUT. NYSUT encompasses several specific "sub-groups" or bargaining units in the Smithtown school district, i.e., STA (teachers), SSEA (non-teaching personnel), ASPN (district Nurses), SSAA (Administrators), etc.

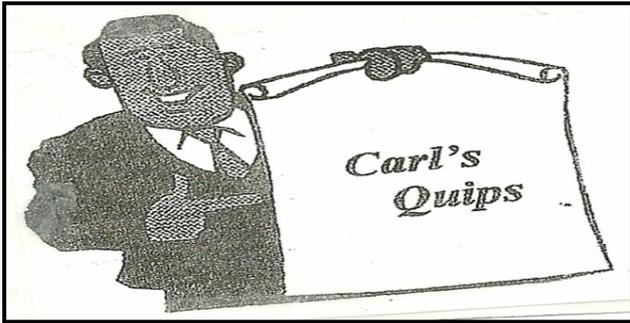
As part of your union benefits, NYSUT offers "active employees" optional supplemental benefits (legal services, counseling, specific insurances, long-term care, etc.), at reduced, group rate costs. Upon retirement, an individual who is utilizing one of these optional benefits is no longer an "active" member, but is mandated to maintain membership in their local retirees association—in our case, Smithtown Schools Retirees Association – in order to qualify for the reduced group-rates. While this rule has been in place for many years, we have learned that it wasn't being enforced until 2006. Some confusion arises in regards to the one-time \$50.00 lifetime fee the Smithtown Teachers' Association used to assess on its retirees. This fee was specifically intended to allow the person retiring to continue to receive the *Faculty Focus* STA newsletter, and nothing else. There is no automatic membership in the SSRA each year if you've paid the lifetime STA dues. You must renew your membership with SSRA each year. We are a separate concern from the STA.

Hopefully, the explanation above resolves any confusion --- any further questions may be addressed to NYSUT, the STA office, or the SSRA.

Luncheon:

The St. George Golf & Country Club (in Setauket) appears to be a big favorite with our members. I am seeking to make arrangements to have the Luncheon there again on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, so I will include more specific details in the upcoming March newsletter.

A Thought: The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity; the optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty. ~ *Winston Churchill*



Submitted by Carl Haymes

Language is not properly the servant of thought but not infrequently becomes the master.

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Answers from students' papers collected over many, many years. Laugh or cry, but enjoy them! If you know of any, and would like to share them, please send them to the Editor at SSRAEditor@gmail.com

- A disadvantage of using official statistics is you can't make things up.
- The Truman Doctrine was more trust worthy than the Falseman Doctrine.
- The St. Valentine's Day Massacre was caused by someone who didn't get any cards.
- A triangle is a circle with three sides.
- The event of Robinson Crusoe was when Robinson went on a cruise.
- An artificial pesticide is someone who is pretending to be really annoying.

GO FUND ME

My niece's daughter, Amanda, age 23, is seriously ill. She has a rare medical condition (only 245 cases worldwide) called "Nutcracker Syndrome" which causes her severe, continuous pain. A compressed major artery and vein in her belly is causing her seizures and blackouts-difficult when trying to take care of a husband and adorable four-year-old.

There is only one doctor in the entire United States qualified to do her needed surgery-and he has agreed to do it-at the University of Wisconsin while she lives in Arizona. The surgery requires moving one kidney to the other side of her abdomen (an Auto-transplant) and relieving the pressure on the compressed veins and arteries. The surgery itself will be about \$125,000 and then there are living expenses while she recuperates near the hospital. Frequent hospitalizations and the search for a cure have bankrupted them. My niece, her mom, has sold her home to help.

If you can help with a donation for this young family, please visit her **Gofundme** page at

https://www.gofundme.com/saving-grace-for-amanda-taylor?fbclid=IwAR2eJvSI9W485wp-JPuMVW7xEJAW-p3j7pIZ6f_1QShAiTrO1HHWgYRttP_o

Simply copy and paste this into the Google search bar to take you to the site.

Thanks for whatever you can do.

~Gail Chiovaro



NYSUT Disaster Relief Fund

NYSUT Disaster Relief Fund depends on voluntary donations.

Please send a check or make online donations using **PayPal** via the

[Make a Donation](#) * link on this page.

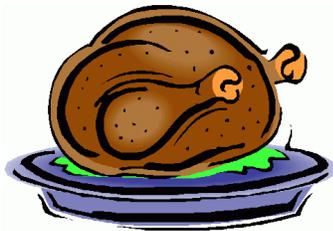
NYSUT assumes 100 percent of the administrative costs associated with the NYSUT Disaster Relief Fund.

[*<https://www.nysut.org/resources/special-resources-sites/disaster-relief>]

Or Mail check to NYSUT 800 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham NY 12110

Be sure to indicate you are a Smithtown Retiree! Questions? Call 1-800-348-9810

Before you put together your holiday dinner shopping list, check the AFL-CIO list of union-made in America food and other items that are essential to a traditional family holiday feast:



Appetizers

- Keebler (Kellogg) crackers—BCTGM

Turkey & Ham

- Boar's Head—UFCW
- Butterball—UFCW
- Foster Farms—UFCW
- Smithfield—UFCW
- Thumann's—UFCW



Side Dishes

- Birds Eye vegetables—UFCW
- Ocean Spray whole berry cranberry sauce—IAM

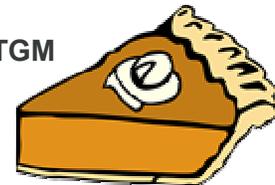
Bread

- Pillsbury crescent rolls, frozen and ready to bake rolls/breads—BCTGM
 - Pillsbury pie crusts—BCTGM
- Strohmann bakery products (for stuffing)—BCTGM



Dessert

- Rich Products pies and cakes—BCTGM
- Sara Lee pumpkin and apple pies—BCTGM

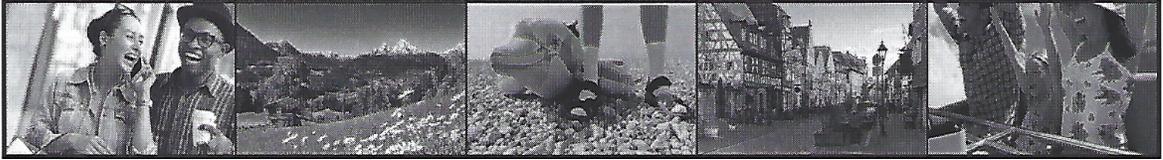


Some Funnies...

Submitted by Lou DeBole



- Pharmacist to customer: "Sir, please understand, to buy an anti-depression pill you need a proper prescription ... Simply showing marriage certificate and wife's picture is not enough!"
- A man was granted two wishes by God. He asked for the best drink & the best woman ever. Next moment he got mineral water & Mother Teresa.
- Why do women live a Better, Longer & Peaceful Life, compared to men?
A very INTELLIGENT student replied: "Because Women don't have a wife!"
- COOL MESSAGE BY A WIFE: Dear Mother-in-law, Don't teach me how to handle my children. I am living with one of yours and he needs a lot of improvement!!
- When a married man says, I WILL THINK ABOUT IT - what he really means is that he doesn't know his wife's opinion yet.
- A lady says to her doctor: "My husband has a habit of talking in his sleep! What should I give him to cure it?"
The doctor replies: "Give him an opportunity to speak when he's awake! "



Shopping & travel benefits designed for NYSUT members

NYSUT members and their loved ones have access to dozens of endorsed shopping, travel & personal programs available through NYSUT Member Benefits. And unlike with purchasing products available to the general public, there's no need to go it alone when Member Benefits has your back.

Member Benefits acts as your advocate for any program you participate in, and we'll do our best to quickly resolve any issues or concerns you may have. Whether you are participating in one of our shopping/entertainment/travel offerings; auto, homeowners or life insurance plans; or financial or legal services, NYSUT members have the **"Power of the Union"** behind them.

The following is just a small sampling of the endorsed programs available to the NYSUT membership.

Purchasing Power Member Shopping Program

Are you looking to purchase a new laptop computer, washer/dryer or refrigerator? The Purchasing Power Member Shopping Program allows NYSUT members to purchase products such as these and many more while paying for them through the ease of payroll deduction or ACH withdrawals. NYSUT members save 20% on their first order with Purchasing Power.

Grand Circle Travel

The Grand Circle Cruise Line & Grand Circle Travel program is committed to providing international travel, adventure and discovery opportunities that offer impactful and intercultural experiences. This program offers NYSUT members and their loved ones the opportunity to save \$100 per person on tours or receive a discounted rate on specific trips if acting as a group organizer.

Abenity Discounts

Seeking exclusive member discounts on tickets to the latest blockbuster movies or theater events, the hottest concerts & sporting events, or the coolest theme parks & attractions? NYSUT members have access to thousands of nationwide and local discounts with the Abenity Discounts program. Abenity also offers an app for iPhone or Android smartphones available at no charge.

Cambridge Credit Counseling

NYSUT members are eligible to receive free, no-obligation debt and student loan consultations with one of Cambridge's certified counselors. Cambridge also offers a unique web portal available at a reduced rate that can help explain the various options when paying down student debt, including student loan forgiveness programs, income-based repayment options and more.

The Power of the Union

To learn more about Member Benefits-endorsed programs & services, visit memberbenefits.nysut.org or call **800-626-8101**.



For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits.



Nov./Dec. 2018

Anti-Semitism is on the rise in schools.

After Pittsburgh, teachers grapple with a response.

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BY [FRANCISCO VARA-ORTA](#), [ERIC GORSKI](#), SHAINA CAVAZOS, [MELANIE ASMAR](#) - OCTOBER 29, 2018

At New York City's Harvest Collegiate High School on Monday, social studies teacher Andy del Calvo did what educators often do: He adapted his lesson for the times. He shared news stories about the massacre of 11 people at a Pittsburgh synagogue and about last week's shooting of two African-Americans at a Kentucky supermarket, and urged his students to think.

Del Calvo hoped that examining America's latest heartbreaking moments would give his students a chance to process their feelings, develop empathy for others, and spur them to act — maybe through raising money for victims or expressing themselves through art.

"This is a place where students can get a feel for how to have these kinds of conversations with a broad variety of people," he said, noting that the school's 480 students roughly mirror New York's diversity. "If I have this conversation with friends, people tend to have pretty similar ideas about whatever. Doing it at a school, especially at an integrated school, they are going to have to navigate the issues in a way that is deeply important for our democracy — especially today."

This weekend's mass shooting at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue, carried out by a shooter authorities have said targeted the Jewish community and expressed anti-immigrant sentiments online, strikes at the heart of rising concerns about how bias shapes people's thinking and where the school system should fit in pushing back on those mentalities.

Schools have become fertile ground for anti-Semitic and other bias-fueled incidents — and in some cases, the setting for determined efforts to stamp them out. Educators must strike a difficult balance, figuring out how to address events that have upset students and their families while seeking to avoid being accused of pushing a political agenda.

Overall, the FBI and civil rights organizations have said their data shows a marked uptick in anti-Semitic incidents throughout the country, which has spilled over into schools. In the greater landscape of hate crimes, 54 percent of those targeted because of their religion were Jewish, according to the [most recent data](#) available for the 2016 year.

In schools, most hate-fueled incidents [usually occur](#) as verbal insults or graffiti — commonly incorporating swastikas — and don't rise to the level of a more violent hate crime, so are considered bias incidents. Regardless of the nature, those incidents are up, according to several data analyses conducted by civil rights organizations as the federal government doesn't drill down by location or require uniform reporting.

In 2017, the Anti-Defamation League reported that K-12 schools surpassed public areas as the locations with the highest number of anti-Semitic incidents, with 457 incidents in K-12 schools — a jump of 94 percent from the previous year.

Scott Levin, the regional director of the Anti-Defamation League for Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming, said he considers anti-Semitism in schools a bellwether for other hate incidents.

"If it's happening to Jewish students, it's happening to Muslim students, students perceived to be immigrants, or students of color out there," he said.

"What's happening these days is the role models we have have not been all that great in the national discourse, so now there's additional language kids have learned, there are additional filters that have been removed, and they're using them to a large degree," Levin said.

In addition to anti-Semitic rhetoric, the shooter in Pittsburgh [had voiced](#) anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim views on online posts prior to the massacre. Another civil rights organization, the Southern Poverty Law Center, tracks various U.S. hate groups and found last year that anti-Muslim groups rose for a third straight year, to 114 chapters in 2017, and anti-immigrant groups rose from 14 to 22 during the same period.

Those sentiments are also resurging in schools, chiefly focused on immigrants coming from Latin America and the Middle East. Students of color, particularly those who are Latino or Muslim, have had the phrase "Build the Wall" and "Go back to your country" [yelled at](#) or [directed](#) at them. Some school districts have responded to both [current] administration policies and heightened political rhetoric with [messages of support for immigrant families](#).

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Teachers, meanwhile, have expressed concern that their responses could be criticized as taking a political stand, and research shows they [often feel unprepared](#) to address such issues. Some families and civil rights advocates say the school system [has been too reactive](#) to bias incidents and hate crimes their students are processing.

“First of all, we just can’t wait until an incident happens, and schools now need to practice building cultures of respect,” said Maureen Costello, director of Teaching Tolerance, a Southern Poverty Law Center project that offers anti-bias education resources.

“Students should be learning about stereotypes and how they perpetuate discrimination so that they all have access to that kind of vocabulary — which provides a foundation for these tough conversations.”

Costello outlined a week capped by the shooting in Pittsburgh — preceded by [the shooting in a Kentucky grocery store](#) and several pipe bombs mailed to Democratic politicians and media organizations that have been the target of heated political rhetoric in the most recent election cycles — as proof educators must realize the issue can’t be swept under the rug.

Teaching Tolerance is one of several national organizations looking to push teachers and school leadership to get proactive about anti-bias education in classrooms at the K-12 level, offering booklets and frameworks [online](#) at no cost.

Costello also pointed to the ADL’s [“Pyramid of Hate”](#) as a tool educators could immediately use to discuss how hateful words can mushroom into violent acts, and eventually policy that allows for genocide at the most extreme. In addition to providing resources [online](#), the ADL offers training for students who can conduct anti-bias training, extending beyond anti-Semitism to other forms of ignorance and hatred, on their own campuses.

Ari Bloomekatz, managing editor of Rethinking Schools, a nonprofit organization that works on anti-racist and social justice education, said school district leaders can do more, including giving educators time to teach “what’s going on in the world,” making sure social studies gets enough attention, and diversifying curriculum.

Curriculum covering Judaism, he said, should go beyond the Holocaust and “teaching about Jews only through the lens of victimhood” to include U.S. Jews’ positive contributions to everything from the

civil rights movement to immigrant rights.

“Schools are communities, and our communities are our schools,” Bloomekatz said. “When we talk about the need to fight and resist and protect each other, then the conversation needs to include our schools and be centered around our schools.”

“Our educators, our parents, our teachers, our principals are on the front lines of this fight, and need to understand they are on the front lines of this fight,” he said.

While some U.S. school districts react when bias incidents happens, others are taking initiative. That includes [Denver](#), where a diversity and inclusion chief is [pushing](#) such conversations and the district is offering professional development on culturally responsive teaching.

Others do their best in the classroom when tragedy unfolds. At KIPP Indy College Prep Middle in Indianapolis, social studies teacher Andrew Pillow spent part of Monday fielding questions about the synagogue shooting from his students, most of whom are black.

Most of his students have never met a Jewish person, and Indiana’s middle school social studies standards don’t really touch on anti-Semitism, Pillow said.

“They are intimately familiar with the racism that affects them, but not necessarily the ones that affect others,” Pillow said of his students. “Most of them realize it was an ethnic-based attack and that it’s something they should know about. They just don’t really have access to it.”

Pillow said his older students have come to expect these tragedies. He feels torn between making sure his students understand current events and making mass shootings seem normal.

“I need to ride that balance of not teaching it as if it is normal, when in fact it is normal,” he said. “This is just something that for them happens every two or three months. They know one is coming, and they’re not surprised any more when it does.”

Editors Note: *As of this writing there has been another shooting in a bar and grill in Thousand Oaks, CA, where 13 persons, including college students who were attending a “College Night” event and a first responder police officer, lost their lives.*

The Thousand Oaks shooting makes that 307 mass shootings in the United States in the last 311 days.

Classified Ads

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Seasons Greetings!

and
Best Wishes
for a happy and healthy
New Year

from your
SSRA Executive Board
Patty Stoddard, President



Pay Your Dues For 2019 DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31, 2018

It will soon be 2019 and time to once again renew your SSRA membership. The dues for 2019 are only \$15, and as a reminder, we operate on a calendar year. These dues are independent of the STA. You can help reduce our mailing costs by completing the form below and mailing it along with a check for \$15 payable to the **Smithtown Schools Retirees' Association**.

Please NOTE the following:

1. 2018 was a dues free year for all 2018 SSRA members and for all 2018 retirees
2. If you purchase any endorsed benefits, programs & services from **NYSUT** (NOT your pension) **you are mandated to belong to your local retiree association (SSRA)**
[For example: Voluntary Benefits such as Life insurance, Home/Car insurance, Long term Care insurance, etc.]
3. Make your check payable to **Smithtown Schools Retirees' Association** (do not abbreviate)

Kindly cut out the form below & mail with your check to:

**SSRA
c/o STA office
26 New York Avenue
Smithtown, NY 11787**



(For those with more than one address please list **ONLY YOUR PRIMARY ONE**)

Name: _____ Year Retired : _____

Street Address: _____ Apt. #: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Telephone No.: _____ Email Address: _____

Kindly circle any of the above if it is **NEW** to us. Do not circle any updates to the 2017-19 Members' Directory if you have already given it to us. These changes are already in our data base.



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