

S.S.R.A. NEWSLETTER

SMITHTOWN SCHOOLS RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

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for more details!



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Scams are real—and devastating for retirees

Someone I love recently revealed that they were the object of a Social Security scam. This person is a vibrant, intelligent individual, which tells me that it could happen to any one of us. I was in tears as the story unfolded. I can't imagine being bilked out of my hard-earned money, on which I intended to live comfortably in retirement. I implore you to maintain awareness, and get help from banks, agencies or family if something like this happens to you.

The following is a reprint from an article posted on [aarp.org](https://www.aarp.org).
Please click on <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud.html#frc>
for more alerts and excellent advice.

Social Security numbers are the skeleton key to identity theft. And what better way to get someone's Social Security number than by pretending to be from Social Security?

It's a lesson criminals have learned well. Social Security scams are the most common form of government imposter scam, in which crooks pose as government officials to get you to send money or give up personal and financial data for use in identity theft.

One common tactic involves fake Social Security Administration (SSA) employees calling people with warnings that their Social Security numbers have been linked to criminal activity and suspended. The scammers ask you to confirm your number so they can reactivate it or claim they can issue you a new one, for a fee. This is no emergency but a ploy to get money and personal data: Social Security does not block or suspend numbers, ever.

This con is often executed via robocall—the recording provides a number for you to call to remedy the problem. In another version, the caller says your bank account is at risk due to the illicit activity and offers to help you keep it safe.

Or you might get a call from a supposed SSA representative bearing good news — say, a cost-of-living increase in your benefits. To get the extra money, you just have to verify your name, date of birth and Social Security number. Armed with those identifiers, scammers can effectively hijack your account, asking SSA to change the address, phone number and direct deposit information on your record and thus diverting your benefits.

Warning Signs

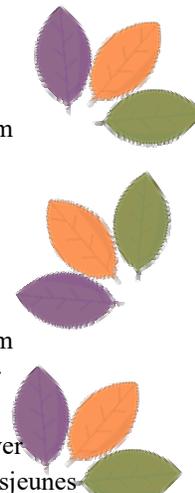
- You get an unsolicited call from someone claiming to work for SSA. Except in rare circumstances, you will not get a call from Social Security unless you have already been in contact with the agency.
- The caller asks for your Social Security number — again, something an actual SSA employee wouldn't do.
- A call, text or email threatens consequences such as arrest, loss of benefits or suspension of your Social Security number if you do not make an immediate payment by gift card, prepaid debit card, wire transfer or cryptocurrency.

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Smithtown Schools Retirees' Association

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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
Visit our website at: myssra.com and Like us on **facebook**

Editor's Note:

I set up my annual SSRA dues payment online with my bank. It was so easy!

I set up a **RECURRING payment**,
payable to the **SSRA** to be made annually on December 1st of each year
for our \$15.00 dues.

It can be cancelled or changed at any time.
It sure takes the guess work out of paying dues, and I won't have to worry
about writing a duplicate check payment ever again! *~m mills-desjeunes*

Join Us!

We are an organization that thrives on your contributions. We need your input, your stories, your experiences, and your wisdom. And sometimes, we could use your help. If you have a talent you'd like to share with the SSRA, **please join us**.
Email ssraeditor@gmail.com to discuss the possibilities!

Our Deepest Sympathy :

◆ **To Ruth Levitt-Bekofsky and Family**

Harriet Levitt, mother of Ruth Levitt-Bekofsky passed away at the age of 99, on August 10, 2021.

Ruth is grateful that her mother Harriet had a good life.

Ruth's varied career in Smithtown included time at Nesaquake and Dogwood.

Condolences can be sent to Ruth Levitt-Bekofsky at:
20 Deer Lane
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◆ **To Sue Seiler and Family**

Barbara Pober, 89 year old mother of Sue Seiler, passed away peacefully on July 23, 2021.

Sue is grateful for her mother's long life well-lived.

Condolences can be sent to Sue and her family at:
27 Bolan Drive,
S. Huntington, NY 11746

◆ **To Beverly Daffner and Family**

Leonard Daffner, brother of Beverly Daffner, passed away on July 30th, 2021.

Lenny was 94 years old when he passed away in Schenectady, NY where services were held.
There is no local shiva.

Condolence can be mailed to Beverly's home at:
7 Whitfield Lane
Coram, NY 11727

◆ **To Friends and Family of Floyd Mott**

Floyd Mott passed away peacefully on May 29, 2021.

Floyd was a math teacher and guidance counselor in the Smithtown School District for more than 30 years.

According to an obituary "published by Newsday from Jun. 2 to Jun. 3, 2021"

◆ **To Anita Buxton and Family**

Chad Buxton, son of Anita Buxton, passed away on July 4, 2021.

Visitation and Services were held on July 14 at the Branch Funeral Home in Smithtown.

◆ **To Friends and Family of William (Bill) Vogt**

Bill Vogt passed away peacefully on August 20, 2021 at the age of 88 in Dahlonega, Georgia.

Condolences may be sent to his daughter Elizabeth Mandarino at
17 Bearclaw Terrace, Dahlonega, Georgia 30533.

OFF THE CUFF

by John Pettit



MEMBERSHIP: It would be most helpful if you would send in your dues before the end of the year (use the coupon on the back page or see the "Editors Note" on page 2). It seems that we drag this process unnecessarily out well into the new year. Please take care of it now.

LUNCHEON: In a previous issue, I mentioned that I was in the process of making arrangements for our Fall Luncheon. Unfortunately, in an abundance of caution, we have had to postpone it from mid-October until next Spring. The re-emergence of the COVID-19 variant and delay in availability of boosters has forced this decision.

NEWSLETTER: As you obviously realize, the SSRA is now delivering this Newsletter electronically to the membership (exceptions being those who have no computer or are limited by personal circumstances).

In addition, it is hoped that you enjoy the content and may find it possible to contribute an article, or an account of a personal experience that we can all share, however brief, to future issues.

Congratulations! PATRICE HATTENBACK

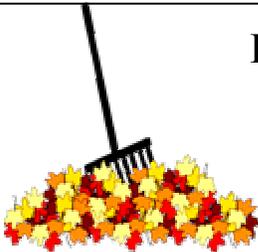
**On the birth of her first grandchild —
Finn Thomas Barker * July 15, 2021
Best wishes to her daughter Amy and husband Frank**



Best Wishes for continued good health to our friend

ELEANOR BROCIA

**Hoping you are feeling better
and getting stronger every day.**



Get Well Soon wishes to our friend and colleague

SUSAN FINK

**Continued hopes and prayers
for a speedy recovery.**



Get Well Soon wishes to our friend and colleague

WINI SNYDER

**Hoping you are feeling better
and getting stronger every day.**

Eligible Retirees to Receive COLA Increase

Reprinted from nystrs.org

Eligible retirees will receive an extra \$21 monthly beginning with the September 30 pension payment under New York's legislated cost-of-living adjustment (COLA).

The 1.4% COLA for 2021-22 is applied to the first \$18,000 of the maximum retirement benefit. Therefore, a retired member with an eligible annual benefit of \$18,000 or more will receive an increase of \$21 per month under the law.

Eligible retirees receiving an annual benefit less than \$18,000 will receive a smaller monthly increase. Retirees who become eligible for the COLA after September will receive their adjustment when they are first eligible.

The permanent, automatic COLA, which was enacted by the state Legislature in 2001, is designed to help offset the adverse effects of inflation on the fixed retirement benefits of the state's public retirees. The cumulative maximum cost-of-living increase since 2001 now totals \$399 a mo., or \$4,788 annually.

To be eligible for a COLA, you must be one of the following:

- At least 62 and retired at least five years.
- At least 55 and retired at least 10 years.
- A retiree receiving a NYSTRS disability benefit for at least five years regardless of age. The surviving spouse of an eligible retiree receiving a lifetime benefit. (By law, the spouse receives an increase equal to one-half the COLA the retiree would have received.)

The COLA is calculated by taking 50% of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase from one March to the next and rounding up to the nearest tenth. By law, the COLA can be no less than 1% and no more than 3% annually and can be applied only to the first \$18,000 of the maximum retirement benefit. The CPI increased 2.62% from March 2020 to March 2021.

NYSTRS has won a Triple Crown for excellence in financial reporting by the **Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)** for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Distinguished Budget Presentation, and the Annual Financial Reporting Award. See the GFOA website at gfoa.org for more information.

A Century of Security and Stability- NYSLRS/ERS

Reprinted from [NY Retirement News](http://NYRetirementNews.com) -Thomas P. DiNapoli, State Comptroller

A century after its creation, the New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS) is widely recognized as one of the best-managed and best-funded public pension systems in the nation. Comptroller DiNapoli recently announced that the New York State Common Retirement Fund (Fund), which holds and invests the assets of NYSLRS, had an estimated value of \$268.3 billion as of June 30, 2021. The security and stability of NYSLRS and the Fund are due, in large part, to the stewardship of Comptroller DiNapoli, as well as a long line of State Comptrollers that came before him. The System has also been bolstered by some key events along the way.

Unlike the 401k-style defined-contribution plans common in the private sector today, a defined-benefit plan provides a guaranteed, lifetime benefit. With a defined-benefit plan, you don't have to worry about your money running out during retirement, and your employer has an excellent tool for recruiting and retaining workers.

Today, under Comptroller DiNapoli's leadership, the Fund's investment returns cover the majority of the cost of retirement benefits. After suffering a drop in value at the beginning of the COVID pandemic, the Fund had its best year in history, with estimated investment returns of 33.55 %for fiscal year 2021.

NYSLRS is well-positioned to face the challenges of the future and provide retirement security for more than 1.1 million members, retirees and beneficiaries.

On the minds of our members.....

◆ **Does God Really Care How I Dress for Church?**

By Victoria Windisch-Templeton



I am watching the funeral of the great and legendary congressman, John Lewis. A spiritual man considered a modern-day saint who lived and died for the freedom and dignity of all God's children. Raised as a white woman in a middle-class suburban community, I cannot begin to understand the struggles, the humiliation and the everyday grief of historically oppressed people in any society. However, I have struggled with a humiliation I experienced at the hand of my own religion, throughout my lifetime.

I was baptized into the Catholic faith, and attended Catholic Grammar School up until the 5th grade. The experience was not pleasant. As quoted in the movie, *Hope Floats*, "Childhood is what you spend the rest of your life trying to overcome." My younger sister and I often discuss the intimidation and meanness we suffered at the hands of nuns who really had no business teaching defenseless and vulnerable children. I must say, to be fair, that many in my religion and in my own family do not agree with this experience or sentiment. However, it is my belief that childhood is a series of impressions, and so my heart goes out to the young who have in recent and not so recent years, been forced to experience unfairness and inequities from their own living human world.

As I grew into young adulthood, I broke from my parent's wish that I continue to attend church on a regular basis. I felt a strong disconnect to the religious practices of my youth. I was still so angry at those nuns for humiliating me in front of others for forgetting my uniform belt, and I was still angry at the fear and bullying put upon my baby sister causing her to cry and stutter over flash cards. I admit I remain sentimental about the traditions of the Catholic Church, but not the rules, and not the unwavering discipline. Most of this resentment laid dormant in childhood memories placed somewhere in the back of my mind, until I hit middle age and went to Rome.

I am very interested and appreciative of foreign cultures, their people, and their art and architecture. I was excited to have the opportunity to travel to Rome and to visit Vatican City, and to viewing religious/cultural sites such as St. Peter's Basilica, and the Sistine Chapel. And so, with great enthusiasm, and 105-degree heat in August, I set out to enter Vatican City.

The first venue I encountered was just outside the city-state where merchants had laid out blankets with their wares. They called to me to buy cheap statues, religious scarves, and expensive handbags. It was a surreal imagery of what was meant to be such a sacred and holy place. It reminded me of a scene from Andrew Lloyd Webber's, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, where citizens were gambling inside the temple and an appalled Jesus sang out, "My temple should be a house of prayer..."

I was much relieved when I entered Vatican City; it was quiet and peaceful with spectacular

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gardens, and domed gilded buildings, and a very, very long line. I stood on that line for several hours in the Mediterranean heat; very much in awe of such a revered place. Finally, I reached the head of the line, and I was approached by an individual I can only describe as someone resembling a bouncer. Before me stood a very big man in a suit with dark sunglasses. He said, "You! Off the line!"

Seriously?

"You are inappropriately dressed to enter church," he bellowed.

Now anyone who has ever met me can never say that I am ever underdressed for any possible occasion. This was no exception. It was my sleeve length he objected to, and so I agreed to put on a shrug I had stored in my backpack. The bouncer remarked, "Go ahead and then get yourself to the back of the line".

This was the end of my connection to the Church. But out of the ashes comes grace. I was left to wander outside the grounds of Vatican City while the rest of my group went into the sacred buildings. I was hot, humiliated and in tears when a lovely couple waved me over to an outdoor café. They invited me to sit and treated me with kindness upon hearing my story and seeing my distress. They were from Germany and lived right near where Martin Luther wrote the Reformation in the 1500's and warmly welcomed me to their country and their Church. Their kindness lifted my spirit and cuddled my soul.

Today, I have chosen to embrace and cherish the system of faith found in the human heart.

◆ **Life's Important Events**

By Joe Gilkey

It was a long time ago. In September of 1960, sixty one years ago, I began teaching science in what was then the New York Avenue Junior High School. An equally long time ago was my retirement in 1990, 30 years later, and that event occurred 31 years ago. Now on the cusp of my 90th birthday and in the midst of a



pandemic, I hardly feel any older except for the restrictions brought on because of the pandemic. Even though Heather and I are both in good spirits and don't let those confining bindings cause us any anxieties, the pandemic has caused some disruptions in important celebrations.

Our big trips have been cut to zero. However, for Heather's birthday in May, just before the surge hit Florida once again, we drove over to Cedar Key which is located on the west coast of Florida for lunch. There were 6 of us and we sat outside watching the activity on the Gulf of Mexico as we ate. Everyone present was tested and vaccinated so we felt safe

The next big event was our 44th anniversary in July. Now we are once again in the midst of a pandemic surge, but we actually managed to spread this celebration out over several days with lunches and dinners with friends here at Oak Hammock.

My 90th birthday is next on the celebration list. Our initial plans were to meet my two sons, one with his wife, the other with his significant other, in a resort in Orlando. As the time drew closer, the COVID Delta grew worse for Florida. On the advice of my primary care physician, that get

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together has been cancelled. Heather, however, has engaged the local Bahama Breeze Restaurant where 24 of us from Oak Hammock will gather together to celebrate. All are vaccinated and we will be outdoors in a private area.

So it is that we have had our celebrations despite the nasty virus. Here at Oak Hammock 150 of us are enrolled in a CDC Study of the virus. We are tested every week, undergo periodic blood tests for antibodies, and we receive a survey phone call every week to check on our health and possible symptoms. We feel very safe living in the protective bubble of Oak Hammock where we are still able to engage with others to celebrate life's important events.



♦ **A Grate Lady**

Courtesy of Bobbi Mastrangelo — by Rona Gindin
Reprint from Orlando Arts—Sept/Oct 2021

"Oh, I was just working on my Japanese, and I'm brushing up on my Portuguese for when I visit my acupuncturist," says Barbara "Bobbi" Mastrangelo when asked if she's been busy. At 84 and just three years following a hemorrhagic stroke, Mastrangelo exudes energy and good cheer. But it was skill and ingenuity that brought national attention to her out-of-the-ordinary art — mostly sculptures and mixed media based

upon, of all things, manhole covers. Mastrangelo's works have been widely shown in solo exhibitions and are included in many museum collections.

The artist, sometimes dubbed "The Cover Girl" or "The Grate Lady" because of her subject matter, has been the focus of a New York Times profile and even has her own Wikipedia page. From 1988 through 2019 — when she turned her attention to placing existing pieces in public collections — Mastrangelo was a prolific creator. Several of her outdoor installations have imparted messages of environmentalism, most notably 1989's Hazardous Waste Site at Islip Art Museum on Long Island, which warned of the dangers of medical waste.

For her "Grate Works" Mastrangelo would begin with rubbings of actual manhole covers, which she would then transfer onto large sheets of lightweight polystyrene and use precision cutting tools to create relief sculptures. Her hyper-realistic images have also come in the form of collagraph prints on handmade paper and collages that incorporate found objects such as bottle caps and cigarette butts. Often messages about ecology are written on the works themselves.

During her most active years as an artist, Mastrangelo made paper from recycled Reader's Digest magazines and even bought a used printing press that facilitated all sorts of artistic experimentation in her home. But the Ohio native wasn't always an artist. After graduating from SUNY in Buffalo, New York, with a degree in elementary education, she became a teacher and raised three children. But she took one continuing education art class every semester.

"You should never let a passion go, because it will haunt you the rest of your life," she advises. Told by a printmaking mentor that she needed a single style or theme, Mastrangelo ultimately chose manhole covers. "They're great cultural icons of city streets," she says.

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Although she's no longer hunching over manhole covers, Mastrangelo remains perpetually busy, writing an autobiography and participating in art organizations. Ever the optimist, she has "grate" expectations for many more fulfilling years in her Solivita home.

Her works are available for sale at saatchiart.com.

◆ **Plant a seed; Watch it grow** By Larry Hohler



KELVIN KOOMBE
...one of our original orphans who came into the home in 2005. He worked hard to become a physician assistant and he is currently in private practice.

"Education is the Key" is written in large print on our Dining/Study Hall wall at the Jerusha Mwiraria Hope Children's Home in Meru, Kenya. Most of our young people walk to a nearby primary school, and must pass a nation-wide exam after Standard 8, (same as 8th grade), and another to attend university. Primary school is tuition free, but we must pay for those who qualify to go on with their studies. Usually, a relatively small number pass the secondary schools test, and the rest will either enroll at a two year technical training center, or leave the Home to find work.

We do have former residents who are now in their mid-twenties and have become self-supporting adults. Betty Gakii, who grew up with us and attended Chuka University, has come back to assist co-founder Joseph Kirima's widow. Veronica Kirima has become a very able replacement for Joe. (She was a primary school teacher before her husband's passing).

So far, the pandemic has only seriously affected the Home because of the increase in price of staples like soap and cooking oil. We are located on a hill at the end of a dirt road outside of town, so access from outsiders can be easily limited, and our young people try to practice regular hand washing and the wearing of masks.

There has been adequate rainfall this planting season, so we should have enough arrow root, cabbage, maize, and beans to tide us over until the next season, with enough left over to sell at the local market.

In effect, we not only cultivate the land, but we grow the next generation in Kenya. Among the original street children who came to us when we first opened the Home, we have helped support the education of a physician's assistant, a pharmacist, a musician, and a newly minted MD.

Please help our orphanage for free when shopping online.

- For **AMAZON** shoppers go to: **smile.amazon.com** and choose **Hope Childrens Fund** as the organization you want to support.
- **iGive** provides charitable shopping at over 2400 online stores and services, other than Amazon. Many of these familiar merchants you are probably already using. Please go to our website **hopechildrensfund.org** and click "sign up" under **iGive**.

It is free, makes shopping easier and you even get a small tax deduction! Really!

Health tip: Understanding preventive care

Preventive care is routine health care that is meant to help you stay healthy. When you schedule regular appointments and screenings, it may help you manage and maintain your health.

Preventive care is generally focused on the following

- Evaluating your health when you are symptom-free
- Receiving checkups and screenings
- Decreasing the risk of developing health issues even if you are in the best shape of your life

Understand the difference between preventive care and diagnostic care

- Preventive care is designed to help you stay healthy, and may be covered by most health plans with \$0 out-of-pocket when you see an in-network provider.
- Costs may be incurred for diagnostic care based on plan coverage. Check your plan documents for additional details.



Schedule an appointment with your doctor today

Routine preventive care may help you manage and maintain your health, and is generally covered at 100 percent by most health plans.



Preventive Care

Preventive care includes routine well exams, screenings, and immunizations intended to prevent or avoid illness or other health problems.



Diagnostic Care

Diagnostic care includes care or treatment when you have symptoms or risk factors and your doctor wants to diagnose them.

When is care considered preventive?

A procedure can be considered preventive care in some situations, but not in others. This is important, because a service has to be considered preventive in order to be exempt from copays, coinsurance or deductibles. If it's not, these charges may apply.

Preventive care example

A woman has an annual wellness exam and receives blood tests to screen for anemia, kidney and liver function, and has a urine analysis done. If the physician orders lab work during a preventive care visit some of the tests may be covered as preventive care, such as a cholesterol screening.

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DOs

- Do hang up if someone calls you out of the blue and claims to be from SSA.
- Do be skeptical if a caller claims to be from Social Security's Office of the Inspector General. Scammers appropriate official-sounding and often actual government titles to make a ruse seem authentic.
- Do set up a My Social Security Account online and check it on a monthly basis for signs of anything unusual, even if you have not yet started collecting benefits.
- Do install a robocall-blocking app on your smartphone, or sign up for a robocall-blocking service from your mobile network provider.

DONTs

- Don't call a phone number left on your voice mail by a robocaller. If you want to contact SSA, call the customer-service line at 800-772-1213.
- Don't assume a call is legitimate because it appears to come from 800-772-1213. Scammers use "spoofing" technology to trick caller ID.
- Don't give your Social Security number or other personal information to someone who contacts you by email. SSA never requests information that way.
- Don't click links in purported SSA emails without checking them. Mouse over the link to reveal the actual destination address. The main part of the address should end with ".gov/" — including the forward slash. If there's anything between .gov and the slash, it's fake.

**We've all heard these warnings a hundred times....
until it hits close to home.**

Payment by gift card? It's a scam!



Gift cards are popular and convenient ... and not just for gifts. Con artists have latched onto gift cards as a convenient form of payment in their scams. In a 2021 AARP survey, nearly 1 in 3 adults said they or someone they know had been asked at some point to purchase a gift card to pay a bill, fee or some other debt or obligation or to claim a prize.

Signs to watch for:

1. You're directed to buy one or more gift cards — often referred to as "electronic vouchers" — as a quick means of making payment.
2. You're told to share the numbers on the back of the gift cards, by reading them off or sending a picture.
3. The request comes from someone you wouldn't expect to ask for money this way:
A SOCIAL SECURITY warning of a problem with your account
A UTILITY COMPANY warning of an imminent shutoff
A LOTTERY COMPANY promising a big prize — once you pay some fees upfront
A GRANDCHILD THAT NEEDS BAIL or facing another financial emergency.

STAY VIGILANT and PROTECT YOURSELF and YOUR FUTURE!

Check out what your union membership has to offer!

Member Benefits Discounts & Deals

Below are the most popular vendors that NYSUT members have shopped with using MB Discounts & Deals this past year -- with a potential savings of almost \$900,000! Have you been missing out?

EAT

HelloFresh

Burger King

Subway

Domino's

Jersey Mike's Subs

PLAY

Six Flags Theme Parks

Hersheypark

Sky Zone Trampoline Park

Bronx Zoo

LEGOLAND New York

SHOP

Samsung

Apple

Dell

Lenovo

Advanced Auto Parts

TRAVEL

TripBeat

Great Wolf Lodge

Carnival Cruise Lines

Sandals Resorts

Norwegian Cruise Lines

MB Discounts & Deals offers NYSUT members exclusive access to savings of up to 50% on restaurants, groceries and food delivery, theme park tickets, hotels and flights, oil changes and vehicle maintenance -- with more than 21,000 New York State deals and thousands more nationwide.

You can even refer your favorite local business (restaurant, coffee shop, workout facility, etc.) to join the network and provide NYSUT members with a special discount. Don't miss out... register your account today!

Member Benefits is proud to endorse MB Discounts & Deals along with dozens of other programs and services that may be able to benefit you and your family members. Take some time to explore our website to find out how we can help you make every dollar count!



Learn more by scanning the QR code to the left,
visiting memberbenefits.nysut.org
or calling 800-626-8101.



For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits. Sept/Oct. 2021

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CDNUNDRUMS THAT DRIVE ME CRAZY!

- *Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?*
- *Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?*
- *Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?*
- *Why does the sun lighten our hair, but darken our skin?*
- *Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?*
- *You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?*
- *And never forget, Pfizer was the company that made Viagra. If they can raise the dead, they can surely save the living!*

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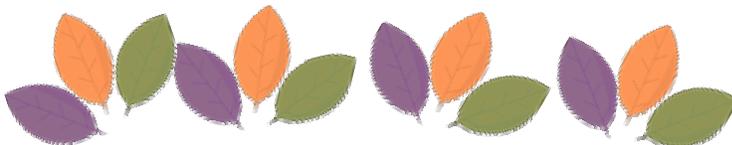
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