Around The City, A Year’s Creativity, Hard Work

P256Q’s Eager Programmers

BY CHUCK WILBANKS

In a large sunlit filled gymnasium, two robots performed a dance of sorts with one another as their excited young computer programmers looked on intently. “It’s called the Rumba,” said one of the youngsters, all students at the Far Rockaway elementary school P256Q.

The exhibition was among many at a fair celebrating computer science on May 17 at P256Q, one of only two District 75 schools and the only District 75 elementary school chosen.

Education Budget Gets Hard Reception In City Council

BY CRAIG DIFOLOCO

Money for early childhood education. Further investment in fair student funding. A proposed round of cuts that would impact some of our most underserved schools. Perennial issues all.

But at a May 20 hearing before City Council, skeptical Council members signaled they weren’t buying the de Blasio administration’s explanations for its education budget.

When schools Chancellor Richard Carranza blamed Albany for a “tight fiscal climate,” Councilman Mark Treyger, the chair of the Education Committee, pushed back, arguing instead that the city is in a budget surplus due to strong personal income tax collections and that should allow the city to raise its own spending to fill in the gap in school budgets.

“This is a deeply disappointing and unacceptable education budget for the council, particularly from a mayor who ran on a promise of schools, not jail,” said Mr. Treyger. “Rather than new programs or services, the majority of new needs funded in the DOE’s executive budget are in fact mandated areas of spending that the Council identified as budget risks.”

Councilmember Daniel Dromm, the chair of the Finance Committee and a former director of an early childhood center, expressed major concerns regarding the DOE’s “Request for Proposals” from early childhood education providers as the city plans to transfer EarlyLearnNYC programs from their current home at the Administration of Children’s Services to the DOE. The proposed contracts do not address the wage disparity between ECE educators who work for community-based centers and those who work for the DOE, and the council has recommended an additional investment of $89 million to finally remedy this longstanding problem. ECE providers and advocates have also raised other concerns about the administration’s plans, including a lack of funding for indirect costs such as administrative operations and facilities, as well as lack of “cost escalators” which account for program costs that naturally increase over time.

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he school year is ending and it’s fair to say you’ve been doing an outstanding job, often at great personal sacrifice, of addressing the chancellor’s priorities. Graduation rates are up, more students are “college and career ready” and dropout rates are down. Test scores are inching up and you continue to focus on educating the whole child. You are moving your schools in the right direction despite the obstacles and distractions that seem to become greater every year. For this, you should be duly recognized.

Our year opened with CSA’s DOE members receiving another raise as part of the 2014 contract. Then, in October, the DOE began using the Multidimensional Principal Performance Rubric, or MPPR, following CSA’s fight to correct a measuring stick that often distorted your achievements as school leaders. While there have been significant missteps in its implementation, I am confident that this change will ultimately realize the goal of supporting and evaluating the school leader as opposed to an evaluation of the school itself.

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n March, we reached an agreement over assistant principals who became principals on a temporary basis. These APs who fill in for principals on approved leaves are now being paid as principals. Until this was hammered out, not only did APs who stepped up not receive the commensurate salary, they sometimes lost annual leave days because of bureaucratic technicalities. The stipulation also solved several other injustices embedded in the system. CSA has continued raising its voice about the stubborn salary disparity for educators at Early Childhood Education centers compared to their DOE counterparts. Our ECE members still earn significantly lower comparative salaries and reap inferior benefits. We made progress in the last round of bargaining, but not enough to do justice for these mostly female educators of color who have helped realize the mayor’s signature pre-K/3-K accomplishment. This fight continues and the staunch support of the City Council gives us confidence that we will finally be able to successfully address this issue.

Since we’re talking equity, we’re tried to take the mayor at his word when he has touted investing heavily in historically underserved schools. But there was no excuse a few weeks ago when he took money away from his own Renewal Schools for the extended learning program. Principals who felt they could do without extended learning time, could have used that money to serve their children in other ways. The DOE needed to eliminate less than four-tenths of one percent of its $27 billion budget, and all cuts certainly could have been absorbed without affecting our students.

Overall, I’m still optimistic about where we are headed. However, I am fighting for the chancellor to deliver on clearer lines of responsibility and less paperwork. In September, I put my support behind his new structural plan. Critics thought it counterintuitive that in naming nine new executive superintendents to oversee district/high school superintendents, he would streamline the bureaucracy. But I thought that schools could work better if we had leaders working close to the ground, creating policy that better aligns with the communities they serve and making on-the-spot decisions. They would operate like nine separate chancellors but also advise chancellor Carranza as active members of his cabinet. So far, these executive superintendents have ended up doing little more than supervising the others while making few, if any, important decisions. Mostly, they are outstanding educators without the authority to respond to requests with much more than “I’ll get back to you.” What I had hoped would be a healthy form of decentralization so far seems like a more cumbersome system, with a new layer of bureaucracy, still controlled from the top. I understand first-year growing pains, but the chancellor has a course correction to make.

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ith complicated bureaucracies, there comes an intricate web of paperwork that has a surreal quality. This year marked a new level of abuse with the introduction of a new “streamlined” CEP which was rolled out far too late to have a meaningful impact. At the start of the year, you were promised relief, instead more was thrust upon you. The chancellor needs to make good on his August 2018 promise so that you, in turn, can do even more for your schools.

Today, we have our eyes on all of the above, and on the unfairness of Fair Student Funding and the erosion of principal discretion especially around student discipline. No one is better positioned to make a call on student discipline than the principal. You were selected to lead and must be trusted to lead. Micromanagement from above, no matter how good the intentions, will not work in a system this large. We call on the chancellor to honor the heroic work that you do with more than just words. We call on them to honor you by addressing these critical issues, and by negotiating a fair contract that recognizes school leaders as the levers of their success.

As your newly reelected president, I’m honored by the faith you’ve placed in CSA. I thank you for that and for your extraordinary service to your students. I wish you and your families a wonderful summer.

Mark Cannizzaro is president of the Council of School Supervisors and Administrators.

Moving Schools In The Right Direction

By Mark Cannizzaro

For Decades Of Service

On May 1 CSA President Mark Cannizzaro received the 2019 Medalist Award from the New York Academy of Public Education in honor of his decades of service to NYC public schools. Throughout the month, he was also honored by the Association of Dominican-American Supervisors and Administrators, Sophie Gerson Healthy Youth, and Making the Impossible Possible Inc.
EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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Summer Institute In July 2019

This year’s Executive Leadership Summer Institute will be held at the High School of Fashion Industries, 225 W 24th St, New York, NY 10011. To register, visit: http://eliregistration.csanyc.org/eliregistration.

Mon., July 8

• 8:30-11:30 AM: Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)
• 12:30-3:30: Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)

Tues., July 9

• 8:30-11:30 AM: Back to Back: The Role of Environment and Empowering All Learners
• Elementary/Middle School Budget Process: Doing More with Less
• Emotions Matter – The Key to Success
• Preparing for Things to Come: Supporting NYS P-12 Learning Standards and Next Generation Science Standards

Tues., July 9

• 12:30-3:30 PM: Creating an LGBTQ Inclusive School: A Guide for School Leaders
• Privacy and Schools: What School Leaders, Teachers, and Students Need to Know
• Growing Language and Literacy Strategies for ELL
• Compliance: Guidance and Support for School Leaders

Wed., July 10

• 8:30-11:30 AM: KEYNOTE LINDA CLAYTON-WAYMAN: Former Assistant High Schools Superintendent for the Philadelphia School District and author of Lead Fearlessly, Love Hard: Finding Your Purpose and Putting It To Work

Wed., July 10

• Becoming Trauma Sensitive
• Documenting the Personnel File
• Using Budget Allocations to Support the School Vision in High Schools
• Scholastic Education presents – Super Leaders And Super Schools: Exploring The Role of School Leaders And Their “Super Powers” To Enact Transformative Change By Building a Super Reader Culture

Thurs., July 11

• KEYNOTE MARY ELLEN ELIA: NYS Commissioner of Education; Erik Sweet – NYSED: Overview of NGSS – ELA, Math, Early Learning, and related resources

Thurs., July 11

• Addressing Bullying and Cyberbullying in the School Community
• Supporting Educators of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders
• Trust Matters – Leadership for Successful Schools
• Essential Time Management Skills for School Leaders

ELI Launches Independent New Website

BY DR. ELOISE MESSINEO

Now, school leaders are one click away from professional development services! ELI is pleased to announce the launch of our newly developed website. After months of review and dedication, we are delighted to officially announce the launch on June 1. The new URL is www.eli.org. At the site, users may explore professional information and resources such as: Single Topic Professional Development Workshops; Three-Year Educational Leadership Program; Needs-Based Customized Professional Development; Access to Borough-Specific Professional Resources; Current News Events and Trends. The Executive Leadership Institute (ELI) is an approved CTLE Sponsor and a New York City Department of Education and New York State Education Department approved vendor for professional development services.

Perennial Issues For Educators On the Table At City Budget Hearings

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urally grow over time. At the hearing, the Chancellor stated that the city is engaged in active conversations with union officials and pre-k providers to address these issues. There was also ample discussion over the mayor’s proposed cut of $19 million for extended learning time at Renewal and Rise schools. CSA has publicly challenged the city’s decision to eliminate these schools, and we must ensure that these schools would not be reduced,” said Mark Cannizzaro, CSA President. “We thank the City Council for fighting to secure extended learning time would be a priority for the other Renewal Schools as well. “In a budget of $27.1 billion, no cut should ever directly impact students, especially in underserved schools,” said CSA Executive Director of Early Childhood Programs at University Settlement. Craig DiRocco.

Teachers’ Retirement System

May 2019 Unit Values

Diversified Equity Fund: 98.700
Bond Fund: 16.167
International Equity Fund: 10.685
Inflation Protection Fund: 10.098
Socially Responsive Equity Fund: 17.892

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Letters

Physical Education Offers Create A Healthier Future

To the Editor: I was very glad to see the article that was in the March 2019 CSA News, “How For A Healthier Future,” by our own Mark Cannizzaro.

As the former A.P. Health and Physical Education at John Bowen High School and an educator for fifty years, I must say it has been a long time coming. Physical education is so important that this message must go out to everyone who cares about and can make the decision to offer physical education. Every research article is now telling us that exercise and health education factors play a major role in disease prevention. As an advisor to student teachers at Brooklyn College, I have seen the wonderful programs that are being offered in both school and physical education in the schools: Lifetime activities such as tennis, aerobics, yoga, martial arts, and important topics in health education such as mental health, disease prevention, family living, drug prevention and others. Fitness & conditioning for lifetime health is stressed in all the classes. How long have we heard that a healthy body and a healthy mind go together? This is certainly true, and we teach this concept in our health classes. The New York City Department of Education must set the standards for health and physical education classes in our schools. Physical education should be given everyday and health education at least three times a week. Doing all this will help bring about a healthier future for everyone. –NEAL ARONIN

Retired Assistant Principal

Health, Physical Education & Athletics, John Bowen HS, Queens

CORRECTIONS:

In the Borough Briefs section of the May issue of CSA News, we incorrectly identified the principal of PS Q233. Debbie Edmond Shaddi is the principal. In addition, Laura Pawson, an assistant principal at Middle College High School, was recognized as the principal. Socrates Ortiz Jr. is the principal. CSA News regrets these errors.
MICHIGAN:
Trade Jobs
Michigan employers estimate a need to fill 545,000 skilled labor jobs by the end of 2026. In an attempt to ready the state, the Talent and Economic Development Department launched an awareness campaign called “Going Pro.” The state hopes to ensure a pathway to high-wage, high-quality careers in such jobs as construction, manufacturing, healthcare, automotive and information technology. (Lansing State Journal)

TEXAS:
Goodwill Hunting
Welding students presented a veteran disabled in Afghanistan, retired Army Specialist Michael Crawford, with a custom mobile hunting blind trailer. Made 100% by the students, the trailer was funded by Military Warriors Support Foundation. Crawford will be able to access the trailer in his wheelchair and return to one of his favorite hobbies. (KENS5)

ALABAMA:
Cultural Studies
Study through art and music has come alive in Huntsville where students are learning social studies and meeting arts standards at the same time. Students studied Africans, Europeans, Native Americans, and created rap and musical accompaniment to present to their peers and teachers. Students were very engaged and the program was so successful the school hopes to continue it and recommend its replication in other schools. (WHNT19)

MINNESOTA:
College Ready
Democratic presidential candidate Amy Klobuchar introduced the Promoting Readiness in Education to Prevent Additional Remediation and Expense (PREPARE) Act, to reduce the need for remedial classes when entering post-secondary institutions. If enacted, the bill will help better align high school exit requirements to credit-bearing post-secondary classes, and provide resources to schools to improve remedial offerings and outcomes. (diverseseededucation.com)

ARIZONA:
Funding For Services
A bill was proposed to modify special education funding weights that decide how much money is provided for students with disabilities, depending upon their disability. The bill also calls for a cost study which has not been done since 2007. In 2017-18, almost 13,000 students on the autism spectrum attended Arizona schools, more than double what it was in 2007-2008 when the last study was done. The bill has passed the Senate; it awaits a vote in the House. (Arizona Republic)

HONOR ROLL

In NYC Schools, Display Of Effort And Talent In A Wide Variety Of Disciplines

Computer Programming In Queens

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to be part of the Software Engineering Program. SEP is a multi-year, comprehensive, standards-aligned computer science education program in which students

From projects by the youngest children involving Legos, to more advanced work with robots, exhibits showed mastery

learn coding, robotics, physical computing and more. Assistant Principal Dawn Morgan noted that the exhibit showed a wide array of programming mastery, from projects involving Legos undertaken by the school’s youngest children (prompting them to wrestle with what it would take to live on the moon), to Scratch Jr., an introductory programming language that enables younger children to create their own interactive games, to the even more advanced work with robots.

Along with students from 256Q, students from all the schools in the 256 organization presented at the fair: P256Q@Temple, P256Q@Mercy, P256Q@333, P256Q@253, P256Q@423 and P256Q Gateway Academy at CBHS. "It’s a very dynamic organization," said Robert Lopez, now in his fifth year as principal of 256Q. "All our staff members have huge hearts. We deal with a lot of behaviors every day, some very intense, but on a day like this you would never know. This is our third year doing this. It’s dynamic."

At Duke Ellington Elementary: Language Through Performance

Students in May celebrating the life and times of Duke Ellington at the Harlem school bearing his name. The performance was the result of work by Principal Adam Stevens, ELLs Coordinator Jose Cantu and many others who have focused on reinforcing the school’s arts education.

BY CHUCK WILBANKS

Over the last several years, the Duke Ellington School, PS 4, has been beefing up its performing arts program, through the dedicated work of Principal Adam Stevens, ELL Coordinator Jose L. Cantu, passionate community members and EAs in the Office of Arts and Special Projects.

To showcase another successful year of bolstered offerings in music, art and theater, students of the elementary school had a performance on May 24 that centered around an adaptation of Andrea Pinke’s picture book about the life of Duke Ellington. Mr. Cantu, who wrote and directed the play, said he believes verbal performances are the most dynamic way to experience, and thus learn, the English language. “I wanted the play to prompt students to understand that the school is named Duke Ellington for a reason, that there was something called the Harlem Renaissance which drew so many people to this area. I want them to understand that they can be the leaders for a new renaissance. The performance itself was the culmination of a full year of study and work. They’re great performers and they were transcendent.”

City Council Member Yudonis Rodriguez, who has helped secure grants for the school, attended. So did Mr. Ellington’s great-granddaughter, Mercedes Ellington. Principal Stevens called the evening a “dream come true.”

CHRISTINE ALTMAN — COMPILED BY

— Compiled by Christine Altman
Embraer, that led to the creation of Santana, who was interviewing with Bombardier. Such companies have manufactured airplanes that are retiring. And despite the shrinking of aircraft repair work to China and Central America, there remains a huge and growing demand for skilled technicians in the United States. How better to fill the vacancies than with a visit to a jobs fair at New York’s Aviation High School in Queens? The more than 30 tables of potential employers crowding the training hangar in the school at this year’s fair on May 16 included carriers such as Delta, Republic and JetBlue, and manufacturers such as Brazil’s Embraer and Bombardier. Such companies have long come to hire at Aviation, but the fair itself is only a couple years old. "We're a family here," said a smiling Principal Steven R. Jackson. "We have a screamingly large network," said Mr. Sosa, a Navy veteran who has been AP at the school for 16 years. "I taught most of the people at the Delta table. People get hired on the spot – it’s an exciting day for all of us. And for those kids who go to college, they have the licenses in their pockets." The tight-knit school sends skilled technicians into the world after a five-year, technical program that is largely college level work. The licenses that Mr. Sosa refers to are the ones bestowed by the Federal Aviation Administration, conferring the right to work on engines and another to work on airframes. "We're a family here," said a smiling Principal Steven R. Jackson. "Everyone loves the school." Despite its obvious strengths and successes, Mr. Jackson laments a dearth of money to run what is an unusually expensive program, given the technology involved. "We are at the bottom of the floor for Fair Student Funding. And you can put that in boldface." Student Futures Soar At Aviation High School

BY CHUCK WILBANKS

Every year, about six percent of aircraft technicians who service commercial airplanes are retiring. And despite the airline industry’s furious outsourcing of aircraft repair work to China and Central America, there remains a huge and growing demand for skilled technicians in the United States. How better to fill the vacancies than with a visit to a jobs fair at New York’s Aviation High School in Queens? The more than 30 tables of potential employers crowding the training hangar in the school at this year’s fair on May 16 included carriers such as Delta, Republic and JetBlue, and manufacturers such as Brazil’s Embraer and Bombardier. Such companies have long come to hire at Aviation, but the fair itself is only a couple years old. "We’re a family here," said a smiling Principal Steven R. Jackson. "Everyone loves the school." Despite its obvious strengths and successes, Mr. Jackson laments a dearth of money to run what is an unusually expensive program, given the technology involved. "We are at the bottom of the floor for Fair Student Funding. And you can put that in boldface."
CSA Website And CSA News Receive Metro Labor Communicator Awards

BY CHUCK WILBANKS

Each year, the Metro New York Labor Communicators Council has an award ceremony for the city’s best writing, video production, social media posts and websites by labor unions and other labor organizations. As has often been the case, CSA was honored for its work.

In the Op-Ed category, CSA President Mark Cannizzaro received an award for his February, 2018 column entitled With Janus v AFSCME, The Fight Has Arrived, about the judicial attacks on unionism. In that column, Mr. Cannizzaro argued that CSA and other unions would rise to the challenge and become stronger and more well organized. “CSA will prevail,” Mr. Cannizzaro wrote. “We’re not a kneejerk organization. Our members are highly educated thinkers whose livelihood is the transmission of culture and ideas. We are nobody’s fools and are fully aware that we would lose a lot more than the price of our dues if we were unrepresented at the bargaining table.”

Time has proven Mr. Cannizzaro right: Since the Supreme Court handed down its 5-4 decision holding that union members should not be forced to pay to support collective bargaining, CSA’s few agency-fee payers became full dues-paying members. In effect, CSA’s membership has grown since the ruling.

Henry Zymek, principal of MS 245 in Manhattan’s Upper West Side, was honored for work by a member. In the last year, questions over diversity in New York City’s public schools have taken center stage. Almost as if to kick off this latest intense round of debates and policy prescriptions, Mr. Zymek engaged in a passionate defense to skeptical and in some cases angry local parents about the city’s responsibility to make schools as equitable as possible. His exchange, at a publicly held parent meeting at PS 199, was captured on video, and the clip quickly went viral. He recounted the experience and his views in a column for the May 2018 issue of the CSA News, School Leader Takes A Stand on Equity of Access for All Students: “This would be a most opportune time for our city’s school leaders to unite as role models for our communities and fiercely advocate for equity and access for all students,” he wrote. “We need to think deeply about the structures that support the entrenched systemic segregation in NYC’s public-school system, and the way it indebted stains our city’s cultural fabric. We need to accept our share of responsibility for why things are, and for changing the minds of those who are fearful of sending their kids to inclusive schools.”

Our story about the life of retired AF James Campbell in the November 2018 issue was also awarded. As a young man, Mr. Campbell, 93, was a member of the Montford Point Marines, one of the first two Marine Corps combat battalions made up of African Americans. Mr. Campbell and the other surviving members of the battalions received the Congressional Gold Medal for their service during WWII. His life after the war was a hero’s journey that led him to a career as a labor organizer, pacifist, political activist, and educator, including several years spent teaching in rural parts of Tanzania. As he looked back on these chapters of his life, his time at the DOE in New York, producing a television program in which some of the city’s leading figures were interviewed, appears now to hold a special relevance: “We were exploring the battles over desegregation, and trying to bring folks together,” he said.

Finally, CSA was cited in the general excellence category for its website. It won top honors in this category two years ago.

School Coordination Agent Position Designed To Provide Community-Directed Assistance

The NYPD tries to forge deeper relationships with all the people we serve in every community. As part of that mission, we launched an important pilot program in four precincts involving neighborhood policing, in which neighborhood coordination officers play a much more personal role in the communities they serve. Similarly, we are successfully using this approach in schools now too. Many school administrators have heard of the additional functions given to some of our school safety agents as part of this program. Let me explain in more detail.

School coordination agents are school safety agents who are already assigned to particular schools. They have duties similar to those of neighborhood coordination officers in local precincts. These officers have quickly become liaisons between the police and the communities they serve, as well as crime fighters and problem solvers. Since our goal is to align specified personnel to better serve the school community, the school safety personnel who are dedicated into the fabric of the school community get to know students, staff, and the community. Their mission is to work collaboratively to solve problems and improve quality of life.

Some principals have worried that their allotment of school safety agents will decrease in their schools. I want to assure you that the rollout of the school coordination agents will not decrease their school safety functions or assignments. School coordination agents have a variety of duties and requirements. They must:

- Perform duties in designated uniform;
- Confer with the occupants of the school as well as the community on a regular basis;
- Maintain a close liaison with school administration, custodial staff and community stakeholders;
- Confer with administration regarding problems such as violent crime or gang activity;
- Establish a positive relationship with key community stakeholders;
- Participate in school and community meetings;
- Be assigned under the direct supervision of supervisors of school security and respective borough commands;
- Work with neighborhood policing officers;
- Attend Build-A-Block meetings.

School Coordination Agents are given additional training geared to equip them with the resources they need to deal with the community at large. They must work collaboratively with principals and other administrators, NCOA, non-profit organizations, clergy, as well as organizations that utilize the school facility throughout the day and night ensuring safety and security at all times while creating and fostering an atmosphere of acceptance and mutual respect. They speak with the students they serve, forging a working relationship that can benefit the student, school and the community. They will be involved with school-related activities and can seek approval for ideas that can be used by administrators to create a sense of community.

We are grateful for our partnership with public school administrators around the city and we will continue to build on our success of making NYC schools safer each day.

Ramón F. García is an assistant commissioner of the New York Police Department’s School Safety Division.
Dear Colleagues,

Hold onto your hats! Your Educational/Cultural staff, working with an outstanding committee of dedicated retirees, continues to push the envelope. In our opinion, they have surpassed even their wildest imaginations. Presenting to you, the widest variety of workshops, classes and trips ever offered, that should whet the appetite and entice almost everyone. Our goal is to provide a quality experience for all who participate and we take great pride in presenting you with our Fall 2019 offerings.

In unity,
Gayle Lockett, Chairperson
Mark Brodsky, Director
Lucie Elio, Educational/Cultural Coordinator
Patricia Mack, Assistant Coordinator

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ACRYLIC PAINTING

F19 C1 Intermediate Quilting 111 P
Instructor: Brenda Luck
Location: 40 Rector St., 12th Floor, NYC
Day/Dates: Thursdays, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 11/7, 11/14
Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Fee: Member $80, non-member $85
(The fee includes the patterns.)
Limited: 10 participants

We’ll work on a Charm Quilt using an Apple Core template or a Tumbler template. A Charm Quilt traditionally uses 1 color for each block. However, we do not have to follow that format if you don’t want to collect that many colors. I reworked the math and we will need a minimum of 4 charm packs. Remember, a charm pack is made up of 5” squares. If you choose to purchase yardage you can make your own 5” squares.

F19 C2 Acrylic Painting 106 P
CSA Instructor: Nancy Baldwin
Location: 40 Rector St., 12th Floor, NYC
Day/Dates: Wednesdays, 9/25, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20
Time: 11 am – 2 pm
Fee: $125 members, $130 non-members
Limited: 10 participants

Come join our Acrylic Painting Class! No previous drawing or painting experience necessary. Our professional art teacher will instruct and guide you to create your own original piece of art—in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. Supplies are required for this class. The supply list will be emailed to you after registration. Grab a brush and paints, and let the fun begin!

F19 C3 Jewelry Making P
CSA Instructor: Lydia Gonzalez
Location: 40 Rector St., 12th Floor, NYC
Day/Dates: Mondays, 10/7, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4
Time: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Fee: Member $75, non-member $80
Limited: 16 participants

The Jewelry Class has become one of the Educational Cultural Programs elite classes. The instructor will lead a creative experience with the participants in using wire, beads, string, leather and other materials. Participants will learn to design a necklace, bracelets and/or earrings. Focus will be on completing new and different projects in every session.

F19 C4 American Mah Jongg P
CSA Instructor: Beverly Hershkowitz
Location: 40 Rector St., 12th Floor, NYC
Day/Dates: Mondays, 10/7, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/18, 11/25
Time: 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Fee: Member $85, non-member $90
Limited: 16 participants

Come play Mah Jongg. For those in need of instruction, Beverly Hershkowitz will provide it. For those looking to just play, bring your friends or come to make new ones. Previous graduates are warmly welcomed!

Classes and Clubs

Online Registration opens June 25. Brochure will be viewable June 18.
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**Classes and Clubs**

**F19 C5 Creative Writing**
- **Instructor:** Michael Ebenstein
- **Location:** 40 Rector St., 12th Fl., NYC
- **Day/Dates:** Tuesdays, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26
- **Time:** 1 pm to 3 pm
- **Fee:** $75 members, $80 non-members
- **Limited:** 16 participants

This class is for the advanced beginner bridge player and those on the intermediate level. The class will feature short lessons at the beginning of each session followed by the playing of hands in a supervised format.

**F19 C7 Heartfulness, Relaxation & Meditation**
- **Instructor:** Robert Guido
- **Location:** 40 Rector St., 12th Floor
- **Day/Dates:** TBA
- **Time:** 11 am – 2 pm
- **Fee:** Member $10, non-member $15
- **Limited:** 10 participants

Tired, aggravated, annoyed, and restless; come learn how 10 minutes can make everyday a better day. Heartfulness is a process to create a meditative state within ourselves that manifests our hearts intrinsic goodness. Heartfulness practice can decrease stress levels; improve productivity; find greater joy and harmony in relationships; become more self-confident and self-aware; experience profound peace and joy. It is a way to change your life. Please join the CSA retirees as they learn meditation.

**F19 C8 Golf**
- **Instructor:** Bob Guido, John Morrison
- **Location:** North Shore Towers Golf Club
- **Day/Dates:** Wednesdays, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30
- **Time:** Section 1: 10 am to 11:30 am, Section 2: 11:30 am to 1 pm
- **Fee:** $185 members, $190 non-members
- **Limited:** 8 participants

This club has been created to provide the membership with social opportunities to explore their dining interest in a social group setting. Please note: The cost is inclusive of everything except any type of alcoholic beverage, coffee, tea or soda. We plan to offer three dining experiences per semester.

**Dining, Theater, Film**

Please note: ANYONE INTERESTED IN Participating in these clubs must register. There is an annual registration fee of $10. Information will be sent to you by email and snail mail. Payment for the meal will be only by checks, no credit cards. When registering please provide us with a valid email address to aid with communications. Members will always be able to bring one guest without restrictions. Our goal is to involve as many members as possible.

**F19 C10 Film Club**
- **Leader:** Mark Kaufman
- **Location and Dates:** TBD
- **Time:** Time varies
- **Fee:** There is a $10 annual fee for any members/spousal member

This club has been created to provide the membership with social opportunities for members to explore both classic and recently released film productions in a cordial and intellectual environment with their fellow colleagues. After each film offering, the group will meet to discuss the film.

**F19 C12 Dining Club**
- **Leader:** Connie Tasta
- **Location:** 40 Rector St., 12th Floor
- **Day/Dates:** Mondays, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15
- **Time:** 1 pm to 3 pm
- **Fee:** $185 members, $190 non-members
- **Limited:** 16 participants

This club has been created to provide the membership with social opportunities for members to explore both classic and recently released film productions in a cordial and intellectual environment with their fellow colleagues. After each film offering, the group will meet to discuss the film.

**F19 C13 Film Club**
- **Leader:** Chuck Wilbanks
- **Location and Dates:** TBD
- **Time:** Time varies
- **Fee:** There is a $10 annual fee for any members/spousal member

This club has been created to provide the membership with social opportunities for members to explore both classic and recently released film productions in a cordial and intellectual environment with their fellow colleagues. After each film offering, the group will meet to discuss the film.

**F19 C6 Supervised Bridge – Intermediate**
- **Instructor:** Robert Guido and John Morrison
- **Location:** North Shore Towers Golf Club
- **Day/Dates:** Wednesdays, 10/2, 10/16
- **Time:** Section 1: 10 am to 11:30 am, Section 2: 11:30 am to 1 pm
- **Fee:** $185 members, $190 non-members
- **Limited:** 8 participants

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Lectures/Seminars
F19 L1 – Art Lecture: Artist and Anti-Semitism T P
Presenter: Richard McBee
Location: 40 Rector St., 12th Floor
Day/Dates: Thursday, 9/12
Time: 10:30 am to 12 noon
Fee: Free
Limited: 20 participants
The fee includes lunch

New York Historical Society Off-Site Lecture Series: NYHS will present two of their off-site lectures. A canvas-trained docent will visit CSA to provide a 45-60 minute PowerPoint presentation on a variety of NYC topics. This semester we will schedule two lectures.

F19 L2 – World War II and NYC: The Big Apple Goes to War T P
Presenter: NY Historical Society CSA Leader: Patricia Mack
Location: 40 Rector St., 12th Floor
Day/Dates: Tuesday, 11/6
Time: 10:30 am to 12 noon
Fee: Members $30, non-member $35
Limited: 20 participants
The fee includes lunch

New York Harbor en route to the battlefield. Supplying our men and women in the service, New York produced everything from battleships to brassieres and periscopes to penicillin. Hear little known stories such as how a group of German saboteurs landed on Long Island only to take the LIRR in the wrong direction. After the presentation, we will have lunch together.

F19 L3 The Eighth Wonder of the World: the Brooklyn Bridge T P
Presenter: NY Historical Society CSA Leader: Patricia Mack
Location: 40 Rector St., 12th Floor, NYC
Day/Dates: Tuesday, 12/3
Time: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Fee: Members $30, non-member $35
Limited: 20 participants
The fee includes lunch

Brooklyn Bridge was the first steel cable suspension bridge and longest suspension bridge in the world. This lecture explores the amazing history of the bridge’s construction and the heroic and sometimes tragic stories of the men and women who made it possible. Discover how the bridge’s construction helped lead to the consolidation of New York and how old world engineering know-how and modern industrial innovation came together to complete the project. You’ll never view the Brooklyn Bridge in the same way! After the presentation, we will have lunch together.

F19 C9 Intermediate Tennis Clinic 1 TPS
Instructor: West Side Tennis Club Pro
Location: West Side Tennis Club, Forest Hills
Day/Dates: Thursdays, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24
Fee: Member $125, non-member $130
Limited: 8 participants per session

F19 C10 Intermediate Tennis Clinic 2 TPS
Instructor: West Side Tennis Club Pro
Location: West Side Tennis Club, Forest Hills
Day/Dates: Thursdays, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5
Time: 11:30 am to 1 pm
Fee: Member $125, non-member $130
Limited: 8 participants per session

This lecture will discuss what shows are available. Theater performances will be Wednesday matinees or an early Tuesday evening performance the day before the dates shown above. Once you are REGISTERED for this club and have paid the fee shown, you will be responsible for paying for the set of tickets you commit to on this first visit. Please bring blank checks to this meeting.

F19 C11 Intermediate Tennis Clinic 3 TPS
Instructor: West Side Tennis Club Pro
Location: West Side Tennis Club, Forest Hills
Day/Dates: Thursdays, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2
Time: 11:30 am to 1 pm
Fee: Member $125, non-member $130
Limited: 8 participants per session

Dining, Theater, Film
F19 C14 Theater Class TPS
Leader: Stanley Wilson
Location: For first session, CSA Headquarters
Day/Dates: Instruction at CSA, Thurs., 10/11
Tentative Theater dates: 10/30
11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11
Time: 1 pm
Fee: Member $30, non-member $35
The first session for this class will be at CSA. During this session, the group will discuss what shows are available. Three dates will be selected, however, these are all tentative. Theater performances will be Wednesday matinees or an early Tuesday evening performance the day before the dates shown above. Once you are REGISTERED for this club and have paid the fee shown, you will be responsible for paying for the set of tickets you commit to on this first visit. Please bring blank checks to this meeting.

F19 L4 U.S. Immigration Policies: Just Or Unjust? T P
Instructor: Ira Zornberg
Location: 40 Rector St., 12th Floor, NYC
Day/Dates: Monday, 9/23
Time: 10 am to 12:30 pm
Fee: Members $30, non-member $35
Limited: 20 participants
The wisdom of present U.S. immigration policies is a subject of emotional debate. The lecture will provide an analysis of our nation’s immigration policies from the colonial period through the administrations of presidents Obama and Trump and challenge listeners to draw upon facts in prescribing a just future immigration policy. Ira Zornberg, a former social studies teacher and assistant principal is the author of Immigration Wars: The History of U.S. Immigration Policies, published in 2018.

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS
Sharpie Training Solutions will be here again to present two workshops. They provide technical hands-on training and lectures.

F19 L5 What Is Cloud Storage? T P
Instructor: Trish Tergesen
Location: 40 Rector St., 12th Floor, NYC
Day/Dates: Tuesday, 10/16
Time: 5 pm to 7 pm
Fee: Members $55, non-members $60
Limited: 20 participants
In this lecture/demonstration class, you will learn all about “Cloud” storage. What is the cloud, where is the cloud located, who owns the cloud and much more. Students will learn about popular cloud services such as Apple iCloud, Google Drive/Photos, MS OneDrive and Dropbox. No pre-requisites and please bring your questions.

F19 L6 Introduction to Genealogy Online T P
Instructor: Trish Tergesen
Location: 40 Rector St., 12th Floor, NYC
Day/Dates: Wednesday, 12/4
Time: 1 pm to 3 pm
Fee: Member $25, non-member $30
Limited: 20 participants
Do you wonder about your family’s lineage? In this lecture and demo class, students will learn how to navigate online to find information about their family history. Students will learn about popular genealogy sites, such as Ancestry.com and 23andme.com, and how to create an account and review test results plus much more. No pre-requisites bring your questions.

Lawn and Garden
F19 L7 – Wines Of Southern California T P
Lecturer: Ron Attivissimo
CSA Leader: Lucie Ello
Location: 40 Rector St., 12th Floor, NYC
Day/Dates: Friday, 10/18
Time: 5 pm to 7 pm
Fee: Members $55, non-members $60
Limited: 20 participants
This seminar will be devoted to tasting the wines of California’s Central Coast. This includes Paso Robles, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Santa Rita Hills, Santa Ynez, and other AVA areas within the Central Coast. Wines feature Rhone varietals (Syrah, Grenache) but also include wines made with Cabernet, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and blends. A unique tasting exploration of excellent wines at a price point way below those of Napa and Sonoma.

On-line Registration Opens June 25 at 11 AM. Brochure Will be Posted June 18.

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Trips/Walking Tours

F19 T1 Tour of Yankee Stadium
CSA Leader: Miriam Martinez-Diaz
Location: 21 E 161st St, Bronx, NY
Day/Date: Monday, 9/16
Time: 10:30 am – 12 noon
Fee: Member $25, non-member $30
Limited: 20 participants

Join us as we take a tour of Yankee Stadium and learn the history about the 27-time World Series Champion New York Yankees! Get up close to historic baseball artifacts, visit exclusive locations, and learn about the various events that take place at the Stadium throughout history. Each tour is led by a knowledgeable and experienced tour guide who makes sure everyone’s trip to Yankee Stadium is complete.

F19 T2 KGB Spy Museum & Lunch
CSA Leader: Lark Morrison
Location: 245 West 14th Street, NYC
Day/Date: Tuesday, 9/17
Time: 10 am
Fee: Member $70, non-member $75
Limited: 15 participants

The KGB Espionage Museum features the world’s largest collection of Soviet KGB espionage artifacts. The KGB was the main security agency for the Soviet Union, and during the Cold War the KGB was in direct competition with the CIA and other state security agencies around the world for cultural, economic, and military dominance.

The interactive KGB Espionage Museum presents visitors with special equipment and techniques from the Cold War era, such as spy cameras, concealment devices, secret recorders, code machines, spy radios, and secure telephones. Come learn the secret history of a clandestine organization that has had an enduring and far-reaching influence on world affairs. The museum showcases a never-before-seen collection of one-of-a-kind items, many of which are only now being made public. The KGB Espionage Museum reveals the secret lives of prominent KGB agents, uncovering the strategies beneath many of history’s top-secret espionage operations.

F19 T3 Catacombs by Candlelight
CSA Leader: Miriam Martinez-Diaz
Location: 263 Mulberry Street
Day/Date: Wednesday, 9/18
Time: 11 am
Fee: Members $57, non-members $62
Limited: 15 participants

The fee includes lunch.

Beneath the Basilica of St. Patrick’s Old Cathedral are the only catacombs in Manhattan, and one of only a handful that exists in the entire United States. It is by far one of the most significant collections of tombs in the country. Underneath the nave of this 200-year-old church are the crypts that have been a silent witness to the many struggles and accomplishments of prominent New Yorkers. Just recently, the Basilica decided that it was time to open the underground crypts for public touring. After the tour we will have lunch in a restaurant nearby.

F19 T4 Tour of the Woolworth Building
CSA Leader: Barbetta Kritsky
Location: 233 Broadway, New York
Day/Date: Wednesday, 10/2
Time: 11 am
Fee: Members $55, non-members $60
Limited: 15 participants

The fee does not include lunch.

The tour offers the history of the architectural landmark that was the tallest building in the world from 1913 to 1930. We will have access to the mezzanine, which affords a unique perspective on this spectacular space with an up-close view of its extraordinary mosaic ceiling and historic murals. The tour also includes all three areas of the main lobby with its amazing corbel characters, mable, stained glass and monumental barrel vaults as well as a visit to the lower level.

FLORA, FAUNA AND FUN

Explore From On TheWater: Long Island Wetlands Preserve

F18 T9 Discovery Wetland Cruise
CSA Leader: Kathy Murphy
Location: Main St, Stony Brook, NY
Day/Date: Wednesday, 10/16
Time: 12:30 pm
Fee: Members $30, non-members $35
Limited: 25 participants

Join us as we board the “Discovery” Wetland Cruise for a 90-minute sightseeing tour from Stony Brook harbor into the surrounding wetlands. A naturalist will be on board to guide passengers through this exceptional experience embracing ecology, geology, and history.

F19 T5 Tour of West Point
CSA Leader: Patricia Mack
Location: West Point Military Academy, Highland Falls, NY
Day/Date: Thursday, 10/3
Time: 9:30 am
Fee: Member $75, non-member $80
Limited: 15 participants

The fee includes lunch. Transportation is not provided.

Our exciting trip will begin at the Visitors’ Center (parking available). The Visitors’ Center is an attraction by itself, so ample time should be allowed to peruse, which an early arrival of 9:30 will give you approximately an hour to browse. Our tour begins at 10:45 am. We will board a minibus and be guided to the historical sites of the academy. Our tour entitled “The West Point Story” will be about 90 minutes (on and off the bus). After returning to the Visitors’ Center, we will have a short walk to the historic Thayer Hotel for a buffet-style lunch at 1 pm. This trip involves some walking and may not be suitable for members who have limited mobility. As this is a government facility, government issued identification is needed.

F19 T6 Harlem Jazz Series
CSA Leader: Lark Morrison
Location: Rendall Memorial Presbyterian Church, 59 W. 137 St., NYC
Day/Date: Tuesday, 10/8
Time: 12 noon – 4:30 pm
Fee: Members $50, non-members $55
Limited: 15 participants

The fee includes lunch.

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PLEASE NOTE: You must submit a separate check for each event for which you register. Each registrant must complete a separate registration form and submit a separate check for each event.

Name of Member:               Check Status:         CSA Retiree ☐ Spousal member ☐

Address:

City:       State:       Zip:

Phone:             Cell phone (REQUIRED):

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Emergency Contact:                            Phone:

ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE IN WRITING OR EMAIL TO LUCIE@CSA-NYC.ORG

Members and Spousal Members

RETIREE EVENTS FALL 2019 REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION RULES AND PROCEDURES ON BACK

What You Need To Know To Register (See Guest Registration Form Page R6)

GENERAL PROCEDURES

1. Registration opens June 25 (online at 11 am). Only members and spousal members may register at this time. The online system will not allow guest registration. All registrations will be on a first come first served basis.

2. Please note: Members may register by mail or through the online system. Guests may register by mail only and will be entered as of July 1.

3. Guests may register without restrictions: F19 T6 - Harlem Jazz Music, F19 T7 - Harlem Jazz Music, F19 T16 - Jazz at Lincoln Center or Big Band Holidays, F19 L6 - Wine Seminar

4. All mail-in registrations up to the actual date of registration will be placed in one box. On that day of registration, registration forms will be withdrawn from the box randomly.

5. If you are placed on a waitlist, and a cancellation occurs the Retiree Office will contact you and place you on the registered list. No such change in your registration status will be made without contacting you and getting your approval. If you no longer wish to be on the waitlist, call us at (212) 823-2076 or email lucie@csa-nyc.org.

6. Members may register for any or all the program events. All events are to be placed on one form. However, it is important that each registrant must complete a separate registration form. If you intend to register by mail, make additional copies of the registration form as needed. Copies of the various registration forms can be found on the CSA website www.csa-nyc.org under the Retiree Chapter heading in the “Upcoming Events” section.

7. In all of our events, the fee always includes all taxes and gratuities except otherwise noted.

8. In the case of too few registrants for an offering, the CSA Retiree Chapter reserves the right to cancel the program with full refunds.

9. All events are scheduled rain or shine.

Confirmation will be sent by email.

Make checks payable to: CSA Retiree Chapter
Mail to: CSA Retiree Chapter, Attn: Educational/Cultural Committee,
40 Rector Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10006

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**Form For Guests**

**RETIREE EVENTS FALL 2019 REGISTRATION FORM**

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PLEASE NOTE: You must submit a separate check for each event for which you register. Each registrant must complete a separate registration form and submit a separate check for each event.

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**MAIL-IN PROCEDURES**

1. You must submit a separate check for each event you wish to attend. For example, if you wish to register for five events, you must complete one form but submit five separate checks. This will be the same process if you are completing a registration for your spouse or for a guest. For those on a waitlist, after the event, your check will be VOIDED and returned.

2. Make checks payable to “CSA Retiree Chapter” and mail to: CSA Retiree Chapter, Attn: Educational/Cultural Committee, 40 Rector St., 12th Floor NY, NY 10006.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION**

1. Only members and spousal members may register online. The online system is closed to guests.

2. To register online, follow the prompts on the Retiree Chapter section on the CSA website (www.csa-nyc.org). The link will be posted on June 18 and will be “activated” on June 25 at 11 a.m.

3. As you work through the online registration, the system will make note if the registration limit has been reached and mark your form as wait listed.

4. All rules and procedures listed above for general and mail-in registration prevail for online registration.

5. Once you have completed the online process, your credit card will be charged for those events where you are registered. The system will not charge your card for events where you are waitlisted.

6. When you finish the registering, print your Registration Record. It will be your only copy of your registration.

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

1. For either mail-in or online registrations of all Educational/Cultural events, refunds will be given for program cancellations made up to a month prior to the date of the event. For cancellations less than a month prior to the event, refunds will only be issued if we can fill your slot from the waiting list. There will be no exceptions. All cancellations must be in writing or by email to lucie@csa-nyc.org. Call the Chapter office at (212) 823-2020 if you have questions.

2. Refunds will be processed only after the event has been concluded. However, in the case where there is a significantly long waiting list, some refunds may be processed sooner.

3. In the case of mail-in registrations, checks will be voided and returned to the registrant.

4. In the case of online registrants, refunds will be handled through your credit card.

**NOTIFICATION**

1. MEMBERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL ONLY.
Trips/Walking Tours

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F19 T7 Harlem Jazz Series 2

CSA Leader: Roz Persky
Location: Rendall Memorial Presbyterian Church, 59 West 137th Street, NYC
Day/Date: Tuesday, 11/7
Time: 12 noon – 4:30 pm
Fee: Members $50, non-members $55
Limited: 15 participants
The fee includes lunch.
Welcome to Harlem Jazz Series which will indulge you in an afternoon that will delight your senses – in a place where African-American culture and cutting edge talent intertwine to form a rich, thriving music scene. You will enjoy Swingin’ Bebop, Blues and Brass. After the event, you will have an opportunity to meet the musicians and then take pleasure in eating in a restaurant a few blocks away.

F19 T9 Tour of the Steinway Factory

CSA Leader: Patricia Mack
Location: One Steinway Place, L.I.C.
Day/Date: Tuesday, 10/15
Time: 9:30 am - 12 noon
Fee: Members $25, non-members $30
Limited: 15 participants
The reconstructed house contains five period rooms, two museum galleries and a bookstore. Roosevelt’s original birthplace was demolished in 1916. After Roosevelt’s death in 1919, the site was purchased by the Women’s Roosevelt Memorial Association, rebuilt and decorated with many of its original furnishings by Roosevelt's sisters and wife. We will go to lunch after the tour.

The fee includes lunch.

KEY TO SYMBOLS:

T Travel Instructions will be mailed
P Parking/Transportation available
S This event is somewhat strenuous

The fee includes lunch.

The fee includes lunch.

The most significant site of the Holocaust, Auschwitz, was not a single entity, but a complex of 48 concentration and extermination camps, at which 1 million Jews—and tens of thousands of others—were murdered. Auschwitz. Not long ago. Not far away, is a groundbreaking exhibition that brings together more than 700 original objects and 400 photographs from over 20 institutions and museums around the world. Auschwitz. Not long ago. Not far away. is the most comprehensive exhibition dedicated to the history of Auschwitz and its role in the Holocaust ever presented in North America, and an unparalleled opportunity to confront the singular face of human evil. We will have lunch after the tour.

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SP19 T14 Tour of Channel 13 & Lunch PTS
CSA Leader: Sharon Thompson
Location: 825 8th Ave., NYC
Day/Date: Tuesday, 11/19
Time: 11 am – 3 pm
Fee: Members $65, non-members $70
Limited: 10 participants
The fee includes lunch.
PBS influences policy makers across the country and our own Thirteen plays a cultural important role in the cultural and educational life of NYC. Join the Retiree Chapter for a docent-led tour of this special institution. Afterwards we will have lunch at Le Rivage.

SP19 T15 Art Studio Visit & Lunch PTS
Artist: Richard McBee
Location: 44-02 11 Street, Long Island City (near Court Square, E or M trains)
Day/Date: Monday, 12/9
Time: 10:30 am – 2:30 pm
Fee: Member $70, non-members $75
Limited: 12 participants
The fee includes lunch.
Richard McBee is an artist and an esteemed critic of Jewish art, photography, film, music, and drama. His paintings explore Jewish history. He has held Art lectures at CSA the last three terms and will hold another during the Retiree Chapter’s Art Exhibit in June. Mr. McBee has invited CSA retirees to his studio to see his artworks. He will lead a discussion on his paintings in progress and those recently completed works to allow us to discover the creative process in action. After the visit, the group will have lunch at Il Falco, You will need to go up a flight of stairs in the restaurant.

F19 T16 Big Band Holidays PTS
CSA Leader: Lucie Elio
Location: 10 Columbus Circle, NYC
Day/Date: Friday, 12/20
Time: 7 – 9 pm
Fee: Members $115, non-members $120
Limited: 20 participants
The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis continues a beloved New York tradition that plays to sold-out audiences every December. Featuring guest vocalists Alexis Morris and Denzel Sinclaire and soulful, big band versions of classics like “Jingle Bells” and “Joy to the World,” Big Band Holidays is an uplifting holiday program sure to get you into the spirit of the season.

Retiree Chapter’s Art & Craft Exhibit
June 24 to 27
10 am - 4 pm at CSA Headquarters
OPENING RECEPTION: MONDAY, 6/24 AT 4 P.M.
Concurrent Lectures & Lunch: Marc Chagall & The Bible Tuesday, 6/25; 10:30 – noon | Presenter: Richard Mc Bee, Artist
Benevolence, Philanthropy & Activism
Women Make a Difference in 19th Century New York Wednesday, 6/26; 10:30 – noon | Presenter: NY Historical Society
Each lecture is $30. To register, contact the RC at (212) 823-2020
If you wish to contribute to the exhibit, contact Patricia Mack at CSA: (212) 823-2080

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Trips/Walking Tours

As we traveled the world at Gulliver’s Gate, we located the site of the 9-11 Memorial.

JESSICA TOUNKARA

During the Retiree Chapter members’ visit of Snug Harbor’s Chinese Sculpture Garden on Staten Island they were able to explore eight pavilions, a bamboo forest path, waterfalls, a Koi filled pond, Chinese calligraphy, and a variety of Ghongshi scholar’s rocks.

LUCIE ELIO
The Welfare Fund

Dr. Douglas V. Hathaway

Coding Correction For Rider Cost Reimbursements, Deductibles

Q u e s t i o n : I am a Medicare-eligible Department of Education retiree. I am in the GHI Senior Care health plan and I pay for the optional benefits rider. I read in the CSA News that I should have received a check reimbursing me for a portion of my rider costs. I didn’t get a check. Can you tell me why?

A n s w e r : Computers are wonderful, but they are only as good as the information that is entered (and this comes from the person who developed the claims processing systems for the Fund). We asked the City to verify that you were coded as being a CSA member, and they reported that you were not coded as having retired from any union. We demonstrated to them that you were, in fact, a CSA retiree, and they have corrected your coding. We have sent out one additional batch of checks to about 30 of your colleagues who were in the same situation, and you should have received your check by now.

Q u e s t i o n : I am a retired principal, and I’m not-yet eligible for Medicare. Recently I received my prescription drug co-pay reimbursement. When I compared the reimbursement with what I had submitted, some of the amounts were not allowed, and the reimbursement was less than what I had expected. Why did you disallow some of my drugs?

A n s w e r : The out-of-pocket amounts you pay can be classified in three ways: deductible, co-pay amount, and full drug cost. We do not reimburse deductibles. A co-payment, by definition, requires that the prescription drug plan pay some portion of the cost of the medication. In many cases, usually

The staff of the Welfare Fund and I wish you all a happy, healthy (and for our active members, relaxing) summer. We will be here all summer ready and able to answer any questions you may have.

with generic medications, the cost of the medication is equal to or less than the co-pay amount. In these situations, your payment is the entire cost of the medication, and the plan pays nothing. Since the plan pays nothing, we cannot reimburse your out-of-pocket cost for the medication.

Dr. Douglas Hathaway is the Welfare Fund Administrator. You may reach him at dhathaway@csamy.org.

Collaboration

Haitian Educational Summit

On May 4, the Advanced Leadership Program for Aspiring Principals (ALPAP), an ELI program, held its final seminar of the year to celebrate the 2019 Cohort. Graduating participants were joined by their year-long mentors and former graduates who shared the challenges they faced in their first year as principal.

Rory Parnell, a graduate of the 2015 Cohort, presented a case study on how she turned around August Martin HS, a renewal school in Queens. She shared that before she became a principal, she experienced self-doubt about whether she was ready for the job and explained why one must bat aside such doubt: “I’m going to tell you something. You’re never really ready.”

CSA President Mark Cannizzaro expressed the importance of public school “lifers” who remain the heart and soul of the system as mayors and DOE officials come and go. Chancellor Richard Carranza also came by the gathering and urged them to share their passion. “Nobody is going to want to know what you know unless you also know that you can,” he told them. “Talk about where you grew up, your experience as a teacher, why you wanted to become a principal in the first place.”

Celebrating 2019 ALPAP Cohort

CSA and the Entertainers 4 Education Alliance hosted the 2019 Principal Soiree at Hudson Terrace and celebrated the following honorees for their outstanding service to their schools: Antonio Hernandez (Lexington Academy HS), Benoît Honoroff (John D. Wells MS 50), Marie Guillaume (High School for Energy and Technology), Olivia Frances Webber (Luis Llorens Torres School PS 114), Janine Werner (World Journalism Preparatory School), and Corey Prober (School of Cooperative and Technical Education).
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TEXAS:
Paid Sick Leave
San Antonio and other Texas cities have adopted ordinances to require private employers to offer paid sick leave. Recent attempts to throw out the ordinances came to a halt in the state legislature. The laws are expected to be enforced, beginning Aug. 1. Employers who do not heed the ordinances may face a $500 fine. Civil liberty advocates claimed this a win for public health, economic justice and equality for all. (San Antonio Express News)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:
Smell A Rat
Scabby the Rat, an iconic presence at union protests for decades, has enjoyed the protection of federal law. However, President Trump’s General Counsel appointee to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) is reportedly looking for ways to make the rat illegal. Attorneys arguing against the rat claim “inflatable rats violate the secondary boycott provisions of the NLRB” and are comparable to picketing. Proponents of Scabby believe courts will determine rats fall under protected speech, thereby strengthening unions ability to use them and apply pressure to employers. (ucmdblog)

CONNECTICUT:
Strike One
New Haven teachers are on strike for the first time ever over wages. About 600 teachers picketed following a breakdown in negotiations in which they sought a 10% raise over the next two years. They were offered 1% this year and a one-time 3% payment next year instead. Teachers were loath to strike but reportedly felt the district left them no choice. No matter the outcome, the district has plans to cut its budget by $3.9 million dollars next year and an additional $4.6 million the following year. (KPIX)

OKLAHOMA:
Steady At The Helm
In a recent discussion at The Oklahoman video studio, Oklahoma City Public Schools Superintendent Sean McDaniel and state schools Superintendent Joy Hofmeister addressed issues affecting public education, including the importance of stability in leadership. An Oklahoma City middle school saw seven principals in nine years. Double that number have led the schools as superintendent since 2001. The then discussed the importance of relationship building and its impact on kids’ learning. From the teacher perspective, when there is high turnover, they can experience “initiative fatigue” which leads to burnout. (NewYork)

Alpine Lakes, Trains
July 8 - July 17, 2019
This inclusive land tour (air included) features cruises on Lakes Como and Maggiore and scenic trains in Switzerland and Italy. It also includes 12 meals. Enjoy stunning alpine views including the Bernina Pass, Tour Luernce and Zermatt.

RATES: $4,899 - Insurance and upgraded coach air not included.

Back to Alaska
July 12 - 19, 2019
Board the Celebrity Solstice in Seattle and sail to Ketchikan, Tracy Arm Glacier, Juneau, Skagway and Victoria, British Columbia arriving Seattle July 19.

RATES: Inside $1,482.03 pp db; Verandah $2,287.03. Ask for discounted air, pre and post trips and single, triple and optional insurance rates.

Galapagos Islands
August 8 - 18, 2019
Cruise approximately 12 islands aboard the Celebrity Expedition. Depart US - Quito (air not included); stay two nights at the JW Marriott; Aug. 10 fly Quito-Baltra (included). Board the ship for 7 nights; return to Quito for a night at the Marriott; return to US Aug. 18.

RATES: Begin at $7,139 pp db; call for suite rates.

Paris and Normandy
August 18 - 25, 2019
Sail the beautiful Viking Rolf (Viking River Cruises). Embark in Paris and sail the Seine visiting Vernon, Rouen, Les Andelys, and the Normandy Beaches bearing witness to our troops who landed during WWII.

RATES: Deep discount rates begin at $2,774 double. Additional discounts may apply including current air promo of $395 (may expire anytime) roundtrip from NY/ NJ. Paris extension is available. Call or email for application.

Sail Norway, Iceland
August 25 - September 9, 2019
London to London. Board the Pacific Princess for 15 days, visiting 9 ports. The Pacific, a deluxe vessel, accommodates only 708 passengers.

RATES: Begin at $4,744 pp db.

Canyon Country
October 22-29, 2019
Arizona and Utah. All inclusive land/air from New York (call re other departure cities.) We begin in Scottsdale and journey to Sedona, Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park and unwind in Las Vegas. Includes rt air, transfers, lodging, sightseeing, 6 breakfasts, 4 dinners.

RATES: $3,349 double; $4249 single; $3,299 triple.

Australia/New Zealand
January 8-21, 2020
Depart US Jan. 4, 2020 - two nights at the Four Seasons Sydney; sail the Majestic Princess Jan. 8-21, visit Fjordland, Akaroa, Wellington, Taunraga, Auckland and the Bay of Islands.

RATES: Begin at $2114 pp; add air, hotel, transfers and insurance.

The Plains of Africa
January 30 - February 12, 2020
Journey to a Continent not easily forgoten! Explore Kenya and wildlife and stunning vistas. Program includes rt air from JFK, 11 game drives, most meals, Karen Blixen House, visit to the Samburu Tribe, Masai Village and Game Reserve and more. This is a Collette small group Explorations program with 18 seats available.

RATES: $6,449 db; $7,649 single; Add optional insurance; Pre (Tsavo National Park) and Post (Tanzania) available. Request the brochure.

Winter Break
February 15 - 22, 2020
Sail the brand new SKY Princess sailing from Ft. Lauderdale, to Grand Cayman, Roatan, Belize City and Cozumel. Go on the web to SKY Princess and watch the video of this spectacular new vessel.

RATES: Begin at $989 pp. These are introductory rates and will not last!

Dubai to Rome
May 19 - June 8, 2020
Why 2020? This is Oceania Nautica’s most popular itinerary and will sell fast. Depart for Dubai May 19; overnight onboard the vessel; sail to Salalah, Oman; cruise the Red Sea, Aqaba, Jordan; Luxor, Egypt; Suez Canal; Jerusalem, Israel for two days; Crete, Amalfi/Positano, Italy and disembar in Rome. Pre and post trips available; perks subject to availability.

RATES: Begin at $3,799 pp db; add air and insurance. Call for rates for verandah and higher.

Waterways Of The Czars
July 6-19, 2020
An eye opening experience awaits as we visit historic Moscow and canal-laced cultural St. Petersburg (home of The Hermitage). In between, visit Uglich and Yaroslavl unveiling its mysteries. For more ports and details go to vikingrivercruises.com. Ask about three night optional post tour to Helsinki, Finland.

RATES: Begin at $5,874 pp, add hotel, transfers and insurance.

From Rome To Venice
August 20-29, 2020
Board the elegant Azamara Journey. Sail from Rome to the Amalfi Coast for the dazzling sights of the most talked about vistas in the world. Continue to the Dalmatian coast with stops in Montenegro, Croatia, and Slovenia. Complete the journey with an overnight onboard in Venice.

RATES: Begin at $3,546.04 pp interior (subject to availability). Air, optional insurance and pre and post hotel stays are not included. Inquire about free perks including a complimentary choir performance in Koper, Slovenia

For more information, email goldstein@csa-ny.org

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Travel Desk
Explore, Vacation On Land Or By Sea

Compiled by Christine Altman

GARY GOLDSTEIN
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Sheila Harriet Goldstein, 84, a former assistant principal, died in Florida on April 8. Mrs. Goldstein was raised in the Northeast Bronx. She earned a BA in history from the City College of New York and an MA in education from Teachers College at Columbia University, said her daughter, Beth Shanker. She spent her career at P.S. 21 in the borough, rising from first as a teacher, then a reading specialist and ultimately an assistant principal. She retired in 1995. Mrs. Goldstein married Alvin Goldstein in 1947. He was at her first principal interview and told her three things that I should know as a new principal," said Henry Rubio, executive vice president of CSA and the former president of the Southeastern Educational Labor Council in the Hudson. Mrs. Goldstein enjoyed reading and traveling the world, including Europe, Asia, and India, among other locations. In addition to her daughter, Mrs. Goldstein is survived by her husband, and a grandson, Noah Shanker.

VIOLET W. GORDON, 101, a former supervisor of social work for the New York City Board of Education, died July 18, 2018, in Palm Coast, Fla., where she had lived for the preceding 32 years. She was just three months shy of her 102nd birthday. Born in Oklahoma, Mrs. Gordon earned a bachelor’s degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C. and her master’s degree from the Manhattan School of Preparatory Education in the Catholic Church, also in Washington. In 1942, she became one of the first 26 African-American women selected for induction into the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps (WAACS). She served as a first lieutenant, and upon being discharged in 1946, she held the rank of Captain. In 1954, she married Lester Gordon; the couple lived in Brooklyn. Mrs. Gordon went on to work for the New York City Department of Education as a school social worker and later, in her years of retirement, that service was spent in the department’s Bureau of Child Guidance. Mrs. Gordon moved to Palm Coast, Fla., in 1986, where she was a member of several organizations, including the African-American Caribbean Heritage Organization; Safe Haven by the Sea, which she helped to establish; and the American Association of University Women. Mrs. Gordon also helped establish Christ Lutheran Church. “No grass grew under Aunt Vi’s feet,” said her husband, Lester. “It was unbelievable the amount of community service she did.” Her husband, Lester, died in 1982.

GREGORY HODGE, 65, died on Feb. 16. Dr. Hodge was the principal of the Frederick Douglass Academy in Harlem and at the time of his death was an Executive Leadership Institute mentor and consultant. At the time of his death he had completed a PhD in education from Teachers College at Columbia University, said Ms. Ophals, a former principal at George Westinghouse, where he developed a reputation for his fierce dedication to the school, helping them by not allowing them to high standards of achievement. He was known for putting in long hours at the school, to the point of sleeping many nights in the office. Mr. Hodge served as a mentor to many principals, sharing his deep knowledge of the Manhattan educational landscape. “When I became a principal, he saw potential in me and told me three things that I should know as a new principal,” said Henry Rubio, executive vice president of CSA and the former president of the Southeastern Educational Labor Council in the Hudson. Mrs. Goldstein enjoyed reading and traveling the world, including Europe, Asia, and India, among other locations. In addition to her daughter, Mrs. Goldstein is survived by her husband, and a grandson, Noah Shanker.

JOAN M. LEONARD, 85, a science instructor, principal, and administrator, died March 22, 2018. Born in 1933 in the Bay Ridge neighborhood of Brooklyn and outside of a brief relocation upstate as a child, she lived in the same home throughout her life. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Brooklyn College, a master’s degree and had taken courses toward a doctorate degree. “She was a fabulous teacher of chemistry and physics,” said Marie Pellegrino, a retired AP who was a friend of Ms. Leonard since college. “Everything new, she was involved with and she was very loving, caring person.” Ms. Leonard began her career 55 years ago, working first as a science teacher at Bay Ridge Collegiate School. She served as chair of the science department and in 1971 became the principal. When the school closed in 1983, Ms. Leonard oversaw principal of the middle schools that educated 12th-graders and, later, she served as an assistant in the alternative schools division under Chancellor Joel Klein. Ms. Leonard also served for a short time as the superintendent of BASIS (Brooklyn and Staten Island Schools), said Ms. Pellegrino. “She loved opera, traveling, and her pets,” said Ms. Pellegrino. “But the thing that noted that was how strong she was very religious. No immediate family members survive her.

ELIZABETH OPHALS, 71, died on April 24, 2018, after a long career with the DOE. Ms. Ophals was the principal of the Louis H. Balfour School in Brooklyn, one of the first schools in New York City to serve students from the Agency of Children’s Services and immigrants new to the country,” her daughter said. Ms. Shaw then worked in the Auxiliary Services for High Schools office. As director of the Linden Learning Center, she tried to ensure the educational success of at-risk students. Ms. Shaw retired from the DOE in 2015 after 33 years of service but continued to stay active. She spent time on the Dream Speaks Here High School Institute (SHS) for underserved children. She served as a foster mother for 27 years, opening her home to over 100 children in need. In addition to her daughter Rashaunda, she is survived by her husband, Phillip Curtis Williams; her brothers Larry and Marvin and four grandchildren.

MARVIN M. SILVER, 91, died March 22, 1995, in an assisted living facility in Beverly Hills, Calif. Mr. Silver was a certified public accountant, a Certified Public Accountant, and ultimately an assistant principal at George Washington Vocational High School. He graduated from Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn, 1957, and enrolled in New York University, but was drafted into the Army after completing just one year. He went on to serve two years in the South Pacific in the Army Signal Corps. He married in 1947 and returned to NYU on the GI Bill. He and his wife, Ruth, had their first child and commitment to make public schools a step- ding stone to ‘break all races and backgrounds,’ his wife said.

WARREN THOMAS SCHULZT, 76, died April 12. Mr. Schulzt was a former teacher and administrator who worked for the city’s Department of Education nearly 30 years in Queens. Raised in Howard Beach, Queens, he graduated from John Adams High School where he was a member of BS from anybody. He used his knowledge of the curriculum. He was a tough administrator and he didn’t tolerate anything. But he was incredibly kind to students. But he was a teacher and a team. It was during these years that he met many young men whose lives were broken, who were looking for a way to fight to make public schools a step- ding stone to ‘break all races and backgrounds,’ his wife said.

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Chair's Message
Gayle Lockett

Another Great Year

Since the Retiree Chapter also follows the NYC school calendar, from Sept. to June, another year has ended well for us.

Once again, we improved Welfare Fund benefits for home health aides and acupuncture, retroactive to Jan. 2019. Dr. Douglas Hathaway, CSA Welfare Fund Administrator, spoke and answered questions in all 16 regional units and also gave his workshop, “Everything I Forgot About My Benefits Since I Retired” (available online). Also, the Welfare Fund Trustees for Retirees, with Dr. Hathaway’s research and input, increased the number of dentists working with SIDS, and secured improvements with our other dental providers by increasing options for dental coverage and insurance, especially for members without access to SIDS’ dentists across the country. All of this was approved by the Welfare Fund Retirees Trustees, which Bill Pinkett, Juanita Johnson and I represent. Our union works diligently to improve and enhance our retirement benefits.

Under the direction of Gabe Gallucci, Director of Governmental Affairs, with Legislative Liaison Mitra Lutchman, CSA does a remarkable job on the legislative front. Janice Immundi, RC-Secretary, is RC Legislative Chairperson. Retirees and in-service members visited assemblymen and senators in Albany earlier this year, to inform them and maintain their backing on important issues such as school funding; professional development; affordable prescription drugs; Cost-Of Living Adjustments (COLAs). In Sept., for those entitled to receive a COLA, it will be 1% of the first $18,000 of your pension.

At the Executive Board meeting in May, we voted to donate $2,500 to our CSA Scholarship Fund. Every year, CSA presents five college-bound high school senior, who demonstrate leadership, with funds to defray college costs. Each scholarship winner received $500. Thank you to regional units and individuals who support this fund through donations.

The second donation, $1,500, was for the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation. (See story right.) Stephen Siller was a firefighter who ran with his gear through the Hugh Carey (formerly known as the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel) to the Twin Towers and lost his life trying to save others on 9/11. On Sept. 29, the Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk NYC will take place. In addition to honoring the memory of Mr. Siller, it has programs to help first responders and service members who made and continue to make sacrifices for us in the line of duty.

Bravo to the Educational/Cultural Committee, led by Lucie Elio and her team for another excellent Fall selection of workshops, courses and trips. In addition to the regular offerings, we’ve added new events: Catacombs by Candlelight, The Auschwitz Exhibition and “WWII & NYC: the Big Apple Goes to War.”

In Unity,
Gayle Lockett

Run, Walk With Tunnel To Towers Foundation

BY MARK BRODSKY

The CSA Veterans’ Council and CSA’s Retiree Chapter have chosen to support the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation. The Fallen First Responder Home Program, honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country by providing the surviving spouses and young children with a brand new, mortgage-free home. The Smart Home Program provides mortgage-free smart homes to our most catastrophically injured service members. Each home is custom designed to address the unique needs of each individual. The Fallen First Responder Home Program pays off the remaining mortgages for families left behind when a firefighter or police officer is killed in the line of duty.

Upon hearing news of the tragic loss of a first responder, Tunnel to Towers deploys a rapid response team to immediately provide support to the family.

The Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk NYC will be held Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019, at 9:30 am. It will begin at IKEA Parking Lot 9, 1 Beard St., Brooklyn, NY 11231 and end in Manhattan at the corners of West and Murray Streets. The course, slightly longer than a standard 5K course, was created to retrace the final steps of Mr. Siller, who strapped on his gear and ran through the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel (formerly known as the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel) to the Twin Towers.

We are in the process of setting up a CSA page where our members, family and friends can register to participate or to donate to this worthy effort. Children 14 and under register for free. Questions? Contact me.

The Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk NYC is slightly longer than a standard 5K course. It is approximately 3.5 miles long, beginning at the Brooklyn portal of the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel and continuing into the streets of Manhattan, before finally finishing at West Street and Murray Street.

Save The Dates

These are the dates for the Retiree Chapter Executive Board meetings. All are Thursdays, except the general membership meeting and Labor Day parade.

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Retiree Chapter Regional Unit Leaders

BY MARK BRODSKY

The Retiree Chapter has 16 regional units. The unit leaders are chosen from the ranks of the retirees. They share a deep respect for the union, which over the years has provided a safety net during hard times, protecting jobs and benefits. Many of our unit leaders were pioneers in unionism and the civil rights battles of the 20th century, marching in protest rallies and voting to defer raises so colleagues would not lose their jobs. Our leaders recognize the importance of a union connection in retirement, keeping the union strong through large membership numbers. As retirees, we cannot negotiate our benefits, which were earned through past contracts. Our main concern is maintaining what we earned. With the current mood of society, it behooves every retiree to become active with CSA. Unions are blamed for many of today’s economic woes because of pensions and health benefits. It matters not that these entitlements were earned by us as part of our compensation package in exchange for lower wages. But we must remain vigilant in protecting that which we earned as professionals in the school system. One way in which each and every one of you can help is to join your local regional unit. Then take the next step and become active in that unit’s legislative committee, and fight for what you earned. Another benefit of the units is social: They provide trips, luncheons and meetings, all of which provide an opportunity to reunite with colleagues and meet new people with common interests. Last, but not least, each unit has an outreach coordinator, someone who can act as a resource in difficult times, or for information about help that’s readily available. Below is a list of all of the regional units.

If you haven’t already joined, please contact your regional unit leader today!

AZARONA
Stephanie Thier and Dominick Nigro (not pictured) were both EAs. Ms. Thier retired in 2002, Mr. Nigro in 2003. sthier@gmail.com dom@nigro.net

PACIFIC COAST
Carol Rainey retired in 1996 as assistant principal of PS 335, D-16, Brooklyn. lamesagramsey@gmail.com

ARIZONA
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BRONX
Marvin Goodman retired in 2003 as assistant superintendent, D-17. ressms2@aol.com

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY
Lucille Vecchiarelli retired in 1997 as assistant principal at IS 75 Paulo Intermediate School in Staten Island. luluvecch@gmail.com

GEORGIA
Georgia Harrison retired in 2005 as assistant superintendent, D-17. lolo234@aol.com

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BROOKLYN
Rosalyn Allman Manning retired in 2015 as principal of PS 210 Queens. RMannningDQ@aol.com

LONG ISLAND
Victor Ravens retired in 1989 as assistant principal of PS 364, Brooklyn. vicrav@optonline.net

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FLORIDA-SOUTHEAST
Lois Turetzky retired in 1999 as principal, CES 71, Bronx. (principal mentor for District 4 and New Visions for Public Schools) gcifeht@aol.com

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY
Mike Mirikaln retired in 2004 as principal of Bronx Academy High School mmirik@suny.org

FLORIDA-SUN COAST
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QUEENS
Leonard B. Stemman retired in 2005 as a district administrator special education, District 26. stemmanlen@aol.com

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY
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MANHATTAN
Stanley Wilson retired in 2001 as principal of PS 297, Brooklyn. she29v@verizon.net

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA
By now you should have received your spring newsletter. If you have not and have had a change of address, please let me know. Also, it is important to let me know if your e-mail address or telephone number has changed. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

— LOIS TURETZKY

SUNCOAST
Greetings everyone. Well many of our snowbirds have gone home as we enter into our steamy summer season. Here at the Suncoast Chapter, I am planning a special social event in October, when our Sarasota weather is glorious. I do not have a date but as soon as I get more information regarding our venue, I will send out an email to all of you. I promise it will be as wonderful as our visit to the Vinoy! If you have recently changed your email address, please let me know. If I do not have an email address for you, I will send you a letter. If you need to reach me, just email - cindy.sal6087@gmail.com or call me at (646) 387-2652. In the meantime, stay well and keep having fun.

— CINDY SALOMONE

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RC Regional Units

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— RENEE VARMOFF

LOWER HUDSON VALLEY
We will hold our annual luncheon on Sept. 21 at the Davenport on the Sound Mansion. We’ll send details at the end of July in our Lo Hud/Lo Down newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you.

— JANICE IMUNDI

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY
The Central New Jersey Unit had a great year, thanks to all the members who paid dues and attended the general membership meetings and luncheons. Without your support, we would not be able to subsidize the various events throughout the year. The executive board and I thank you and wish you a very pleasant and happy summer.

— LuCille Vecchiarelli

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— RENEE VARMOFF

SUNCOAST Unit Afternoon

Members of the Suncoast Retiree Unit on their recent visit to the historic Vinoy Hotel, in St. Petersburg Florida, for a tour and luncheon.
‘Leaders Tomorrow’

PS 251, The Paerdegat School in Brooklyn won the WPIX Channel 11 Fuel My Schools campaign and was awarded an $11K grant. The school was recognized for services they provide to their community through a program called “Service For Schools,” in which students visit hospitals, homeless shelters, and animal shelters. They hope to use the funds to help provide a complimentary laundry center for economically disadvantaged families and develop a robotics lab. Hundreds of schools applied for the grant. PS 6, also in Brooklyn, under the leadership of Principal Lena Gates, was runner up, earning a $5K grant. “Our school motto is ‘Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow,’ and this competition has allowed our students to display their true leadership skills,” said Principal Sheldon Noel.

Brooklyn (DIST. 13-23,32)

Breaking Ground

The groundbreaking ceremony for East New York Family Academy’s new building was May 10. The new building will open in Sept. of 2021. Until then, students are housed at Maxwell HS. State Assemblymember Charles Barron, State Senator Roxanne Persaud and City Councilmember Inez Barron joined Principal Anthony Yard, AP Robert Henrack and AP Earle Yearwood, and former principal Sheila Richards to celebrate the momentous occasion. “Our community has always been a big, extended family, and the groundbreaking was an incredible opportunity for current students, alumni, parents, past and present staff, and community leaders to come together to celebrate this thrilling moment for our school,” said Principal Yard.

MS 136, Charles O. Dewey, under the leadership of Eric Sackler, celebrated Tanzania Night to celebrate the International Affairs Club’s trip to Africa. Each year, a group of over twenty 7th and 8th graders travel abroad after submitting essays on learning about other nations. Students participated in safari game drives, visited national parks and met students from the Maasai Tribe. They kept travel journals, constructed projects to showcase their learning, and produced a video to document their experience. ‘These wonderful experiential opportunities accelerate learning by enhancing knowledge and skills well beyond the classroom,’” said Assistant Principal Humberto Perdono.

Five administrators and teachers from Kazakhstan visited James Madison HS to explore best practices in multilingual and STEM education as part of a project organized by the US State Department in conjunction with the Chancellor’s Office of Special Programs. Guests attended a ceremony for the Madison students who placed at the top of the American Council of Teachers of Russian’s Olympiada of Spoken Russian this spring. “Principal Jodie Cohen always strives to celebrate the diversity of Madison High School, and this program exemplifies the common bond of educators throughout the world,” said Juan Subirana, the Assistant Principal of Foreign Language.

In April, the Afro-American Parents Educational Center celebrated the Week of the Young Child with daily activities that brought the community together. Parents were invited to cook with their children to help teach nutrition and the importance of family meals, to read aloud to them to help develop their listening and language skills, and to participate in a painting activity. The week culminated with dance lessons led by teacher Verna Walcott-White. “The Week of the Young Child gives us an opportunity to promote family involvement and bridges the gap between home and school,” said Executive Director Beverly Campbell.

Queens (DIST. 24 - 30)

Big Doings!

PS 99, The Kew Gardens School hosted a visit from Chilean mayors and educators to observe best practices and to build an international public education community. Visitors were treated to a walk-through of classrooms, performances, and a panel discussion. The trip was organized by the Center for Educational Innovation. PS 99 was chosen by District 28 Superintendent Mabel Sarduy. “Hosting this event was an honor, and it was a day full of insightful conversations,” said Principal Paulette Foglio.

Senior Suha Hussain from the Queens HS for the Sciences at York College was one of 15 students from NYC to participate in the 2019 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, the world’s largest pre-college science competition. Approximately 1,800 students from over 80 countries gathered in Phoenix in May to showcase research and compete for more than $5 million in prizes. Suha’s project on privacy violations in children’s applications previously won the NYSEF First Award in Computer Science. Last year, she received a prize for a project on speech recognition systems. “We are extremely proud of Suha’s achievements,” said Principal Ana de Jesús.

Manhattan (DIST. 1-6)

Loving Language

PS/IS 18, The Park Terrace School, under the leadership of Principal Connie Mejia, celebrated their 17th annual Be Excited About Reading (BEAR) Day and hosted community leaders, authors, retired and aspiring teachers, parents and alumni to read aloud to students and share stories about literacy in their lives and work. “The day always builds community, and when students hear how important reading has been in our guests’ career and education, our mission crystallizes in their minds,” said Assistant Principal Donna McGuire.

PS 87, The William T. Sherman School hosted the Fourth Annual Spanish Spelling Bee for District 3’s Dual Language Bilingual Schools. There were 34 finalists in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade, both second language learners as well as students learning Spanish. The MS 247 Dual Language Bilingual Middle School sent students to help with the registration and welcome families, and Principal Monica Berry (PS 87), Assistant Principal Alida Grafals (PS 78) and Assistant Principal Mary Acosta (PS 84) were judges.