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## WE REMEMBER DICK RAYMOND

Due to the vagaries of email, this missed our August edition.



### ARRESTED

In the principal's office at Franklin High School, Adam Urbanski asked Dick Raymond and me if we wanted to be arrested. It was 1994 or 1995 and Dick and I were both retired but still very active and interested in our union and willing to accept an important assignment.

The building representatives at Franklin asked Adam to spend some time at the school to observe the general conditions, speak with teachers, and listen to their views on how things could be improved. Adam asked us [as retirees] if we could spend the day at the school and he would come during the lunch hours to listen and offer the RTA's help. This sounded like a good plan to us.

On the appointed day and after the building representatives informed the principal that we would be in the building, Dick and I arrived shortly after the First Period was to begin. After observing many late-comers strolling in the halls it appeared that First Period had begun. We spoke with many teachers that morning during their preparation periods. We learned of a general frustration with the administration (especially with the principal) and with the difficulties that some students were having that were not being addressed.

Room 55 in the basement was a gathering place for teachers as was a large room on the second floor next to the library. Dick and I talked with several of our in-service friends as well as new teachers. All were pleased that we were listening to their concerns and could empathize with their many frustrations. Adam joined us in the cafeteria for lunch. Soon after we started eating our sandwiches the principal sent an aide to inform us that Dick and I must leave the building immediately but that the RTA president could stay because it was contractual. We clearly pointed out that, as representatives of the president, we had a right to stay as well. The principal called legal counsel at Central Office and was told that retirees had no right to be in any school building. The next message from the principal stated that he had called the police and that the three union people (Urbanski, Raymond, and Allen) were to report to his office as soon as possible.

The principal and three police officers were in his office as we entered. We identified ourselves and told the officers that we were not sure why they were there. The bottom line was that we had to leave the building immediately. Adam asked us if we wanted to be arrested and pointed out that Albert Shanker got his start in that way. I pointed out that Shanker was about thirty-five years younger than Dick and me when he was arrested. I did not want to be arrested but it appeared that Dick wanted to think it over. The officers asked us what we wanted them to do. We finally said that we would like them to escort us to our cars. One officer said that if he escorted us anywhere it would be to HIS car.

One of the building representatives had informed the media of our possible arrest. Dick and I could see from the principal's window that TV cameras were being set up outside the building. Adam, Dick, and I walked out the front door and had a press conference on the public sidewalk of Norton Street. After that Dick went to a regular monthly meeting at the RTA office and I had a meeting as co-chairman of the Sabbatical Committee. We both made it home in time to see ourselves on television that evening. Such was a day in the life of two retired Rochester teachers.

A tribute to Dick: This is just one story in the life of a remarkable person. The union, for decades, was of utmost importance to Dick and he was of utmost importance to the union. His knowledge, ability, helpfulness, and warmth have been greatly instrumental in the success of our efforts. He loved the union and the union loved him right back.

by Bob Allen

## Darwin Day

Darwin Day is a global celebration of science and reason held on Feb. 12, the birthday anniversary of evolutionary biologist Charles Darwin.

I am hoping to organize the first annual Darwin Day for Rochester for Sunday, February 12, 2012. I have reserved a Brighton Town Parks cabin for the entire day. I am looking for individuals and groups to help me by offering ideas, activities for any age, and organizational help. I need help getting this started so that we can eventually make it a yearly event in support of knowledge, science, and reason.

If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact me at 329-3305 or baswan@aol.com. Thank you.

by Barry Swan.

## JOHN PAVONE ON HEALTH INSURANCE FOR RETIREES

RCS D Benefits informs us that retirees in November will receive by mail information concerning this year's open enrollment period and the time and place of explanatory meetings.

Retirees were recently sent letters saying that their prescription coverage was non-creditable. Only retirees with Basic coverage should have been sent the non-creditable letter. Those retirees who received the non-creditable by error have been sent a correcting creditable letter.

A retiree with questions can call the benefits office at 262 8206 or me, John Pavone, directly at 546 2681.

by John Pavone

## NOMINATION AND ELECTION FOR NYSUT/AFT DELEGATE

If you miss the November 4 deadline for written nominations for NYSUT and AFT Delegates, call one of your RRTA Reps, who can make nominations on the floor of the November 15 Representative Assembly. Any dues-paying RRTA member is eligible to run for delegate. The call for nominations is on the RTA Website and in the Rochester Teacher which was mailed on October 20. Watch your mail for the ballots for this election, which will be mailed December 15. If you are a dues paying member and do not receive a ballot, call the RTA office 546 2681.

by Mary Barnum

WATCH FOR THE  
NEW SHAW DATES  
IN OUR  
JANUARY ISSUE

## 2011-12 RRTA CALENDAR

An \* indicates date not yet firm. More items will be added as the year goes on. Only dues paying members receive timely notification of newly scheduled events.

All RRTA activities are without profit, so be nice to the people who take the time and trouble to plan them. Please check the membership status of your guest(s) before making payment. Payment for events is accepted only with a completed registration form. Please write a separate check for each event or payment.

RRTA meetings are always 10 a.m. in the RTA office, 30 North Union Street and are open to all dues payers.

If you want to be part of an RRTA work crew (stuffing envelopes, collating, etc.), please call Mary Barnum to be put on the to-call list when RTA needs people power. Come help your union, enjoy a free lunch, and hear the latest buzz.

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| <b>November</b> | 3 RRTA meeting<br>15 RTA Rep Assembly<br>* Books for Kids #15   |
| <b>December</b> | 1 RRTA meeting<br>8 Holiday party<br>20 RTA Rep Assembly<br>* Books for Kids #41  |
| <b>January</b>  | 5 RRTA meeting<br>17 RTA Rep Assembly<br>* Books for Kids #23   |
| <b>February</b> | 2 RRTA meeting<br>14 RTA Rep Assembly<br>* Books for Kids #54   |
| <b>March</b>    | 1 RRTA meeting<br>20 RTA Rep Assembly<br>* Eastman House<br>* Books for Kids #10  |
| <b>April</b>    | 5 RRTA meeting<br>17 RTA Rep Assembly<br>* Shaw Festival<br>* Books for Kids 44   |
| <b>May</b>      | 3 RRTA meeting<br>15 RTA Rep Assembly<br>* Rochester Canal trip<br>* Shaw Festival<br>* Books for Kids #16  |
| <b>June</b>     | 6 Sculpture Garden Tour and lunch Leroy<br>7 RRTA meeting<br>18 RTA Rep Assembly<br>* RRTA picnic<br>* Red Wing game<br>* Keuka boat trip and lunch |



**Breast Cancer Walk October 2, 2011**  
Marilyn Shapiro of School 12 with RRTA members Marie Jenkins Cox, David Altobelli, Val Huff and Val's husband, Bill Jones

## ROCHESTER RETIRED TEACHERS (RRTA)

### Application for Dues-Paying membership 2011-2012

We cordially invite you to join us as an RRTA dues-paying member. As a dues-paying member, you will receive all RRTA mailings, including prompt notification of all our activities. (Because of cost and energy constraints, only 2 mailings per year go to non-dues-paying retirees.) You are entitled to run for office and vote in RTA and RRTA elections, including elections for NYSUT, AFT, and NEA delegates. Each year at the NYSUT convention, about 25% of the items voted upon deal with retiree issues. You elect 28 RRTA Reps to the RTA Representative Assembly, based upon our present membership of 581 dues-paying retirees. You elect an RRTA Department Chair who is a voting member of the RTA Executive Council. You will receive discounts on many RRTA activities, which are held, whenever possible, on school days, during school hours. And, of course, you will receive the 2011-2012 pocket calendar to keep track of all your retiree activities. RRTA dues are set at 10% of RTA dues. Presently that is \$31.30. The membership year is September 1 to August 31. But we are happy to accept dues at any time. Those who have paid 2011-2012 dues as of October 20th are listed on the opposite page.

### 2011-2012 RRTA Dues Payment

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Former School \_\_\_\_\_ Year retired \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \* \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you include your e-mail address, you will be placed on a list serve and receive updates on RTA and RRTA news.

Please print or write clearly. Send completed form and check for \$31.30 made out to RRTA and note that the check is for 2011-2012 dues to RTA, 30 North Union Street, Rochester, NY14607.

### RRTA BOOKS FOR KIDS

Donation enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Former School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form along with check payable to **RRTA Books for Kids** to the RTA office, 30 North Union, Rochester, New York 14607, Attention: Mary Barnum. Any questions call Mary Barnum, 377 0313(home) or 546 2681 (RTA).

## RRTA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON GOLDEN PONDS 500 LONG POND ROAD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011

11:00 Music by The Striking Strings      11:30 Meet and Greet, Cash Bar      12:30 Lunch served  
 1:00 Music by The Striking Strings      1:00 Gift Exchange — Please bring \$5 gift to exchange

The Striking Strings, led by Mitzi Collins, is a hammer dulcimer ensemble which includes our own striking Mary Gentry.

**\$18.00 Dues payers \$20.00 Non dues payers**

Price includes entree with salad, potato, vegetable, rolls and butter, dessert, beverage, tax and gratuity.

Deadline for reservation: **November 19, 2011**

Tear off and complete form below.

### RRTA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON DECEMBER 8, 2011

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Former School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Number of \$18 dues paying member lunches \_\_\_\_\_ total \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Number of \$20 Non dues paying lunches \_\_\_\_\_ total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total amount of check in payment to RRTA \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Choices: indicate number of each:

Roast Sirloin au jus \_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_ Broiled Haddock \_\_\_\_\_ Baked Vegetarian Lasagna \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to RRTA. Return completed form and check to: Attention Mary Barnum, Rochester Teachers Association; 30 North Union Street; Rochester, NY 14607; Suite 301.

# 2011-2012 List of Dues Paying Retired Rochester Teachers

Is your name on the list of 2011 - 2012 RRTA dues payers? If it is, we say, "Thank you!!!" But, if your name is not on the list, (list as of October 17, 2011), it means we have not received your membership dues. This is the last mailing of 2011 - 2012 which will be mailed to retirees who have not paid dues for this year.

Richard Adamus  
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Mary Jo Brennan  
Barbara Buckingham  
Thomas Burke  
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## RRTA MINUTES OCTOBER 6, 2011

Present: D. Altobelli, K. Barkley, M. Barnum, L. Bonanni, C. Bonsignore-Kitchen, P. Bradbury, C. Dean, K. Evans, K. Fager, M. Gentry, A. Hanley, K. Huey, W. Humphrey, B. Jones, F. Macek, L. Rapkin, B. Swan, G. Sweeney, (18)

Reps Absent but excused: F. Valente, M. Zimmer

Reps Absent: R. Allen, P. Brody, C. Giunta, J. Ivanick, M. Jenkins Cox, M. Keating, M. McCarron, M. Overcash, S. Silvio, A. Smith

Charlie Dean called the meeting to order at 10: 23 a.m. in conference room A of the RTA office. Charlie spoke briefly about his election as RRTA Chair.

**Calendar Adjustments:** Mary Barnum requested calendar adjustments or additions for her final RRTeacher new copy.

**RRTeacher Newspaper:** Mary Barnum shared the deadline, print and mailing dates for the year. Deadlines for copy and pictures: October 11, December 12, February 28, July 18. Issues will be mailed in November, January, April and August. Only dues payers receive January and April issues. November issue will include names of 2012 dues payers.

**Dress A Girl Around the World:** Mary Barnum shared information about Dress A Girl Around the World submitted by Barbara Chambers. Barbara and Sandy Rodriguez would like an article in the RRTeacher about this volunteer project. The members approved.

**FREE Partnerships:** Mary Barnum reported a request from Bruce Pollock regarding FREE Partnerships, a mentoring program for Rochester City School students. The group approved 10 minutes for Bruce Pollock to speak to us on November 3.

**Long Term Care Insurance Workshop:** Steve Polizzi requests a mailing announcing his November 14th workshop. He provides the material, we prepare the mailing on October 20, 11 a.m. Polizzi provides flyer and pays for postage and envelopes.

**Breast Cancer Walk:** Mary Barnum gave thanks to all who participated on the very soggy, cold day on October 2. Special thanks to Marie Jenkins Cox and Dave Altobelli who worked and then took wet shirts home to dry them out They will be sold at the Next RA, with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Charlie Dean had pink bracelets to share.

**RRTA Website:** Charlie Dean spoke about the advantages of putting RRTA information on the RTA website. This should not be an effort to replace our newspaper. Charlie has spoken to the people who are working on the RTA website: Ken Silvio, Bill Gerber, and Donna Hohmann. Our RRTA Committee is Mary Zimmer, Carol Bonsignore Kitchen, Linda Rapkin, Grace Sweeney, and Kevin Fager.

**RRTA Emails:** Mary Barnum reported that of the 235 retirees who have so far paid 2012 dues, about 1/2 to 2/3 have sent email addresses.

**VoteCope:** David Altobelli thanked VoteCope contributors.

**Books for Kids:** Polly reported that the committee met on September 1 and set the school visits calendar for the year. There is over \$5000 in the Dick Raymond memorial fund. A special Dick memorial presentation will be done in December, followed by a luncheon.

**Labor Council:** Freddi Macek announced that she has signs for Sandy Frankel.

**Darwin Day:** Barry Swan requested an article in our paper in support of Darwin Day on February 12, 2012. To see if there is any interest, Barry has rented a cabin at Henrietta Park for the day as a place to gather to generate interest and make plans. The members gave approval.

David Altobelli appointed to The Retiree Advisory Committee for NYSUT: Charlie Dean congratulated David on his appointment. He was nominated by Adam.

The next meeting is November 3 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Minutes taken by Polly Bradbury for Mary Zimmer, who is still in Italy.

## BOOKS FOR KIDS PLANS ITS 16TH YEAR

The Books for Kids Committee held its annual meeting on September 1 in the RTA office and made plans for this school year. One first grade a month will be visited and each student given a new, hardcover book, the topic of hi/her choice. Just as for the last fifteen years, money to purchase these books comes from you, our generous retired Rochester teachers.

A special feature this year will be a presentation in memory of Dick Raymond who passed away in April. Dick was one of our founding members. He worked faithfully to insure our success. Whether he was selecting books at Barnes and Noble, reading in the classroom, working the car pool or collecting pop cans at the RTA office to turn into cash for books, Dick was always a strength to be depended upon.

In appreciation, the Books for Kids Committee members have funded this December's classroom presentation to honor Dick. Dick's favorite, My School Is a Zoo, will be read. Dick drove to Syracuse to a book fair and purchased 50 copies of these books, autographed by the author. The author, Stu Smith, gave Dick a special price on all that he had left. Sadly, Zoo is no longer in print.

After the December presentation, the BFK Committee will go out to lunch to celebrate Dick's life. Special guests will be Sue Raymond and Adam Urbanski.

by Polly Bradbury



### Books for Kids Committee 2011- 2012

Al Silverman, Ellen Lamb, Sue Tkach, Maria Mendicino, Rosemarie Milliman, Randy Bradshaw, Dorelis Osborne, Standing: Joe DeRoller, Lillian Bonanni, Jeanne Wells, Sandy Maddicks, Katherine Barkley, Marie Ferenchak, Kathy Evans, Karen Huey, Mary Zimmer, Polly Bradbury, Mary Barnum Not present for picture: Sharon Chandler, Beryl Clymer, Blanche Daniel, Lawrence Debellis, Peg Donaghey, Rosemary Eichenlaub, Elaine Erbland, Margaret Finch, Jennifer Gourdine, Sue Nielsen, Donna Proietti, Linda Rapkin, Diane Voellinger, Mary Jo Whalen

## Successful Not-Back-to-School Picnic



David Smith, Lillian Bonanni, Sue Raymond



Sharon Chandler, Florence Jones, and Joyce Luce



Willie Humphrey



Barb Buckingham, Ginny Rockwell, Mary Gentry with Canandaigua Lake

The RRTA's September 9, 2011 picnic at the Canandaigua Yacht Club was well attended with approximately 35 members present. Despite predictions of stormy weather, it turned out to be a sunny and pleasantly warm afternoon, perfect for a lakeside meal and camaraderie.

Thanks to members' culinary contributions, the food was, as usual, good. Special thanks to Sue Raymond, who graciously hosted us at the Yacht Club, as well as provide all of the basics, such as plates and chicken and forks, etc.; Charlie Dean and Willie Humphrey, who grilled the meat; Kevin Fager, who provided the corn on the cob; Kathy Evans, who made sailboat shaped candy. Other members present were, Sue and John Rigney, Ginny Rockwell, Dorothy Rossi, Bob Gruver, Mary Gentry, Genevieve McKee, Polly Bradbury, Bob and Ann Allen, Mary Barnum, Sharon Chandler, Florence Jones, Barb Buckingham, Mary Casey, David Smith, Marie Jenkins Cox, Donna Sanders, Riviera Wilcove, Joyce and Jerry Luce, Bev and Tom Arcarese, Mary Ellen Gentile (proud to announce her new grandchild, Lillian Charlotte Humbert, making Mary Ellen a new "nana" on the 8th), Madge Ludwig, Judy Glaubinger, Lillian Bonanni, Verna Rex, Jane Mullen, Katherine Barkley, and myself, Maureen McCarron.

Perpetual thanks to both the setup and cleanup crews (you know who you are). Finally to all our members: see you at our next event - our gala holiday party. (picnic pictures by Mary Ellen Gentile)

by Maureen McCarron

## RRTA Tours Rock City

Seven RRTA members made it through the detours around Dansville to reach Olean, New York on August 30. We ate at Beef n Barrel, one of Dick Raymond's favorite places. They specialize in roast beef. After lunch, we found our way up the hill south of Olean to Rock City Park. At the park some sat and watched others brave the paths around and through the giant rocks on the side of the hill. Left by some billion years old lake and resembling no others anyplace, the rocks are two and three stories high. One does not realize that massive rocks this size even exist in the area. We had nice weather and great company to enjoy the day.

by Mary Gentry



Mary Gentry introduces her boys, Spicey and Spunky, to the Rock City bear.

**DECEMBER 12  
COPY AND PICTURE DEADLINE FOR  
THE NEXT  
ROCHESTER RETIRED TEACHER**

**NOTE:  
THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE RRTA  
WILL BE SENT ONLY TO DUES PAYERS**