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MEDICARE PLANS FOR 2015

Although the plans offered by the City School District remain essentially the same, there are some changes for you to consider.

The formula for your contribution remains the same. That means you pay the difference in the cost of the plan you choose and the Excellus Basic Plan. This year the cost of the Excellus Basic Plan was more than the cost of two of the plans offered by the District. Therefore, if your plan was Excellus Medicare Blue Choice HMO/POS or MVP Preferred GOLD Standard w/Part D Prescription Drug Plan, you paid nothing for your health care coverage. If you were in the MVP Preferred Gold Buy Up w/Part D Prescription Drug plan, you paid \$37.40/month for your health care. That plan is no longer offered by MVP and is only available to retirees who were already in the plan. The last plan offered by the District is the Excellus BlueEPO Option 1 RETIREE + ENHANCED PLAN. This plan is not an HMO plan and therefore is more costly. If you had this plan, you paid \$363.22/month for your health coverage.

This year, due to the formula noted above, the plans have changed their costs. The monthly costs are listed below in the same order as above.

Excellus Medicare Blue Choice \$56.48
HMO/POS

Preferred GOLD Standard \$8.36
w/Part D Prescription Drug Plan

Preferred Gold Buy Up \$46.16
w/Part D Prescription Drug Plan

THIS PLAN IS CLOSED AND ONLY AVAILABLE TO RETIREES WHO ALREADY ARE ENROLLED.

Excellus BlueEPO Option 1 \$393.37
RETIREE + ENHANCED PLAN

As you can see, all plans have a cost to the retiree. Each person must make a decision during November (You will be notified of the exact dates soon.) whether to make a change or not. You will be receiving a comparison of the plans prior to the deadline. As with any health care plan, you have to research the coverages and costs before making that decision.

The main difference in coverage between the two HMO's is the prescription drug coverage. Both of these plans involve the donut hole, but the amount paid by the retiree for drugs depends upon the drugs since the copays are different. You can ask your pharmacy for a list of the drugs you have purchased this year in order to compare the plans. There is also a difference in the copay for specialists with Excellus being \$15 and MVP being \$30.

If you are in the MVP closed plan, you may change to any of the other 3 plans, however, you are not allowed to change back next year, because the plan is closed and is not part of the open enrollment that occurs each November.

Also, please remember that with all HMO's offered by the District, you must live in the designated local area for more than 6 months a year.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me.

Charlie Dean (H) 585-865-1735



2014-15 RRTA Reps: Sitting: Carol Bonsignore-Kitchen, Lillian Bonanni, Karen Huey, June Ivanick, Barbara Buckingham, Martha Keating, Standing: Maureen McCarron, Marie Ferenchak, Ken Schulz, Mary Zimmer, Frank Valente, Kathy Evans, Freddi Macek, Al Smith, Mary Barnum, David Altobelli, Charlie Dean, Patti Brody. This photo was taken at our October 2 meeting. Missing were(are) Bob Allen, Zeldia Artson Crichlow, Katherine Barkley, Kevin Fager, Willie Humphrey, Marie Jenkins Cox, Brenda Jones, Marianne Overcash, Linda Rapkin, Gaya Shakes, Sharon Silvio, Barry Swan, Grace Sweeney, Yolanda Wooten. We have one vacant RRTA Rep position.

RCSD HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT INFORMATION MEETING Wednesday, Nov. 19

3 to 5 p.m.
for RCSD Retirees
Wilson Foundation Academy
200 Genesee Street

RTA HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION MEETING FOR RRTA MEMBERS Thursday, Nov. 20

2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
for RTA Retirees
East High Forum Room
(entrance on Ohio Street, off East Main)

November 26

**DEADLINE
FOR RETIREES
TO CHANGE
HEALTH
INSURANCE**



2014-15 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.

- Nov. 6** RRTA meeting
- 18** Rep Assembly meeting
Books for Kids Wilson Academy
- 19** CSD Health Insurance mtng.
- 20** RTA Health Insurance mtng.
- 24** Dress a Girl
- Dec. 4** RRTA Holiday Party
- 11** RRTA meeting
Deadline for Rochester Retired Teacher
- 16** Rep Assembly meeting
* Books for Kids #4
- Jan. 8** RRTA meeting
- 20** Rep Assembly meeting
- 22** RRTeacher mailed to dues payers
- 26** Dress a Girl
* Books for Kids #43
- Feb. 5** RRTA meeting
- 24** Rep Assembly meeting
* Books for Kids #9
- Mar. 5** RRTA meeting
- 9** Deadline for April RRTeacher
- 24** Rep Assembly meeting
* Books for Kids #39
- Apr. 9** RRTA meeting
April RRTeacher mailed
- 21** Rep Assembly meeting
* Books for Kids #50
* Shaw Festival play
* RRTA Rep Nominations
- May 7** RRTA meeting
- 19** Rep Assembly meeting
* Books for Kids #2
* Shaw Festival play
- June 4** RRTA meeting
- 16** Rep Assembly meeting
* Books for Kids #25
* RRTA night at the Red Wings

RRTA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Golden Ponds 500 Long Pond Road
Thursday, December 4, 2014

Invite a retired friend to join you for a reunion at our annual Holiday party. Traditionally this event draws the most participants. It is a joyful occasion to renew old friendships.

11:00 Meet and Greet, Cash Bar

12:00 Lunch served

\$14.00 Dues payers

Please note the special discount for dues payers

\$18.00 Non dues payers

Price includes buffet: roast sirloin with gravy, baked chicken, meatballs in sauce, ziti with sauce, hot vegetables, assorted relishes, salad with assorted dressings, Italian bread and butter, dessert, beverage, tax and gratuity. Deadline for reservation: November 21, 2014.

Again this year, instead of a gift exchange, we ask that you bring a nonperishable food item to donate to a local food cupboard.

Tear off and complete form below. Please print.

RRTA Holiday Luncheon December 4, 2014
Deadline for reservation: November 21.

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 City/Town _____
 Zip _____
 No. of \$14 dues paying member lunches __ total \$ _____
 No. of \$18 Non dues paying lunches __ total \$ _____
 Total amount of check in payment to RRTA \$ _____
 Please print the names of your guests.

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

THIS ISSUE OF THE ROCHESTER RETIRED TEACHER IS THE LAST OF THE YEAR TO BE SENT TO RETIREES WHO HAVE NOT PAID DUES. CHECK FOR YOUR NAME ON THE LIST IN THIS ISSUE.

We cordially invite you to join us as a RRTA dues-paying member. As a dues-paying member.....

- You will receive ALL RRTA MAILINGS, including the RRTA newspaper and prompt notification of all our activities. (Because of cost and energy constraints, only a two of our mailings go to non-dues payers.)
- You are entitled to run for office and vote in RTA and RRTA elections. This includes delegates to NYSUT and AFT conventions. (Note - at this year's convention, approximately one fourth of the items voted on dealt with retiree issues.)
- You elect 32 representatives to the RTA Representative Assembly.
(This is based on our current membership of 639 members.)
- 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 2014-2015 school year pocket calendar to keep track of ALL your retiree activities.

RRTA dues are 10% of RTA dues or \$35.30.

RRTA 2014-15 RRTA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Former School ____ Year retired ____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 _____ Zip _____

If you wish to be added to our listserve, please print your email address: _____

Send the completed form with your check for \$35.30 to RTA 30 North Union Street, Rochester, NY 14607

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2014-2015 LIST OF DUES PAYING RETIRED ROCHESTER TEACHERS

Joseph Abernethy	Gary Cregan	Mary Ann Green	Thomas Lamme	Katherine Pecora	Ruth Smith
Jean Acquilano	Johanna Cummings	Eileen Grimaldi	Joseph Laplaca	Caroline Pepper	David Smizzi
Richard Adamus	Kathryn Curran	Robert Gruver	Connie Lathrop	Linda Pero	Austin Snead
Jane Ahrens	Maureen Currie	Rose Gulley	Linda Latiuk	Agnes Perry	Ellen Sorensen Serafine
Patricia Albring	Christine Curtis	Carol Guttman	Richard Lavalley	Phyllis Perry	Marie Sorrentino
Elizabeth Alexander	Harlow Cushman	Maureen Guyett	Ivan Lennon	Sebastian Petix	Sandra Spacher
Anne Allen	Martha Cuthbert	James Hagen	Jane Levin	Mary Petronio	Rosemarie Sparagana
Bonnie Allen	Brian Daily	Nancy Hagenbach	Edgar Levy	Hugh Pierce	Mark Spinder
Helen Allen	Beverly Damico	James Haldeman	Sandra Levy	Nancy Pilaroscia Sigmund	Kathleen Stear
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Herman Alston, Jr.	Martha Daniels	Mary Halpin	Hela Lipitz	Donna Pogue	Barbara Stevens
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Betty Marian Anderson	Hedy Dastyck	Diana Hamilton	Ida Delores Locklear	Barbara Postell	Pamela Stiles
Luanna Andrews	Mary Davey	Arlene Hanley	Leonard Lofton	Mark Powers	Todd Storm
Simone Araya	Ann Davis	Carol Hanley	Dorothy Loncle	Maureen Preston	Carol Strieter
Beverly Arcarese	Charlie Dean	Thomas Hanley	Shirley Long	Patricia Primerano	Deborah Sullivan
Janet Archibald	Lawrence Debellis	Paula Hansen	Jean Losinger	Donna Proietti	Arthur Sunderlin
Frank Arena	David Defendis	Margaret Hansen Lopez	Nancy Lowthian	Linda Pulhamus	Barry Swan
Zelda Artson Crichlow	Louise Delaus	Janice Hanson	Joyce Luce	Royetta Pulver	David Swanson
Jane Arundel	Michael Delaus	Daria Hanushevsky	Madge Ludwig	Russell Pulver	Lorraine Swanton
Samuel Attardo	Deanne Delehanty	Constance Harges	Maureen Lynch Bennett	Trevor Purdy	Linda Szeffc
Nancy Attardo Atherton	John Dengler	Linda Hardock	Carole Mac Monagle	William Quinlisk	Nancy Taber
Brenda E Austin	Gail Dentinger	Sadie Harring	Freddi Macek	Francella Quinn	Mary Tachco
Alan Barasch	Joseph Deponceau	Gale Harris	Edward Machonkin	Heather Quinn	Maryanne Talia
Karen Barber	Joseph DeRoller	Jean Harris	Sandy Maddicks	Richard Quivey	Dorothy Taylor
Katherine Barkley	Elizabeth Derry	Paula Harris	Bernice Mahar	Arthur Radin	Joan Tenny
Mary Barnum	Diane Desmarais	Phyllis Harris	Marlene Maher	Naoma Ranalli	Carol Testa
Susan Barocas	Carol Despos	Patricia Hart	John Mahoney	Linda Rapkin	Gertrude Thedford
Carole Bartlett	Josephine Dewey	Susan Hartwell	Roberta Majka	Milton Rapkin	Sue Thielking
Kathleen M. Bastuk	Myrna DiBiase	Judy Haskin	James Mangin	Thelma Raschiatore	Carrie Thomas
Will Batiste	Grace Dillon	Anne Hasler	Patricia Mangin	James Read	Carroll Thomas
Lawrence Baxter	Nancy DiMarco	Patricia Hatch	Elisabeth Marcello	William Read	Christine Thomas
Marvin Bayles	Carolyn Dimarsico	Edward Hathaway	Robert Marks	Scott Reagan	Linda Thrippleton
Phyllis Beal	Dolores Dinolfo	Margaret Hauser	Franklin Marotta	Dianne Reber	Raymond Tiede
Jane Beaver	Eileen DiPalma	Phyllis Haviland	Olivia Marozzi	Mary Ann Reed	Kristal Tillman
Jo Anne Behr (Butler)	Hanya Dombchewskjy	Katherine Hawes	Karen Martin	John Reign	Anne Timpano
Selma Berger	Carol Domenico	Donna Hayden	Suzanne Martin	David Reilly	Leslie Toker
Charles Berry	Peg Donaghy	Susan Heiligman	Susan Massar	Juliette Rhodes Cummings	Margaret Tonkinson
Ellen Best	Bonnie Dorschel	Elissa Hemming	Joan Matzner	Betty Rich	Kathleen Toole
Cece Betancourt	Shirley Dorsey	Thomas Hendry	Peg Maxey	Bettie Richards	Mary Toole
Richard Bialczak	John R. Doser	Gail Henry	Rose Maxwell	John Ricks	Geraldine Tortora
Cynthia Bianchi	Barbara Drmacich	Nancy Herrera	George Mazzeo	Virdell Robbins	Mollie Towne
Ken Bissinger	J. Ernest Du Bois	Jeanne Herrick	Joyce Coleman	Irene Roberts	Mollie Traub
Mary Ellen Blankenburg	Carol Dundas	Michael Herrman	Maureen McCarron	Ellen Robinson	Aino Turu
Patricia Bleier	Mary Lisa Dwyer	Nancy Hicks	Kathleen McCarthy	Barry Rosenberg	Adam Urbanski
Paul Bodekor	Jackie Eadie	Donald Higgins	Eldridge McClaney	Karen Ross	Frank Vaccaro
Julia Bogardus	Rosemary Eichenlaub	Keith Holderness	John McCrank	Dorothy Rossi	Frank Valente
Lewis Jeff Boice	Beth Elkin	Barbara Holland	Laura McCree	Eric Rounds	Robin Valoris
Lillian Bonanni	Patricia Elliott	Ellen Horn	Barbara McDaniel	Mary Rowan McDonnell	Jean Van Allen
Carol Bonsignore Kitchen	Marcia Elwitt	William Howard	Beverly McDonnell	Marilyn Roy	Gale Van Niel
Pidge Bower	Sheila Emmert	Carol Hubbell	Barbara McGlynn	Lawrence Rubenstein	Andrew Van Ostrand
Kathleen Bowersox	Anne Erwin	Karen Huey	Genevieve McKee	Noel Ruiz	George Vasho
Ruby Bowman	Bruna Evangelista	Valerie (Huff) Jones	Valerie McPherson	Marsha Rust	Anne Viggiani
Charles Boyar	Nellie Evans	Ann Hughes	Patricia Meek	Susan Salzman	Judith Vitello
Dorothy Boyle	Kathleen Evans	Linda Humphrey	Sandra Meleca	Victor Sampson	Sharon Vito
Jacqueline Boyle	Bedriye Evyapan	Willie Humphrey	Martha Memmott	Elsa C Sanchez	Diana Voellinger
Pauline Bradbury	Irene Fadden	Nancy Humphreys	Martha Menzel	Donna Sanders	Joanne Vouelalis
Randy Bradshaw	Catherine Fager	Kristin Hunt	Linda Mervis	William Sanders	Deborah Wachspress
Michael Braell	Kevin Fager	Nobuko Ichishita	Sam Miceli	Carol Santangelo	Jennie Wagner Wolf
Mary Jo Brennan	Catherine Feinen	Ruth Inzinna	Michael Michalek	Cathy Sargent	Janet Waldarek
Mary-Ann Brodt	Mabel Felder	June Ivanick	Janet Miles	Edward Sauers	Carolyn Walker
Bob Brody	Marie Ferenchak	Josetta Jackson	Veronica Miller	Claudia Savino	Elisa Wallace
Patricia Brody	Karolina Fero	Nina Jackson	Lynn Milliman	Karen-Ann Savino	Shirley Wallace
M. Karen Brokaw	Phyllis Ferrara Shrout	Theresa Jackson	Rosemarie Milliman	Natalie Sawczuk	Linda Wallen
Kathleen Brown	Jean Fiano	Richard Jacobs	Patricia Millner	Maureen Scahill	Judy Wallman
Cheryl Brown	Margaret Finch	Amy Jacobson	Mary Miskell	David Schafer	Gail Warner
James Brown	Ruth Fine	Peter James	Robert Mondy	Sara Schafer	Clara Webb
Joyce Bryan	Mary Fiorica	Lesley Jarbe	Audrey Montanus	Annette Schaff	Robert Webb
Barbara Buckingham	Cathleen Foster	Marie Jenkins Cox	Diana Moore	Linda Schaffer	William Weber
Cynthia Burch	Joseph Foster	Helen Jennette	Ralph Moorhouse	Michael Schaffer	Elizabeth Weber-Worden
Thomas Burke	Mary Foster	B. Jean Johnson	Jewell Morgan	Linda Schimpf	Mary Weeks
Nancy Burns	Kathryn Franz	Carol Johnson	Elizabeth Morley	Robert Schlegel	Carolyn Weishaar
Elizabeth Bush	Louise Frederes	Dana Johnson	Karen Morris	Helen Schneck	Jeanne Wells
Lea Cappella	Barbara Frederick	Skaidrite Johnson	Susan Motten	Edith Schneider	Julie Welton
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Gerald Cheplowitz	Robert Gears	Patricia Kehoe	Jeffrey Nicholson	Susan Seveins	Theresa Williams
Carroll Chiarelli	Sharon Gendron	Mary Kelly Oakes	James Nicoll	Anne Sexton	Joan Willis
Marlene Christopher	Mary Gentry	Kevin Kelso	Susan Nielsen	Ralph Shade	Wendy Willson
Linda Cirrincione	William Gerber	Gayle Kendig	Joanne Niemi	David Shakes	Celeste Wilson
Diane Clancy-Griffo	Wladimir Gerela	Charles Kennerson	Benjamin Nix	Gaya Shakes	Ann Wood
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Annette Coffey	Thomas Gillett	Genevieve Kier	Richard O'toole	Paul Sheck	Agnes Wright
Karen Cofield	Andrea Giuffre	Linda Kotwas	Barbara Ordway	Reggie Sherrill	Marjorie Wright
Amelita Colangelo	Judy Glaubinger	Joyce Kowba	David Ottney	Carol Sherwood	Wendy Wurz
Addie Coleman	Marvin Goldsberry	Linda Kraft	Vivian Ottney	Ellie Shulman	Carol Yacono-Harrison
James Collins	Judith Goldstein	James Kraus	Marianne Overcash	Allan Silverman	George Yanson
Barbara Compitello	Dolores Gonzalez Habes	Margaret Krizan	Dale Owen	Kenneth Silvio	Raymond Yeaton, Jr
Candee Conklin	Susan Goodwin	Paula Kromberg	Linda Palma Tornabene	Sharon Silvio	Dorothy Yovanoff
Chris Connell	Marlene L. Gordon	Gladys Kryger	Alice Palokoff	Alexander Simpson	David Zebelman
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RRTA Meeting June 12, 2014

Attendance: D. Altobelli, M. Barnum, P. Brody, B. Buckingham, C. Dean, K. Evans, K. Fager, M. Ferenchak, A. Hanley, K. Huey, W. Humphrey, M. Jenkins-Cox, M. McCarron, L. Rapkin, K. Schultz, G. Shakes, A. Smith, B. Swan, F. Valente, Y. Wooten, M. Zimmer
 Reps Excused: J. Ivanick, F. Macek, M. Overcash
 Reps Absent: B. Allen, K. Barkley, L. Bonanni, C. Bonsignore-Kitchen, M. Keating, S. Silvio, G. Sweeney
 Also attending: P. Bradbury, S. Raymond, D. Smith, J. Wells

- The meeting was called to order at 10:14.
- The May minutes were approved as written.
- C. Dean thanked those who came to the meeting last week and returned this week when the meeting had been postponed. He also thanked those who helped out during the year and for those who helped out at the previous night's RTA retirement dinner.
- Books for Kids -- Polly Bradbury shared pictures and thank you notes from School 33, the last school visited in May. September 4 will be the organizational lunch meeting to set the schools that will be chosen and for which months. All new members are welcome. It was suggested to send an invitation in August to new retirees to come to the meeting.
- AFT First Book -- The program in conjunction with RTA, Central Office and AFT that sends books to students to read in the summer have become unmanageable for librarians. It was requested by Aimee Rinere to volunteer some time to go into the buildings to help open boxes and organize the books. A list was sent around for volunteers.
- Vote Cope -- Dave Altobelli talked about the VC campaign. He said that the retiree thank you note and pins were in the mail. At the next RA on June 17 there will be the drawing for five \$50 dinner certificates. He did not receive many returns from the campaign. After the California decision to take away tenure and the possibility of a 2017 Constitutional Convention that would want to get control of the teacher pension, teachers need to become more involved and donate to Vote Cope.
- Dress a Girl -- They will continue to meet with dates through December (see the RRTA newspaper) June 30 is the next date. A minister is going on sabbatical to Kenya and El Salvador who will take dresses for the girls.
- Shaw -- The group has seen one play and has the final one June 20. They parked at NYSUT for these plays.
- Relay for Life -- Charlie Dean has luminaries for \$5 and taking donations for the walk. Send donations to RTA. The date is July 19 and walkers are welcome.
- Baseball Game -- 46 retirees signed up for the picnic and game.
- Nominations for RRTA rep -- Mary Barnum read the names of those nominated for the 19 positions. Arlene Hanley chose not to run again and was thanked for her service. Those who were nominated and elected (no election needed to be held due to number of nominees was less than positions available) for a two year term: David Altobelli, Zelda Artson-Crichlow, Mary Barnum, Lillian Bonanni, Patti Brody, Barbara Buckingham, Charlie Dean, Marie Ferenchak, Karen Huey, June Ivanick, Brenda Jones, Martha Keating, Maureen McCarron, Linda Rapkin, Al Smith, Barry Swan, Frank Valente, and Yolanda Wooten. Those who have one more year on their term are: Bob Allen, Katherine Barkley, Carol Bonsignore Kitchen, Marie Jenkins Cox, Kevin Fager, Willie Humphrey, Freddi Macek, Marianne Overcash, Ken Schultz, Gaya Shakes, Sharon Silvio, Grace Sweeney, and Mary Zimmer.
- Newspaper -- the deadline is July 17. Articles will include Linda Rapkin's report on the High Falls Walk, Vote Cope list and form with an article on the Constitutional Convention of 2017; the holiday party info, the Breast Cancer Walk; a blurb on EPIC for hearing aids (Barry Swan); Books for Kids (Polly B); pictures from the baseball game and picnic; September picnic info; and the Aug 29 Labor Day Parade. Ken Schultz said that in his teacher handbook that goes out to all active teachers he has included information about reasons to join Vote Cope with the contributor form. Someone suggested he should include information about the Constitutional Convention to educate teachers what could happen to them and their pensions.
- Calendar -- Al Smith wanted to share information about the Patrick O'Rorke Society going on a tour of Gettysburg on Friday, Sept 26 for 2 nights and a rededication of the O'Rorke Bridge on Sat., Oct 4. Contact him if you would like more information.
- Supplementary MVP -- a rep spoke about the difficulty having automatic deduction. Another retiree who looked into this said that MVP will only accept checks monthly or quarterly.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05.
 Respectfully submitted, Mary Zimmer



Books for Kids 2014-2015 Sitting: Mary Barnum, Lillian Bonanni, Diana Voellinger, Donna Proietti, Kathy Evans, Jeanne Wells, Liz Pollack, Standing: Ellen Best, Mary Zimmer, Sadie Haring, Rosemary Eichenlaub, Karen Huey, Margaret Finch, Noreen Gallagher, Celeste Wilson, Polly Bradbury, Sharon Chandler, Allen Silverman, Linda Rapkin, Florence Jones, Dorothy Taylor, Christine Chaffer

BOOKS FOR KIDS DONATION/INTEREST

My donation is enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Return completed form with your check to RRTA 30 North Union Street, Rochester, NY 14607

Checks should be made out to **RRTA Books for Kids FLACE** and returned with this completed form to Books for Kids, RTA office, 30 North Union Street, Rochester, NY 14607. FLACE designates Finger Lakes Area Community Endowment, which is managed by Canandaigua National Bank. For all donations, RRTA Books for Kids will send you a thank you note which includes, for your records, the amount donated. For donations of \$50 or more, Canandaigua National Bank will send you a letter.

___ Check here if you are interested in joining the Books for Kids Committee. Polly will call you. If you want to know more about Books for Kids, call Polly Bradbury at 473 3722 or Mary Barnum at 546 2681(RTA office).



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