

NUMBER 17

RETIREES OF BRENTWOOD SCHOOLS

DECEMBER 1996

CLINTON WINS!

The message this election day was DON"T MESS WITH TEACHERS AND THEIR UNION! As winning congressional candidate Carolyn McCarthy from Nassau said during her campaign: "Unions are People."

And People vote.

KAFKA-DAVENPORT WIN!

Manny Kafka and Jo Davenport won the election for retiree board member and alternate for the Teacher's Retirement System. Thanks for getting those ballots in ! And special thanks to those who volunteered for the phone banks at NYSUT headquarters!

PROJECT HOPE ROBS MEETING

At the October 1st ROBS meeting, members voted to sponsor Project Hope, as recommended by the Community Liaison Committee chaired by Frank Spencer. On Tuesday, November 5th, ROBS members were privileged to hear about the Homeless Outreach Program By Educators. Nadine Loffreto, School Social Worker/Homeless Coordinator of the Brentwood Schools, and David Hilgendorff, Director of Suburban Housing addressed the group. In the '95-'96 school year, Brentwood alone had 180 homeless students. Suburban Housing, scattered site housing, has sites in the Brentwood area, and through its Suburban Children Inc. arm provides pre school and play groups, as well as tutoring programs in its center located in Bay Shore.

To prevent negative fallout, there is no identification of homeless students in the schools. Getting them the basic things you and I take for granted: soaps and toiletries, clothes, school supplies can present a challenge. Price Club donated 1500 school bags to homeless kids this school year. Doling them out was done very

privately by just observing who did not have one.

The ROBS Community Liaison Committee is hoping to set up a network of retiree volunteers to fill the many needs of the homeless. Those members at the meeting began by donating enough money to deliver a Thanksgiving basket to a needy family. ROBS has also adopted a newly homeless family of three adults, 44, 25, 27, and ten children 1 to 15 for holiday gifts. Nadine Loffretto has observed that those who get the most out of helping the homeless are the givers.

Activities for ROBS members who wish to get involved include the following:

Assisting teachers in the classroom, with their permission, by working with small groups of students to reinforce skills

Working at the Suburban Housing Education Center to provide individual

tutoring after school

Assisting in orchestrating projects to secure needed clothing, food, educational, and holiday supplies

Sharing talents and skills with parents and students.
SEE VOLUNTEER SHEET PAGE TWO



Anyone who wishes to join the Community Liaison Committee, or be involved in delivering the Thanksgiving basket, which will go to our adopted family, contact Frank Spencer at the address below. To participate in gifts for our homeless family for the holidays you may donate money (make checks payable to ROBS - PROJECT HOPE) or call us to adopt a member of our family and do your own shopping for that individual. Their wish list includes: clothes in general, (we have sizes), baby items for the 15 year old (whose baby is due on December 13th), a radio/tape player for the 13 year old, a Walkman for the 8, two 10 and 12 year olds, and toys for the 1, 3, 4, and 6 year olds. YOU MAY DO THIS BY MAIL, PHONE, OR AT OUR DECEMBER 3RD ROBS MEETING.

PROJECT HOPE QUESTIONNAIRE



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2. ADDRESS	
3. PHONE	
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SPECIAL PROJECTS (CLOTHING, SCHOOL SUPPLIED OTHER	LIES, ETC.)
PLEASE SEND QUESTION FRANK SPENCER, ROBS COMM 3 NOTTINGHAM DR	NAIRE TO: NUNITY LIAISON &

516-253-0355



NEEDS IDEAS

When you travel, have you ever collected shampoo, soap, even towels and shower caps from hotels? If you have, put them in a basket or a bag and let us deliver it to the people who can really use those items.

When the homeless arrive at whatever agency they get to, they usually have a plastic bag with a few items. Or they come with only the clothes on their backs. Not even a tooth brush. They certainly do not have those personal items, like teddy bears, dolls, pictures for the walls, doilies for the dresser, etc.. If you're a crafter, this could be your donation to make life a little brighter for people who are in a very tenuous situation.

There are many talents out there that we can use. We hope you'll share them for this good cause!

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NEWS NOTES



John Leeman retired science teacher from the high school suffered a heart attack while raking leaves. He's slated for a triple by-pass at Stony Brook Hospital a week or so before Thanksgiving. We're thinking of you John, and wishing you well soon!

We hear that Phyllis Baumann's husband, George, is ill. We hope things go well and that you both have a warm, huggy holiday season!

Jean Elarde and husband have lived in Sunset Beach, N.C. for twelve years and love it. They enjoy golf and bowling and have made lots of friends. Jean took the occasion of seeing John Sherin's October meeting program in this newsletter and wrote him a letter about memories of working with him at Maslow-Toffler. "I wish to say thanks John for all you gave of yourself to promote the true meaning of sharing. The M-T idea was and is a great one...."

And Betty Packer who lives in Williston, Vermont flew to Denver, Colorado with a Vermont Homemakers Group to tour the National Parks and canyons for 12 days. In October this year Betty submitted two hand made quilts for the Chittenden County Quilt Show in Burlington, Vermont. Having been to those shows in Burlington, this editor knows those quilts had to be wonderful. In September, Betty had lunch with Wilma Kinny Fosgate. Wilma's in Florida. What happened to the "farm," Wilma? (Dot wants to know).

Sue and Bob Wiener, both Special Ed teachers in Brentwood, packed it in this past June and took off for Hilton Head with their 7 week old wire-haired terror (spelling deliberate). Her name is Oscar Wyre Wiener! The couple have let no grass grow under their feet. They have gotten involved in their community, and Bob is now a genuine 100% certified Sea Pines paid ecology tour guide! They're into biking, a jazz society, a film group, art galleries. They wonder how they ever had time to work!

CATHY'S CLERICAL CORNER

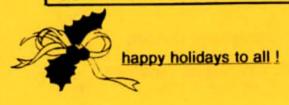
Cathy Tomney

Welcome to Selma Berkowitz who has been voted Delegate at Large to the ROBS Executive Board. Congratulations!

Jeanne Bader is proud of son Warren who will be spending 8 weeks on board the Royal Caribbean "Monarch of the Sea" performing with his musical group.

Flo Worysz goes to school one day a week to read to the children. They love it. She loves it, and highly recommends

LET ME HEAR WHAT YOU ARE DOING -; IT'S THE ONLY WAY THIS CORNER WILL SURVIVE!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nancy Palmer sent us this from the NEW YORK TIMES "Metropolitan Diary":

Dear Diary:

During a recent lunch hour, I rushed out to a mega-bookstore to buy a new book on retirement. Not finding the book in the personal-finance section, I asked the fellow at the information desk if the book was in stock. He checked it out on the computer. "It should be on the shelf," he said.

When I insisted it wasn't there, he offered to find it for me. I followed him as he whizzed past personal finance and stopped several aisles away. Sure enough, there was the book. In the death and dying section.

I made two quick decisions: not to buy the book and not to retire.

Marianne McNamara

CORRECTION: It was Mary Baber who had lunch with Pat Hucke et. al. from the high school.(Last issue). Editor Dyslexia operating with b vs. d....

WE WELCOME LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: 11 Yates Ave.Commack New York 11725

DANCERS HOLD HANDS WITH THE

On Tuesday, December 3rd at the Islip Public Library ROBS members will be dancing in the aisles; in fact in the whole room!

NICEST PEOPLE

Eli Tepper, one of our members, will be teaching us some International dances, including Israeli, Balkan, American and Greek. There will be line dancing and the Macarena among others.

"IF YOU CAN WALK, YOU CAN DANCE," asserts Eli, who also teaches dance at Stony Brook. "It's good exercise and fun!"

This program is for beginners. The dances are mostly circle dances, so you don't need to come with a partner.

AND WHO KNOWS, MAYBE YOU'LL **DISCOVER YOUR ROOTS!**

> TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd 10 A.M. ISLIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

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RETIREES OF BRENTWOOD SCHOOL C/O Zuckerman

8 Woody Lane Oakdale, N.Y. 11769

Did You Forget To Renew Your ROBS Membership?

LAST NEWSLETTER IF YOU DON'T JOIN NOW !!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

TUESDAY, December 3rd, 10 A.M. - ROBS Meeting International Dancing Islip Public Library

FRIDAY, December 6th, 12 noon - RETIREE COUNCIL 21's Holiday Luncheon LaGrange Inn. \$17.50; Len Klein, 667-7427. Flyer was in mail.





ROBS MEETING NOTICE

FIFTH ANNUAL RETIREE SOCIAL!

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 1996 10 A.M.

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE:

WEST ISLIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

3 Higbie Lane (east across from LaGrange Inn) 661-7080

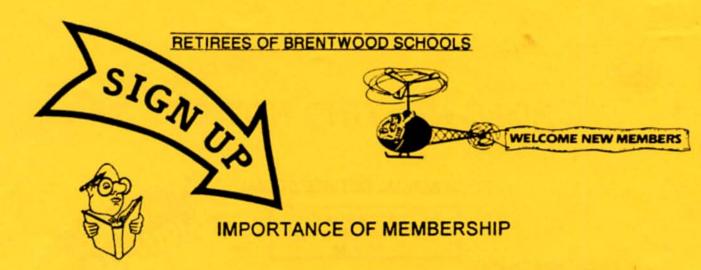
Directions: Robert Moses Causeway south to Montauk Highway west. Right on Higbie Lane. Library is on the east corner of Higbie and Montauk across from LaGrange Inn. Parking lot is off Higbie.

Share your doings, help us welcome our most recent retirees, (30 plus!). Have coffee, juice and goodies both sweet and non-sweet. Also find out what your Union is still doing for you, and how you can get involved if you wish.

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ALSO: MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ROBS OCTOBER MEETING...
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1st
Details in September Newsletter



Only one third of our retirees live out of state. Most of us are busy people with lives that are so full we wonder how we had time to go to work. Some of us are organizers and enjoy group activities. Others of us are solitary beings who don't get involved with meetings. BUT ALL OF US ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE AS IT CONCERNS OUR QUALITY OF LIFE!

WHAT HAPPENS IN WASHINGTON AND ALBANY AFFECTS US ALL! WHEREVER WE LIVE, WHATEVER WE'RE DOING NOW!

Don't let our future security and financial stability be dependent on the whim of Congress and the State Legislature. Lend us your support so we can continue to alert you to action on behalf of our retiree benefits, as well as giving us a good sized membership to represent when we try to "educate" elected officials.

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