

## RETIREES OF BRENTWOOD SCHOOLS

**Welcome to ROBS.** Dues for the 2011-2012 membership year will be \$25. This includes a \$5 membership fee for RC21. **Please make your check out to ROBS. It's a great bargain.**

**PLEASE PRINT NEATLY AND COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION. THANK YOU!**

**Please complete the form in its entirety** as we will need **all** pertinent information for our Directory. Return the form by **10/31/11** so the Directory can be updated and mailed in a timely fashion. **Dues are required by 10/31/11 and no later than 12/31/11.** Any member forms received after the October date will not appear in the Directory.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address#1 \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City State Zip

Dates\*

Phone #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

- **Many of you have second homes. If you do, please list the effective dates for each address.**

Address #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City State Zip

Dates\*

Phone #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Retirement Year _____	Building Retired from _____
Your Birthday is: Month _____	Day _____

( ) I **DO NOT** want to be included in the Directory.

( ) **If you have not filled out a Vote/Cope Pension deduction form**, we have included one for your use. **We will no longer accept checks for Vote/ Cope. It would be appreciated if you would make your contribution through pension deduction.** We don't get membership credit if you send a check to Vote Cope. Pension deduction will be the only option ROBS will offer. Send your deduction form to **Vote /Cope PO Box 5190 Albany NY 12205. If done incorrectly, your check will be sent back to you. Thank you for your cooperation.**

( ) I would like to be interviewed for the History Project. **Please do not sign up unless you intend to follow through with the interview.**

Your check, made out to **ROBS**, **should not be stapled** to the membership form and sent to:

Marge Kirchner

666 Hawkins Road East

Coram NY 11727

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### ROBS MEMBERSHIP 2011-2012

Nick Siciliano – President, Kathy Guleksen - First Vice President, Harriet Pepine - Second Vice President, Lucille Fink- Secretary, Marge Kirchner- Treasurer

**Full payment of dues is required unless you belong to TRIF. Your dues for the year are dispensed as follows:**

**NEWSLETTER:** Whether you remain in the area or have relocated, you can stay in touch by receiving our award winning periodic newsletter that is filled with updates on member activities, topical issues as well as member written articles.

**MONTHLY MEETINGS:** You are welcome to attend our monthly general meetings. Topics such as Identity Theft, Hobbies, Home Repair for Seniors, Hospice Care and the History Project have been presented at our meetings. Refreshments are served. In addition, there are three social gatherings: the Holiday Luncheon, a New Year Breakfast and the End of the Year luncheon. There is a separate charge for these events.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** ROBS provides four scholarships which includes the Jack Zuckerman, Lilian Kelly and two ROBS Awards for graduating seniors who are pursuing a career in education. Our newsletter is printed and collated by AHRC. This is another form of scholarship for the young people who work there.

**HISTORY PROJECT:** You are invited to participate in an oral history where you are interviewed about your career, life and thoughts. A video (there is a minimal charge) is prepared for you. An edited composite video is shown at a membership meeting. This is a member only activity.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:** A yearly listing of all members, their addresses (including an alternate address) telephone and email address.

**ROBS WEBSITE:** [www.robsny.org](http://www.robsny.org). We have launched our wonderful website which gives you access to all things concerning the Brentwood School District. There are yearbooks, ROBS pictures, archival material, a calendar of events, historical information and links to other state, local and Brentwood organizations.

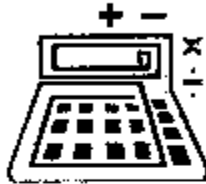
**PROJECT HOPE:** Each year ROBS adopts 3-5 families for the holiday season. We choose our applicants from a list supplied by Suburban Children. We will begin accepting donations at our November meeting.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:** Associate membership is available to those members who retired before the BTA/BCA merger, administrators, operational supervisors, and confidential secretaries. These members will have all of the rights of ROBS membership with the exceptions of holding office and voting privileges.

**RETIREE COUNCIL 21:** \$5 of your dues entitles you to membership in RC21 and all of their activities. **You are required to belong to RC21 in order to keep your NYSUT benefits.**

**RETIREE COUNCIL 43(TRIF):** If you are a permanent resident of Florida and want to join Florida based RC43, you must be affiliated with ROBS. RC 43 is a NYSUT organization. **ROBS dues will be \$20.**

In addition to membership in ROBS, we urge you to consider a contribution to **VOTE/COPE**. Vote/Cope tackles problems and issues facing educators still working as well as those who are retired. Vote/Cope was instrumental in obtaining a permanent **COLA** added to the TRS and ERS pensions. We recommend minimum deduction of \$3 per pension check which will be \$36 a year but please feel free to contribute whatever you can. **We are no longer accepting Vote Cope checks. We are only offering the VOTE/Cope pension deduction option to make our bookkeeping easier. See the information on the membership form.**



## **A Message from your Treasurer**

VOTE-COPE is the political fund for NYSUT. Your voluntary contribution to this fund allows our union to advocate for the issues and legislation that are crucial to each of us. Those areas concern funding, insurance, salaries and pensions. Please sign up for pension deduction for the organization that affords amazing benefits to all retirees.

On the reverse side of this letter is the pension deduction form needed to contribute to VOTE- COPE. You may choose to contribute \$2.00 a month that equals \$24.00 per year. If you choose \$3.00 it will amount to \$36.00 a year. Whatever amount you choose is taken out of your pension each month. YOU control the amount.

Just follow the directions on the form and mail it directly to

VOTE-COPE  
P.O. Box 5190  
Albany, New York 12205-0190

By the way, our local number is 21-010 and you can find your member ID number on any statement sent to you by NYSUT or your NYSUT membership card.

Sincerely,

*Marge Kirchner*



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL#: 21-010

*If there is no name and address listed above,  
you may mail your form directly to:*

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## **vote COPE Pension Deduction Authorization Card**

The undersigned authorizes the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS) or the New York State Employees' Retirement System (NYSERS) to deduct from each of my regular defined-benefit pension payments the sum of \$5, \$3 or Other \$\_\_\_\_\_ (per month) and to forward that amount to VOTE-COPE, P.O. Box 5190, Albany, NY 12205-0190. I understand that this monthly amount will continue to be deducted until revoked by me in writing.

This authorization is made voluntarily and without fear of reprisal and with the understanding that the making of contributions to VOTE-COPE is not a condition of membership in any labor organization, will not impact the provision of my defined-benefit pension and that VOTE-COPE will use the money it receives to make political contributions and expenditures in connection with federal, state and local elections. This authorization shall remain in full force and effect for all purposes until revoked by me in writing.

I expressly acknowledge and understand that the deduction as specified above be withheld monthly and that NYSUT will transmit this authorization to the appropriate retirement system. I hereby certify to NYSTRS and NYSERS that I am a member of NYSUT, an employee organization entitled to receive union deduction payments as provided by law.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pension # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Local from which you retired: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL#: 21-010

- I belong to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS), or
  - I belong to the New York State Employees' Retirement System (NYSERS) and I hereby request monthly withholding of union deductions from my monthly benefit as permitted by Section 536 of the Education Law and Section 110-C of the Retirement Social Security Law.
- NYSTRS or NYSERS is authorized to continue taking such deduction until NYSUT receives written notice from me to the contrary.

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