

CHAPTER 8 RETIREES ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2022

UPDATES

We are hoping to be able to resume in person meetings in February 2022, and have scheduled Monday, February 7, 2022, at 11:30 check in time at Italian Community Center, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, NY. RSVP date is January 31, 2022. No reservations accepted after that. Lunch will be chicken parmesan.

2022 Meeting dates- will be the first Monday of the months starting 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, in person if OK, June picnic- 6/14/2022. NO meetings in July, August, or September, 10/3, 11/7 in person if OK, December holiday luncheon TBD. We normally hold 6 meeting per year. Feb, March, Apr, May, Oct, and NOV. They are held the first Monday of the month from 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM. We do a June picnic and a Dec Holiday party. A one entrée lunch choice as we have always done will be offered and reservations will be necessary to attend. We have a 200-person maximum now and it will be first come first served to attend the meeting. A letter will be going out with the details to all members soon.

PAC- M. Blue and M. Chiarello- We will be looking for retiree member support as we approach the budget in 2022 and watching to see what if any attacks on retirees is placed in that budget. We will again be supporting our no diminishment of retiree health benefits as well as the new COLA Enhancement bill being worked on now. We will wait on the IRMMA bill until the budget is released to see if this is an issue of the new governor or not. IRMMA forms will be available on the Civil Service website. You will need to wait for your social security end of year document before you can mail it in for possible reimbursement if you think you qualify. The retirement reimbursement for Medicare Part B was raised from \$148.50 to \$170.10. You should see that change in your January pension statements. There was also discussion on Single Payer that has been receiving some attention in both houses of late. Although tried and changed many times it has not passed in several past years and the feeling is it is too costly for NYS to entertain. We will be watching it. Once the

current legislative session has started we will be getting the information on bill numbers and sponsors as well as support letters out to member and will create a link on the PEF website to be able to just send an email to your local legislators on those issues of concern to us and the bills we are supporting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM. Karen thanked all who were on the call and for their continued involvement in the Chapter 8 Retirees.

Next Meeting:

Monday, February 7, 2022

In person Italian Community Center

ZOOM/Phone Conference will be looked into for those who can't attend and if possible a link will be sent prior to the meeting.

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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Janet Messina

Secretary