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Herricks Connection

Herricks Retired Educators Chapter (HREC)

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October Meeting Focused on Health Insurance and Changes in Excess Major Medical Coverage



At our most recent general meeting held on Tuesday, October 22, Samantha laboni, the administrator for retiree health benefits, and Donna Zuzio, the director of customer services for JJ Stanis, addressed efforts to replace the excess major medical plan that will no longer be underwritten by Shelter Point (formerly First Rehabilitation) after December 31, 2024. No insurance company has offered to replace the existing policy in its entirety. The existing plan is a hybrid created by JJ Stanis many decades ago only for Herricks. It contains several components, including vision, a limited in-patient hospital per diem allowance, reimbursements for certain co-pay and co-insurance out-of-network costs, and finally some limited mental health co-pay reimbursements. At the time of the meeting, insurance carriers have been found for vision and hospital components. The search continues for carriers who will pick up other



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Message From The Editor

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components. This insurance is part of a package negotiated by the HTA and district for active employees. As retirees we are able to avail ourselves of that coverage. Keep in mind that the HREC does not negotiate benefits directly with the district. Questions should be directed to Samantha laboni, at Herricks (516) 305-8922.

Directory Changes

Karen Witt – new address: 600 Willis Ave., Apt 118, Albertson, NY 11507-1935

Robin Shapiro – new address: 101 Cabot Court West, St. James, NY 11780 New
Home phone # 631-686-5494

HREC on the Web!

Thanks to our partners HTA we are on the web! – on the HTA website at:
<https://herricksta.ny.aft.org/retirees> . Take a look at it when you have a chance.

Sad News

We recently learned that Herbert Oresky passed away on February 8, 2022 at the age of 100 years old in PA. He was the chair of the Industrial Arts/Technology Education Department who worked at Herricks Junior High School and then at Shelter Rock Junior High School when it opened. Herb after his retirement served as the newsletter editor for HREC.

We also heard that Lucy DeRose passed away in Florida. She was a secretary in the main office of the Community Center for many years.

Photos From Our Fall Luncheon – Nov. 12, 2024 at Jonathan's



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Our Next HREC Meeting will be March 18 at 10:30 AM

We are going to try again a FREE Google Meet to gauge the demand for this service.

We are only allowed 60 minutes so we will start Zoom session on March 18 at 10:30 am Eastern Time. Go to following url: <https://meet.google.com/gjg-nyzi-iuc> Hope to see some of our HREC Members who live out of state.

L.I. NYSUT Retiree Conference – Melville Marriott Hotel

Bill Youngfert attended this great conference on October 15 representing HREC and urge the other leaders of HREC to consider attending next year. He learned there is a NYSUT Peer Support Line for free help for our retirees who need to talk or get help with issues they are dealing with at 844-444-0152.

There were two breakouts and Bill attended the first session on L.I. Drinking Water - What's In It? Very interesting and the audience all signed postcards to the Governor's Office to save the Horseshoe Crabs which are in danger of being lost on L.I.. The second session I attended talked about NYSUT Member Benefits for discounts on oversea travel tours and cruises. Go to for more info.: <https://memberbenefits.nysut.org> .

At lunch at there were numerous speakers including Congressman Tom Suozzi and Melinda Persons, NYSUT President. Bill met Melinda in August when I attended the AFLCIO Convention and very impressed by her compassion and energy about important national and union issues. Melinda described how she and her daughter were at the Syracuse State Fair this year handing out plastic NYSUT rulers with images of all the US Presidents. Her 6-year-old daughter asked how come there were no women as Presidents? Melinda had to explain how that last glass ceiling has yet to be broken!

After the conference ended, a lot of the attendees went outside to pose for a photo with the NYSUT "Common Ground" bus that is on a tour of New York State publicizing candidates that have signed on to a pledge to reach across the aisle this year when elected and solve some of the issues awaiting the newly elected officials in Albany and Wash DC..



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Calendar of Upcoming HREC Events:

Mar. 18 – Tuesday – 10:30 AM – HREC Membership Meeting

April 15 – Tuesday – Last HREC Membership Meeting

Spring Luncheon Info – Date & Location To Be Announced