Bill Dourdis wins NYSUT Community Service Award

By Cliff Foley
NYSUT Retiree Council 13 Rep

During the Retiree Council 13 luncheon at Christos Restaurant on May 31, our own Bill Dourdis was awarded the 2018 NYSUT Community Service Award.

Bill is well known for his publishing of the WCRT’s newsletter, the PostScript, but many of you do not know the extent of Bill’s involvement in the community. The list of groups and activities goes from being a soccer coach for 27 years to being the Sunday School Superintendent at his church for 17 years.

We can’t end without mentioning his work in the news field. In addition to the PostScript, Bill edited the WCT Commentator, and for a time the Retiree Council 13 publication, Mid-Hudson Bridges. He had been the advisor to RCK’s student newspaper, the Tomahawk, and produces a newsletter for the Deyo Family Association of Historic Huguenot Street in New Paltz.

Bill, congratulations.

Community Service Award presentation to 2018 recipient Bill Dourdis includes, from left, RC#13 Co-President Janice Scriber, Carole Chambers, Bill, and Sue Eagan. Carole and Sue co-chaired the nominating committee. (Photo by Paula Ptaszek.)

Volunteer Activities:
♦ Community Slow-Pitch Softball League, held every executive board office for 42 years, player/coach/manager for 49 years.
♦ RC 13 Mid-Hudson Bridges newsletter, agreeing to be interim editor for nine months and about six issues—gestation period lasted five years for 20 issues with several NYSUT Communications Awards while simultaneously editing his home district’s retiree newsletter. Reformatted the RC 13 newsletter layout and design for better branding and a more pictorial publication.
♦ Wrote full-page article for NYSUT United citing NYSUT’s legal assistance in a 302(a) suit that we won.
♦ Siena College, Loudonville, NY panel member on media censorship and freedom of the press seminar.
♦ NYSCATE (New York State Association for Computers and Technologies in Education):
  ♦ NYSCATE Regional Conference presenter on newsletters using PageMaker, 2 years.
  ♦ NYSCATE State Conference presenter on newsletters using PageMaker, 1 year.

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From The President

Dear WCRT Members,

What a strange summer! First, lots of heat and then weeks of rain. Our garden is growing great guns, but so are the weeds! The humidity has been terrible, but we are lucky to be under the umbrella of the union. Thanks to our negotiators for our health insurance and pensions.

As fall approaches with some cooler weather, we will look to the mid-term elections. I see political advertisements on TV already. I urge everyone to get out and vote, no matter which party you prefer.

I hope to see many of you at the fall luncheon on September 25th at Christos Restaurant.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and that we don’t have to get ready to go back to work!

Susan Roger

Protect your WCRT, NYSUT membership

Members with email addresses registered on the website wcteachers.org will receive publications and notices by email. Please keep email information up to date on that site.

Our files are not linked to that site, so please notify the WCT office of any changes in address, phone, or email, etc.

Prohibitive U.S. Mail costs may soon force us to cancel postal mailings, so please consider going green to save money.

The Commentator and PostScript may be viewed at www.wcteachers.org once a member registers.

SAVE THESE DATES

(future details coming soon)

Sept. 11 WCRT exec board mtg. 10:00-12:00, Deadline for October 2018 PostScript
Sept. 25 WCRT Fall Luncheon, Christos, 11:30, $23
Oct. 10 Print October 2018 PostScript
Oct. 11 RC13 Regional Conference, Le Chateau, Kingston, 9-2,
Nov. 13 WCRT exec board mtg. 10:00-12:00,
Jan. 8 WCRT exec board mtg. 10:00-12:00,
POLITICAL ACTION

UNION BUSTING COMES TO NEW YORK

CLIFF FOLEY
Political Action Chairperson

T he Janus decision was like the starting gun of a race. Almost immediately right wing groups were off and running in an attempt to destroy public sector unions throughout the country. One of the biggest targets is New York State. We have the largest percentage of union membership of any state. Public sector organizations like the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) are a prime target.

The Supreme Court’s decision on the Janus vs AFSCME issue was not a surprise. Even before Trump’s court pick, Neil Gorsuch, was sworn in, groups like NYSUT knew what was coming. The case basically says that you cannot be forced to pay a fee to the union but you still can have all the benefits.

So how is this attack being carried out and who is financing it? According to Randi Weingarten, AFT President, “The day after the (Janus) decision was out, groups were already spamming our members and trying to get them to opt out.”

One conservative group that has been very active is the Mackinac Center for Public Policy based in Michigan. Their campaign is called “My Pay, My Say.” On its website this group states, “My Pay My Say” is a national campaign to educate and empower workers to exercise these rights, not busting unions.”

Locally in New York we have New Choice NY. A July 5, 2018 New York Post article reported on this new group. It stated, “New Choice NY spokesman Bob Bellafiore insisted his group is about providing workers factual information about their rights, not busting unions.”

All of these anti-labor groups have a similar approach. You go to their website and they provide a form. This writer, after going to a number of these, found them basically identical. You fill in your name and basic information, and, in a pull-down menu, you check the union you want to quit. You then print the form and send it to the union, such as NYSUT. The Freedom Foundation will even mail you a copy of your completed form if you don’t have a printer.

Some of the websites require you to check a box which allows them to use your information. They want “to store this information in order to help public employees exercise their rights when it comes to union dues, fees, and representation.” So your name and information would then be used to help their campaign to destroy the unions.

The Freedom Foundation uses the pitch that you can save money by dropping out. They warn you that the union may use “untrue claims and scare tactics” to keep you in the union.

These attacks have begun to show up locally with teachers in Putnam County and White Plains receiving emails and postcards. We do not know how many other locals including Wappingers are being targeted.

The efforts go beyond emails. NPR reported in July that, “The outreach tactics include paper mail, phone calls, emails, billboards, TV advertising, and even door-to-door canvassing. Organizations are using publicly available email addresses to reach their targets, as well as purchasing mailing lists.”

We need to think about what kind of country we want to live in. Edward G. Ryan, Wisconsin chief justice in 1873, wrote this thought-provoking paragraph “The question will arise ... Which shall rule: wealth or man? Which shall lead, money or intellect? Who shall fill public stations, educated and patriotic freemen or the feudal serfs of corporate capital?”

NYSUT Retiree Council 13 website: http://ny.aft.org/rc13/

Directions to new WCT office

280 New Hackensack Rd. across from the Dutchess County Airport (Between Rental and Dental)

From Vassar Rd: Jackson Rd. (County Rt. 110), left onto New Hack Rd. toward Rt. 376.

From Rt. 9 Wapp. Falls: take County Rt. 104 at Dunkin Donuts and Perkins on New Hack Rd.

From All Angels Hill Rd: (CR 94) north to NHRd, west to 280 NHRd.

From Red Oaks Mill: Rt. 376 south past DC Airport, right onto NHRd. 280 on left.

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Here’s how to register your email with the website:

1. Go to www.wcteachers.org
2. On the right-hand side, go to the “Member Login” module
3. Click on the “Click Here to sign-up” link (It is yellow)
4. Enter all of your information on the form. This is the information that we will use to maintain our records and to send email and/or text notifications. Make sure that you choose a username and password that you will remember.
5. Click submit
6. Review all of your information
7. Click Submit again
8. Wait 24-48 hours for us to verify your membership. You will receive an email advising you that you are good to go. At this point, you can come back to the website and login.

Hope this helps. Thanks, Nancy

WCRT by the numbers:
WCRT membership as of May, 2018: Membership letters go out in September.
607 WCRT members
158 yearly members
382 Lifetime members
55 Complimentary Lifetime members
13 Complimentary members
73 retirees don’t belong to WCRT & not entitled to NYSUT benefits
18 about to be deleted from our files for not paying dues this year.
*149 members receiving publications & notices by U.S. mail down from *232 members postal subscribers
486 members email subscribers.
4 2017 retirees wisely chose copay Lifetime

*Notice the reduction in printed newsletters. We encouraged members to “go green” and help us save on mailing costs. We all benefit from their cooperation.

Register on the website wcteachers.org

If you know a retiree who is not a member, please encourage them to reconsider joining WCRT/NYSUT for their benefit and ours.
RA Meeting May 29, 2018

The school year is coming to a close and within the next few days we will hear the verdict of the Supreme Court on the JANUS v AFSCME case. It will likely be against us, but we are ready, with almost all the teachers standing with the union.

Pasquale talked about the WTF Group Financial Counseling Program, a free counseling program that will advise you on financial issues at the WCT office. They are not selling a product, just advising you on financial matters. You would have had to opt in for this WCT Trust Fund Package.

He again encouraged everyone to enroll in Express Scripts before July 1.

He closed with thanking everyone for coming.

RA Meeting June 12, 2018

This last meeting of the RA was on a beautiful sunny, summer day. That being said, this was going to be a fast meeting so people could possibly enjoy the evening.

The budget for 2018-2019 was approved.

The new school calendar was presented and it was restated that it wasn’t set in stone. The recurring problem is the number of instructional hours the high schools and junior high schools have is not enough to satisfy the state. This will be discussed again June 14 with the Superintendent, and suggestions to rectify it will be discussed until they can come to a solution.

The Supreme Court decision on the JANUS case will come out about June 25.

We are prepared to send the data we have to NYSUT, which shows almost 100% of the faculty remaining in support of the union.

The scholarship raffle was picked and won by Michelle Berry.

Enjoy the summer everyone!

Ellen Korz

Retired Kindergarten Teacher Luncheon

Over 30 retired WCSD Educators all worked with Kindergarteners! We stay in touch by a voluntary email list. Lunch invitations are sent twice a year (Spring and Fall) for a casual lunch -- a time to “catch up.” Ten met on May 30 at the Tomato Cafe, Collegeview Ave, in Poughkeepsie.

Our next gathering is Thurs., Sept. 27. Many live locally but a few who relocated have returned to join in for lunch.


That’s 259.5 years teaching in the district and over 200 years of teaching Kdg with just the ten pictured! There has to be a special place in Heaven for Kindergarten Teachers!!!
In Memoriam

Ruth Lauritsen

She was happily married to Charles Lauritsen for 57 years. He predeceased her in 1996. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Andrea and Peter Kryworuczkno of Wilton, CT as well as many nieces and nephews. Her brothers Carlyle and Lewis Tompkins, and her sister Eleanor White also predeceased her.

Calling hours are from 4pm to 8pm on Thursday, June 21 at McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, June 22 at 11 am at St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie, NY. Burial will be in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery immediately following.


Published in the Poughkeepsie Journal on June 17, 2018

Rita Alterman

Upon her retirement from full-time teaching, she taught for many years at Dutchess Community College and Marist College. Ever a force in the classroom, Rita later, until 2017, was a popular teacher at the Marist College Center for Lifetime Studies.

Rita’s had a love of travel and learning. With Dr. Alterman she traveled extensively in the United States, as well as through the Mediterranean, Central and East Asia, and South America.

She was a docent at the Roosevelt Museum, an active member of the World Affairs Council. Representing Temple Beth El, of which she was a member for 50 years, she visited local nursing homes and the Dutchess Outreach Lunch Box.

Survivors include Rita's loving partner in her adventures, ophthalmologist Morton Alterman, now Rockville MD; her son Rabbi Wolff Alterman and his wife Frederica and daughter Channa, of Asheville, NC; her son Jon Alterman, his wife Katherine and children Sam, Bella, and Jed of Bethesda, MD; and her sister Lois Bell, of Topsham, ME.

Donations may be made in Rita’s memory to either Dutchess Outreach, 29 North Hamilton Street, Suite 220, Poughkeepsie NY 12601, the International Rescue Committee, P.O. Box 6068 Albert Lea, MN 56007-9847, or to the charity of your choice

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Besides the PowerPoint, the Colonel set up a giant floor map showing strategic troop positions in the Hudson Valley.

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Guest Speaker Colonel Jim Johnson covered The Hudson River Valley in the American Revolution Fortress West Point and The Great Chain. Excerpts:

Living history is really important. Sesquicentennial = 250 years. We celebrate from 2025-2033. The Hudson Valley was the epicenter of the Revolutionary War. George Washington became Commander-In-Chief emphasizing “Fortify the Hudson” at the S-shaped narrow curve 550 yards long and 202 feet at its deepest point. (Depth is same height as Walkway Over the Hudson.) The chain was critical. It was a barrier separating New England states.

“Many important battles were fought along the Hudson. Saratoga was a turning point. Ft. Montgomery contributed to Saratoga. People make the difference. History is about people. Washington spent one-third of the war in the Hudson Valley. 1351 battles in the war and 238 in New Jersey.

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“CROSSROADS OF A MILLION PRIVATE LIVES”

Manhattan historian Joyce Gold presents a walking tour through Grand Central Terminal, the cultural and architectural landmark. A stately, efficient, Beaux Arts version of a classical form, Grand Central is an excellent representation of the era in which it was conceived. Its story is dramatic--of rivalry, creativity, and a borrowed aesthetic transformed into something new.

Highlights of the walk include:

- Tragedy that led to its creation
- Design that made traffic flow and luggage glide
- The 1913 financial strategy for modernizing the railroad
- The Campbell Apartment
- The Chrysler Building
- Commodore Vanderbilt, Whitney Warren, and Jackie Onassis
- The Whispering Arch
- The Holiday Craft Fair within Grand Central Station offering wares from over 70 merchants

The tour meets in the Jackie Kennedy Foyer, Park Avenue & 42nd Street.

For many years through her company Joyce Gold History Tours of New York, Ms Gold has been showing city history to New Yorkers and visitors alike. She once taught English in the junior high school, and for decades has been teaching New York history at New York University and the New School University. She has written guidebooks on the history of the Financial District and Greenwich Village history and contributed entries to *The Encyclopedia of New York City*.

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Think of the Fourth Estate as a huge supermarket

There she is! Ruth Bader Ginsburg, bare breasted, black robes at her waist, sword in hand, atop the ramparts as rockets’ red glare and bombs burst in the air, light ing the scene as the dragons of tyranny and injustice lay dying at her feet. I can hear the sounds and smell the smells, but then…but then…my body gives me a 3:00AM wake up call that many of you can identify with. As I head, shaken, to the loo, I am not sure if it was all a dream. There were still visions of RBG and Aaron Judge in my brain as dawn signaled the new day.

With Justice Ginsburg in mind, and the recent Supreme Court vacancy the topic du jour in the news, I decided to do some Government 101 research. I came across alarming information almost at once. Only 26% of Americans (Annenberg Public Policy Center Poll - 2017) could name the three branches of government and had no clue about how “checks and balances” are supposed to work. Actually, it’s become moot because the “checks” are pretty much unchecked, and the “balances” are, well, unbalanced.

For example:

The Legislative Branch does not legislate. They raise money to insure they are reelected. They make public utterances that are carefully crafted to avoid offending their electorate.

With few exceptions, they are spineless. Does this include Democrats? Apparently.

But there is hope. It’s called the Fourth Estate. The concept of the Fourth Estate dates back to Louis XVI’s France. If I may skip ahead 200 plus years of convoluted history, let me say that the term now refers to the press and all forms of media. It is separate and independent from our three branches of government and hopefully will stay that way.

I think we all remember Jefferson’s opinion he would rather have, “a free press without government than government without a free press.” Even in Jefferson’s time there was misinformation and disinformation to sort through, but with the advent of the Internet, cable news, and Trump’s Orwellian mantra about “Fake News,” the problem is exponentially more complex.

A person who watches Fox with Tucker Fredrickson, Sean Hannity, Laura Ingraham, etc. (and their guests), listens to Rush Limbaugh, and reads the Drudge Report and Breitbart, that person will come away with a world view that will be quite different from a person who watches MSNBC with Chuck Todd, Chris Matthews, Rachel Maddow, etc. (and their guests), listens to NPR, and reads the NY Times. A discussion between these two persons will not end well. I know. I have attempted discussions, and they have not ended well.

But be that as it may…If we think of the Fourth Estate as a huge supermarket, it is easy to understand that individuals will have different stuff in their cart when they check out. Let’s say that the stuff in my cart has me convinced that Donald Trump is a psychopathic and baldfaced liar, a moral slug, and an embarrassment to our country. His kissing up to Putin and other autocrats is beyond disturbing. But let’s assume that when I see some shoppers in the parking lot (and they could even be friends) they may have carts that look nothing like mine. They think Trump is Making America Great Again, building a wall makes sense, no collusion (sic), The Deep State is ominously taking over control of the government, and global warming is a hoax. Humm-m…Not a lot of common ground here.

So, my suggestion is this: If you are one of the 81% of Republicans (give or take) who voted for Donald Trump and are still in the fold, I invite you to respond to this article and outline your reasoning. Please avoid basing your arguments on, “Yes, but what about Hillary (Bill)?”, and avoid the mention of Hillary’s emails, and any mention of “Benghazi”.

Serious replies will be seriously considered for publishing in the PostScript.
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Community Involvement:
♦ Pace University, White Plains and Pleasantville, NY, Chair of high school newspaper advisors. Presenter and facilitator for advisor workshops at annual Journalism Day.
♦ Charter member of City of Poughkeepsie Citizen Patrol Neighborhood Watch.
♦ Poughkeepsie Softball Umpires Association umpire since 2006.
♦ Mid-Hudson Soccer Officials Association referee since 2003.
♦ Volunteer ref for Goals for Hope annual soccer tournament for breast cancer.
♦ Layout and Design Editor for Wappingers Central School District portion of Dutchess Association for Continuing Education (DACE) for the Hudson Valley, published semi-annually, 4 years.
♦ Editor of MHELAC newsletter, published quarterlly, 9 years. (Mid-Hudson English Language Arts Council).

Dedication:
♦ Tabernacle Baptist Church Sunday School Superintendent, 17 years.
♦ Tabernacle Baptist Church Board of Trustees and Board of Deacons, 1 three-year term each.
♦ Empire State Fellowship Youth Conference Food Service Manager, 17 years.
♦ Deyo Family Association of Historic Huguenot Street in New Paltz, NY. 1st Vice President/Newsletter editor published quarterly, 20+ years. Conducted newsletter editor workshops for other 11 family associations at HHS annual meetings, 5 years.
♦ Evergreen Chorus, Sweet Adelines International Acappella Chorus program booklet layout and design editor and publisher since 2006.
♦ Roy C. Ketcham High School Tomahawk, student newspaper advisor, published monthly, 22 years.

Scholarship winner thanks WCRT

Dear Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers,
Thank you so much for this generous scholarship! Teachers are often underappreciated, so to be recognized for going into that field means so much to me!

The idea that I can help students better understand math and possibly like it is what I strive for every day and will continue to strive for throughout my career. I can’t wait until the day I am a teacher, and I can proudly say this scholarship is the first step in achieving this goal.

Thanks again,
Sarah Canzone

The VOTE/COPE mailing has gone out.
Please consider making a donation during these trying times. If you haven’t received the mailing or have lost the form, no problem. Make a check out to VOTE/COPE and mail it to the WAPPINGERS CONGRESS OF RETIRED TEACHERS, 280 NEW HACKENSACK RD, WAPPINGERS FALLS NY 12590.

Here’s an interesting & worthwhile volunteer opportunity. Hudson Valley Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is now accepting applications for their October 2018 free training class. Become a resident advocate and help vulnerable citizens, nursing home residents living in the Hudson Valley. Please call 845-229-4680 or email Gloria@HudsonValleyLTCOP.org for more information.

♦ Wappingers Congress of Teachers Commentator union newsletter editor, published bi-weekly, 8 years.
♦ Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers PostScript newsletter editor, published six issues per year, since 2005.
♦ Journalism, Mass Media, and Communications elective teacher, RCKHS English Department, 33 years.

Past Awards:
♦ 1999 Educator of Excellence Award, sponsored by MediaOne Cablevision, for interdisciplinary project to introduce journalistic techniques in teaching science through digital technology and graphic arts.
♦ As WCT Commentator editor, he was an AFT Communications Association Annual Journalism Contest award winner five consecutive years for General Excellence and Best New Story. He was a NYSUT annual Journalism Competition awards winner six consecutive years for General Excellence, Best Feature Story, and Best Column.
♦ As WCRT PostScript editor since 2005, he has won 39 NYSUT Communications Awards in 12 years.
WCRT FALL LUNCHEON

Tuesday, September 25, 2018  11:30 a.m.

Christos Restaurant,
155 Wilbur Blvd.  Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Huge Hot and Cold Buffet Lunch served at 12:00noon
Cost per person is $23.00.
Soft drinks included.  Cash Bar.
Free parking on the premises.
All facilities ground floor accessible.  No steps or stairs.

A short business meeting and a 50-50 raffle will be held.
Bring non-perishable food items (cans, boxes, bags) and/or shampoo, soap,
and other personal care items to be donated to local food pantries.

Please send check payable to WCRT to office address:
attn: Leslie Leventhal,  WCRT,
280 New Hackensack Rd.  Wappingers Falls NY 12590
(and must be received no later than September 18, 2018.
Luncheon for WCRT members and their guests.)

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$23.00 Per Person  Guests are welcome with a member

Name(s):________________________________________________    Phone Number:_________________
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