

# 2014-15 Communications Awards

## Retiree Winners

### General Excellence

#### CLASS RI

##### First Place

Oriskany Retirees' Organization  
**ORO Newsletter**  
Title: ORO Newsletter May/June 2014  
**Award Winner:** Barbara Schooley  
Editor: Barbara Schooley  
Chapter Leader: Sarah McQueen

##### Award of Distinction

Islip Retired Teachers  
Association  
**'ISLIP CONNECTIONS'**  
Title: 'ISLIP CONNECTIONS' April  
2014  
**Award Winner:** Carolyn B. Caamano  
Editor: Carolyn B. Caamano  
Chapter Leader: Marilyn Gutierrez

##### Award of Distinction

Sewanhaka Federation of  
Teachers  
**SFT Retirees Newsbeat**  
Title: SFT Retirees Newsbeat  
**Award Winner:** Karla Adasse  
Editor: Karla Adasse  
Chapter Leader: Anna Zurawinsky

#### CLASS RII

##### First Place

Bay Shore Retired Teachers'  
Association  
**The 4<sup>th</sup> R**  
Title: The 4<sup>th</sup> R June 2014  
**Award Winner:** Marion Skirbe  
Editor: Marion Skirbe  
Chapter Leader: Joseph D'Antoni

##### Award of Distinction

Pittsford District Retired  
Teachers Association  
**Retired Times**  
Title: Retired Times February 2014  
Award Winner: Joyce H. Montanaro  
Editor: Joyce H. Montanaro  
Chapter Leader: Nanette Sorrentino

##### Award of Distinction

Retirees of Brentwood Schools  
**ROBS Newsletter**  
Title: ROBS Newsletter July/August  
2014  
**Award Winner:** Carmela Criscione  
Editor: Carmela Criscione  
Chapter Leader: Nick Siciliano

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## CLASS RIII

### **First Place**

United Federation of Teachers  
Retiree Chapter #2

#### ***UFT-RTC RETIREE***

Title: UFT-RTC RETIREE February  
2014

Award Winner: Lynn Lospenuso

Editor: Lynn Lospenuso

Chapter Leader: Michael Mulgrew

### **Award of Distinction**

Retiree Council 18

#### ***Linkage***

Title: Linkage Winter 2014

**Award Winner:** Emily Schreiber

Editor: Emily Schreiber

Council President: Barbara Keilty-  
Michaleski

### **Award of Distinction**

Wappingers Congress of Retired  
Teachers

#### ***Post Script***

Title: Post Script April 2014

**Award Winner:** Bill Dourdis

Editor: Bill Dourdis

Chapter Leader: Susan Roger

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## Retiree Winners

### Best Article about Local or Chapter Issues

#### CLASS RI

#### First Place

Sewanhaka Federation of  
Teachers

#### *SFT Retirees Newsbeat*

Title: How Times Have Changed

**Award Winner:** Frank McHugh

Editor: Karla Adasse

Chapter Leader: Anna Zurawinsky

#### Award of Distinction

Central Islip Retired Teachers  
Association

#### *The CIRTation*

Title: The Tenure Debacle

**Award Winner:** James Nohe

Editor: Brian Roethgen

Chapter Leader: Irene Spero

#### Award of Distinction

Pine Bush Teachers Association  
Retiree Chapter

#### *PBTARC*

Title: What Is PBTARC All About?

**Award Winner:** Loretta Miller

Editor: Lila Baranowski

Chapter Leader: Jackie Glick

#### CLASS RII

#### First Place

Kingston Retired Teachers'  
Federation

#### *The P.O.R.C.H.*

Title: In His Honor We Remember...A

KTF Union Activist, A KCSO

Professional, A Dedicated Colleague, A  
Beloved Friend.

**Award Winner:** Diane Long

Editor: Diane Long

Chapter Leader: Linda Monfette

#### Award of Distinction

Retiree Council 13

#### *Mid-Hudson Bridges*

Title: Teachers, Retirees Attacked But

We Have Ways To Fight Back

**Award Winner:** Matthew Ostoyich

Editor: Bill Dourdis

Council President: Matthew Ostoyich

#### Award of Distinction

Retirees of Brentwood Schools

#### *ROBS Newsletter*

Title: Dot Z The Consummate Union

Person

**Award Winner:** John Sherin

Editor: Carmela Criscione

Chapter Leader: Nick Siciliano

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## CLASS RIII

### **First Place**

Retiree Council 18

#### ***Linkage***

Title: President's Corner: Staying Informed

**Award Winner:** Barbara Keilty-Michaleski

Editor: Emily Schreiber

Council President: Barbara Keilty-Michaleski

### **Award of Distinction**

Retiree Council 12

#### ***The Outlook***

Title: Sandra Bliss Receives The Sandy Feldman Outstanding Leadership Award at 2014 NYSUT RA

**Award Winner:** Phyllis

VanSteenburgh

Editor: Carolyn Darkangelo

Council President: Sandra Bliss

### **Award of Distinction**

Retiree Council 39

#### ***NYSUT RETIREE COUNCIL 39***

#### ***NEWSLETTER***

Title: Are We Instructors or Professors?

**Award Winner:** William Powers

Editor: Peter Herron

Council President: Peter Herron

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## Retiree Winners

### Best Article about a Social Justice Issue

#### CLASS RI

#### First Place

Malverne Teachers' Association  
Retiree Chapter

#### *The Retiree ReView*

Title: From Our Vice President Rosetta  
Giannotti

**Award Winner:** Rosetta Giannotti

Editor: Emily Schreiber

Chapter Leader: Emily Schreiber

#### CLASS RII

#### First Place

Pittsford District Retired  
Teachers Association

#### *Retired Times*

Title: From My Hands And Heart...  
Cooking Matters

**Award Winner:** Linda Treynor

Editor: Joyce H. Montanaro

Chapter Leader: Nanette Sorrentino

#### Award of Distinction

Bay Shore Retired Teachers'  
Association

#### *The 4<sup>th</sup> R*

Title: An Historic Journey

**Award Winner:** Dave Phillips

Editor: Marion Skirbe

Chapter Leader: Joseph D'Antoni

#### Award of Distinction

Retiree Council 43

#### *NYSUT Retiree Council 43*

Title: Do Teachers Have To Take Vows  
Of Poverty

**Award Winner:** Felicia Bruce

Editor: Felicia Bruce

Council President: Deb Peterson

#### CLASS III

#### First Place

Retiree Council 15/16

#### *Senior Class*

Title: "Our Kids"

**Award Winner:** Alma Cormican

Editor: Clare Gorman

Council President: Alma Cormican

#### Award of Distinction

Retiree Council 10

#### *RC 10 SKYLINE NEWS*

Title: In Search Of New Challenges

**Award Winner:** Barbara McCarthy

Editor: Ernest Reis

Council President: David Golden

#### Award of Distinction

Wappingers Congress of Retired  
Teachers

#### *Post Script*

Title: 320 7<sup>th</sup> Graders "Thrown To The  
Wolves"

**Award Winner:** Bill Dourdis

Editor: Bill Dourdis

Chapter Leader: Susan Roger

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## Retiree Winners

### Best Creative Writing

#### CLASS RI

##### First Place

Jericho Teachers Association  
Retirees

##### *The Jericho Retiree*

Title: Jericho's Fulbrights

**Award Winners:** Maureen Tracy;  
Dave Martin; Jeff Feinberg & Susan  
Menkes

Editor: Carol Spielberger

Chapter Leader: Carol Spielberger

##### Award of Distinction

Central Islip Retired Teachers  
Association

##### *The CIRTation*

Title: Hi Ci

**Award Winner:** Mark Newhouse

Editor: Brian Roethgen

Chapter Leader: Irene Spero

##### Award of Distinction

Islip Retired Teachers  
Association

##### *'ISLIP CONNECTIONS'*

Title: The Amateur Artist

**Award Winner:** Carolyn B. Caamano

Editor: Carolyn B. Caamano

Chapter Leader: Marilyn Gutierrez

#### CLASS RII

##### First Place

Retirees of Brentwood Schools

##### *ROBS Newsletter*

Title: A Celebration Of The Non-Party

**Award Winner:** Claire Geraci

Editor: Carmela Criscione

Chapter Leader: Nick Siciliano

##### Award of Distinction

Bay Shore Retired Teachers'  
Association

##### *The 4<sup>th</sup> R*

Title: It Can Help, If It Doesn't Kill You!

**Award Winner:** Tom Bernagozzi

Editor: Marion Skirbe

Chapter Leader: Joseph D'Antoni

##### Award of Distinction

Retiree Council 13

##### *Mid-Hudson Bridges*

Title: As We Age, Be Aware, Look  
Ahead

**Award Winner:** Matthew Ostoyich

Editor: Bill Dourdis

Council President: Matthew Ostoyich

# 2014-15 Communications Awards Retiree Winners

## CLASS RIII

### **First Place**

Retiree Council 15/16

#### ***Senior Class***

Title: Brave New World?

**Award Winner:** Alma Cormican

Editor: Clare Gorman

Council President: Alma Cormican

### **Award of Distinction**

Retiree Council 10

#### ***RC 10 SKYLINE NEWS***

Title: Just Another Election?

**Award Winner:** Ernest Reis

Editor: Ernest Reis

Council President: David Golden

### **Award of Distinction**

Wappingers Congress of Retired  
Teachers

#### ***Post Script***

Title: Saranne Rap A Transparent

View Of Issues – A Lucky Bunch Of

Retirees: Health Insurance Changes

Still Benefit The WCRT

**Award Winner:** Saranne Ratner

Editor: Bill Dourdis

Chapter Leader: Susan Roger

# 2014-15 Communications Awards

## Retiree Winners

### Best Overall Graphic Design

#### CLASS RI

#### First Place

Oriskany Retirees' Organization  
***ORO Newsletter***  
Title: ORO Newsletter Sept./Oct. 2014  
**Award Winner:** Barbara Schooley  
Editor: Barbara Schooley  
Chapter Leader: Sarah McQueen

#### Award of Distinction

Islip Retired Teachers Association  
***'ISLIP CONNECTIONS'***  
Title: Living History In Gettysburg  
**Award Winner:** Methel Gale  
Editor: Carolyn B. Caamano  
Chapter Leader: Marilyn Gutierrez

#### Award of Distinction

Malverne Teachers' Association Retiree Chapter  
***The Retiree ReView***  
Title: The Retiree ReView Dec. 2014  
**Award Winner:** Emily Schreiber  
Editor: Emily Schreiber  
Chapter Leader: Emily Schreiber

#### CLASS RII

#### First Place

Retirees of Brentwood Schools  
***ROBS Newsletter***  
Title: ROBS Holiday Luncheon  
**Award Winner:** Phyllis Goodwin  
Editor: Carmela Criscione  
Chapter Leader: Nick Siciliano

#### Award of Distinction

Pittsford District Retired Teachers Association  
***Retired Times***  
Title: PDRTA Holiday Luncheon  
Award Winner: Joyce H. Montanaro  
Editor: Joyce H. Montanaro  
Chapter Leader: Nanette Sorrentino

#### Award of Distinction

Port Washington Teachers Association Retired Educators Chapter  
***Retired Educators Chapter Port Washington Teachers Association Website***  
Title: Retired Educators Chapter Port Washington Teachers Association Website  
**Award Winner:** Barbara Mayer  
Webmaster: Barbara Mayer  
Chapter Leader: Elaine Berman



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## CLASS RIII

### **First Place**

Retiree Council 18

#### ***Linkage***

Title: Linkage Winter 2014

**Award Winner:** Emily Schreiber

Editor: Emily Schreiber

Council President: Barbara Keilty-  
Michaleski

### **Award of Distinction**

Half Hollow Hills Active Retired  
Teachers Association

#### ***the HHHART BEAT***

Title: Where Are They Now?

**Award Winners:** Barbara Arbuss,  
Sandra Glickman & Norma Smith

Editors: Barbara Arbuss, Sandra  
Glickman & Norma Smith  
Chapter Leader: Joan Petroske

### **Award of Distinction**

Wappingers Congress of Retired  
Teachers

#### ***Post Script***

Title: Batter Up! We're Panik-Stricken!  
World-Class World Series Featured  
District, County Athlete

**Award Winner:** Bill Dourdis

Editor: Bill Dourdis

Chapter Leader: Susan Roger

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## Retiree Winners

### Best Photo or Illustration

#### CLASS RI

#### First Place

Malverne Teachers' Association  
Retiree Chapter

#### *The Retiree ReView*

Title: Malverne Run For Education

**Award Winner:** Emily Schreiber

Editor: Emily Schreiber

Chapter Leader: Emily Schreiber

#### Award of Distinction

Central Islip Retired Teachers  
Association

#### *The CIRTATION*

Title: Nancy Libert

**Award Winner:** Brian Roethgen

Editor: Brian Roethgen

Chapter Leader: Irene Spero

#### Award of Distinction

Islip Retired Teachers  
Association

#### *'ISLIP CONNECTIONS'*

Title: Springtime In Tuscany

**Award Winner:** Pauline Slowey

Editor: Carolyn B. Caamano

Chapter Leader: Marilyn Gutierrez

#### CLASS RII

#### First Place

Pittsford District Retired  
Teachers Association

#### *Retired Times*

Title: The Hidden Family

**Award Winner:** Bonnie Martin

Editor: Joyce H. Montanaro

Chapter Leader: Nanette Sorrentino

#### Award of Distinction

Retiree Council 43

#### *NYSUT Retiree Council 43*

Title: Scenes Around The State: Space  
Coast Joined The Brevard Federation  
Of Teachers...

**Award Winner:** Maxine Knisley

Editor: Felicia Bruce

Council President: Deb Peterson

#### Award of Distinction

Retirees of Brentwood Schools

#### *ROBS Newsletter*

Title: A Part Of Brentwood History  
Finds A New Home

**Award Winner:** Adrienne Eastman

Editor: Carmela Criscione

Chapter Leader: Nick Siciliano

# 2014-15 Communications Awards Retiree Winners

## CLASS RIII

### **First Place**

Wappingers Congress of Retired  
Teachers

#### ***Post Script***

Title: St. Patty's Day Parade

**Award Winner:** Bill Dourdis

Editor: Bill Dourdis

Chapter Leader: Susan Roger

### **Award of Distinction**

Retiree Council 18

#### ***Linkage***

Title: This is Jon Trapani!

**Award Winner:** Barbara Keilty-  
Michaleski

Editor: Emily Schreiber

Council President: Barbara Keilty-  
Michaleski

# 2014-15 Communications Awards

## Retiree Winners

### **Most User-Friendly Website**

#### **CLASS RII**

#### **First Place**

Retirees of Brentwood Schools  
*Retirees of Brentwood Schools Website*

Title: Retirees of Brentwood Schools Website

**Award Winner:** Gloria Hannemann  
Webmaster: Carmela Criscione  
Chapter Leader: Nick Siciliano

#### **Award of Distinction**

Port Washington Teachers Association Retired Educators Chapter  
*Retired Educators Chapter Port Washington Teachers Association Website*

Title: Retired Educators Chapter Port Washington Teachers Association Website

**Award Winner:** Barbara Mayer  
Webmaster: Barbara Mayer  
Chapter Leader: Elaine Berman

### **Award of Distinction**

Retiree Council 43

*NYSUT Retiree Council 43 Website*

Title: NYSUT Retiree Council 43 Website

**Award Winner:** Maxine Knisley & Felicia Bruce

Webmaster: Felicia Bruce

Council President: Deb Peterson

#### **CLASS RIII**

#### **First Place**

Retiree Council 10

*RC 10 Website*

Title: RC 10 Website

**Award Winner:** Ernest Reis

Webmaster: Ernest Reis

Council President: David Golden

# 2014-15 Communications Awards Retiree Winners

## Best Use of Social Media

### CLASS RII

#### First Place

Retiree Council 43

*New York State United Teacher*

*Retirees in Florida Facebook Page*

Title: New York State United Teacher

Retirees in Florida Facebook Page

**Award Winner:** Maxine Knisley

Editor: Felicia Bruce

Council President: Deb Peterson

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## Retiree Winners

### Best Column/Blog

#### CLASS RI

#### First Place

Islip Retired Teachers

Association

***'ISLIP CONNECTIONS'***

Title: The President's Corner

**Award Winner:** Marilyn Gutierrez

Editor: Carolyn B. Caamano

Chapter Leader: Marilyn Gutierrez

#### CLASS RII

#### First Place

Retiree Council 43

***NYSUT Retiree Council 43 Blog***

Title: Odds 'N' Ends

**Award Winner:** Deb Peterson

Editor: Felicia Bruce

Council President: Deb Peterson

#### CLASS RIII

#### First Place

Wappingers Congress of Retired  
Teachers

***Post Script***

Title: As The Smoke Settles

**Award Winner:** Cliff Foley

Editor: Bill Dourdis

Chapter Leader: Susan Roger

#### Award of Distinction

Retiree Council 12

***The Outlook***

Title: What's Coming in 2017?

**Award Winner:** Phyllis

VanSteenburgh

Editor: Carolyn Darkangelo

Council President: Sandra Bliss