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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I'd like to welcome the 2014 class of retirees to the ranks of NYSUT RC 45. You are in for a life-changing experience. Come September, there will be no need to set an alarm clock for some ridiculously early hour unless you are getting up to go have fun. You will now be able to get to that pile of books you have collected over the years that you have not had time to read. No longer will you need to spend your "free time" reading students' work. Cold coffee and lunch periods that are too short to finish eating in will become a distant memory, as will faculty meetings and lesson plans. You will be able to travel in off-peak times which are less expensive, much less crowded and more rewarding. You will be able to take your time in all you do. Jobs that you start can be left until tomorrow if something better comes along. You will have the time to get back to them.

The Council held its Spring membership meeting/election of all officers, Board of Directors members, delegates and alternates on Wednesday July 16th at the Central New York Living History Center in Homer, NY. The results of the election are as follows: President and Delegate - BILL NINNESS; 1st Vice President - GAIL VAN PATTEN; Secretary - BRENDA COMOLLI; Treasurer - MAXINE CLEVELAND; Members of the Board of Directors - RICK BROOKS, VICKI DARROW, CHRIS FRARE, and LORI MEGIVERN; NYSUT Representative Assembly Delegates - RICK BROOKS and VICKI DARROW; and AFT Alternate delegate - VICKI DARROW. Those elected will serve three year terms. On behalf of all the officers, delegates and members of the Board of Directors who were reelected, I'd like to thank all of the retirees who voted and showed their continued support for what RC 45 is trying to accomplish.

This summer delegates had the opportunity to attend the NEA Retired Representative Assembly as well as the NEA Representative Assembly in Denver, Colorado and the AFT Convention in Los Angeles, California.

I was able to attend the NEA Retiree Conference as well as the NEA Representative Assembly. Although the NEA and the AFT have different formats, both dealt with the same issues that continue to plague our members, including assessment, evaluation of teachers, immigration reform, voter suppression, protection of contractual rights, Medicare and Social Security, and others. Delegates at both conferences called for the removal of Arne Duncan, US Secretary of Education. It was an election year at both conventions.

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CUBA TODAY: PEOPLE AND SOCIETY

Cuba Today: People and Society
An Exclusive Learning Adventure for RC-45 Members
APRIL 2015



Members of RC 45 will have an exciting opportunity to visit Cuba this April as part of the Council's first international travel group.

The "**Cuba Today: People and Society**" trip taking place in April, 2015 is open to all retirees, active members, friends and family. The excursion will be required to have at least twelve and no more than twenty-four participants. The total cost is \$3,395, with \$250 due upon enrollment and the remainder due before January 01, 2015. The price includes all rooms, admissions, tips, visas, and twenty-one meals. Participants will need to purchase passports and arrange their own transportation round trip to Miami.

A copy of the Roads Scholar pamphlet explaining more details of daily activities can be found at <http://edwebservices.com/cuba flyer.pdf> A YouTube video about the experience can be seen at <http://YouTube.be/38DQ4REv0b0>. Please contact Lori Megivern for more information at megivern7@gmail.com.

Chinese National Acrobats -- Mon. Nov. 17th 7:30 pm

Join RC 45 and see the Chinese National Acrobats for a one night only performance on **Mon. Nov. 17th 7:30 pm at the Anderson Center for the Performing Arts, Binghamton University**, 4400 Vestal Pky. East., Binghamton, NY. The cost for the performance is \$35.00. We have a limited number of tickets, so reserve your tickets as early as possible.

For access to videos and reviews of the performance go to <http://www.cami.com/?webid=1928>

Complete and return the form below no later than Wed. Oct. 1, 2014 with your check for \$35.00 per person made payable to 'NYSUT Retiree Council 45' - NO CASH please.

Mail to: Max Cleveland, 5 Brentwood Drive, Homer, NY 13077.



Name _____

Address _____

School District You Retired From _____

Guest(s) _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Check for _____ tickets enclosed. No cash payments please

Any questions contact Max Cleveland at maxine_cleveland@yahoo.com

