

BCUEA

BETHLEHEM CENTRAL UNITED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

September 2019

UPCOMING

Sep. 3 Opening Day
meeting Eagle Café 9 am

Sep. 28 BCUEA Clam Bake
Lanthiers Grove , Latham
noon-8pm

Oct. 16th General
Membership meeting time
and location TBD

WELCOME BACK TO THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

We hope everyone had time to enjoy the beautiful summer with family and friends. Some of us were working the summer programs, driving the busses or the custodians and secretaries just getting things ready for back to school. As always time flies when we are having fun.

Meet the Officers and Board of Directors

Your President is Charlie Jones, Bus Driver
1st Vice President is Karen Verhagen, Middle School Custodian
2nd Vice President is Felicia Trianni, Bus Driver
Secretary is Jenn Augar, High School Nurse's Secretary
Treasurer is Matt Assini, Bus Driver

Board Members are

Brian Perry, Maintenance Dept.
Ellen Driscoll, Transportation Dept.
Jim Kane, Slingerlands Custodian
Lisa Relyea, Middle School Head Custodian
...Open Seat... Apply with any Board Member



NYSUT'S MESSAGE

In so many ways, this is the best time of the year, full of promise and great expectations. New students are excited, and maybe a little nervous, about entering the world of higher education, and returning ones will be all the more focused on their futures. The importance of your roles at our universities, colleges and medical institutions as educators, professionals, mentors and trusted advisors cannot be overstated.

At the same time, a new semester again raises all the challenges we face every year as we push our elected officials to properly support higher education in our state. NYSUT, your statewide union, is here to support you. We fight for your rights, your profession and your benefits in the workplace and in the halls of power.

We know our union members are completely committed to helping students, institutions and communities grow and thrive. We are proud to do everything needed to support you and your goals.

In solidarity,

Andy, Jolene, Paul & Philippe



NYSUT MEMBER BENEFITS

NYSUT Member Benefits has been offering NYSUT members a variety of endorsed insurance, financial, legal, and shopping/travel/personal programs for more than 35 years designed to provide a quality product while saving them money. Whether it's through our voluntary or group programs, we have always made NYSUT members our number one priority... and this continues to be true today. There are always changing benefits on the NYSUT web page.

You can call 1-800-626-8101 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or email us at benefits@nysutmail.org.

BCUEA COMMITTEES

The BCUEA had a long list of committees that are looking for some new members. Many of the long time committee members have retired in recent years and need some new faces. The Dental committee for instance is looking for some people interested in helping with the changing needs of the members dental coverage. The Community Action Committee is a group that helps the community and the union get together and lend a hand to those in need. They have purchased school supplies for students, organized the pet drive, and food drives for the community. If you have any ideas of things we can do they this is the place. There is an Election Committee that makes sure the election of officers and board members. They can also help with Building Representative elections if needed. How about the By-Law Committee or the Calendar Committee. We have a Membership Committee and a Health and Safety Committee all could use a few new faces. There is a Scholarship Committee that meets a few times and reads the applications for the BCUEA scholarships and chooses who receives them. How about the Grievance Committee, do you like to read the contract then this may be for you. Please feel free to ask your building rep or any board member about joining any of the committees.

HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY?

If you have relocated or changed your contact info please let your building representative know so the BCUEA has accurate info. The district does not let us know your new address. We rely on our members to help us out.

BUILDING REPRESENTATIVES

Always looking for help spreading the news! Many vacant spots have opened up due to retirements. Please help us help you and your fellow members

Eagle – Vacant
Glenmont – Vacant
Slingerlands – Jim Kane
Middle School – Karen Verhagen
High School – Vacant
Transportation – Ellen Driscoll

Elsmere – Doreen Bellamy
Hamagreal – Kathleen Cronmiller
Operations & Maint. – Kim Burke
Middle School – Vacant
High School – Maria Patti
Transportation – Rob Meyer