



BETHLEHEM CENTRAL UNITED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

BCUEA Newsletter

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May General Membership Meeting

Our May General Membership meeting will be on May 20, 2015 in the High School cafeteria. Some members of the Board of Directors have graciously volunteered to make some cookies and brownies for you to enjoy while we have the meeting. The Community Action Committee has also

asked for the members to bring an item to donate to the Town of Bethlehem food pantry. There will be someone from NYSUT to talk about VOTE COPE and answer any questions you may have.



Cabin Fever Party

Our Cabin Fever Party was in March. Just a quick note about how it went.



Pet Drive

Pet drive was in March and a great success. Bring a food item to donate to the Bethlehem Food Pantry to May 20th Meeting

Vote Cope

Your statewide union has a political fund-raising arm called VOTECOPE. VOTE-COPE is NYSUT's non-partisan action fund that coordinates the voluntary contributions of members and supports NYSUT-endorsed candidates and campaign committees that are pro-public-education and pro-labor.

No NYSUT dues dollars are used to support candidates or campaign committees.

NYSUT sends rebates to local unions based on a

percentage (up to 40 percent) of the contributions VOTE-COPE receives from that local union's members. Those rebates can be used in local activities such as school board races and for passage of school budgets.

Last year, your colleagues contributed nearly \$8 million to VOTE-COPE. You can ask your local president how to participate.



A Message from your President

By Charlie Jones

Just think it's almost the end of school. June is just around the corner. I encourage you to come to the General Membership meeting on May 20th in the High School cafeteria. There will be a NYSUT representative to talk about VOTE COPE. The Board of Directors has a few things they want me to talk to the membership about.

There are suggestions to lessen union dues for the members in the upcoming years. Please come to the meeting May 20th to hear more about what we can do as a union. Thank you to each and every one of our members for what you do in the community and at school.



Cabin Fever was a success!!!

In the March newsletter we told you about the Cabin Fever Party. If you attended then you know it was a great time. If you didn't come then you missed out on an awesome time. There were over 70 people that attended. There was a variety of prizes like lottery tickets, cash prizes, gift cards and adult beverages.

There was a DJ that played some great music and some dancing. The food was great and so was the company. We hope that everyone that attended had a great time. If anyone has any ideas for next year's party please let us know

Pet Drive 2015



The Community Action Committee would like to thank everyone who donated. Items were donated to Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, Animal Protective Foundation, Healthy Pet Center and more. It was a success and we look forward to collecting it again next year.

Please bring a food item to donate to the Bethlehem Food Pantry at the May 20th Meeting.





Mother's Day deals with 1800Flowers.com

Are you looking for a great gift idea for Mother's Day on May 10? Show how much you love mom and all of the special people in your life with a gift from the NYSUT Member Benefits Corporation-endorsed 1800Flowers.com program.

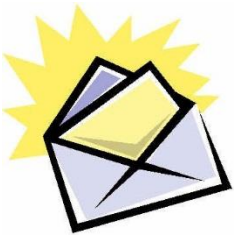
Express yourself perfectly while saving 20% on truly original Mother's Day arrangements, colorful bouquets, blooming plants, gourmet gift baskets, and other beautiful gifts.

In addition to 1800Flowers.com, you can also purchase items from 1800Baskets.com, FruitBouquets.com, Cheryl's Cookies, Fanny May Berries, and The Popcorn Factory -- all part of the 1800Flowers.com family.

Visit **1800Flowers.com** and select the items you would like to order from any of the sites listed above. **Enter promotion code "NYSUTMB" at check-out and a 20% discount will be applied to the merchandise amount of your order.**

You can also order over the phone by calling 1-800-FLOWERS (1-800-356-9377); make sure to use the promotion code.

Have you moved ???



If you have, the Membership Committee would like to know so they can be sure you receive any mailings we send and so NYSUT is up to date for their mailings. Please send a quick e-mail to Mmann@bcsd.neric.org or note to Mary Mann at transportation