Letter from the Co-Presidents

Dear AOPA Members,

Happy Fall!

As you know we are continuing our negotiations with the District. The major remaining items include salary, 403-b contributions, personal leave and recess days. We did not feel that the District was putting a sufficient amount of money on the table to allow us to reach an acceptable tentative agreement on these remaining economic issues. Since the BOE would not grant any additional authority in terms of the economic package, the Executive Board came up with some ideas that we are hoping will help to move the discussion forward. Bill Grande is working on putting those ideas into the form of a counter proposal for the District's consideration. We will be meeting with the District the beginning of November to present this counterproposel. We are confident that we are moving toward a successful outcome. We will continue to update you as further information becomes available.

Remember, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact a member of the executive board or your building rep. Please be sure to share any building news with us so that it can be included in the newsletter! Weddings, graduation, travel, births, etc. Send your favorite recipes also!

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NYSUT NEWS

Go to www.nysut.org/yourunion to tell NYSUT what you want from your union - and share the link with your members so they can do likewise.

NYSUT Member Benefits is proud to offer a quarterly electronic newsletter designed to make NYSUT members better-informed consumers. This publication serves as a valuable educational tool and offers a variety of informational articles about issues of importance to our members. Go to www.memberbenefits.com.nysut.org for more information!

NYSUT is more than 600,000 people who work in, or are retired from, New York's schools, colleges, and healthcare facilities. They are classroom teachers, college and university faculty and professional staff, school bus drivers, custodians, secretaries, cafeteria workers, teacher assistants and aides, nurses and healthcare technicians.

NYSUT is a federation of more than 1,200 local unions, each representing its own members. They are affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and the National Education Association (NEA). They are also part of organized labor - the AFL-CIO - and of Education International, with more than 20 million members worldwide.

They range in size from tiny locals of fewer than 10 members to the United Federation of Teachers, which represents more than 140,000 teachers and other school employees in New York City. Review their bi-monthly information in this issue of our Union Gabl.

September & October Birthdays!

Cynthia Opoka ~ 09/3  
Sherry Pruchnowksi ~ 09/4  
Cheryl LaForte ~ 09/8  
Sharon Zak ~ 09/18  
Janet Wamsley ~ 09/21

Sandra Batchev ~ 10/13  
Mary Ann Starr ~ 10/14  
Michael Thomas ~ 10/17  
Angela Earle ~ 10/31
Identity theft protection available for NYSUT members

NYSUT Member Benefits is excited to announce that its newest endorsed program -- ID Watchdog -- is now available to all NYSUT members & their families looking for protection against the growing threat of identity and credit theft.

What Do I Get When I Sign Up for ID Watchdog?

- Credit & Cyber Monitoring
- Credit Reports & Scores
- Individual, Individual/Spouse or Family Coverage Available
- Monthly Credit Score Tracker
- High Risk Monitoring

According to Javelin Strategy & Research, an estimated 13.1 million Americans fall victim to identity theft each year. These individuals are hit with approximately $7,000 in fraudulent charges per person and spend about 330 hours each trying to recover from the effects of identity theft.

ID Watchdog (founded in 2005 as a theft protection service) uses proprietary monitoring technology that alerts members as soon as new or updated information associated with their identity is detected -- allowing them to catch fraudulent activity immediately.

To learn more about ID Watchdog, call toll-free 866-513-0823 or visit memberbenefits.nysut.org.

For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits. Agency fee payers to NYSUT are eligible to participate in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.

Sept/Oct, '15
I created this recipe after ordering something similar at Essex Street Pub in downtown Buffalo.

Use gloves when working with the peppers.

**Jalapeno Casinos**

About 35 Jalapeno Peppers
1 Pound of Bacon
2 ~ 8 ounce blocks of Cream Cheese
1 Cup Shredded Cheddar Cheese
1 Cup Asiago Cheese
1 Can Water Chestnuts Chopped
2 Tablespoons Liquid Smoke
Salt and Pepper to Taste

Cook bacon till crisp. Do not over cook. Break into small pieces and set aside.

Make sure you use gloves for this process...
Slice stems off of peppers and slice in half...
Remove seeds and veins from peppers. Set aside.

Combine remaining ingredients till well blended. Place foil on a large baking sheet and lightly spray. Fill peppers with the cheese and water chestnut mixture. Top with cooked, chopped bacon.

Bake for 350 degrees for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Enjoy!!!