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A MESSAGE FROM OUR UNIT LEADERSHIP

We are facing very unusual times as the new school year begins. The COVID 19 Pandemic is still with us, and affecting how we lead our lives. I bring greetings from the Officers and Executive Board of our Unit.

The Executive Board of the Long Island Unit has been meeting with the use of technology by holding Zoom meetings to conduct our business. The Plainview Library is still not available for in person meetings and may not be so for a while. Zoom will have to do until that time that the Library opens for meetings. We will be reaching our members via newsletters and our [website](#). Please check the Long Island Unit Website (csaliretirees.com) for the most current information about our activities. We hope to resume the postponed activities sometime in Spring 2021.

The Executive Board is also planning to have a Zoom membership meeting in the Fall. We will keep you all posted with the details as we work them out.

We have an important election coming up in November and I urge all our members to vote. You can obtain an absentee ballot and vote by mail. There are also several early voting places in Nassau and Suffolk County as well as voting in person on Election Day. However you choose to vote, make sure you do; your vote counts.

ENDORSEMENT FOR CSA LONG ISLAND UNIT - 2020 ELECTION

	AFL-CIO NY	NYSUT	CSA	LONG ISLAND UNIT	
CONGRESS					
CD-1	Goroff	Goroff	Goroff	1 Goroff	Needs active support close race
CD-2	Gordon	Gordon	Gordon	Gordon	Needs active support close race
CD-3	Suoizzi	Suoizzi	Suoizzi	Suoizzi	
CD-4		Rice		Rice	
CD-5		Meeks	Meeks	Meeks	
CD-11	Rose	Rose	Rose	Rose	Needs active support and funding.
STATE SEN.					
D.1	Ahearn			3 Ahearn	
D.2	Materra	Materra	Flanagan		Plumbers union no exp. Projected union 40%
D.3	Martinez	Martinez	Martinez	Martinez	
D.4	Boyle	Boyle	Boyle		40% Union voting record
D.5	Gaughran	Gaughran	Gaughran	Gaughran	
D.6	Thomas	Thomas	Thomas	Thomas	Close race needs support
D.7	Kaplan	Kaplan	Kaplan	Kaplan	
D.8	Brooks	Brooks	Brooks	Brooks	
D.9	Kaminsky	Kaminsky	Kaminsky	Kaminsky	
ASSEMBLY					
1	Thiele Jr.	Thiele Jr.		Thiele Jr.	
2	Jens-Smith	Jens-Smith		Jens-Smith	
3	DeStefano	DeStefano			Fire/police 40% voting record
4	Engelbright	Engelbright		Engelbright	
5	Smith	Smith		Smith	
6	Ramos	Ramos		Ramos	
7	Gandolfo	Gandolfo		Genco	
8	Rice	Rice			
9	Durso	Durso		2 Brancato	
10	Stern	Stern		Stern	
11	Jean Pierre	Jean-Pierre		Jean Pierre	
12	Marcantonio	Marcantonio		Marcantonio	
13	Lavine	Lavine		Lavine	
14	McDonough	McDonough		McDonough	
15		Montesano			40% union vote/police
16	Sillitti	Sillitti		Sillitti	
17	Mikulin	Mikulin			
18	Darling	Darling		Darling	
19	Ra	Ra			
20	Marks	Marks		Marks	
21	Griffin	Griffin		Griffin	
22	Solages	Solages		Solages	
23	Amato	Amato		Amato	

- 1 Nancy Goroff, is an outstanding candidate for congress. She is a professor and Department Chair at SUNY Stonybrook Associate Provost, Dean, Trustee Institute of Digital Media and Child Development
- 2 Ann Brancato is a Dr. of Psychology. Executive Director of the Center For Aging. Director of Disabled and Alcohol Abus Director of Adult Education. Adjunct Professor at Fordham University. Director of Children's Services
- 3 Laura Ahearn social worker, military mom, Founder Crime Victims Center. She supports school funding, the environment and health care

NEW YORK:

CD-1 Professor Nancy Goroff (D), Chairman of Science Department at SUNY Stony Brook - 35% pro-union voting record

CD-2 Jacky Gordon (D), Teacher, Colonel, Military Police, Army - Running to replace Peter King

CD-3 Congressman Thomas Suoizzi (D), 95% pro-union voting record

CD-4 Congresswomen Kathleen Rice (D), 95% pro-union voting record

CD-5 Congressman Gregory Meeks (D). 100% pro-union voting record

CD-11 Congressman Max Rose (D). 100% pro-union voting record

Visit our website for up to date information, csaliretires.com

Complete the 2020 Census online at: my2020census.gov

The Legislative Committee and the Political Action Group, support all those who will protect Social Security, Medicare and public education. We research candidates to check their credentials. We endorse Pro-union candidates.

The CSA endorses Joe Biden for President & Kamala Harris for Vice President



Although our activities were placed “on pause,” we continue to plan our 2020-2021 programs and activities and look forward to seeing you on ZOOM soon!

If you need assistance – reach out to our leadership. Your union is here to help you get through these challenging times.

New York City Council of Supervisors and Administrators – Long Island Retirees Unit

HERE FOR YOU!

LOCAL NEWS**HONORING SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN****DOROTHY L. GOOSBY**

by, Candace Scott, Ed.D.

Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby has been fighting for voting rights for minorities on Long Island since 1988. She filed a class action suit against the Town of Hempstead in 1997. A judge ruled that Hempstead's voting-at-large system violated the Voting Rights Act. The Supreme Court has recently gutted this Voting Rights Act. In 1999 Dorothy Goosby was elected to the Hempstead Town Board. She was the first African American to serve on this Board.

This year Hempstead Town Supervisor Don Clavin declared that the Town Plaza is being renamed Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby Plaza. The official ceremony was supposed to take place on June 6th. However, it has been postponed due to the COVID 19 pandemic. This is a tremendous culminating achievement for a woman born in Apalachicola, Florida.

OUR HEALTH**MEDICARE/EMBLEM HEALTH GLITCH**

by, Norm Sherman

Emblem Health issued new medical cards with new ID numbers taking effect July 1, 2020. Your job was to give your doctors the new ID card when you first visited their offices after July 1st.

The problem is that there is apparently a breakdown in the way Medicare and Emblem Health communicate with each other regarding the new cards. In the past, doctors would send a request for payment for services rendered to a Medicare member directly to Medicare. After Medicare would determine what portion of the payment was allowable and pay 80% of that portion, it would send the request to Emblem Health to pay the remaining 20%. This process broke down after the new cards went into effect. Medicare, instead of sending the request to Emblem Health, sent it to Blue Cross. Because this provider handles hospital claims, it obviously did not cover the remaining amount of the doctor's request for payment.

This problem is systemic, as it has affected many of our Medicare members. CSA Retiree Welfare Fund Administrator Doug Hathaway has been in contact with Medicare and Emblem Health and was informed of the problem and they are working on correcting it. Even though CSA did not cause this problem, Doug will monitor the situation.

If you are experiencing the above-mentioned problem, call

Medicare and Emblem Health and inform them of your situation. The more people who call, the more pressure these two organizations will feel to resolve the problem quickly as possible.

If you get an incorrect claim do not pay it. Just notify Medicare and Emblem Health. Should you get an actual bill, contact the CSA Retiree Welfare Fund.

PREPARING FOR THE INEVITABLE

by, Alan R. Lichtenstein, CSA Pension Consultant

When a member passes on, because the member never discussed with the spouse what happens in that event, lucky spouses who call the CSA Retiree Chapter, are generally referred by Mark, to me. It's difficult to have to go over, on the phone, what must be done. But **YOU** should prepare for the inevitable by discussing with your potential survivor exactly what options (if any) you have selected for your retirement allowance and what choice you have made for your **TDA**, and better, keep a folder of the papers you filed with TRS when you retired. TRS will send the survivor forms, at least for the time being, until they migrate these to an on-line process. And knowing what choices have been made will greatly help me in advising the survivor as to how to proceed. So, here are some things you should do **NOW** and have ready when the time comes. Prepare a folder with the following information:

1. A copy of your retirement application. This will list what option you selected as well as any pertinent beneficiary designations you have on file.
2. A copy of the **"STATEMENT OF BENEFITS" LETTER** you received from TRS when they finalized your retirement benefits. This will also contain the above information.
3. If you didn't save your Statement of Benefits letter, call TRS **NOW** and request a replacement. They should be able to provide it. They will likely not provide a copy of your retirement application. If you can't get replacements, place a written note in the folder as to what option (if any) you believe you may have selected into this folder.
4. Place copies of any **"CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY" FORMS** you may have filed since retirement into this folder.
5. A copy of Mark Brodsky's telephone number with instructions for your survivor to tell Mark that you have passed away and request assistance.

Census 2020 (Reminder)

The US Census 2020 is about to close. The information gathered during the census affects everything from government funding to democratic representation. It is crucial for the census count to be as accurate as possible to ensure states receive their fair share of federal dollars and the correct number of representatives in state and federal governments.

The data collection started in March and will continue through **October 31, 2020**. You can answer the 10 census questions by phone, by paper survey and, for the first time, online.

Based on census counts, federal money goes to programs like Title I funds, school lunch programs, special education, career and technical education, school aid, public housing, senior centers, SNAP, Medicaid, roads and bridges, emergency preparedness and more. If you haven't already done so, please complete your 2020 Census at my2020Census.gov online or by calling 1-844-330-2020. If you complete your Census **now** by self-responding online or by phone with your Census ID, Census workers will not come to your door later.

The CSA encourages everyone to participate.

VOTE EARLY IN NASSAU COUNTY

Early Voting Locations and Hours—2020 General Election

WHERE

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Elmont	Public Library 700 Hempstead Tpk.
Floral Park	Recreation Center 124 Stewart St.
Freeport	Freeport Recreation Center 130 E. Merrick Rd.
Garden City	Rec. Complex St Paul's Field House 295 Stewart Ave.
Hempstead	Brierley Park 65 Dartmouth St.
Hicksville	Levittown Hall 201 Levittown Pkwy.
Lawrence	Lawrence Country Club 101 Causeway
Massapequa	Town Hall South 977 Hicksville Rd.
North Merrick	Public Library 1691 Meadowbrook Rd.
Plainview	Mid-Island Y JCC 45 Manetto Hill Rd.
Roslyn Heights	Gayle Community Center 53 Orchard St.
Wantagh	St. Markella Greek Orthodox Church 1960 Jones Ave.
West Hempstead	West Hempstead Library 500 Hempstead Ave.
Westbury	Yes We Can Center-New Cassel 141 Garden St.
Mineola	Nassau County Board of Elections 240 Old Country Rd.

DATES AND TIMES FOR ALL LOCATIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Sat, Oct 24	9am to 6pm
Sun, Oct 25	10am to 3pm
Mon, Oct 26	10am to 7pm
Tues, Oct 27	10am to 7pm
Wed, Oct 28	6am to 7pm
Thurs, Oct 29	10am to 7pm
Fri, Oct 30	6am to 7pm
Sat, Oct 31	9am to 6pm
Sun, Nov 1	10am to 3pm

General Election

Tuesday November 3rd
6am to 9pm

Your Designated Polling Location

All BOE Hours Same As Above

EXCEPT Monday 10/26 and

Wednesday 10/28 open until 8PM

Any eligible voter in Nassau County may vote at any of the above locations during the times listed EXCEPT on November 3rd.

•On General Election Day, November 3rd, go to your designated polling place•
www.nassauvotes.org • (516) 571-VOTE (8683). Please note that if you vote during early voting, you will not be permitted to vote on the General Election Day or on a subsequent day of Early Voting.

SUFFOLK COUNTY

EARLY VOTING

2020 General Election

Any registered voter in Suffolk County may vote at any of these locations during the dates and times listed.

If you cast a ballot during early voting, you may not vote again on Election Day, November 3rd.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS		VOTING HOURS	
POLLING PLACE	ADDRESS	DATE	TIME
Babylon Town Hall Annex	281 Phelps Ln North Babylon NY 11703	Saturday 10/24	10:00am - 3:00pm
Brookhaven Town Hall	1 Independence Hill Farmingville NY 11738	Sunday 10/25	10:00am - 3:00pm
Mastic Recreation Community Center <i>(Town of Brookhaven)</i>	15 Herkimer St Mastic NY 11950	Monday 10/26	7:00am - 3:00pm
Windmill Village <i>(Town of East Hampton)</i>	219 Accabonac Rd East Hampton NY 11937	Tuesday 10/27	12:00pm - 8:00pm
Dix Hills Fire Department <i>(Town of Huntington)</i>	115 East Deer Park Rd Dix Hills NY 11746	Wednesday 10/28	8:00am - 4:00pm
Huntington Public Library Station Branch	1335 New York Ave Huntington Station NY 11746	Thursday 10/29	8:00am - 4:00pm
Islip Town Hall Annex	401 Main St Islip NY 11751	Friday 10/30	12:00pm - 8:00pm
Knights of Columbus <i>(Town of Islip)</i>	96 2nd Ave Brentwood NY 11717	Saturday 10/31	10:00am - 3:00pm
Riverhead Senior Center	60 Shade Tree Ln Riverhead	Sunday 11/1	10:00am - 3:00pm
Nesconset Elementary School <i>(Town of Smithtown)</i>	29 Gibbs Pond Rd Nesconset NY 11767 <i>(Use the Browns Road Entrance)</i>		
Stony Brook University Southampton Campus	70 Tuckahoe Rd Southampton NY 11968		
Southold Senior Center	750 Pacific St Mattituck NY 11952		

**GENERAL
ELECTION DAY
TUESDAY, Nov. 3, 2020
6:00am – 9:00pm**

You must report to your Regular Polling Location in order to cast your vote.



All voting locations are accessible to voters with physical disabilities.

If you wish to contact the Board of Elections, call 631-852-4500.
<https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/BOE/Early-Voting-Sites-11-3-2020>