



2014 Communications Competition Retiree Award Winners



BEST ARTICLE ABOUT A SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE

FIRST PLACE

Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers

PostScript

Title: Connolly handles Yellowstone,
cancer

Award Winner: Brian Connolly

Editor: Bill Dourdis

Chapter Leader: Susan Roger

BEST ARTICLE ABOUT A SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

United University Professions — Retirees

The Active Retiree

Title: The Reading is Fun Program:
Where every child is everyone's child

Award Winner: Al Magid

Editor: Judy Wishnia

Chapter Leader: Judy Wishnia

President: Fred Kowal

BEST ARTICLE ABOUT A SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Retirees of Brentwood Schools

ROBS Newsletter

Title: People to People Ambassador
Programs

Award Winner: Ronda Brooks

Editor: Carmela Criscione

Chapter Leader: Nick Siciliano

BEST ARTICLE ABOUT LABOR HISTORY

FIRST PLACE

Retiree Council 15 & 16

Senior Class

Title: The Big Lie

Award Winner: Alma Cormican

Editor: John Roden

Council President: Alma Cormican

**BEST ARTICLE ABOUT LABOR HISTORY
AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Retiree Council 43

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Title: Labor has cause to celebrate more than the holiday weekend

Award Winner: Felicia Bruce

Editor: Felicia Bruce

Council President: Deb Peterson

Vice President: Felicia Bruce

**BEST ARTICLE ABOUT LABOR HISTORY
AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

**United University Professions —
Retirees**

The Active Retiree

Title: Chair recalls 1963 trip to March on Washington

Award Winner: Judy Wishnia

Editor: Judy Wishnia

Chapter Leader: Judy Wishnia

President: Fred Kowal

**BEST ARTICLE ABOUT
LOCAL OR CHAPTER ISSUES
★ FIRST PLACE**

**United Federation of Teachers
Retiree Chapter #2**

UFT RTC RETIREE

Title: UFT activism takes on major challenges

Award Winner: Tom Murphy

Editor: Lynn Lospenuso

Chapter Leader: Tom Murphy

President: Michael Mulgrew

**BEST ARTICLE ABOUT
LOCAL OR CHAPTER ISSUES
AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

**Islip Retired Teachers Association
'ISLIP CONNECTIONS'**

Title: Great Southbay Quilting Guild

Award Winner: Revelle Schaper

Editor: Carolyn B. Caamano

Chapter Leader: Marilyn Gutierrez

**BEST ARTICLE ABOUT
LOCAL OR CHAPTER ISSUES
AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Retiree Council 17

Seventeen Soundings

Title: RC 17 Members attend One Voice Rally in Albany

Award Winner: Barbara Smith

Editor: Patricia Walsh

Council President: Sheila Goldberg

**BEST ARTICLE ABOUT
LOCAL OR CHAPTER ISSUES
AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Retirees of Brentwood Schools

ROBS NEWSLETTER

Title: Tooting our own horn – a round of applause

Award Winner: Marge Kirchner

Editor: Carmela Criscione

Chapter Leader: Nick Siciliano

BEST COLUMN/BLOG BY A LEADER

★ FIRST PLACE

**Wappingers Congress of
Retired Teachers**

PostScript

Title: Concern over health insurance

Award Winner: Cliff Foley

Editor: Bill Dourdis

Chapter Leader: Susan Roger

**BEST COLUMN/BLOG BY A LEADER
AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

**Islip Retired Teachers Association
'ISLIP CONNECTIONS'**

Title: From the president

Award Winner: Marilyn Gutierrez

Editor: Carolyn B. Caamano

Chapter Leader: Marilyn Gutierrez

**BEST COLUMN/BLOG BY A LEADER
AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Retiree Council 12

The Outlook

Title: From the President's Desk...

Award Winner: Jeanne Williams

Bennett

Editor: Carolyn Darkangelo

Co-President: Jeanne Williams Bennett

Co-President: Sandra Bliss

**BEST COLUMN/BLOG BY A LEADER
AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Retiree Council 7

The Central New Yorker

Title: From the President's Desk ...

Award Winner: Margo Buckingham

Editor: Anne Marie Voutsinas

Council President: Margo Buckingham

BEST COLUMN/BLOG BY A LEADER
AWARD OF DISTINCTION

United University Professions — Retirees

The Active Retiree

Title: What's happening to our country?

Award Winner: Judy Wishnia

Editor: Judy Wishnia

Chapter Leader: Judy Wishnia

President: Fred Kowal

BEST CREATIVE WRITING



Half Hollow Hills Active Retired Teachers Association

The HHHART BEAT

Title: Teaching with Teachers in Ethiopia

Award Winner: Rhoda Koenig

Editors: Barbara Arbuss, Norma Smith & Sandra Glickman

Chapter Leader: Joan Petroske

BEST CREATIVE WRITING

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Central Islip

Retired Teachers Association

The CIRTation

Title: Voices of a Generation

Award Winners: Charles Corcoran

Editor: Brian Roethgen

Chapter Leader: Irene Spero

BEST CREATIVE WRITING

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Islip Retired Teachers Association
'ISLIP CONNECTIONS'

Title: So you want to learn Mahjongg?

Award Winner: Carolyn B. Caamano

Editor: Carolyn B. Caamano

Chapter Leader: Marilyn Gutierrez

BEST CREATIVE WRITING

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Retiree Council 12

THE OUTLOOK

Title: Our "non-bucket list" trip

Award Winners: Ginni Mazur & John Mazur

Editor: Carolyn Darkangelo

Co-President: Jeanne Williams Bennett

Co-President: Sandra Bliss

BEST CREATIVE WRITING

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Retirees of Brentwood Schools

ROBS NEWSLETTER

Title: A stubborn little building

Award Winner: Ellen Edelstein

Editor: Carmela Criscione

Chapter Leader: Nick Siciliano

BEST CREATIVE WRITING
AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers

PostScript

Title: The girls in Miss Corey's class

Award Winner: Jack Devine

Editor: Bill Dourdis

Chapter Leader: Susan Roger

BEST OVERALL GRAPHIC DESIGN
★ FIRST PLACE

Pittsford District Retired Teachers' Association

Retired Times

Award Winner: Joyce H. Montanaro

Editor: Joyce H. Montanaro

Chapter Leader: Nanette Sorrentino

BEST OVERALL GRAPHIC DESIGN
AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Oriskany Retirees' Organization
ORO Newsletter

Title: ORO Newsletter June 2013

Award Winners: Barbara Schooley & Sarah McQueen

Editor: Barbara Schooley

Chapter Leader: Sarah McQueen

BEST OVERALL GRAPHIC DESIGN
AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Retiree Council 7

The Central New Yorker

Award Winner: Anne Marie Voutsinas

Editor: Anne Marie Voutsinas

Council President: Margo Buckingham

BEST OVERALL GRAPHIC DESIGN
AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Retirees of Brentwood Schools

ROBS NEWSLETTER

Title: ... and let me play among the stars – Remembering the '60s

Award Winner: Adrienne Eastman

Editor: Carmela Criscione

Chapter Leader: Nick Siciliano

BEST PHOTO
★ FIRST PLACE

Malverne Teachers' Association Retiree Chapter

The Retiree ReView

Title: Science Camp Dissection

Award Winner: Emily Schreiber

Editor: Emily Schreiber

Chapter Leader: Emily Schreiber

BEST PHOTO

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

**Central Islip
Retired Teachers Association
*The CIRTation***

Title: CITA June 8th Albany photo
Award Winner: Michael Roethgen
Editor: Brian Roethgen
Chapter Leader: Irene Spero

BEST PHOTO

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

**Wappingers Congress of
Retired Teachers**

PostScript
Title: Connolly writes, donates books to schools
Award Winner: Brian Connolly
Editor: Bill Dourdis
Chapter Leader: Susan Roger

BEST USE OF DIGITAL MEDIA

★ FIRST PLACE

**Retiree Council 43
*New York State Teacher Retirees in
Florida Facebook***

Title: New York State Teacher Retirees in Florida Facebook
Award Winner: Maxine Knisley
Editor: Maxine Knisley
Council President: Deb Peterson
Vice President: Felicia Bruce

CATCHIEST HEADLINE/TITLE

★ FIRST PLACE

**Pittsford District
Retired Teachers' Association
*Retired Times***

Title: Ruckus erupts over raffle at fall luncheon
Award Winner: David Vitale
Editor: Joyce H. Montanaro
Chapter Leader: Nanette Sorrentino

CATCHIEST HEADLINE/TITLE

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

**Port Washington Teachers
Association Retired Educators
Chapter**

PORT OF CALL
Title: Awesome Albany rally!
Award Winner: Jean Sellers
Editor: Jean Sellers
Chapter Leader: Elaine Berman

CATCHIEST HEADLINE/TITLE

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

**Retiree Council 7
*The Central New Yorker***

Title: Worth noting – and quoting ...
Award Winner: Jeanette Pietrantonio
Editor: Jeanette Pietrantonio
Council President: Margo Buckingham

CATCHIEST HEADLINE/TITLE
AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers

PostScript

Title: Saranne Rap – A transparent view of issues

Award Winner: Saranne Ratner

Editor: Bill Dourdis

Chapter Leader: Susan Roger

MOST USER-FRIENDLY WEBSITE
★ FIRST PLACE

Retiree Council 43

NYSUT Retiree Council 43 Website

URL: <http://rc43.ny.aft.org>

Award Winners: Maxine Knisley & Felicia Bruce

Council President: Deb Peterson

Vice-President: Felicia Bruce

MOST USER-FRIENDLY WEBSITE
AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Retiree Council 7

Retiree Council 7 Website

URL: www.nysutretireecouncil7.org

Award Winner: Lynn Davis

Council President: Margo Buckingham

MOST USER-FRIENDLY WEBSITE
AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Retirees of Brentwood Schools

ROBS Website

URL: www.robsny.org

Award Winners: Gloria Hannemann & Carmela Criscione

Chapter President: Nick Siciliano

