**Class R-I**

**Best Writing 1**

Malverne Teachers' Association Retiree Chapter
Publication: The Retiree ReView
Headline: “14 Days!”
Award: Best Writing 1
FIRST PLACE
Contributor(s): Rosetta Giannotti
Editor(s): Emily Schreiber

Central Islip Retired Teachers Association
Publication: CIRTAtion
Headline: “Time For Militant Action”
Award: Best Writing 1
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Contributor(s): Philip Griffith
Editor(s): Brian Roethgen

Wallkill Retired Teachers Association
Publication: CONNECTIONS
Headline: “It Will Probably Be Alright”
Award: Best Writing 1
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Contributor(s): Lowell Sanders
Editor(s): Cheryl Leopold

**Best Cartoon**

Oriskany Retirees' Organization
Publication: ORO Newsletter
Headline: “This is what happens when you don’t do your homework!”
Award: Best Cartoon
Contributor(s): Barbara Schooley

**Best Writing 2**

Central Islip Retired Teachers Association
Publication: CIRTAtion
Headline: “Justice?”
Award: Best Writing 2

TRIF - Clearwater Unit
Publication: A "C.U.T." Above
Headline: “Cathy’s Column”
Award: Best Writing 3
FIRST PLACE
Contributor(s): Cathy Lanza
Editor(s): Ellen Artale

Wallkill Retired Teachers Association
Publication: CONNECTIONS
Headline: “COSTA RICA ADVENTURE (Zip Lining? Who me??)”
Award: Best Writing 3

**Best Illustration**

TRIF - Clearwater Unit
Publication: A "C.U.T." Above
Headline: “WANTED/WHAT’S IT TAKE, HUH?!”
Award: Best Illustration
Contributor(s): Ellen Artale

**Best Writing 3**

TRIF - Clearwater Unit
Publication: A "C.U.T." Above
Award: Best Writing 2
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Contributor(s): Mary Vaeth
Editor(s): Emily Schreiber

Wallkill Retired Teachers Association
Publication: CONNECTIONS
Headline: “Reflections: The Candyman”
Award: Best Writing 2
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Contributor(s): Delia Bellarosa
Editor(s): Cheryl Leopold
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Contributor(s): Cheryl Leopold

Best Writing 4
Wallkill Retired Teachers Association
Publication: CONNECTIONS
Headline: “Reflections of a Young Boy”
Award: Best Writing 4
FIRST PLACE
Contributor(s): Lowell Sanders
Editor(s): Cheryl Leopold

Best Writing 5
Wallkill Retired Teachers Association
Publication: CONNECTIONS
Headline: “Presidents' Message”
Award: Best Writing 5
FIRST PLACE
Contributor(s): Bill Rule; Lowell Sanders
Editor(s): Cheryl Leopold
General Excellence

Wallkill Retired Teachers Association
Publication: CONNECTIONS
Award: General Excellence
FIRST PLACE
Contributor(s): Richard Leopold
Editor(s): Cheryl Leopold
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Johnstown Retired Teachers Association
Publication: JRTA Communiqué
Award: General Excellence
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Editor(s): Nolan Marciniec
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Space Coast TRIF
Publication: Space Coast - TRIF Fall Newsletter
Award: General Excellence
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Editor(s): Isabel Ochoa-Youssef
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TRIF - Clearwater Unit
Publication: A "C.U.T." Above
Award: General Excellence
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Editor(s): Ellen Artale
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Class R-II

Best Writing 1

Retirees of Brentwood Schools
Publication: ROBS NEWSLETTER
Headline: “WALKING WITH HAN YU”
Award: Best Writing 1
FIRST PLACE
Contributor(s): Marie Poppo
Editor(s): Carmela Criscione
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Bay Shore Retired Teachers' Association
Publication: 4th R
Headline: “The Pumpkin Project”
Award: Best Writing 1
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Contributor(s): Bonnie Hardman-Friedman
Editor(s): Marion Skirbe
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Port Washington Teachers Association Retired Educators Chapter
Publication: PORT OF CALL
Headline: “IN APPRECIATION FOR JOE COPPOLA”
Award: Best Writing 1
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Contributor(s): Mary Anne Cariello
Editor(s): Erlyn Madonia
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Best Writing 2

Pittsford District Retired Teachers Association
Publication: Retired Times
Headline: “What’s Happening to our Public Schools?? A bit of history...”
Award: Best Writing 2
FIRST PLACE
Contributor(s): Judy Blaustein
Editor(s): Joyce H. Montanaro
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Bay Shore Retired Teachers' Association
Publication: 4th R
Headline: “Remembering the Fifties”
Award: Best Writing 2
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Contributor(s): Tom Bernagozzi
Editor(s): Marion Skirbe
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Best Article about Solidarity

Retiree Council 43
Publication: NYSUT Retiree Council 43 Website
Headline: “Patriotism Is More Than Flag Waving”
Award: Best Article about Solidarity
Contributor(s): Felicia Bruce
Editor(s): Maxine Knisley
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Best Writing 3

Bay Shore Retired Teachers' Association
Publication: 4th R
Headline: “The Core Curriculum”
Award: Best Writing 3
FIRST PLACE
Contributor(s): Harold Anderson
Editor(s): Marion Skirbe
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Pittsford District Retired Teachers Association
Publication: Retired Times
Headline: “NOTES... from President Nanette Hoffer”
Award: Best Writing 3
AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Best Informational Graphic

Kingston Retired Teachers' Federation
Publication: The P.O.R.C.H.
Headline: “KRTF Political Action”
Award: Best Informational Graphic
Contributor(s): Suzanne Jordan
Editor(s): Diane Long
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Contributor(s): Nanette Hoffer
Editor(s): Joyce H. Montanaro

Retiree Council 43
Publication: NYSUT Retiree Council 43 Website
Headline: “Court Cases Affect You”
Award: Best Writing 3
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Contributor(s): Felicia Bruce
Editor(s): Maxine Knisley

Best Writing 4

Retirees of Brentwood Schools
Publication: ROBS NEWSLETTER
Headline: “A BRIDGE TO TOMORROW”
Award: Best Writing 4
FIRST PLACE
Contributor(s): John Sherin
Editor(s): Carmela Criscione

Pittsford District Retired Teachers Association
Publication: Retired Times
Headline: “Teacher Appreciation Day”
Award: Best Writing 4
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Contributor(s): David Vitale
Editor(s): Joyce H. Montanaro

Best News Story

Retiree Council 43
Publication: NYSUT Retiree Council 43 Website
Headline: “Solidarity With Postal Workers”
Award: Best News Story
Contributor(s): Felicia Bruce
Editor(s): Maxine Knisley

Best Writing 5

Bay Shore Retired Teachers’ Association
Publication: 4th R
Headline: “SUMMER MEMORIES”
Award: Best Writing 5
FIRST PLACE (Co-Winners)  
Contributor(s): Tom Bernagozzi  
Editor(s): Marion Skirbe  

Retirees of Brentwood Schools  
Publication: ROBS NEWSLETTER  
Headline: “WAR POEMS: Ada Tessibel and Ethel Pauline Peters, Forgotten Voices of World War I”  
Award: Best Writing 5  
FIRST PLACE (Co-Winners)  
Contributor(s): Valerie Vismale  
Editor(s): Carmela Criscione  

General Excellence  

Retirees of Brentwood Schools  
Publication: ROBS NEWSLETTER  
Award: General Excellence  
FIRST PLACE  
Editor(s): Carmela Criscione  

Bay Shore Retired Teachers’ Association  
Publication: 4th R  
Award: General Excellence  
AWARD OF DISTINCTION  
Editor(s): Marion Skirbe  

Pittsford District Retired Teachers Association  
Publication: Retired Times  
Award: General Excellence  
AWARD OF DISTINCTION  
Editor(s): Joyce H. Montanaro  

Retired Educators Chapter - Syosset Teachers’ Association  
Publication: SYOSSET RECORD  
Award: General Excellence  
AWARD OF DISTINCTION  
Editor(s): Marcia Gould  

Best Website  

Port Washington Teachers Association Retired Educators Chapter  
Publication: Port Washington Teachers Association Retired Educators Chapter Website  
Award: Best Website
FIRST PLACE
Webmaster(s): Barbara Mayer
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Retiree Council 43
Publication: NYSUT Retiree Council 43 Website
Award: Best Website
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Webmaster(s): Felicia Bruce; Maxine Knisley
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Retirees of Brentwood Schools
Publication: ROBS Website
Award: Best Website
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Webmaster(s): Gloria Hannemann
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Best Blog

Retiree Council 43
Publication: Retiree Council 43
Award: Best Blog
FIRST PLACE
Contributor(s): Deb Peterson
Editor(s): Felicia Bruce
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Best Use of Social Media

Retiree Council 43
Publication: NYSUT Retiree Council 43 Facebook
Award: Best Use of Social Media
FIRST PLACE
Contributor(s): Maxine Knisley
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Class R-III

**Best Writing 1**

Retiree Council 13  
Publication: MID HUDSON BRIDGES  
Headline: “A Storm is Brewing!”  
Award: Best Writing 1  
FIRST PLACE  
Contributor(s): Matt Ostoyich  
Editor(s): Paula Ptaszek

Retiree Council 18  
Publication: LINKAGE  
Headline: “The Committee of 100”  
Award: Best Writing 1  
AWARD OF DISTINCTION  
Contributor(s): Tom Cook  
Editor(s): Emily Schreiber

Retiree Council 7  
Publication: THE CENTRAL NEW YORKER  
Headline: “A Look Back at 2014 or How About Those Resolutions?”  
Award: Best Writing 1  
AWARD OF DISTINCTION  
Contributor(s): Bill Spreter  
Editor(s): Jim Voutsinas

Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers  
Publication: PostScript  
Headline: “Devine intervention: A lofty look at retirement”  
Award: Best Writing 1  
AWARD OF DISTINCTION  
Contributor(s): Jack Devine  
Editor(s): Bill Dourdis

**Best Writing 2**

United University Professions - Retirees  
Publication: The Active Retiree  
Headline: “Social Security Works’ debunks myth that program is failing”  
Award: Best Writing 2  
FIRST PLACE  
Contributor(s): Judy Wishnia  
Editor(s): Jo Schaffer

Half Hollow Hills Active Retired Teachers Association  
Publication: the HHHART BEAT  
Headline: “Know Your Benefits, Your Most Valuable Benefit Could be in Danger”  
Award: Best Writing 2  
AWARD OF DISTINCTION  
Contributor(s): Richard Lee  
Editor(s): Barbara Arbuss; Sandra Glickman

Retiree Council 10  
Publication: RC 10 SKYLINE NEWS  
Headline: “From Your President”  
Award: Best Writing 2  
AWARD OF DISTINCTION  
Contributor(s): David Golden  
Editor(s): Ernie Reis

Retiree Council 13  
Publication: MID HUDSON BRIDGES  
Headline: “Challenging Times for Public Education”  
Award: Best Writing 2  
AWARD OF DISTINCTION  
Contributor(s): Janice Scriber  
Editor(s): Bill Dourdis

Retiree Council 15/16 Westchester/Putnam  
Publication: Senior Class  
Headline: “Earned Benefits and the Primaries/Elections”  
Award: Best Writing 2  
AWARD OF DISTINCTION  
Contributor(s): Alma Cormican  
Editor(s): Clare Gorman

Retiree
Best Writing 3

Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers
Publication: PostScript
Headline: “We’re at War” in New York
Award: Best Writing 3
FIRST PLACE
Contributor(s): Cliff Foley
Editor(s): Bill Dourdis

Retiree Council 10
Publication: RC 10 SKYLINE NEWS
Headline: “From Your President”
Award: Best Writing 3
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Contributor(s): David Golden
Editor(s): Ernie Reis

Retiree Council 21
Publication: Spotlight 21
Headline: “A Message From Co-President Michael Eiermann: Will we learn from History?”
Award: Best Writing 3
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Contributor(s): Michael Eiermann
Editor(s): Diana Baranec

Best Writing 4

Retiree Council 12
Publication: THE OUTLOOK
Headline: “Did You Know Your Health Insurance Could be Changed?”
Award: Best Writing 4
FIRST PLACE
Contributor(s): Carolyn Darkangelo

Retiree Council 15/16 Westchester/Putnam
Publication: Senior Class
Headline: “A New War Cry”
Award: Best Writing 4
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Contributor(s): Alma Cormican
Editor(s): Clare Gorman

United University Professions - Retirees
Publication: The Active Retiree
Headline: “What do Americans think about economic inequality?”
Award: Best Writing 4
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Contributor(s): Larry Wittner
Editor(s): Jo Schaffer

Best Writing 5

Retiree Council 15/16 Westchester/Putnam
Publication: Senior Class
Headline: “Musings of a Retiree”
Award: Best Writing 5
FIRST PLACE
Contributor(s): Alma Cormican
Editor(s): Clare Gorman

Retiree Council 10
Publication: RC 10 SKYLINE NEWS
Headline: “O Fortuna, velut luna, statu variabilis”
Award: Best Writing 5
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Contributor(s): Ernie Reis
Editor(s): Clare Gorman

Retiree Council 39
Publication: NYSUT Retiree Council 39 Newsletter
Headline: “Scary Things are Happening to Pensions in Illinois”
Award: Best Writing 5
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Contributor(s): Colin C. Campbell
Editor(s): Peter Herron

United University Professions - Retirees
Publication: The Active Retiree
Headline: “Summer jobs ain’t what they used to be”
Award: Best Writing 5
AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Contributor(s): Mac Nelson
Editor(s): Jo Schaffer

Retiree
**Best Social Justice Article**

Retiree Council 21  
**Publication: Spotlight 21**  
Headline: “A Message From Co-President Michael Eiermann: Entitlements”  
Award: Best Social Justice Article  
Contributor(s): Michael Eiermann  
Editor(s): Diana Baranec

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**General Excellence**

United Federation of Teachers Retiree Chapter #2  
**Publication: UFT RTC RETIREE**  
Award: General Excellence  
FIRST PLACE  
Editor(s): Lynn Lospenuso

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Retiree Council 15/16 Westchester/Putnam  
**Publication: Senior Class**  
Award: General Excellence  
AWARD OF DISTINCTION  
Editor(s): Clare Gorman

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**Best Website**

Retiree Council 7  
**Publication: Retiree Council 7 Website**  
Award: Best Website  
FIRST PLACE  
Webmaster(s): Lynn Davis

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**Best Use of Social Media**

Retiree Council 7  
**Publication: Retiree Council 7 Facebook**  
Award: Best Use of Social Media  
FIRST PLACE  
Contributor(s): Loretta Donlon

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