



“Using a democratic structure, SABEA supports student success and works toward improving the professional, economic, and personal lives of our members and families.”

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SABEA: YOUR UNION’S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:

September 16 Picket at Sagamore against Campbell Brown who opposes tenure and unions. Join us by land and sea at 5 pm

3rd Week Rep Meetings Watch for information from your rep on a short meeting to give you minutes, updates and information

September 21 *ED 10 meeting at NYSUT headquarters in Latham*

October 2-4 *NYSUT School Related Professionals Leadership Conference- Saratoga Springs (See article)*

October 14 *Rep meeting at SAEC at 3:30 and BOE meeting*

October 16-18 *Fall Special Olympics- contact Kris Keough to help*

October 18 *Making Strides Walk (see inside)*

October 16-17 *NYSUT BOCES Conference: SRP and Faculty workshops – NYSUT Headquarters in Latham (See article)*

October 31 *Pre-retirement Planning Seminar (See article)*

NOTE FROM PRESIDENT RUTH SHIPPEE:

“THEY DID, WE SHOULD, WE WILL”

They did. People like those involved in the strikes that encouraged Governor Nelson Rockefeller to develop the Taylor Law that protect public employees from unfair practices and prevent strikes in 1966.

They did. The Long Island teachers who were able to join together to protect labor rights such as tenure in 1972. They contributed a day's pay to counter Assemblyman Jerabek's attacks on unions and public education: they help to defeat this powerful politician who wanted to harm public employees.

They did. To negotiate a better contract, the Bethlehem Central School teachers in 1970 went on strike 15 minutes after school started session followed soon by Ballston Spa teachers.

We should. Find our voice and participate in various activities that demonstrate that public employees are valuable and do a great job. There have been many opportunities to show our union pride and demonstrate that the value of union workers is great.

We will. Take action. Come to meetings with your reps on the third week of the month. These will be short and where you can hear firsthand what is happening with SABEA. Come to rep meetings on the second Wednesday of the month and then go to Gick Road for the Board of Education meeting. Go to the NYSUT website and see what resources and events are going on with your union members. Register and get weekly updates on the issues impacting our state union and those of us in the trenches- SRP and Faculty. Sign up for the MAC (member action center) on your computer or phone: then send a text, email or letter regarding supporting public education. Currently, there is a drive to contact our regent. Attend a community action/service project and wear your union colors (shirts are available.) Making Strides walk in Albany and the Fall Special Olympics in the Queensbury/Glens Falls area are just two such events.

You have a responsibility to support your union. It is more than a name: Saratoga Adirondack BOCES Employees Association. It connects us and supports us so that we can continue to provide the work we do to enhance education in our region. Join with us---WE WILL. ***"THEY DID, WE SHOULD, WE WILL"***

In Solidarity-

Ruth

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*Keep these SABEA members in mind both for support and in joys!
Let Laura at sunshineclublaura@hotmail.com know about any life events: she would rather her
multiple times than not recognize and reach out to people. This also includes information
regarding our many retirees! Let us know events over the summer too!*

Looking to become informed? Come to a meeting with a rep the 3rd week of the month.

Reps will be holding meetings the 3rd week of the month for you to receive minutes, newsletter and other information and items to keep you up to date regarding your union. You will also hear about ways to be able to say “I will” get involved.

The following is the current schedule for these meetings:

SAEC: Thursday at 2:30, additional to be scheduled
(Reps are Lisa Colvin, Cindy Hall, Michele Morris and Owen Landrey)

Gick Road: Tuesday at 3:45
Rep TBA

Myers: Thursday at 10:45, Wednesday at 2:45 and Monday at 2:45
Reps are Paul Cerone, Jane Amorosi, Mary Moyles and Kim Monroe

SSTLC: Thursday at 2:30
Reps are Julie Madison and Mike Dinsmore

WSTLC, Burgoyne and Itinerants have yet to settle on a time.
Reps are Nancy VanVoast, Jackie Plude, and Terry LaNoir

You do not have to attend at your site if another works better for you.

SABEA members making a difference:



The **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer** walk will be held at noon on October 18, 2015 in Washington Park in Albany. The SABEA team already has 20 people signed up to walk in this important event. Let's make this a year to remember and bring as many SABEA members and their families together to help in the fight against Breast Cancer!

To join the SABEA team, google Making Strides, Albany. For some reason it is easier than going directly to the link, and will bring you to the event home page. Complete the following steps:

1. Click on "Get Involved"
2. Click on "Sign Up"
3. Scroll down to "Join a team" and click on it
4. Click on "Search for a team"
5. Type in SABEA
6. Click the link to SABEA under "team name"
7. Click on "join our team"
8. You will be prompted to create an account with a user name and password

At this point, and with a few more prompts from the website, your name should be added to the team and you will have your own dashboard that you can access to have people donate directly to you, or to the team.

If you prefer, you can also use the directions above to donate. Instead of clicking "join our team" click on the "donate" button and help us to reach our goal of \$1000.00

Any questions? email Karen Monastero kmonastero1@hotmail.com or Nicole Mabey nicole12804@yahoo.com. And, as always, thank you for your support!

Fall Special Olympics October 16-18 Queensbury

http://glensfallscollaborative.com/event/special-olympics-state-fall-games/?instance_id=32

Kris Keough is coordinating the SABEA efforts to assist at this great regional event. Contact Kris to let her know that you are willing to join in. Make it a family event. T-

shirts will be given to people who participate. This can be part of your working to help in the community giving a day of volunteering.

Contact Kris at krisikeough@gmail.com Maybe this could be something your program could participate in!

SRP Leadership Conference



The 37th Annual NYSUT SRP Leadership Conference will be held October 2-4, 2015 at the Hilton in Saratoga Springs.

School-related professionals from around the state will join in roundtable discussions with other union members who share issues and concerns. It's a great opportunity to grow as an SRP leader.

- [LOGIN NOW for details and registration information.](#) (leader login required)

NOTE: The registration deadline has been extended to Sep. 14, 2015.

Let Ruth (sabea.nysut@gmail.com) know ASAP if you are interested and we will get you registered. Go to NYSUT and look for this conference.

Workshops focus on job related issues along with life issues that SRP's face in our ever challenging schools. SABEA pays the costs for this workshop



Have you registered for the 2015 BOCES Leadership Conference?

Source: NYSUT Program Services



2015 NYSUT BOCES LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

October 16-17, 2015. NYSUT Headquarters, Latham.

On behalf of the NYSUT officers and the NYSUT BOCES statewide planning committee, we invite you to attend the 43RD ANNUAL NYSUT BOCES LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE on OCTOBER 16-17, 2015 at NYSUT HEADQUARTERS IN LATHAM.

Union activism has never been more important. This year's program focuses on tools and strategies for strengthening your local and empowering your members. Join your BOCES colleagues from around the state to share concerns and successes and use this opportunity to grow as a BOCES leader. Together we are stronger!

- [Learn more and register online \(login required\)](#). PLEASE NOTE: If you're not designated in our system as a local union leader, you may receive an "Access Denied" message once you login. If so, please contact your local union leadership about attending the conference. Thanks!
- Our union represents BOCES staff: *both support and teachers*. The mission of SABEA is to assist in educating our diverse student population while fostering a safe, supportive and professional work environment.

Your representative is your “go-to” person for assistance with concerns and workplace issues. The Representatives meet on the **second Wednesday** of the month at **3:30** in various locations.

All SABEA members are invited to attend and participate at these meetings.

Representative Meeting Dates & Locations (begin at 3:30)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
• September 9	Myers- Science lab
• October 14	SAEC-B-7
• November 18	Myers- Science lab
• December 9	SAEC-B-7
• January 13	Myers- Science lab
• February 10	SAEC-B-7
• March 9	Myers- Science lab
• April 13	Gick Road
• May 11	SAEC-B-7
• June 8	Myers- Science lab



Identity theft protection available for NYSUT members



TRUE IDENTITY PROTECTION™

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

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.**



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