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UFT Retiree Outreach Report:

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The most common characteristic of UFT retirees involves the word "action." In fact, some years ago we began a linguistic campaign to discontinue referring to retirees versus actives. We retirees are super active so the proposal was made to distinguish us from those not yet retired as "in-service" versus

"retired." We have made great headway in this new terminology because it is self evident. President Michael Mulgrew refers to us as the "Daytime Union" in recognition of our commitment to action and activism.

Over the past year, we sent volunteers to help the AFT and AFL-CIO in Wisconsin, Florida and Ohio do righteous battle against regressive forces that have been trying to undo all the progressive



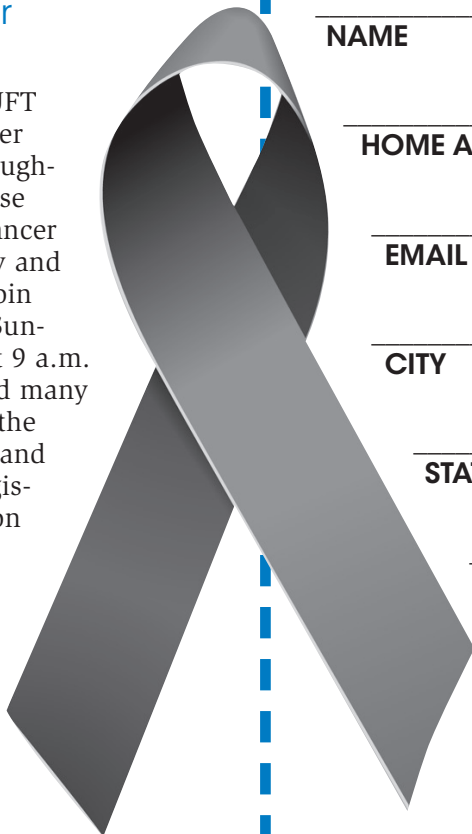
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EARLY REGISTRATION!!!!

Retirees will once again join the UFT and NYSUT in our battle against breast cancer

This fall, the UFT will walk with other NYSUT locals throughout the state to raise funds for breast cancer research, advocacy and patient services. Join the UFT team on Sunday, October 21, at 9 a.m. in Central Park and many other locations in the Metropolitan area and New Jersey. To register, mail the coupon below to:

UFT-RTC
STRIDES WALK,
52 Broadway,
17th floor,
New York, NY
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NYSUT Retiree of the Year 2012 Frances Brown

Frances began her teaching career as a paraprofessional and through the UFT's Career Ladder program, she became a teacher and a political activist. As a retiree, she has continued her union activism by volunteering in AFT efforts throughout the country organizing teachers and other school employees and participating nationally in political campaigns in support of educators and labor friendly issues.

Past Honorees:

2011 - George Caulfield has been an active unionist for nearly 40 years and has served as a union delegate, chapter leader, special representative and district representative. Since 1985, Caulfield had worked summers helping the AFT organize locals throughout the country. As a retiree, he has helped in the fights for workers rights in Wisconsin, Florida and Ohio.

2010 - Tom Pappas has been a union activist throughout his career. He has served as a UFT chapter leader, district representative, borough representative, director of staff and chapter leader of the RTC. Pappas has fought for protecting collective bargaining and to make teaching a profession not just a job. He helped organize paraprofessionals and created the career ladder program. As Chapter Leader Emeritus, he continues to be a strong voice on issues that affect in service members and retirees.

2009 - Richard Miller has a long history of union activism. He has served as chapter leader, district representative and vice president for intermediate and junior high schools. Miller has helped organize UFT nurses in NYC and served as executive director of the Indiana Federation of Teachers. In Nevada, he leads the Las Vegas retiree section and serves on retiree and labor committees representing the interests of retirees.

2008 - John Soldini has fought for teacher rights, innovative classroom practices and increased educational opportunities for students throughout his educational career. He has served in several UFT leadership roles including district representative for Staten Island and UFT vice president for academic high schools. As a retiree, he continues to be an active member of the Retired Teachers Chapter as vice chair and lobbies on issues of importance to retirees.

2007 - Marna Davidson has been a union activist for over 40 years. She was a chapter leader for almost 25 years and a NYSUT and AFT convention delegate for over 30 years. Marna was the coordinator of sections and services for the UFT Retired Teachers Chapter in Florida. Currently she coordinates the UFT RTC's Florida I-4 project; a movement to organize retirees as a political force along the I-4 corridor in Florida.

2006 - Ray Frankel Unionism has been part of Ray Frankel's life since childhood when her parents helped organize and unionize garment workers. Ray joined the Teachers Guild in the 1950s and has worn several union hats including chapter leader, UFT Executive Board member and NYSUT Board member. Ray feels that in order for workers to achieve any gains they must be politically active.

2005 - George Altomare has fought against injustice and for workers rights throughout his life. As member of the Teachers Guild, he helped bring about the creation of the UFT. He is secretary of the Retired Teachers Chapter and is the director of the UFT Professional Committees.

2004 - Lionel Knight fought for workers' rights by trying to organize machine shop workers in Nassau, Bahamas, long before becoming a teacher. He credits unions for fighting for working persons' causes and has been in the forefront of the battle. He served as a health consultant and is vice chair of the Retired Teachers Chapter.

2003 - Abe Levine has worked tirelessly for educators and the labor movement over the last 60 years. Abe Levine was one of the founding members of the UFT and the first vice president of elementary schools. Today he is a staunch advocate for social security and Medicare rights and a vice chair of the Retired Teachers Chapter.

2002 - Rae Kahn began her teaching career as the only Guild member in her school. In 1960, she helped the newly organized UFT secure collective bargaining rights by going to schools and asking teachers to sign petitions. Rae chaired the UFT Retired Teachers Chapter from 1979-1992.

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gains the labor movement has made over the decades. So here, in answer to so many requests, is a listing of involvement venues.

The ways you can stay involved with the union are through our annual *Day At The University* - a plenary discussion followed by a variety of workshops; COPE; Political involvement; ARA (Alliance for Retired Americans) - subscribe to the Friday Alert newsletters by giving your e-mail address and zip code at www.retiredamericans.org/newsroom/Friday-alert-archives; Realclearpolitics.com - on the website, scroll to middle of page to Real Clear Politics Election 2012. "It's a great map and analysis"; UFT.org - refer to the website regarding different issues and topics including the Letters to the Editor (www.uft.org/news/op-eds) and keeping in contact with the Section Coordinators in the five boroughs and outreach sections (see right):



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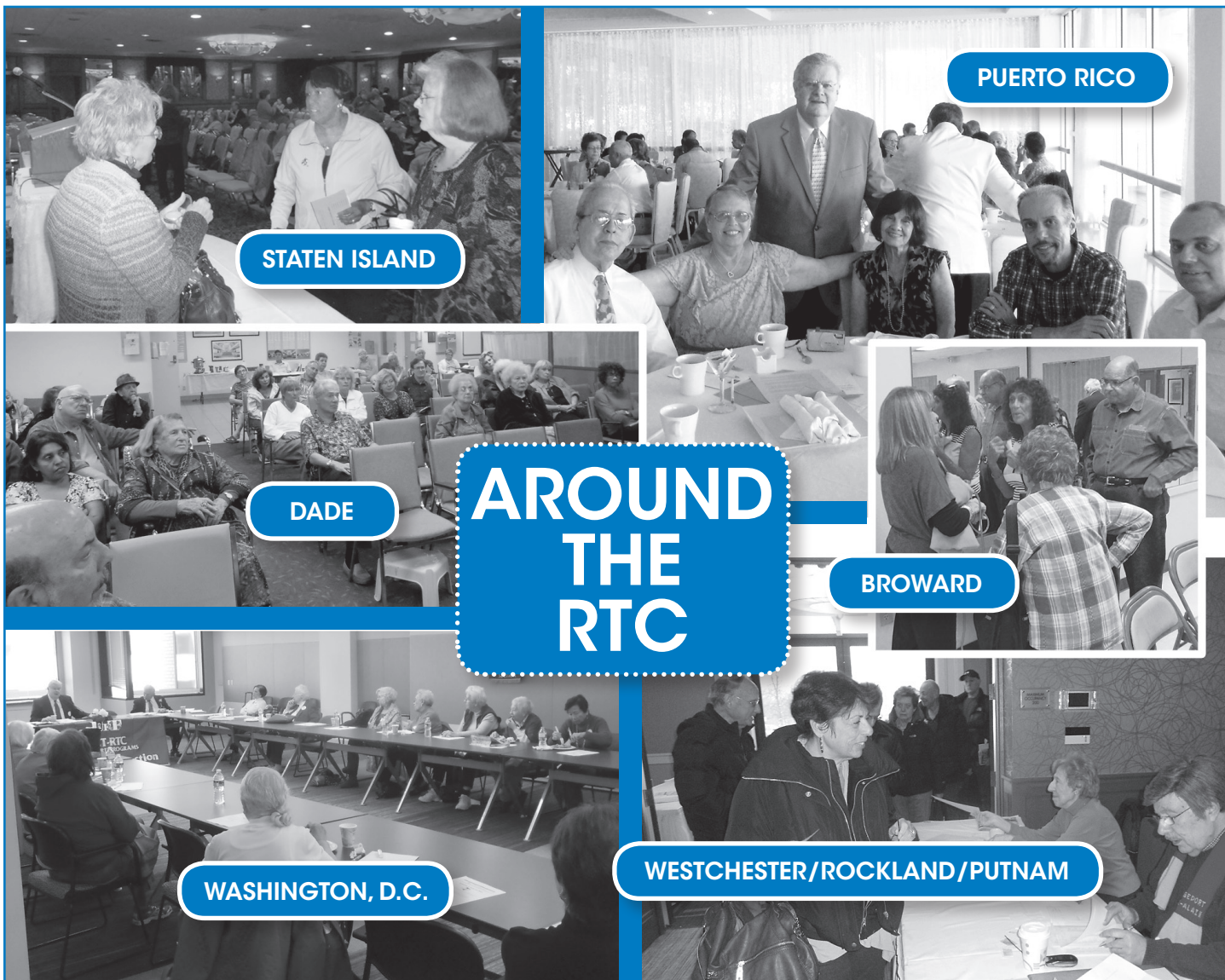
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