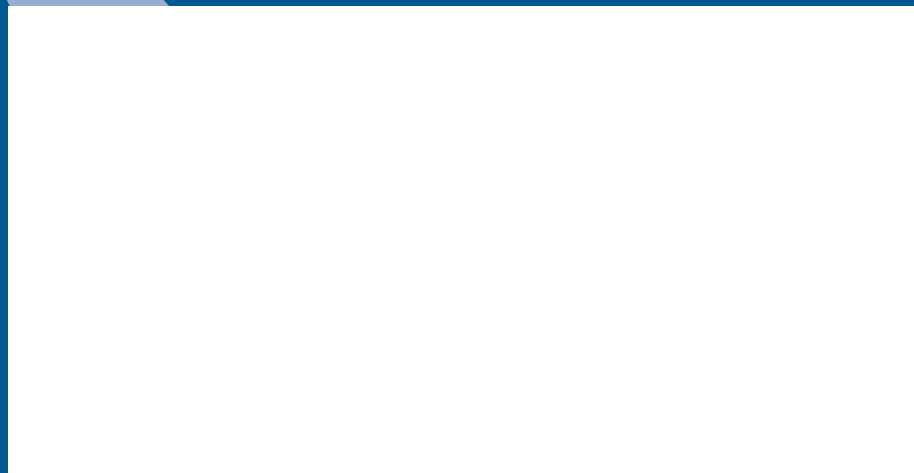




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# 1199SEIU Retired Members DIVISION



**El Banquete Anne Shore Fue Otro Gran Exito**  
Más de 1,000 jubilados de 1199 se reunieron para participar en una alegre celebración por las fiestas en el banquete anual Anne Shore llevado a cabo en la ciudad de Nueva York el 20 de diciembre. A juzgar por estas fotografías, parece ser que todos nuestros jubilados lo pasaron muy bien recuperando el contacto con viejos amigos y haciendo nuevas amistades.

**Anne Shore Banquet Another Great Success**  
More than 1,000 retired 1199ers gathered for a festive holiday celebration at the annual Anne Shore Banquet in New York City on December 20. Judging from these photos, it seems all our retirees had a wonderful time re-connecting with old friends and making new ones.



**IMPORTANT NEWS** about chapter meetings, classes and trips!



## President's Message

## Mensaje Del Presidente

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope that you and your families enjoyed a healthy and happy holiday season. As we settle into our routines this New Year, I ask each of you to join me in making the most of the great opportunities available to us through our Union and our Retired Members Division. Staying connected with each other by visiting the Retired Members Division at Fund headquarters or at a chapter near your home is not only a great way to keep up with former co-workers but is a perfect opportunity to make new friends. You'll also have the chance to try a host of activities – from sewing or arts and crafts to Chi Gong and yoga – that help us uphold our mantra as 1199SEIU retirees, "Retired but Active"!

If you were among the more than 1,000 retirees at the annual Anne Shore Banquet in New York City in December, you saw for yourself how active we can be. A marvelous time was had by all at perhaps our finest banquet in years, and I was especially pleased to share memories and laughter with so many vibrant sisters and brothers. The strong turnout truly mirrors the strength of our spirit and reminds me how fortunate I am to have such good health and a full life.

Many of our members, however, are not able to get out and stay active. For some of our sisters and brothers, sickness or disability prevents them from getting around as they once did, and they could use your help. Join us in our efforts to reach out to these members, especially during the winter months when their mobility is more limited. Come to chapter meetings to find out how to help and I promise you, visiting a homebound member or taking one of your sisters or brothers to a meeting will bring you great joy.

I also encourage all of you who are able to keep up with your dues, to keep our Union strong to protect our benefits. Finally, let us remember that in February we celebrate Black History month, and in keeping with the dream and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I urge you to participate in chapter meetings, rallies and other events this year and to get out and vote in what is sure to be an historic election.

In solidarity,  
Lena Hayes

Queridos Hermanas y Hermanos,

Espero que ustedes y sus familias hayan disfrutado de una temporada de fiestas saludable y feliz. A medida que regresamos a nuestras rutinas en este Año Nuevo, le pido a cada uno de ustedes que se unan a mí para aprovechar las grandes oportunidades que están a nuestra disposición a través de nuestro Sindicato y la División de Miembros Jubilados. Mantenerse en contacto unos con otros visitando la División de Miembros Jubilados en la sede central del Fondo o en una agrupación cercana a su hogar no sólo es una gran forma de mantenerse al día con los antiguos compañeros de trabajo sino que también es una magnífica oportunidad para hacer nuevos amigos. También tendrán la oportunidad de probar una gran diversidad de actividades, desde la costura o las artes y manualidades hasta el Chi Gong y el yoga, lo que nos ayuda a mantener nuestro lema como jubilados de 1199SEIU, ¡"Jubilado pero Activo"!

Si usted estuvo en diciembre entre los más de 1,000 jubilados presentes en el banquete anual Anne Shore en la ciudad de Nueva York, pudo comprobar lo activos que podemos ser. Todos lo pasaron muy bien en el que fue quizás nuestro mejor banquete en años, y estuve especialmente complacida de compartir recuerdos y risas con tantos hermanas y hermanos radiantes. La intensa concurrencia realmente refleja la fortaleza de nuestro espíritu y me recuerda lo afortunada que soy de contar con tan buena salud y una vida plena.

Sin embargo, muchos de nuestros miembros no están en condiciones de salir y permanecer activos. A algunos de nuestros hermanas y hermanos, las enfermedades o la discapacidad les impiden caminar como antes, y podrían beneficiarse de su ayuda. Únase a nosotros en nuestros esfuerzos por tender nuestra mano a esos miembros, especialmente durante los meses del invierno cuando su capacidad de movilidad es más limitada. Asista a las reuniones de las agrupaciones para averiguar cómo ayudar y le prometo que visitar a un afiliado confinado en su hogar o llevar a uno de nuestros hermanas o hermanos a una reunión le proporcionará un gran placer.

También les aliento a todos los que están en condiciones de estar al día con sus cuotas sindicales, a mantener nuestro Sindicato fuerte para proteger nuestros beneficios. Finalmente, debemos recordar que en el mes de febrero celebramos el mes de la Historia Afroamericana, y siguiendo la visión y el sueño del Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., los animo a participar en las reuniones de su agrupación, las concentraciones y otros eventos este año y a que salgan y voten en lo que ciertamente será una elección histórica.

En solidaridad,  
Lena Hayes



## A Message from the Executive Director

## Un Mensaje de la Directora Ejecutiva

Dear Retired Members,

Every year that I attend our Benefit and Pension Funds' annual retiree banquets, I am reminded of how fully our 1199SEIU retirees embrace the motto "Retired but Active." At this past December's Anne Shore Banquet in New York, I again enjoyed meeting and talking with so many of our dynamic retirees. The banquet was larger than ever (and we look forward to Florida's celebration on March 5).

Our Retired Members Division has grown, and we welcomed more than 6,000 new retirees this past year, bringing membership to over 76,000 – an all-time high. I want to assure you that as our retirees' numbers continue to grow, the Benefit and Pension Funds will be here for you – to help provide you with benefits and security in your retirement.

I also want to remind you of the other ways we are working to support you. For the second year, I am pleased to tell you that our discounted tax-preparation program is again available to our retirees. Through our partnership with H&R Block, this program has helped thousands of working 1199SEIU members, and we hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to get more money back in your tax refund, too.

Of course, our Retired Members Division continues to offer everything from knitting to fitness classes – we even recently added a new Chi Gong class – as well as your regular chapter meetings and other get-togethers. With so many choices, we are sure you will find one or more ways to get involved and connect with other retirees. Most important, I hope you will always remember that your Benefit and Pension Funds are here to help you. If you have any questions about your health or pension benefits, please don't hesitate to call our Retiree Services representatives at (646) 473-8666 or (800) 892-2557.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

Querido Miembro Jubilado,

Cada año que asisto a los banquetes anuales de jubilados de nuestros Fondos de Beneficios y Pensiones, me recuerdan la plenitud con que nuestros jubilados de 1199SEIU adoptan el lema de "Jubilado pero Activo". En el Banquete Anne Shore del pasado mes de diciembre en Nueva York, nuevamente disfruté reuniéndome y conversando con tantos de nuestros dinámicos jubilados. El banquete estuvo más concurrido que nunca (y esperamos con ansias la celebración el 5 de marzo en la Florida).

Nuestra División de Miembros Jubilados ha crecido, y les hemos dado la bienvenida a más de 6,000 nuevos jubilados en este año pasado, lo que ha aumentado el número de miembros a más de 76,000, la cifra más grande de todos los tiempos. Queremos asegurarles que a medida que las cifras de jubilados continúen creciendo, los Fondos de Beneficios y Pensiones estarán a su disposición para ayudar a brindarles los beneficios y la seguridad que necesitan durante su jubilación.

También les quiero recordar las otras formas en que estamos trabajando para apoyarles. Me complace informarles por segundo año, que nuestro programa de preparación de impuestos con descuentos está nuevamente disponible para los jubilados. A través de nuestra sociedad con H&R Block, este programa ha ayudado a miles de miembros activos de 1199SEIU, y esperamos que también aprovechen esta oportunidad de obtener más dinero en su devolución de impuestos.

Por supuesto que nuestra División de Miembros Jubilados continúa ofreciendo todo tipo de clases, desde hacer punto hasta acondicionamiento físico, incluso recientemente hemos agregado una nueva clase de Chi Gong, así como también las reuniones regulares de las agrupaciones y otras reuniones. Con tantas opciones disponibles, estamos seguros de que encontrarán una o más formas de participar y establecer contacto con otros jubilados. Pero lo más importante es que siempre recuerden que sus Fondos de Beneficios y Pensiones están a su entera disposición para ayudarles. Si tienen alguna pregunta sobre sus beneficios de salud o de pensión, no duden en llamar a nuestros representantes de Servicios a Jubilados al (646) 473-8666 o al (800) 892-2557.

¡Mis mejores deseos para un Año Nuevo feliz y saludable!

Atentamente,

## Shakespeare Class

The class is studying *The Tempest*, the Bard's last play. Is it a comedy or a tale of madness? Join us on Tuesdays, 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

1199SEIU RMD, 330 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor







**A Message from / Un Mensaje de GEORGE GRESHAM**  
 PRESIDENT / PRESIDENTE, 1199SEIU UNITED HEALTHCARE WORKERS EAST

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

2011 marked a turning point for working families in our country. After years of one-way class warfare by the wealthiest elites against the poor and the working and middle classes, the 99 percent began rising up. Under the banner of the Occupy movement, ordinary people in large numbers began to defend themselves against a system that distributes wealth upward, that allows wholesale plundering of public institutions by private corporations, that corrupts political life to favor the 1 percent while destroying the livelihoods of millions of working people.

Perhaps once in a generation does a progressive movement capture the public imagination and energize large numbers of people to go into the streets and take charge of their own future. This is such a moment, and Occupy is the movement. Our Union recognized this almost immediately and has been an active supporter and participant ever since.

In just a few months, it has changed the national political conversation. For the first time in decades, because of the Occupy movement, attention is now being paid to our real problems – unemployment, income inequality, bail-outs (without penalties) for the banks and big corporations but not for working people, the threat to democracy represented by big money's control over the political process, etc.

This change has already resulted in important political victories:

- In Ohio and New Hampshire, attempts by Republican governors to ban collective bargaining for public workers have been defeated.
- The big banks were forced to drop their plan to charge consumers \$5 a month for debit card transactions.
- In Congress, the secret so-called "Super Committee" – established to make drastic cuts in Social Security, Medicare and other social programs – resulted in failure.
- In New York, it now seems that taxes will be raised on the wealthy and lowered for the middle class.

The Occupy movement has been credited in large part with creating the atmosphere to make these victories possible. And we in 1199SEIU are proud to have played our part in these developments. 2011, of course, "sets the table" for this year, which promises to intensify the struggles of working people to defend their families and their communities and to demand economic and social justice. Get prepared, sisters and brothers. We are going to need each other.

In solidarity,

Queridos hermanas y hermanos:

El año 2011 fue un momento decisivo para las familias trabajadoras en nuestro país. Después de años de una guerra de clases en un solo sentido por parte de las élites más ricas contra los pobres, los trabajadores y la clase media, el 99% comenzó a levantarse. Bajo la bandera del movimiento de Ocupación, personas comunes y corrientes en grandes números comenzaron a defenderse contra un sistema que distribuye la riqueza en forma ascendente, que permite el saqueo en gran escala de las instituciones públicas por parte de las corporaciones privadas, que corrompe la vida política para favorecer al 1% mientras que destruye el sustento de millones de gente trabajadora.

Quizás una vez en cada generación un movimiento progresista captura la imaginación pública y llena de energía a una gran cantidad de personas para que salgan a las calles y tomen las riendas de su propio futuro. Estamos en ese momento, y Ocupación es el movimiento. Nuestro Sindicato reconoció esto casi inmediatamente y le ha brindado un apoyo activo y ha participado desde entonces.

En tan sólo unos cuantos meses, ha cambiado la conversación política nacional. Por primera vez en décadas, debido al movimiento Ocupación, se presta atención a nuestros problemas reales: el desempleo, las desigualdades en los ingresos, las operaciones de rescate (sin sanciones) para los bancos y las grandes corporaciones pero no para la gente trabajadora, la amenaza a la democracia que representa el control del gran capital sobre el proceso político, etc.

Este cambio ya ha provocado importantes victorias políticas:

- En Ohio y New Hampshire, han sido derrotados los intentos por parte de gobernadores republicanos de prohibir la negociación colectiva para los trabajadores públicos.
- Los grandes bancos fueron forzados a abandonar su plan de cobrar a los consumidores \$5 mensual por transacciones con una tarjeta de débito.
- En el Congreso, el denominado "Súper Comité" secreto, establecido para aplicar recortes drásticos al Seguro Social, Medicare y otros programas sociales, resultó en un fracaso.
- En Nueva York, ahora parece que subirán los impuestos para los ricos y bajarán para la clase media.

Se ha dado crédito en gran medida al movimiento Ocupación por crear la atmósfera que ha hecho posible estas victorias. Y nosotros en 1199SEIU estamos orgullosos de haber desempeñado un rol en estos cambios. Por supuesto que 2011, "marca las reglas de juego" para este año, lo que promete intensificar la lucha de la gente trabajadora para defender a sus familias y sus comunidades y demandar justicia económica y social. Estén preparados, hermanas y hermanos. Vamos a necesitarnos todos.

En solidaridad,

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**NEW HYDE PARK - ELEANOR TILSON CHAPTER**  
NS-LIJ Cohen Children's Medical Center  
Teaching Ctr. – Conference Room  
269-01 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Tuesday, February 21 • 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

**QUEENS - ST. ALBANS CHAPTER**  
Guy Brewer Democratic Club  
197-01 Linden Blvd.  
Tuesday, February 28 • 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**HICKSVILLE - MILTON KONOWE CHAPTER**  
1199SEIU Hicksville Office  
100 Duffy Avenue  
Wednesday, February 15 • 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

**NORTH BRONX - BERNARD MINTER CHAPTER**  
Holy Rosary Church  
1520 Adee Avenue (enter at Parking Lot)  
Tuesday, February 14 • 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**BRONX - JOSEPH JAMES CHAPTER**  
1199SEIU Healthcare & Education Center  
2501 Grand Concourse, Room 301  
Friday, February 10 • 10:00 am - noon

**EAST HARLEM - LEON DAVIS CHAPTER**  
Carver Senior Center  
55 East 102<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Friday, February 24 • 10:30 am - noon

**BROOKLYN - MATTIE SMALL CHAPTER**  
1199SEIU Brooklyn Office  
25 Elm Place (off Fulton Street)  
Friday, February 17 • 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

**BROOKLYN - MARSHALL DUBIN CHAPTER**  
Brooklyn College  
Student Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
East 27<sup>th</sup> Street & Campus Road  
Wednesday, February 29 • 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

**YOGA CLASSES\***

**Brooklyn**  
25 Elm Place (at Fulton), Rooms 4 & 5  
Fridays, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

**Bronx**  
1199SEIU Healthcare & Education Center  
2501 Grand Concourse, Room 301  
Wednesdays, noon - 1:00 pm

**Hicksville**  
100 Duffy Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Wednesdays, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

**Manhattan Headquarters**  
330 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Thursdays, 11:00 am - noon  
Fridays, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Queens**  
Devore Dance Center  
205-05 Hollis Ave., Main Floor  
Tuesdays, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

## ATLANTIC CITY CASINO

Monday, February 27 Pay \$25 – Get \$25 Back

### Manhattan – 8:30 am

1199SEIU – 310 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street (bet. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Aves.)  
Sylvia Williams (718) 271-3144

### Flatbush – 8:30 am

Brooklyn College – East 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Campus Road  
Herbert Hicks (917) 971-7415

### Brooklyn – 8:30 am

1199SEIU Brooklyn Cluster – 25 Elm Place (at Fulton Street)  
Lena Hayes (718) 624-1363

### St. Albans – 8:30 am

197-01 Linden Blvd.  
Clifton Rutherford (718) 657-8348

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## DISNEY CRUISES – SUMMER 2012

Cruise from New York on the *Disney Magic* with friends, family and the Disney characters! Pick your favorite destination, each with a variety of departure dates:

- **Port Canaveral/Orlando and Castaway Cay, Nassau – 8 nights.** Departures from NYC on June 22 and 30, July 20 and 28, August 17 and 25. From \$1,325/person.
- **Canada/New England – 5 nights.** Departures from NYC on June 10 and 17, July 8 and 15, August 5 and 12. From \$917/person.
- **Cruise to Nowhere – 2 nights.** Departures on June 15, July 8, August 10, September 7. From \$450/person.

Deposit required; for more information, call Fantastic Tours at (800) 552-6262 x112.

## PROTRAVEL (800) 431-1130 x5537

**March 4 and March 10 – Tour the Philadelphia Flower Show** and enjoy lunch on a "Tall Ship." Bus departs from Yonkers; \$129.

**May 12-20 – Cruise roundtrip from New York to the Caribbean** on the Carnival *Miracle* to Grand Turk, Half Moon Cay and Nassau. Balcony from \$875/person; other cabins from \$629/person (includes \$75 shipboard credit per cabin). Deposit required.

## FANTASTIC TOURS (800) 552-6262 x112

**April 10-13, 2012 - Relax in Las Vegas** for three nights at Harrah's Flamingo. Includes roundtrip airfare, baggage handling and transfers in Las Vegas, and cancellation insurance. \$775 per person/double occupancy. Deposit required.

**May 27-June 3, 2012 - Cruise the Mediterranean** on Norwegian Cruise Line's *Epic* to Barcelona, Naples, Rome, Florence/Pisa, Nice and Marseilles. From \$2,699/person double; single occupancy available (airfare included). Deposit required.

While the 1199SEIU Retired Members' Travel Committee helps choose the vacation packages that tour companies offer to 1199SEIU retirees, the travel companies are solely responsible for the trips provided.

QUESTIONS? CALL: (646) 473-8666 • OUTSIDE NYC: (800) 892-2557

## New Fitness Class – Chi Gong

Are you looking for a new fitness activity? Try our new Chi Gong class, which meets at our Bronx satellite location at 2501 Grand Concourse on Wednesdays from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Chi Gong is a Chinese healing art that is designed to bring healthy energy into the body. In a meditative atmosphere, participants perform a series of simple movements (either sitting or standing) that is believed to aid the immune and circulatory systems and help calm the nervous system. Please RSVP to (646) 473-8761.

## MEETING TOPICS\*

February – Osteoporosis

March – Diabetes

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## Vision/Hearing Screening

Friday, February 17

10:00 am to noon

First come, first served

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## MOVIE SERIES

12:45 pm - 2:45 pm

Wednesday, February 1

*The Help* (2011)

Emma Stone & Bryce Dallas-Howard

Wednesday, February 22

*I Can Do Bad All By Myself* (2009)

Tyler Perry & Taraji Henson

1199SEIU RMD

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9<sup>th</sup> Floor

**FLORIDA CHAPTERS**

**Broward – Leon Davis**

**Tuesday, February 7 – noon**

Tamarac Public Library  
8701 West Commercial Blvd.  
Tamarac, FL 33351

**Casselberry – Doris Turner**

**Thursday, February 16 – 11:00 am**

Casselberry Public Library  
215 North Oxford Road  
Casselberry, FL 32707

**Miami-Dade – Ossie Davis**

**Friday, February 10 – 10:30 am**

SEIU Local 1991  
18441 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Lincoln Bldg. – North Wing, Suite 502 (Penthouse)  
Miami Gardens, FL 33169

**Orlando**

**Wednesday, February 15 – 11:00 am**

UAW Local #788  
1825 West Oak Ridge Road  
Orlando, FL 32809

**Palm Bay/Melbourne**

**Tuesday, February 21 – 1:30 pm**

Palm Bay United Methodist Church – Fellowship Hall  
2100 Port Malabar Blvd., NE  
Palm Bay, FL 32905

**Port St. Lucie *New Meeting Time (February Only)***

**Wednesday, February 22 – 9:00 am**

Port St. Lucie Community Center  
2195 SE Airoso Blvd.  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

**South Palm Beach**

**Thursday, February 9 – 10:00 am**

Temple Emeth  
5780 West Atlantic Avenue  
Delray Beach, FL 33446

**West Palm Beach**

**Wednesday, February 1 – 11:00 am**

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church – Parish Hall  
1063 North Haverhill Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33414

For information about Florida chapter meetings, contact Marilyn Silverberg:

Toll-free: (877) 369-8340; Fax: (561) 369-8342

In Palm Beach County: (561) 369-8340

8775 Via Tuscany Drive • Boynton Beach, FL 33472

**SAVE THE DATE – FLORIDA RETIREE BANQUET**

**Monday, March 5, 2012**

Palm Beach County Convention Center  
650 Okeechobee Boulevard  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401  
\$10 member/\$20 guest

Reservations are required, and the deadline is February 20. You can purchase tickets at the February chapter meetings or by calling Marilyn Silverberg at (877) 369-8340 (toll-free) or (561) 369-8340 (Palm Beach County) for a reservation form.

Bus transportation is available in chapter areas, and reservations are required. At the February meeting, please confirm the location for parking your car. Allow plenty of time for check-in, as the buses will leave on schedule.

A block of rooms has also been reserved at the West Palm Beach Marriott Hotel at 1001 Okeechobee Boulevard, near the Convention Center. Please call (800) 376-2292 and request the "1199SEIU Retirees" rate of \$169/night. *(This rate is only available until February 13.)*

**FLORIDA WEST COAST CHAPTER MEETINGS**

Our three new chapters on Florida's west coast saw a strong turnout at the initial meetings, where retirees reunited with former co-workers and made new friends, too. You can get answers to your questions about your benefits and your Humana coverage, so please join us.

**Brandon**

**Wednesday, February 29 – 11:00 am**

Mimi's Cafe  
804 Providence Road  
Brandon, FL 33511  
For directions, call Gifford Allison at (347) 581-6071

**Fort Myers**

**Monday, February 27 – 11:00 am**

The Riverside Community Center  
3061 Riverside Drive  
Fort Myers, FL 33902

**North Port**

**Tuesday, February 28 – 11:00 am**

The Morgan Family Center  
6207 West Price Blvd.  
North Port, FL 34288

For more information about these meetings, please call Lourdes Rodriguez-Dox at (646) 473-8760 (office) or (917) 843-1909 (cell).

**NORTH & SOUTH CAROLINAS CHAPTER**

**Black History Celebration**

**Friday, February 17 – 9:30 am to noon**

210 South Purdy Street  
Sumter, South Carolina 29150  
For information, call Nonnie B. Perry at (803) 481-0475.



# Tax Assistance Program Again Offered to Retirees in 2012

## En 2012 se Ofrece Nuevamente a los Jubilados el Programa de Asistencia para la Preparación de Impuestos

As an 1199SEIU retiree, you can take advantage of the Benefit Fund's H&R Block Discount Program and make sure that your refund includes every dollar owed to you.

We have negotiated a discounted rate for 1199SEIU members and retirees living in the five New York City boroughs, Long Island, Westchester and New Jersey. If your household income was \$41,000 or less with dependents (\$31,000 or less if you are single with no dependents), you can present this coupon at H&R Block and pay only \$29 to have your taxes prepared: **There are no other qualifications needed to use the coupon. The coupon below is valid until April 17, 2012.** Just clip the coupon below and bring along any documentation that identifies you as an 1199SEIU retiree – even this mailing with your name on it.

Although our Florida retirees are not eligible for the H&R Block program this year, they can obtain free tax preparation at AARP Tax-Aide sites. To find a location near you, call (888) 227-7669 or visit [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide).

Como jubilado del 1199SEIU, puede beneficiarse del Programa de descuento con H&R Block del Fondo de Beneficios y asegurarse de que su devolución de impuestos incluya todo el dinero que le pertenece.

Hemos negociado una tarifa con descuento para los miembros y jubilados del 1199SEIU que viven en los cinco distritos de la Ciudad de Nueva York, Long Island, Westchester y Nueva Jersey. Si los ingresos de su hogar son \$41,000 o menos con dependientes (\$31,000 o menos si está soltero sin dependientes), puede presentar este cupón en H&R Block y pagar sólo \$29 por la preparación de su declaración de impuestos: **Para utilizar el cupón de descuento no existen otros requisitos. El cupón de abajo es válido hasta el 17 de abril de 2012.** Simplemente corte el cupón de abajo y tráigalo junto con cualquier documentación que lo identifique como jubilado de 1199SEIU, hasta esta carta con su nombre en ella.

Aunque este año nuestros jubilados de la Florida no son elegibles para el programa de H&R Block, pueden obtener la preparación gratuita de los impuestos en las sedes de AARP Tax-Aide. Para encontrar una ubicación cercana a usted, llame al (888) 227-7669 o visite [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide).



## COUPON FOR H&R BLOCK – To be completed by Block agent.

This coupon is valid from January 23, 2012, to April 17, 2012.

FOR A LIST OF LOCATIONS OR TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, CALL 1-800-HRBLOCK



H&R BLOCK®

**Step 1:** Validate retiree's Health Benefits or 1199SEIU ID Card, or other 1199-identifying information, and cross-check with W-2.

**Step 2:** Check off appropriate Fund in the section below and return to Office Manager.

**Step 3:** Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 4:** Validate household income:

- With dependent children – income less than \$41,000
- No dependent children – income less than \$31,000

**Step 5:** Retiree pays \$29

### Indicate Retiree's Fund

National Benefit Fund – **Use Code: 44530**

Greater New York Benefit Fund – **Use Code: 55088**

Home Care Fund – **Use Code: 65717**

**Return to Office Manager upon completion.**

This 1199SEIU retiree participates in the:

- National Benefit Fund
- Greater New York Fund
- Home Care Fund

