Retirees Celebrate Holiday Season at Anne Shore Banquet

On December 2, more than 1,300 retirees came together to ring in the holidays at the annual Anne Shore Holiday Banquet. Director of the Benefit Funds’ Retired Members Department June Blain and Manager Lourdes Rodriguez-Dox and Retired Members Division President Mary Stovall-Merrill greeted members as they arrived. Executive Director of the 1199SEIU Benefit and Pension Funds Mitra Behroozi commemorated the 65th anniversary of our "big" pension fund and announced that our retirees now total more than 100,000 strong. Maria Castaneda, Secretary and Treasurer of 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, thanked our retirees for their outreach efforts during the past election. The 1199SEIU retirees dance class entertained guests with two amazing presentations, followed by DJ Dale Roos, who delighted the crowd with island music, to the enjoyment of all!
A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Retired Members,

Celebrating the 65th anniversary of the 1199SEIU Health Care Employees Pension Fund this past year, we were again reminded that all of our retirees are part of a very special group, who are lucky to have earned a monthly pension benefit to help provide you with financial support in your retirement.

This past December, I was also reminded of the unique vitality of our retirees when I attended our Benefit and Pension Funds’ annual Anne Shore Holiday Banquet in New York City and was fortunate enough to speak with many of you who remain so active and engaged in your communities. I look forward to meeting more of you at the Florida Retiree Banquet on March 3.

In addition to activities that we sponsor, we try to keep you connected to what is going on in your communities. In this issue, we have added more resources to our “Explore Age-Friendly Websites” section (below), such as the New York City Department for the Aging website, www.NYC.gov/aging, and the Theatre Development Fund (TDF), www.TDF.org. In the coming months, you will learn more at your chapter meetings about other community resources available to you.

I hope you will always remember that your Benefit and Pension Funds are here to help you. If you ever have any questions about your health or pension benefits, please don’t hesitate to call one of our Retiree Services Representatives at (646) 473-8666 or (800) 892-2557.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

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Estimados Miembros Jubilados,

Al celebrar el 65 aniverario del Fondo de Pensiones para los Trabajadores de la Salud de 1199SEIU el año pasado, recordamos nuevamente que todos nuestros jubilados constituyen un grupo muy especial, que tienen la fortuna de haber obtenido un beneficio de pensión mensual que ayuda a brindarles apoyo financiero en su jubilación.

Este diciembre pasado, también pude darme cuenta de la singular vitalidad de nuestros jubilados cuando asistí al Banquete Anual por las Fiestas Anne Shore de los Fondos de Beneficios y Pensiones en la Ciudad de Nueva York y tuve la suerte de hablar con muchos de ustedes, que se mantienen activos e involucrados en sus comunidades. Espero encontrarme con más de ustedes en el Banquete de Jubilados de Florida el 3 de marzo.

Además de las actividades que patrocinamos, intentamos mantenerlos conectados con lo que ocurre en sus comunidades. En este número, agregamos más recursos a nuestra sección “Explorar Sitios Web para Personas Mayores” (a continuación), como el sitio web del Departamento para las Personas de Edad Avanzada de la Ciudad de Nueva York, www.NYC.gov/aging, y el Fondo de Desarrollo de Teatros (TDF, por sus siglas en inglés), www.TDF.org. En los próximos meses, en las reuniones de las agrupaciones, obtendrán más información sobre otros recursos comunitarios disponibles.

Espero que siempre recuerden que sus Fondos de Beneficios y Pensiones están a su entera disposición para ayudarlos. Si tienen alguna pregunta sobre sus beneficios de salud o de pensión, no duden en llamar a uno de 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,

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Explore Age-Friendly Websites

Age-Friendly NYC, a joint initiative of the NYC Mayor’s Office, the NYC Council and the New York Academy of Medicine, is dedicated to making New York a great place for seniors. Here are just a few of the initiatives you can read about through their network of websites at www.AgeFriendlyNYC.org, as well as other helpful sites:

- To learn about programs for the liberal and creative arts, computers and technology, business, job skills, personal growth and more, go to www.AgeFriendlyCollege.org.

- Find out about cultural events happening in your borough by downloading NYC-ARTS’ cultural guidebooks for seniors, with information on ticket and member discounts, as well as accessibility, locations and hours for local museums, dance and theater venues, libraries, zoos and more. Go to www.NYC-ARTS.org/seniors.

- Get information on upcoming cultural events, senior services and programs, community partners and senior centers near your home at the Department for the Aging website, www.NYC.gov/aging.

- Join the Theatre Development Fund (TDF), a nonprofit organization that works to make theater affordable and accessible to all. For full details, visit www.TDF.org.

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February 2017
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 Retired Members Division. Staying connected with each other by attending classes or activities 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 wide range of activities—from sewing or arts and crafts to Chi Gong and yoga—that help us stay true to our 1199SEIU retiree motto: “Retired, but Active”!

If you were among the more than 1,300 retirees at the annual Anne Shore Holiday Banquet in New York City in December, you saw for yourself just how active we can be. A marvelous time was had by all at one of our finest banquets in years, and I was especially pleased to share memories and laughter with so many of my fellow retirees. The strong turnout truly reflects the strength of our spirit and reminds me how fortunate we are to be able to share this special occasion.

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. Please join us in our efforts to reach out to these members, especially during the winter months when their mobility is more limited. I promise you, visiting a homebound member or taking one of your brothers or sisters to a chapter meeting will bring you great joy.

I also encourage all of you who are able to keep up with your dues, to keep our sisters to a chapter meeting will bring you great joy.

In solidarity,
Mary Stovall-Merrill

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas,

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 nuestra División de Miembros Jubilados. Mantenerse en contacto con otros asistiendo a clases o actividades en la sede Central del Fondo o en una agrupación cercana a su hogar no solo 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 amplia variedad de actividades—desde la costura u otras artes y manualidades hasta el Chi Gong y el yoga—lo que nos ayuda a mantenernos fieles a nuestro lema como jubilados de 1199SEIU: “Jubilados pero activos!”

Si usted estuvo en diciembre entre los más de 1,300 jubilados presentes en el Banquete Anual por las Fiestas Anne Shore en la Ciudad de Nueva York, pudo comprobar lo activos que podemos ser. Fue uno de nuestros mejores banquetes en años, donde todos lo pasaron de maravilla, y yo estuve especialmente complacida de compartir recuerdos y risas con muchos de mis compañeros jubilados. La intensa concurrencia realmente refleja la fortaleza de nuestro espíritu y me recuerda lo afortunados que somos de poder compartir esta ocasión tan especial.

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

También 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., urgo a todos a mantenerse activos y participar en las reuniones de su agrupación y otros eventos que ayudan a conservar la vitalidad de nuestros grupos de jubilados cada vez más grandes.

En solidaridad,
Mary Stovall-Merrill

Sign Up for “Seniors Out Speaking”

Become a volunteer in the Medicare Rights Center’s “Seniors Out Speaking” (SOS) program and help educate other seniors about their Medicare benefits. This month, we will discuss “Planning Ahead,” which will address the topic of advance directives. This will also include a discussion about healthcare proxies, living wills and authorizations to use or disclose protected health information. For more information about our SOS volunteer program, please call (646) 473-6916. SOS meets in Manhattan, Staten Island and Hicksville on the following dates and times in February:

**Manhattan Headquarters:**
- **Thursday, February 2**  •  9:30 am to noon
  330 West 42nd Street, 9th Floor  •  New York, NY 10036

**Staten Island:**
- **Tuesday, February 7**  •  9:30 am to noon
  790 Port Richmond Avenue (off Forest Avenue)  •  Staten Island, NY 10302

**Hicksville:**
- **Tuesday, February 14**  •  9:30 am to noon
  100 Duffy Avenue, 3rd Floor  •  Hicksville, NY 11801

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We now live with the reality that Donald Trump is president of the United States, with both houses of Congress in the hands of right-wing Republicans and the power to appoint at least one and likely more Supreme Court justices, shaping the court for years to come. As stunned as all of us were the day after the election, it is time to get over whatever sadness, depression and daze we might have gone through. We must now channel our anger into determination to meet the difficult challenges before us, if we are to protect our jobs, our families and our communities.

While Mr. Trump and his friends will control the government, we must insist they have no mandate. The fact is that Hillary Clinton received nearly three million more votes than Trump, who received only 46 percent of the vote. By understanding that Trump has no mandate, we are better prepared to resist the policies he advocates that threaten our jobs, our families, our neighbors—even our planet. Because all of the values we 1199ers cherish and all the issues we fought for in the election—securing quality healthcare for all, raising the federal minimum wage, giving immigrants a path to citizenship, reversing income inequality, reforming the criminal justice system, halting climate change, protecting Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid—are shared by the clear majority in our country, including many Trump voters.

Unquestionably, the Trump campaign was turbo-charged by appeals to racism, sexism and xenophobia. But we’d be shortchanging ourselves and our potential of building for the future if we wrote off every person who voted for Donald Trump as racist, sexist and xenophobic. Many, like us, want equal pay for women, clean energy, debt-free college, the right to join a union, a higher minimum wage and affordable healthcare.

Our first, immediate and urgent task as healthcare workers is to protect our patients from the Congressional Republican dismantling of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which we 1199ers were instrumental in supporting. Whatever changes may come, we must demand that coverage for the 22 million people who were first insured under Obamacare retain their coverage, that insurers continue to provide coverage regardless of preexisting conditions, and that the ACA expansion of Medicaid coverage to our most vulnerable Americans remains in place.

Trump and the forces around him represent a huge threat to our lives and our liberties. But 1199SEIU retirees well know that our members survived the Great Depression, a World War and the threat of fascism, our homegrown Jim Crow apartheid, McCarthyism and the Cold War, the Vietnam War and the threat of nuclear holocaust. We have survived not by being passive observers but by actively resisting, mobilizing and fighting. In just this way, we will also survive the Trump presidency.

Our patients, families and communities need us now like never before. Time now to pick ourselves up, take heart and gain strength from one another. We urge every retiree to become a Union activist so we can make our voices heard loudly and clearly. As always, we’ll have a big role to play in fighting for a more just, fair and compassionate society.

In solidarity,
George Gresham

Queridos Hermanos y Hermosas,

Actualmente, vivimos la realidad de que Donald Trump es presidente de los Estados Unidos, con ambas cámaras del Congreso en manos de los Republicanos de derecha y la capacidad de designar, al menos, uno y probablemente más jueces de la Corte Suprema, lo que determinará el futuro de la corte en los años venideros. A pesar de la conmoción que todos sentimos el día después de la elección, es momento de superar cualquier tristeza, depresión y confusión que podamos haber atravesado. Ahora, debemos canalizar nuestro enojo en determinación para enfrentar los difíciles desafíos que nos esperan, si deseamos proteger nuestros trabajos, nuestras familias y nuestras comunidades.

Si bien el Sr. Trump y sus amigos controlarán el gobierno, debemos destacar que no tienen autoridad absoluta. La realidad es que Hillary Clinton recibió casi tres millones más de votos que Trump, que recibió solo el 46 por ciento de los votos. Comprender que Trump no tiene autoridad absoluta es necesario para estar mejor preparados para oponernos a las políticas que él defiende y que amenazan nuestros trabajos, nuestras familias, nuestros vecinos e, incluso, nuestro planeta. Porque todos los valores que nosotros, los miembros de 1199, apreciamos y todos los asuntos por los que luchamos en la elección—como garantizar atención de la salud de calidad para todos, aumentar el salario mínimo federal, brindar a los inmigrantes un camino a la ciudadanía, revertir la desigualdad de ingresos, reformar el sistema de justicia penal, detener el cambio climático, y proteger el Seguro Social, Medicare y Medicaid—son valores y asuntos que comparte la gran mayoría de nuestro país, incluso muchos votantes de Trump.

Sin lugar a dudas, la campaña de Trump estuvo enormemente cargada de xenofobia, racismo y homofobia. Sin embargo, no sería justo para nosotros ni para nuestro potencial de construir el futuro si etiquetáramos a cada persona que votó a Donald Trump de racista, sexista y xenófoba. Al igual que nosotros, muchos desean un salario equitativo para las mujeres, energía no contaminante, educación universitaria libre de deudas, derecho a unirse a un sindicato, un salario mínimo más alto y atención médica asequible.

Como trabajadores de la atención de la salud, nuestra primera, inmediata y más urgente tarea es proteger a nuestros pacientes del desmantelamiento por parte de los republicanos del Congreso de la Ley de Cuidado de Bajo Costo (Affordable Care Act, ACA), para la cual fue decisivo el apoyo de los miembros de 1199. No importa qué cambios se implementen, debemos exigir que se mantenga la cobertura de los 22 millones de personas aseguradas por primera vez a través de Obamacare, que los aseguradores continúen brindando cobertura independientemente de las afeciones preexistentes y que se mantenga vigente la expansión de la cobertura de Medicaid para los estadounidenses más vulnerables según la Ley de Cuidado de Bajo Costo (ACA).

Trump y las fuerzas que lo rodean representan una enorme amenaza para nuestras vidas y nuestras libertades. Sin embargo, los jubilados de 1199SEIU sabemos bien que nuestros miembros sobrevivieron a la Gran Depresión, a una Guerra Mundial y la amenaza del fascismo, al apartheid de Jim Crow en nuestro país, al Macartismo y la Guerra Fría, a la Guerra de Vietnam, y a la amenaza del holocausto nuclear. No sobreviviremos por ser observadores pasivos, sino por resistir, movilizarnos y luchar de forma activa. Precisamente de esta manera, también sobreviviremos a la presidencia de Trump.

Nuestros pacientes, familias y comunidades nos necesitan ahora más que nunca. Es momento de levantarnos, cobrar ánimo y fortalecernos unos a otros. Invitamos a todos los jubilados a que sean activistas Sindicales para lograr que nuestras voces se oigan fuerte y claro. Como siempre, desempeñamos un papel muy importante en la lucha por una sociedad más justa, equitativa y compasiva.

En solidaridad,
George Gresham

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Yoga Classes
Classes are held four times each month, except where noted.* Please check the calendar for exact dates.

**Bronx**
Wednesdays, noon to 1:00 pm
1199SEIU Healthcare & Education Center
2501 Grand Concourse, Room 301 • Bronx, NY 10468

**Brooklyn**
Advanced Chair Yoga class: Fridays, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Beginners’ Chair Yoga class: Fridays, 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm
25 Elm Place (between Fulton & Livingston Streets), Rooms 4 & 5
Brooklyn, NY 11201

**Hicksville**
NEW CLASS Beginners’ Yoga Class: Wednesdays, 9:00 am to 10:00 am
NEW CLASS Advanced Yoga Class: Wednesdays, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
100 Duffy Avenue, 3rd Floor • Hicksville, NY 11801

**Manhattan Headquarters**
Thursdays, 11:00 am to noon
330 West 42nd Street, 9th Floor • New York, NY 10036

**New Hyde Park**
Tuesday, February 21, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
* (one class per month)
Northwell Health Cohen Children’s Medical Center
Teaching Center—Conference Room
269-01 76th Avenue • New Hyde Park, NY 11040

**Queens**
Intermediate Mat Yoga class: Tuesdays, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Beginners’ Chair Yoga class: Tuesdays, 11:15 am to 12:15 pm
Devore Dance Center • 205-05 Hollis Avenue, Main Floor • Jamaica, NY 11412

**Staten Island**
Mat Yoga class: Mondays, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Chair Yoga class: Fridays, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
1199SEIU Training and Employment Funds Office
790 Port Richmond Avenue (off Forest Avenue) • Staten Island, NY 10302

**Suffolk County**
CLASSES WILL RESUME IN APRIL
Beginners’ Yoga/Meditation class
*(three classes per month, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm—please check the calendar)*
First Baptist Church of Riverhead • 1018 Northville Turnpike
Riverhead, NY 11901

**White Plains**
Wednesdays, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
1199SEIU Benefit and Pension Funds
White Plains Office • 99 Church Street • White Plains, NY 10601

Unwind with Mindfulness Meditation in Brooklyn
Boost your mental and physical well-being with our new Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction class in Brooklyn. You’ll learn a combination of meditation and yoga to help ease stress and increase your energy. The class meets on Mondays from noon to 1:00 pm. Please check the calendar for exact dates.

Dance Classes
If you’re interested in learning the latest dance steps, come join our dance classes in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Hicksville. You’ll get moving with the Electric Slide, the Wobble, the Cupid Shuffle and more! Classes are held four times a month. Please check the calendar for exact dates.

**Manhattan Headquarters** • Fridays, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
330 West 42nd Street • New York, NY 10036

**Brooklyn**
Mondays, 11:00 am to noon • Wednesdays, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
25 Elm Place (between Fulton & Livingston Streets) • Brooklyn, NY 11201

**Hicksville** • Wednesdays, 11:00 am to noon
100 Duffy Avenue, 3rd Floor • Hicksville, NY 10036

Wednesday Chi Gong Classes in Brooklyn
Due to popular demand, we have added a Chi Gong class in Brooklyn on Wednesdays from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Chi Gong is also offered in Brooklyn on Mondays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am and in the Bronx on Wednesdays from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

Learn this Chinese healing art that aims to increase the body’s healthy energy. Participants perform simple movements, while both sitting and standing, that are believed to benefit the immune, circulatory and nervous systems. Classes are held four times each month. Please check the calendar for exact dates.

Falun Dafa and Zumba Classes in Staten Island
Mondays, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Falun Dafa)
Tuesdays, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm (Zumba)
Both classes meet at 790 Port Richmond Avenue (off Forest Avenue), Staten Island, NY, 10302.

Engage your mind, body and spirit with a new Falun Dafa class in Staten Island. An ancient form of chi gong, Falun Dafa consists of a combination of five slow-moving exercises, including meditation techniques to help boost your mental and physical well-being.

Beginners’ Knitting & Crocheting in Queens
The Beginners’ Knitting & Crocheting class that is offered in Queens on Tuesdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm four times each month is now held at Devore Dance Center, 205-05 Hollis Avenue, Main Floor, Jamaica, NY, 11412. Please check the calendar for exact dates.

To learn about trip and vacation offers, call (800) 431-1130, ext. 5537.
Please note that the travel company—not the Funds or the Union—is solely responsible for the trips provided.

Questions: Call (646) 473-8666 • Outside NYC (800) 575-7771
### Classes are open to all retirees and are free of charge. No registration is required.

**NY FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

#### Meeting Topics*

**February**
- Coronary Artery Disease

**March**
- Healthy Eating and Nutrition

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**Act Now! Come to the Drama Class**

The Drama Class reads plays aloud (no experience or memorization required) and discusses how the themes relate to daily life and current events. The class is currently reading August Wilson’s Fences, in anticipation of viewing the film. The class also practices writing and theater games to further explore drama and forge connections. On February 16, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, there will be a presentation of the plays and life scenes that have been discussed, for those who wish to participate. Class is held on Tuesdays from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

**Shakespeare Class**  Tuesdays, 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

1199SEIU RMD, 330 West 42nd Street, 9th Floor • The class is currently reading Henry IV, Part 1.

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*Questions: Call (646) 473-8666 • Outside NYC (800) 575-7771*
1199SEIU Annual Florida Retiree Banquet - Friday, March 3, 2017

We hope to see all of our Florida retirees at the Annual Florida Retiree Banquet at the Orlando World Center Marriott • 8701 World Center Drive • Orlando, FL 32821-6358.

Program: Registration begins at 9:00 am. Enjoy a continental breakfast until the town hall meeting at 10:30 am. A banquet luncheon will be served at 11:45 am, followed by entertainment and dancing until 3:00 pm.

Reservations Are Required: Tickets are $10 per member and $20 per guest; NO PERSONAL CHECKS. Money orders should be payable to “1199SEIU NBF.” (For retirees’ convenience, the Florida-based check cashing company Amscot does not charge for money orders.) Reservation forms will be available onsite at the February chapter meetings, where tickets will also be sold. There are NO March Florida chapter meetings.

Banquet Reservation Deadline Is Thursday, February 23, 2017: Members who do not buy their tickets at a chapter meeting, who cannot attend a meeting or who live outside meeting areas may request a reservation form from Marilyn Silverberg (see below). This form must be submitted no later than February 23. To receive your ticket(s) and bus information, mail your money order and reservation form, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, to: Marilyn Silverberg, Florida Field Coordinator, 8775 Via Tuscany Drive, Boynton Beach, FL 33472. PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR MONEY ORDER WITHOUT A RESERVATION FORM.

Hotel Reservation Deadline Is Friday, February 10, 2017: To reserve a room at the Orlando World Center Marriott, 8701 World Center Drive, call (407) 239-4200 or (888) 789-3090, or visit https://aws.passkey.com/go/1199SEIU2017. The room reservation block is “1199SEIU National Benefit and Pension Funds Banquet” at a special rate of $163 per night.

Car Transportation: If you are driving to the Orlando World Center Marriott, parking is $10 per car.

Bus Transportation: Reserved bus seats will be available only in chapter areas. Please refer to the following bus schedule to confirm the location for parking your car. This information will also be given out at the February chapter meetings.

BUS SCHEDULE

Broward – Leon Davis Chapter 5:15 am – Board bus
Lowe’s parking lot • 8050 West Oakland Park Blvd.
Sunrise, FL 33351 (Park closest to North University Drive)

Casselberry – Doris Turner Chapter 8:00 am – Board bus
St. Augustine Church • 375 North Sunset Drive
Casselberry, FL 32707 (Park on the Seminola Blvd. side)

Fort Myers Chapter 5:15 am – Board bus
Bealls Shopping Plaza • 1209 Homestead Road North
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936 (Park in lower end)

Miami-Dade – Ossie Davis Chapter 4:30 am – Board bus
Norland United Methodist Church • 885 NW 195th Street
Miami Gardens, FL 33169 (Park along rear fence, away from building)

North Port Chapter 5:15 am – Board bus
Morgan Family Community Center • 6207 West Price Blvd.
North Port, FL 34286 (Located across from North Port High School)

Orlando Chapter 8:00 am – Board bus
UAW Local #788 • 1825 West Oak Ridge Road
Orlando, FL 32809 (Park in rear lot of building, on grassy area)

Palm Bay/Melbourne Chapter 6:45 am – Board bus
Palm Bay Community Center–Parks & Recreation • 1502 Port Malabar Blvd., NE
Palm Bay, FL 32905 (Park along wood fence, in front grassy area)

Port St. Lucie Chapter 6:30 am – Board bus
Walmart Supercenter • 10855 South US Highway 1
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952 (Enter at traffic light—south entrance—and park to the left)

South Palm Beach Chapter 5:15 am – Board bus
Temple Anshei Shalom • 7099 West Atlantic Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33446 (Park in far rear parking area)

Tampa Chapter – Tampa (first stop) 7:00 am – Board bus
Sun Trust Building (Union meeting site) • 500 North West Shore Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33609 (Park on 3rd level only and go to main lot, street level, for bus pick-up)

Tampa Chapter – Brandon (second stop) 7:45 am – Board bus
Westfield Mall • 459 Brandon Town Center
Brandon, FL 33511 (Park on southwest side of mall, between Sears and Macy’s)

West Palm Beach Chapter 5:15 am – Board bus
St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church • 1063 North Haverhill Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33417 (Park in rear parking lot, away from church on Haverhill Road side)

If you need a reservation form, or have any further questions about the 1199SEIU Florida Retiree Banquet, contact Marilyn Silverberg at (877) 369-8340 (toll free), (561) 369-8340 (in Palm Beach County), (561) 369-8342 (fax) or Marilyn.Silverberg@1199Funds.org.

Watch Your Mail for Your 1099 Tax Form

The 1199SEIU Benefit and Pension Funds are required to report to you and to the Internal Revenue Service the pension income you have received for the year 2016 by filing a 1099 form. You should receive your 1099 tax form in early February. Please ensure that your mailing address on file with us is correct, in order to receive this important document. You may verify and/or update your mailing address by using My Account at www.1199SEIUBenefits.org or by calling our Retiree Services Center at (646) 473-8666.

QUESTIONS: CALL (646) 473-8666 • OUTSIDE NYC (800) 575-7771

February 2017
In solidarity,
of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I urge you to stay active and participate in chapter
Union strong to protect our benefits. Finally, let us remember that in February
I also encourage all of you who are able to keep up with your dues, to keep our
you, visiting a homebound member or taking one of your brothers or
Please join us in our efforts to reach out to these members, especially
fortunate we are to be able to share this special occasion.

Retired, but Active
1199SEIU retiree motto:
also have the chance to try a wide range of activities—from sewing
co-workers but is a perfect opportunity to make new friends. You'll
chapter near your home is not only a great way to keep up with former
us through our Retired Members Division. Staying connected with each
I hope that you and your families enjoyed a healthy and happy holiday
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

For more information about our SOS volunteer program, please
”Seniors Out Speaking” (SOS) program and help educate other seniors about
their Medicare benefits. This month, we will discuss
questions: call (646) 473-6916. SOS meets in Manhattan, Staten Island and

New York Chapters

Bronx – Joseph James Chapter
Friday, February 10 • 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
1199SEIU Healthcare & Education Center
2501 Grand Concourse, Room 301 • Bronx, NY 10468

Brooklyn – Marshall Dubin Chapter
Wednesday, February 22 • 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Brooklyn College – Student Center, 2nd Floor
East 27th Street & Campus Road • Brooklyn, NY 11210

Brooklyn – Mattie Small Chapter
Friday, February 17 • 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
1199SEIU Brooklyn Office
25 Elm Place (between Fulton & Livingston Streets) • Brooklyn, NY 11201

East Harlem – Leon Davis Chapter
Friday, February 24 • 10:30 am to noon
Jefferson Senior Center
2205 First Avenue • New York, NY 10029

Hicksville – Milton Konowe Chapter
Wednesday, February 15 • 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
1199SEIU Hicksville Office
100 Duffy Avenue • Hicksville, NY 11801

New Hyde Park – Eleanor Tilson Chapter
Tuesday, February 21 • 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Northwell Health (formerly NS-LIU) Cohen Children’s Medical Center
Teaching Center – Conference Room
269-01 76th Avenue • New Hyde Park, NY 11040

North Bronx – Bernard Minter Chapter
Tuesday, February 14 • 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Holy Rosary Church
1510 Adee Avenue (enter at parking lot) • Bronx, NY 10469

Queens – Edward Garrins Chapter
Tuesday, February 28 • 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Majority Baptist Church
115-21 Farmers Blvd. • St. Albans, NY 11412

Staten Island Chapter
Monday, February 13 • 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
1199SEIU Training and Employment Funds Office
790 Port Richmond Avenue (off Forest Avenue) • Staten Island, NY 10302

Suffolk County Chapter

CHAPTER MEETINGS WILL RESUME IN APRIL
Thursday • 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
First Baptist Church of Riverhead
1018 Northville Turnpike • Riverhead, NY 11901

Westchester – Hudson Valley Region Chapter
Stay healthy! Come to our yoga class and chapter meeting on
Wednesday, February 1. Yoga: 11:30 am • Chapter Meeting: 12:30 pm
1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East
99 Church Street • White Plains, NY 10601

North & South Carolinas Chapter
Black History Celebration Thursday, February 17 • 9:30 am to noon
Birnie Hope Center • 210 South Purdy Street • Sumter, SC 29150
For information, call Nonnie B. Perry at (803) 481-0475.