Help Us Protect Your Pension

To ensure that you continue to receive the pension you’ve earned—and to protect you and the Pension Fund from forgeries and other fraudulent practices—we are verifying our retirees’ pension information. If you have received a letter from the Pension Fund and HMS, with whom we’ve partnered in this program, asking you to update your pension information, please respond as soon as possible. It’s very important that you respond quickly in order to avoid any disruption in your pension payments.

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:

- 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.
- To learn about cultural events happening in your borough, download NYC-ARTS’ cultural guide books for seniors. The books provide information on ticket and member discounts, accessibility and 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.

Save the Date!
1199SEIU Florida Retiree Banquet

The annual Florida Retiree Banquet will be held on Friday, March 23, 2018, at the Orlando World Center Marriott, 8701 World Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32821.

Tickets will only be sold at Florida chapter meetings during the months of January and February, and must be purchased with a money order. Please leave the “PAY-TO” area of your money order blank until after your membership has been verified. The cost per ticket is $10 per member and $20 per guest.

Important: All ticket purchases are subject to verification of membership. No cash or checks will be accepted. No ticket purchases or reservations by mail or at the door. Each retiree may bring ONE guest.
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For information, contact Marilyn Silverberg: Marilyn.Silverberg@1199Funds.org; Toll-free: (877) 369-8340 Palm Beach County: (561) 369-8340; Fax: (561) 369-8342 8775 Via Tuscany Drive • Boynton Beach, FL 33472

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JANUARY CHAPTER MEETINGS

Florida Chapters

Broward – Leon Davis Chapter
Tuesday, January 9 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Tamarac Community Center – Coconut Palm Room
8601 West Commercial Blvd. • Tamarac, FL 33351

Casselberry – Doris Turner Chapter NEW TIME
Thursday, January 18 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Casselberry Public Library
215 North Oxford Road • Casselberry, FL 32707

Fort Myers Chapter
Monday, January 22 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
The Riverside Community Center
3061 East Riverside Drive • Fort Myers, FL 33916

Miami-Dade – Ossie Davis Chapter
Thursday, January 4 – 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Norland United Methodist Church
885 NW 195th Street
Miami Gardens, FL 33169

North Port Chapter
Tuesday, January 23 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Morgan Family Community Center
6207 West Price Blvd. • North Port, FL 34291

Orlando Chapter
Wednesday, January 17 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
UAW Local #788
1825 West Oak Ridge Road • Orlando, FL 32809

Palm Bay/Melbourne Chapter
Tuesday, January 16 – 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Palm Bay Community Center
1502 Port Malabar Blvd., NE • Palm Bay, FL 32905

Port St. Lucie Chapter
Monday, January 8 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm NEW DAY
Port St. Lucie Community Center
2195 SE Airoso Blvd. • Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

South Palm Beach Chapter
Thursday, January 11 – 10:00 am to noon
Temple Anshei Shalom
7099 West Atlantic Avenue • Delray Beach, FL 33446

Tampa Chapter • NEW LOCATION
Wednesday, January 24 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Springhill Suites by Marriott
4835 West Cypress Street • Tampa, FL 33607

West Palm Beach Chapter
Wednesday, January 3 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church – Parish Hall
1063 North Haverhill Road • West Palm Beach, FL 33417

New York Chapters

Bronx – Joseph James Chapter
Friday, January 12 • 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
1199SEIU Healthcare & Education Center
2501 Grand Concourse, Room 301 • Bronx, NY 10468

Brooklyn – Marshall Dubin Chapter
Wednesday, January 31 • 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, January 19 • 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, January 26 • 10:30 am to noon
Jefferson Senior Center
2205 First Avenue • New York, NY 10029

Hicksville – Milton Konowe Chapter
Wednesday, January 17 • 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
1199SEIU Hicksville Office
100 Duffy Avenue • Hicksville, NY 11801

New Hyde Park – Eleanor Tilson Chapter
Tuesday, January 16 • 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Northwell Health (formerly NS-LIU) Cohen Children’s Medical Center Cafeteria – Lower Level
269-01 76th Avenue • New Hyde Park, NY 11040

North Bronx – Bernard Minter Chapter
Tuesday, January 9 • 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, January 23 • 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Majority Baptist Church
115-21 Farmers Blvd. • St. Albans, NY 11412

Staten Island Chapter
NO CLASSES OR MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
1199SEIU Training and Employment Funds Office
790 Port Richmond Avenue (off Forest Avenue) • Staten Island, NY 10302

Suffolk County Chapter
SUFFOLK COUNTY MEETINGS AND CLASSES WILL RESUME IN APRIL
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, January 10. 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
Friday, January 19 • 9:30 am to noon
Birnie Hope Center • 210 South Purdy Street • Sumter, SC 29150
For more information, call (843) 861-1265.
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
Yoga/Meditation class: Tuesdays, 9:00 am to 10:00 am*
* (three classes per month—please check the calendar)
Beginners’ 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
Fridays, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
330 West 42nd Street, 9th Floor • New York, NY 10036

New Hyde Park*
Tuesday, January 16, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm * (one class per month)
Northwell Health Cohen Children’s Medical Center Teaching Center—Cafeteria—Lower Level
269-01 76th Avenue • New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Queens
Yoga/Meditation class: Mondays, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Hatha Yoga class: Mondays, 11:15 am to 12:15 pm
269-01 76th Avenue • New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Suffolk County*
Beginners’ Yoga/Meditation class
*(three classes per month, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm—please check the calendar)
Yoga class: Thursdays, 11:00 am to noon;
Meditation class: Thursdays, noon to 1:00 pm
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

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.

Dance Classes
If you’re interested in learning the latest dance steps, come join our dance classes. Classes are held four times a month, except where noted. 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

New Hyde Park*
Tuesday, January 16, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
*(one class per month)
Northwell Health Cohen Children’s Medical Center Teaching Center—Cafeteria—Lower Level
269-01 76th Avenue • New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Queens
Mondays, 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Devore Dance Center • 205-05 Hollis Avenue, Main Floor
Jamaica, NY 11412

The Staten Island 1199SEIU Office Is Closed for Retiree Events
The 1199SEIU Training and Employment Funds Office at 790 Port Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, is undergoing renovation; therefore, no Staten Island classes, chapter meetings or “Seniors Out Speaking” (SOS) programs will be held, until further notice.

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. For more information about our 1199SEIU SOS volunteer program, call (646) 473-6916.

Manhattan Headquarters
Thursday, January 4
9:30 am to noon
330 West 42nd Street, 33rd Floor (Penthouse) • New York, NY 10036

Hicksville
Tuesday, January 16 • 9:30 am to noon
100 Duffy Avenue, 3rd Floor • Hicksville, NY 11801

Shakespeare Class
Tuesdays, 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
1199SEIU RMD, 330 West 42nd Street, 9th Floor
The class is now reading Henry IV, Part 2, a play about the burden of power, old age and atonement for the past.

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.
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**Meeting Topics***

**January:** Aging and the Five Senses

**February:** Thyroid Disease

*S Sponsored by HealthCare Partners, IPA

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* Classes are open to all retirees and are free of charge. No registration is required.

**All classes are held at our Manhattan Headquarters unless otherwise indicated.**
This is a summary of the annual report for the 1199SEIU National Benefit Fund for Health and Human Service Employees, EIN: 13-1628401, for the period January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016. This is a welfare benefit plan offering life insurance, health, dental, vision and prescription drug benefits. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Except those with respect to the benefits specified under “Insurance Information” below, the plan is self-insured and has committed to pay covered claims out of plan assets.

Insurance Information

The plan has a contract with Amalgamated Life Insurance Company and Guardian Life Insurance Company of America to pay certain life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment claims incurred under the terms of the plan. The total premiums paid for the plan year ending December 31, 2016, were $7,439,721.

Because it is a so-called “experience-rated” contract, the premium costs are affected by, among other things, the number and size of claims. Of the total insurance premiums paid for the plan year ending December 31, 2016, the premiums paid under such “experience-rated” contracts were $8,810,095, and the total of all benefit claims paid under the experience-rated contract during the plan year was $6,631,142.

Basic Financial Statement

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was $497,967,668 as of December 31, 2016, compared to $107,985,262 as of January 1, 2016. During the plan year, the plan experienced a decrease in its net assets of $20,853,949. This change includes unrealized appreciation and depreciation in the value of the plan assets; that is, the difference between the value of the plan’s assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year, or the cost of assets acquired during the year. During the plan year, the plan had total income of $1,550,244,982, including employer contributions of $1,522,079,108, net appreciation in fair value of investments of $11,090,454, COBRA payments of $2,594,405 and other earnings of $14,481,015.

This is a summary of the annual report for the 1199SEIU Greater New York Benefit Fund, EIN: 13-6125570, for the period January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016. This is a welfare benefit plan offering life insurance, health, dental, vision and prescription drug benefits. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Except with respect to the benefits specified under “Insurance Information” below, the plan is self-insured and has committed to pay covered claims out of plan assets.

Insurance Information

The plan has a contract with Amalgamated Life Insurance Company to pay certain life insurance claims incurred under the terms of the plan. The total premiums paid for the plan year ending December 31, 2016, were $912,288.

Because it is a so-called “experience-rated” contract, the premium costs are affected by, among other things, the number and size of claims. Of the total insurance premiums paid for the plan year ending December 31, 2016, the premiums paid under such “experience-rated” contracts were $843,592, and the total of all benefit claims paid under the experience-rated contract during the plan year was $483,293.

Basic Financial Statement

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was $116,507,335 as of December 31, 2016, compared to $107,985,262 as of January 1, 2016. During the plan year, the plan experienced an increase in its net assets of $8,522,073. This change includes unrealized appreciation and depreciation in the value of plan assets; that is, the difference between the value of the plan’s assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year, or the cost of assets acquired during the year. During the plan year, the plan had total income of $197,909,608, including employer contributions of $189,724,150, net appreciation in fair value of investments of $3,355,172, COBRA contributions of $265,038, member spousal contributions of $3,308,784 and other earnings of $1,256,464.
This is a summary of the annual report for the 1199SEIU National Benefit Fund for Home Care Employees, EIN: 13-4129368, for the period January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016. This is a welfare benefit plan offering life insurance, health, dental, vision and prescription drug benefits. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The plan is self-insured and has committed to pay covered claims out of plan assets.

Basic Financial Statement

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was $226,005,462 as of December 31, 2016, compared to $195,080,107 as of January 1, 2016. During the plan year, the plan experienced an increase in its net assets of $30,925,355. This change includes unrealized appreciation and depreciation in the value of the plan assets; that is, the difference between the value of the plan’s assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year, or the cost of assets acquired during the year. During the plan year, the plan had total income of $240,024,679, including employer contributions of $229,533,775, COBRA payments of $58,593, member premiums of $9,704,298 and other earnings of $728,013.

Plan expenses were $209,099,324. These expenses included $10,844,236 in administrative expenses, $196,720,136 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries, $1,521,300 in general expenses and $13,652 in investment expenses.

Discrimination Is Against the Law

The 1199SEIU Benefit Funds comply with applicable federal civil rights laws and do not discriminate against or exclude people on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex. The Funds provide free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as qualified sign language interpreters and written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats). The Funds provide free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as qualified interpreters and information written in other languages. If you need these services, contact the Compliance Coordinator. If you believe the Funds have failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex, you can file a grievance with: Compliance Coordinator, 330 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036; (646) 473-6600 (phone); (646) 473-8959 (fax); PrivacyOfficer@1199Funds.org (email). You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax or email. If you need help filing a grievance, the Compliance Coordinator can help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf, or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201; (800) 368-1019 or (800) 537-7697 (TDD).

Language Assistance Services

ATTENZIONE: In caso la lingua parlata sia l’italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il numero (646) 473-9200.

注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 (646) 473-9200。

UWAGA: Jeżeli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z bezpłatnej pomocy językowej. Zadzwoni pod numer (646) 473-9200.
Important Benefit Notices Inside this Issue