A Message from the Executive Director
Un Mensaje de la Directora Ejecutiva

Dear Retired Members,

At your Benefit and Pension Funds, we are proud to provide you with the kind of security in retirement that fewer and fewer workers can count on. As 1199SEIU retirees, you are front-line witnesses to the value that job-based health coverage and defined-benefit pensions provide and, not surprisingly, you have worked long and hard to protect them. Thankfully, with your help, we have been able to preserve these benefits with low to no out-of-pocket costs.

In addition to health and pension benefits, we offer a host of ways to take full advantage of your golden years through our Retired Members Department. Choose from classes like drama, fitness, Tai Chi and all sorts of other activities, and attend your regular chapter meetings. Whatever your interests may be, or perhaps you want to try something brand new, we are sure you will find an activity that helps you stay involved and connect with your fellow retirees.

Most important, remember that your Benefit and Pension Funds are always here to help you. If you have any questions about your health or pension benefits, please do not hesitate to call our Retiree Services representatives at (646) 473-8666 or (800) 575-7771.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our chapter meetings or classes soon!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Además de los beneficios de salud y pensión, ofrecemos diversas maneras de aprovechar al máximo sus años dorados a través de nuestro Departamento de Miembros Jubilados. Elijan clases como teatro, gimnasia, Tai Chi y otros tipos de actividades, y asistan a las reuniones regulares de sus agrupaciones. Queremos que sean sus intereses, o si quieren probar algo completamente nuevo, estamos convencidos de que encontrarán una actividad que les ayude a mantenerse involucrados y conectarse con sus compañeros jubilados.

Más importante aún, recuerden que sus Fondos de Pensión y Beneficios siempre están a su disposición para ayudarlos. 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) 575-7771. ¡Esperamos verlos pronto en una de las reuniones de agrupación o en las clases!

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Continuing to show the same commitment to our cause in retirement to make sure you restart your contributions. We worked hard to form our union and reach agreements, and we encourage those who have missed a few payments before the onset of something more serious.

Making it far more likely that a warning sign will be caught early, go to your doctor or other healthcare provider for an annual check-up and stay current with your preventive screenings. Remember, going to the doctor helps you stay active but also gives you the chance to catch up with old friends or even make some new ones.

Also, I’d strongly suggest that you take advantage of the wide range of classes offered by the Retired Members Department (RMD) at Fund Headquarters and various chapters. The RMD offers dozens of classes and activities that are designed to help you get moving, keep learning and, of course, enjoy yourself. You can choose from photography, arts and crafts, sewing, yoga, drama, dance or even Tai Chi, to name just a few. Taking part in these classes not only helps you stay active but also gives you the chance to catch up with old friends, or even make some new ones.

Unfortunately, you can’t stay active if you’re suffering from a health condition, so it’s important to see your healthcare provider regularly and stay current with your preventive screenings. Remember, going to your doctor or other healthcare provider for an annual check-up makes it far more likely that a warning sign will be caught early, before the onset of something more serious.

Lastly, I’d like to thank all of you who have kept up with your Union dues and encourage those who have missed a few payments to make sure you restart your contributions. We worked hard to build our Union and bargain collectively for our benefits—let’s continue to show the same commitment to our cause in retirement that we did when we were active members.

In solidarity,
Mary Stovall-Merrill

President’s Message
Mensaje de la Presidenta

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Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas:

Estos momentos turbulentos y las luchas que nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico y el Caribe están soportando nos recuerdan lo afortunados que somos al disfrutar de la camaradería y la fortaleza compartida de más de 100,000 jubilados de 1199. Nuestros sentimientos y pensamientos están con las víctimas del huracán y con todos los que están ayudando en los esfuerzos de recuperación.

En nuestras propias vidas, forjar lazos de solidaridad es importante durante todo el año. Si se ha tomado un breve descanso de las reuniones de su agrupación, les invito a que regresen a tiempo que comienza el otoño. Las reuniones de la agrupación pueden ser una de las mejores maneras de mantenerte actualizado sobre sus beneficios y para obtener información sobre nuevos eventos y oportunidades. También es una excelente manera de estar conectados con su comunidad y compañeros jubilados.

También les recomiendo que aprovechen la amplia gama de clases ofrecidas por el Departamento de Miembros Jubilados (Retired Members Department o RMD, por sus siglas en inglés) en el Sede Central de la Fundación y en varias agrupaciones. El RMD ofrece docenas de clases y actividades diseñadas para ayudarlos a moverse, seguir aprendiendo y, por supuesto, disfrutar. Pueden elegir entre fotografía, artes y manualidades, costura, yoga, teatro, baile o incluso Tai Chi, entre otras. Participar en estas clases no solo los ayuda a mantenerse activos, sino que les brinda la oportunidad de ponerte al día con viejos amigos o incluso hacer algunos nuevos.

Lamentablemente, no se pueden mantener activos si sufren de una afeción médica, por lo que es importante que consulten con su proveedor de atención médica con regularidad y que se mantengan al día con sus exámenes médicos preventivos. Recuerden que acudir a su médico u otro proveedor de atención médica para realizar un control anual hace mucho más probable que una señal de advertencia se detecte de forma temprana, antes de la aparición de algo más grave.

Por último, me gustaría agradecer a todos los que se han mantenido al día con sus cuotas Sindicales y alentar a aquellos que no han contribuido con algunos pagos a asegurarse de reiniciando sus contribuciones. Trabajamos duro para conformar nuestro Sindicato y llegar a acuerdos colectivos por nuestros beneficios — continuamos demostrando el mismo compromiso con nuestra causa mientras estamos jubilados, y el que demostrábamos cuando éramos miembros activos.

En solidaridad,
Mary Stovall-Merrill

Florida Chapters
Broward – Leon Davis Chapter
Tuesday, October 10 – 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!
Tuesday, October 10 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Casselberry Public Library
215 North Oxford Road • Casselberry, FL 32707

Fort Myers Chapter
Monday, October 23 – 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, October 5 – 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Norland United Methodist Church
885 NW 195th Street
Miami Gardens, FL 33169

North Port Chapter
Tuesday, October 24 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Morgan Family Community Center
6207 West Blvd. • North Port, FL 34291

Orlando/Casselberry Joint Picnic
Wednesday, October 16 – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Barnett Park
4801 West Colonial Drive • Orlando, FL 32808

Palm Bay/Melbourne Chapter
Tuesday, October 17 – 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Palm Bay Community Center – Room C
1502 Port Malabar Blvd., NE • Palm Bay, FL 32905

Port St. Lucie Chapter
Wednesday, October 25 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Port St. Lucie Community Center
2195 SE Airline Blvd. • Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

South Palm Beach Chapter
Thursday, October 12 – 10:00 am to noon
Temple Anshei Shalom
7099 17th Avenue • Delray Beach, FL 33446

Tampa Chapter
NEW LOCATION!
Wednesday, October 25 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Salpoint Waterfront Suites
2506 North Rocky Point Drive • Tampa, FL 33607

West Palm Beach Chapter
Wednesday, October 4 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church – Parish Hall
1063 North Haverhill Road • West Palm Beach, FL 33417

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 33437

New York Chapters
Bronx – Joseph James Chapter
Friday, October 13 • 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
1199SEIU Healthcare & Education Center
2501 Grand Concourse, Room 301 • Bronx, NY 10468

Brooklyn – Marshall Dublin Chapter
Wednesday, October 25 • 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, October 20 • 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
1199SEIU Brooklyn Office
25 Elm Place (between Fulton & Livingston Streets) • Brooklyn, NY 11210

East Harlem – Leon Davis Chapter
Friday, October 27 • 10:30 am to noon
Jefferson Senior Center
2205 First Avenue • New York, NY 10029

Hicksville – Milton Konowe Chapter
Wednesday, October 18 • 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
1199SEIU Hicksville Office
100 Duffy Avenue • Hicksville, NY 11801

New Hyde Park – Eleanor Tilson Chapter
Tuesday, October 17 • 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Northwell Health (formerly NYU) Cohen Children’s Medical Center Cafeteria – Lower Level
629-01 76th Avenue • New Hyde Park, NY 11040

North Bronx – Bernard Minter Chapter
Tuesday, October 10 • 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, October 24 • 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Majority Baptist Church
115-21 Farmers Blvd. • St. Albans, NY 11412

Suffolk County Chapter
Thursday, October 12 • 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
First Baptist Church of Riverhead
1018 Northville Tumpke • Riverhead, NY 11901

Westchester – Hudson Valley Region Chapter
Stay healthy! Come to our yoga class and chapter meeting on Wednesday, October 4: Yoga: 11:30 am • Chapter Meeting: 12:30 pm
1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East
99 Church Street • White Plains, NY 10601

October Chapter Meetings

October 20 • 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.
**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:

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**Shakespeare Class**

December 13, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at 1199SEIU RMD, 330 West 42nd Street, 9th Floor.

The class is currently reading Henry IV, Pt. 2, a play about the burden of power, old age and atonement for the past.

**Sign Up for “Seniors Out Speaking” in October**

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’s topic is Fall Open Enrollment. For more information about our 1199SEIU SOS training program, call (646) 473-4916.

**Manhattan Headquarters**

Thursday, October 5 @ 9:30 am to noon
330 West 42nd Street, 33rd Floor (Penthouse)
New York, NY 10036

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100 Duffy Avenue, 3rd Floor • Nicksville, NY 11801

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Yoga Classes

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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
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
330 West 42nd Street • New York, NY 10036

New Hyde Park*

Tuesday, October 17, 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
Bingo & Yoga: Tuesdays, 1:00 pm
205-05 Hollis Avenue, Main Floor
Jamaica, NY 11412

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 • 1108 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

Dance Classes

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Meeting Topics*

October: Skin Conditions and Aging
November: Adult Immunizations and Medication Safety
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New York OCTOBER CALENDAR

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PRESIDENT / PRESIDENTE, 1199SEIU UNITED HEALTHCARE WORKERS EAST

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

What if your family members, your friends and your neighbors never saw a medical bill in their lifetime for a doctor’s visit, a lab test, a hospital stay, rehabilitation, prescription drugs or vision care?

In reality, in dozens of countries, there are no medical bills. If you break your leg in Italy or develop transplants in Singapore, you are taken to the hospital, receive the required care and make you well, and sent on your way. You don’t even have to travel so far. Cuba is 90 miles from Florida, and Canada is on our northern border. Both have universal healthcare, national health insurance, single-payer programs, whatever you want to call it. But here in the wealthiest and the most technologically advanced country in the world, Americans pay more for healthcare and outcomes are worse than in almost all other advanced countries. For example, in 2012, the average cost of coronary bypass surgery was more than $73,000 in the United States but less than $23,000 in France (not that French patients had any out-of-pocket expenses). This is because governments are able to negotiate much more favorable terms with providers, and because there is no insurance company adding additional costs. As for outcomes, the United States ranks a shameful 31st in the world in life expectancy.

For years, Representative John Conyers of Michigan has been a leading proponent of Medicare for All. His bill, H.R.676, has 112 co-sponsors in the current House of Representatives. Senator Bernie Sanders is introducing a companion bill in the Senate that already has the support of Senators Kirsten Gillibrand of New York and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts.

Given the current struggle, Republicans have on the federal government, it may be unrealistic to aim universal health care. This year, but a new Congress will be elected next year, and again in 2020, so it’s not too early to start advocating for it. Medicare for All bills have been introduced in 11 state legislatures. California, our largest state by far, seems likely to pass it soon. The New York State Assembly has passed the single-payer New York Healthcare Act three times, including this year, but the Republican-dominated Senate has stalled it, with only one more vote needed for passage.

After seven years of a never-ending campaign to defeat the Affordable Care Act (or Obamacare), and now with control of the White House and both houses of Congress, the Republicans have been unable to do so. Because whatever its flaws, the Affordable Care Act gave healthcare coverage to more than 20 million people who previously went without. They don’t want to give it up, nor should they.

Obamacare is a huge achievement but it does have shortcomings: some 20 million more still have no coverage; and being based on for-profit insurance markets guarantees that the costs are beyond what they could be. We should view the Affordable Care Act as an important first step toward universal healthcare.

As a candidate, Donald Trump promised to give healthcare “to everybody” and make it “cheaper than ever.” But each of the several versions of Trumpcare meant loss of coverage for more than 20 million people. The transfer of nearly a trillion dollars in Medicaid money to the already super-affluent. None was an actual healthcare bill.

“Healthcare for everybody” “Cheaper than ever”? We agree. Why not Medicare for All?

In solidarity,

George Gresham

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas,

¿Qué sometió a sus familiares, sus amigos y sus vecinos nunca ver un frijol médico en sus vidas—e ¡eso se consulta al médico, un análisis de laboratorio, una hospitalización, rehabilitación, medicamentos recetados o atención de la vista?

En realidad, en docenas de países, las facturas médicas no existen. Si se quebró una pierna en Italia o desarrolló transplantes en Singapur, se lo llevan al hospital, recibes lo que necesitas para que se sienta bien y lo que sigue. En Cuba se ve el mismo y no necesita búhos mil de dólares. Cuba está a 90 millas de Florida y Canadá es nuestro vecino en el norte. Ambos países tienen atención médica universal, seguro de salud federal, un programa de seguro único, como usted quiere llamarlo.

Pero aquí, en el país más ricos y de mayor desarrollo tecnológico del mundo, los estadounidenses pagan más por la atención médica y los resultados son peores que en la mayoría de los demás países avanzados. Por ejemplo, en el año 2012, el costo promedio de una cirugía de bypass coronario era de más de $70,000 en los Estados Unidos pero menos de $23,000 en Francia (íris que los pacientes franceses pagaron gastos de la bolsillo). Esto debe a que los gobiernos pueden negociar condiciones y precios a favor del gobierno, en lugar de gobiernos que agendan cobros adicionales. En cuanto a los resultados, los Estados Unidos se encarrían en el vergonzoso puesto 31 en el mundo en cuanto a esperanza de vida.

Durante años, el representante John Conyers de Michigan ha sido uno de los principales defensores de Medicare para Todos (Medicare for All). Su proyecto de ley, H.R.676, tiene 112 patrocinadores en la actual Cámara de Representantes. El senador Bernie Sanders presentará un proyecto de ley sobre un sistema único ante el Senado, que se cuenta con el apoyo de los senadores Kirsten Gillibrand de Nueva York y Elizabeth Warren de Massachusetts.

Debido al actual sistema que tienen los republicanos sobre el gobierno federal, podría ser imposible obtener atención médica universal. Pero, el año próximo, se elegirá un nuevo Congreso, y una vez más en 2020, por lo que no es demasiado pronto para empezar a abogar por el cambio. Los proyectos de ley de Medicare para Todos han sido presentados en 11 legislaturas estaduales. California, nuestro estado más grande por mucho, está enviando proyecto de ley de atención médica de pago único en Nueva York tres veces, incluso este año, pero el Senado estadual, dominado por los republicanos, lo ha decretado, y sólo necesita un voto para ser aprobado.

Luego de este año ofrece una campaña importante de manera de la Ley de Cuidado de Ruy Costa (Medicare) y ahora con el control de la Casa Blanca y de ambas cámaras del Congreso, los republicanos no ha sido logrado. Porque cualquier persona que relle sus formas, la Ley de Cuidado de Ruy Costa hará cobranza de salud a más de 20 millones de personas que antes no lo tenían. No quiere renunciar a ellos ni deberían tener que hacerlo.

Medicare es un gran logro pero tiene deficiencias: sigue habiendo alrededor de 20 millones de personas sin cobertura y, al basarse en mercados de seguros con fines de lucro, garantiza que los costos son superiores a los que deberían ser. Debemos ver la Ley de Cuidado de Ruy Costa como un primer paso importante hacia la atención médica universal.

Cuando era candidato, Donald Trump prometió otorgar atención médica “para todos” y “hacerla más barata y más económica que nunca”. Pero cada una de las variaciones de Trumpcare agrupó la pérdida de cobertura para más de 20 millones de personas, y la transición de cerca de un billón de dólares en dinero de Medicaid para los que no es excesivamente ricos. Ningún fue un verdadero proyecto de atención médica.

“Atención médica para todos” “Más económica que nunca”? Estamos de acuerdo. ¿Por qué no Medicare para todos?

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These turbulent times and the struggles that our sisters and brothers in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean are enduring remind us of how fortunate we are to enjoy the camaraderie and shared strength of more than 100,000 retired 1199ers. Our hearts and thoughts go out to the hurricane victims, and to all who are helping in the recovery efforts.

In our own lives, forging bonds of solidarity is important all year round. If you have taken a short summer break from your chapter meetings, I encourage you to return as we enter fall. Chapter meetings may be one of the best ways to stay up to date on your benefits and to learn about new events and opportunities. It is also a wonderful way to stay connected to your community and fellow retirees.

I’d also strongly suggest that you take advantage of the wide range of classes offered by the Retired Members Department (RMD) at Fund Headquarters and various chapters. The RMD offers dozens of classes and activities that are designed to help you get moving, keep learning and, of course, enjoy yourself. You can choose from photography, arts and crafts, sewing, yoga, drama, dance or even Tai Chi, to name just a few. Taking part in these classes not only helps you stay active but also gives you the chance to catch up with old friends, or even make some new ones.

Unfortunately, you can’t stay active if you’re suffering from a health condition, so it’s important to see your healthcare provider regularly and stay current with your preventive screenings. Remember, going to your doctor or other healthcare provider for an annual check-up makes it far more likely that a warning sign will be caught early, before the onset of something more serious.

Lastly, I’d like to thank all of you who have kept up with your Union dues and encourage those who have missed a few payments to make sure you restart your contributions. We worked hard to build our Union and bargained collectively for our benefits—let’s continue to show the same commitment to our cause in retirement that we did when we were active members.

In solidarity,
Mary Stovall-Merrill

President’s Message
Mensaje de la Presidenta

Florida Chapters
Broward – Leon Davis Chapter
Tuesday, October 10 – 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!
Tuesday, October 19 – 11:00 am to noon
Casselberry Public Library
215 North Oxford Road • Casselberry, FL 32707

Fort Myers Chapter
Monday, October 23 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
The Riverside Community Center
3061 East Riverside Drive • Fort Myers, FL 33916

Miami-Dade – Osie Davis Chapter
Thursday, October 5 – 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Norland United Methodist Church
885 NW 195th Street
Miami Gardens, FL 33169

North Port Chapter
Tuesday, October 24 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Morgan Family Community Center
6207 West Blvd. • North Port, FL 34297

Orlando/Casselberry Joint Picnic
Wednesday, October 16 – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Barnett Park
4801 West Colonial Drive • Orlando, FL 32808

Palm Bay/Melbourne Chapter
Tuesday, October 17 – 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Palm Bay Community Center – Room C
1502 Port Malabar Blvd., NE • Palm Bay, FL 32905

Port St. Lucie Chapter
Wednesday, October 25 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Port St. Lucie Community Center
2195 SE Airline Blvd. • Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

South Palm Beach Chapter
Thursday, October 12 – 10:00 am to noon
Temple Anshei Shalom
7099 Avenida Delray Beach, FL 33446

Tampa Chapter
NEW LOCATION!
Wednesday, October 25 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Southport Waterfront Suites
2506 North Rocky Point Drive • Tampa, FL 33607

West Palm Beach Chapter
Wednesday, October 4 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church – Parish Hall
1063 North Haverhill Road • West Palm Beach, FL 33417

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New York Chapters
Bronx – Joseph James Chapter
Friday, October 13 • 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
1199SEIU Healthcare & Education Center
2501 Grand Concourse, Room 301 • Bronx, NY 10468

Brooklyn – Marshall Dublin Chapter
Wednesday, October 25 • 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, October 20 • 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, October 27 • 10:30 am to noon
Jefferson Senior Center
2205 First Avenue • New York, NY 10029

Hicksville – Milton Konowe Chapter
Wednesday, October 18 • 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
1199SEIU Hicksville Office
100 Duffy Avenue • Hicksville, NY 11801

New Hyde Park – Eleanor Tilson Chapter
Tuesday, October 17 • 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Northwell Health (formerly NY-LIJ) Cohen Children’s Medical Center
Cafeteria – Lower Level
269-01 76th Avenue • New Hyde Park, NY 11040

North Bronx – Bernard Minter Chapter
Tuesday, October 10 • 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, October 24 • 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Majority Baptist Church
115-21 Farmers Blvd. • St. Albans, NY 11412

Suffolk County Chapter
Thursday, October 12 • 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
First Baptist Church of Riverhead
1018 Northville Tumpke • Riverhead, NY 11901

Westchester – Hudson Valley Region Chapter
Stay healthy! Come to our yoga class and chapter meeting on Wednesday, October 4: 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, October 20 • 9:30 am to noon
Birnie Hope Center • 210 South Purdy Street • Sumter, SC 29150

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