



President's Message

A couple of weeks ago, I had the privilege of being a guest at the Spencerport Central Retiree Association's Holiday luncheon. The SCRA is our union's retiree group. As I looked across the crowded room of smiling faces, it was like I was viewing my own ideal future. Everyone was so happy and relaxed and had that "I appear ten years younger than I actually am" look. I guess this could be the reason why one of the retirees asked me which school I used to work at. Maybe I was giving off that young, careless retiree vibe?

Throughout the luncheon, I enjoyed catching up with old friends and colleagues, talking to former members that I had never before met, as well speaking with one woman in her eighties whose own children are preparing to retire from the New York State Teachers' Retirement System. I heard tales of exotic travel, as well as stories about the early days of the STA when our fore members were forced to go on strike multiple times for better pay and improved working conditions.

As I left the luncheon to go buy some Just for Men, I reflected on the stories I heard from our former members living it up in retirement. However, their amazing pensions didn't just appear out of thin air. In fact, tier 4 was a "fixed" version of tier 3, and right now, we need to fight to fix Tier 6 for our newest members just as those in tiers 1 and 2 fought to create tier 4.

The STA already has some of the highest numbers in the region signed up to attend the Fix Tier 6 Rally in Albany on Sunday, March 8th. NYSUT will provide a bus ride there and back, so if you are able to attend, please sign up to join us in the fight for pension reform. Also, encourage other STA members to sign up as well!

[Fix Tier 6 Sign-up](#)

We also plan to have a 6 for 6 VOTE COPE campaign in the near future where we will ask our members to commit to donating 6 dollars (per check or month) to help with this fight as well as support other pro-education issues like increasing play in our schools and increasing education funding. I know that many of us signed up for VOTE COPE years ago and then forgot about it. But as we all know, public education is under attack now more than ever, so if you are able to, please consider increasing your donation. Every dollar helps.

I also would like to thank everyone who took the time to fill out our Union Engagement Survey, and I want to especially thank all of our dedicated building reps who took the time to speak to our members in person who hadn't yet filled out the survey. With these results, we plan to strengthen our union by creating new committees, hosting social events that will appeal to a wider variety of our membership, and encouraging people to get more involved in our union.

Finally, in the coming months, Ty and the rest of his cabinet will visit our schools to discuss things that are going well in addition to ways in which we can improve how we do things. We also plan to share our plans for a new APPR committee where we will work with the district to create an improved evaluation process that is meaningful and works for everyone.

I hope that you and your families are enjoying a restful, enjoyable holiday break, and I look forward to seeing all of you in the new year!

In Solidarity,

Rob Allen



STA SAVE THE DATE!

STA EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

April 25, 2026

The 3rd annual STA Euchre Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at the Spencerport American Legion from 1pm-4pm. Current members, retired members, and their families are welcome to join. There are cash prizes for the top 3 players. Registration information will be sent in the new year. We hope to see you there! Contact Bridget Herrmann with any questions.



2025/2026 Executive Council Meeting Dats

Meetings will begin at 4:00 in Cosgrove, Room 626

~~September 24~~

February 12

~~October 9~~

March 12

~~November 13~~

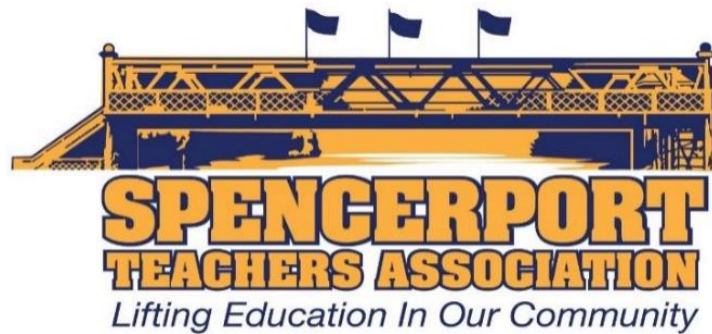
April 16

~~December 11~~

May 14

January 15

June 12



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