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From the Chairman



Mertie Terry

Hi everybody:

Well, so far it has been a very busy summer for me, and a humbling one; learned that no matter how old you are there is always something new to learn. When I was elected Registrar of Voters in Cromwell everyone assured me "It was a piece of cake!" The last time I heard that was at my wedding and one husband,

three kids, four grandkids, miscellaneous dogs and cats, Little League, Girl Scouts, etc. later -- you would have thought I would have learned. I now know to be wary of any sentence that has the word "cake" in it.

Spent a wonderful afternoon with the ladies and gentlemen of Yankee Gas. It was such fun reminiscing about "the good old days!" And they were good -- some of the guests included **Joyce & Marty Gaffey, Joe Ancona, John & Lucille Bellemare, Don Biesak, Sal & Terry DiMauro, Howie & Irene Franson, Nick & Lucille Fusco, Paul Salamone, Gary & Charlain Stocking, Fran & Kate Zygmunt, Dave & Judy Gindel, Barry & Nancy Booth, Eleanor Grib & daughter, Don Gade, Michey & Ann Manware, Tom & Josephine Ciarlo, Ed Flanagan, John Gombotz, Manuel Taveres, Bud Radke**, but if I missed anyone blame Zygy he gave me the list..(Oh heavens I am turning into a politician -- notice how I backed out of that one!)

Got a nice note from **Frank Vitone**, seems he hasn't been getting his newsletter. I am happy that he likes hearing about his friends -- and it is fun to hear from other retirees too. You may not think what you are doing is that interesting but your friends will.

Hearing from my good friend **Henry Carley** of Falls Village fame reminds me of a story. George Guilfoile, Safety Administrator and I left Waterbury on beautiful summer day and arrived in Falls Village where it was snowing!!! (Alright I exaggerated just a little; true story only it was spring not summer but hey the other way makes a better story.) Anyway one of the interesting things he mentioned in his note was the fact that he was a member of the Board of Selectmen in North Canaan for twenty years. Now he heads for Florida in as he puts it "the cool months". COOL months? He and I will have to have a talk about what he considers cool! He also mentioned he gets to meet up with **Ward Godburn** (another Falls Village retiree) twice a year. It is terrific that good friends still stay in touch.

I would love to have some friends drop a card to **Al (Alfred) Kroll** who has had a bump in the road healthwise. I am sure since he sent me his address that he wouldn't mind my sharing it with his friends. (Address: P. O. Box 240, Washington, VA 22747-0240.) He and his wife Ida are living near their daughter Diane, who owns a Bed & Breakfast in Washington, VA. And son Robert, who lives in Pennsylvania, is only 4-5 hours away. He loves the location of his new home since, as he puts it, "it is nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains." We'll send some good wishes and prayers your way Al.



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ARENU CHAPTER NEWS

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Dear Connecticut Chapter Members:

I hope you are enjoying the warm summer season in between the rain drops. Please be sure to use sun tan lotion whenever you are in the sun.

At our June 17th meeting Dona Cassella, NU Director of HR and Ed Vipler, ARENU Scholarship Chairman, presented our Scholarship Awards to two very worthy high school seniors. Thanks to Ed and his Committee in making these great selections with so many applications. In addition, our featured speaker was Carolyn Messier, Executive Director from the Lions Low Vision Center of Connecticut. She discussed how her organization helps individuals whose vision cannot be corrected by glasses, contacts, medicine or surgery. The Lions Low Vision center provides these services free of charge.

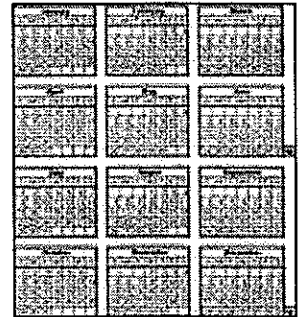
Helen LaChance, formerly of Capacity Planning, won the 50/50 raffle. Congratulations Helen!

Our next general meeting will be held on September 16th in the Berlin Cafeteria Conference Room starting at 10:00 a.m. Our speaker will be Moe Schwartzmann who will be speaking to us about the interesting topic of beekeeping. Mr. Schwartzmann is a bee keeper and will be discussing the medicinal benefits of honey, production of bees wax, how it can be used, how to become a beekeeper, the global loss of bees and how it can affect vegetable production. He will try to bring a hive (without the bees) if the harvesting of the honey is going well. This sounds like a very interesting subject, and I look forward to seeing you then.

I'm sorry to report that we only had 30 people sign up for our summer picnic, which was not enough to cover our costs. Therefore it left us no choice but to cancel our reservation with Wickham Park in order to get our deposit returned. Perhaps we can get better participation next year. A big THANK-YOU to Anna Eddy, Picnic Chairperson, who made all the arrangements.

Future dates for your calendar

October 14, 2009 – General meeting in the Berlin Auditorium to discuss your retiree benefits. This presented will be led by Karen Arendt, NU Manager of Benefits.



December 2, 2009 – Annual Holiday Luncheon at the Aqua Turf. (Sign-up sheet will be available in a future newsletter.)

NOTE FROM LINDA YOST, TRIP CHAIRPERSON

To date, we have 29 people signed up for the September 22nd day trip, Niagara Falls. We need 40 people in order to run this trip and not cancel again. Let's get together and get "this show on the road" - I promise this will be a fabulous day of fun for only \$58.00!" Contact Linda Yost as soon as possible (860-657-3407 or lgystct@cox.net).

We have 14 people signed up for the October 14th day trip at the Warfield House Cabaret in the Berkshires featuring The Sound of Music. Fabulous food and wonderful entertainment - come and enjoy the beautiful foliage, too!

Six people have signed up so far for Christmas in Newport on November 17th. This trip offers so much - check the attached flyer and spreadsheet for details - sign up as soon as possible.

I'm counting on ARENU retirees to get these trips off the ground - life is much too short - come and have a good time!

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Healthy Wealthy and Wise Events

Healthy Wealthy and Wise, NU's monthly education and awareness program for active employees and retirees, is hosting several upcoming events you won't want to miss. The events listed below will include representatives from several benefit vendors (such as Fidelity, CIGNA, UMR, and Express Scripts) and will include food, giveaways, information, prize raffles, and plenty of time and opportunities to ask questions. Look for invitations in the mail.



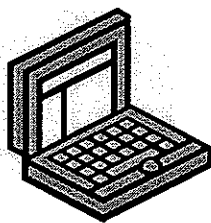
- **August 19 from 2-4 p.m. at Energy Park, Manchester, NH**
- **August 20 from 2-4 p.m. at the East Springfield Work Center, MA**
- **August 21 from 2-4 p.m. at the Berlin Auditorium, CT**

August is Back-to-School Month

The August/September Healthy Wealthy and Wise theme is "Back to School." The following is an educational primer on finding information online from NU's health care benefit carriers.

Embracing the Internet

The Internet has revolutionized how the world communicates and accesses information. The Internet will become faster, cheaper, more wireless and more widely available. In essence, the Internet is here to stay. NU's benefit carriers have highly secure Web sites that provide interactive and educational online resources with



up-to-date functionality. These sites are simple to access—and can't be beat for convenience. Anyone with a computer and internet access can connect to them from the comfort of their home.

Medical Carrier for Under Age 65 Retirees: CIGNA at www.mycigna.com

- Search for up to one year of medical claims history and see how much you paid for the benefit and how much the NUSCO Retiree Health Plan paid.
- Search for doctors, hospitals, and specialty facilities.
- Take the health assessment for a snapshot of the current state of your health. Based on your responses, you will learn if you are at risk for certain conditions like diabetes or high blood pressure.
- View your out-of-pocket accumulation for deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums.
- Search and compare cost and quality metrics based on a medical procedure.
- Request a new ID card or print a temporary ID card.
- Connect to Healthy Rewards (CIGNA's discount program) to save up to 60 percent on a variety of health and wellness products and services.

Medical Carrier for Retirees Age 65 and Older: UMR at www.umar.com

- View online explanation of benefits (EOB) statements.
- Order ID cards.
- Search for network physicians or facilities.
- Search for claims by date of service, patient name, and claim status.
- Determine if you have met your deductible.
- Understand treatment options, get a side-by-side comparison of medications, and compare hospital quality procedure ratings.
- Find assistance with common chronic illnesses like diabetes, heart disease, asthma, and high blood pressure.

Prescription Drug Carrier: Express Scripts at www.express-scripts.com

- Learn more about saving money with Home Delivery.
- Locate the closest pharmacy.
- Price prescription drugs.
- Order refills of Home Delivery medications.
- Check the status of Home Delivery orders.
- View your prescription history and learn how much you paid and how much the NUSCO Retirement Plan paid for prescriptions.
- Order member ID cards.
- Review the preferred drug plan (formulary).

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Dental Carrier: Delta Dental of NJ at www.deltadentalnj.com

- Learn about the specifics of your dental benefits, including covered services, coverage limits, deductibles, and waiting periods.
- Find answers to your benefits-related question in 30 seconds or less.
- Print out ID cards.

401(k) Administrator: Fidelity at www.401k.com

- Access the latest market news and analysis information.
- Learn more about taxes.
- Estimate taxes with a tax estimator tool.
- Learn to spend and save more efficiently.
- Get a complimentary portfolio review.
- Visit the Budget Management Center for assistance in maintaining a budget.
- Access on-demand online workshops and plan literature.

Links to all of the Web sites described above and information about the benefits you receive as a retiree are available through NU's Retiree Benefits Information (RBI) Web site at www.nuemployees.com (select the "Retiree" option). Under the "Useful Links" option, you can find an electronic copy of this document and other ARENU newsletters.

Please contact me at my e-mail address below with your comments or suggestions for future speakers in 2010.

Sincerely,

Larry Levy

Connecticut Chapter President
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Chairman's Message

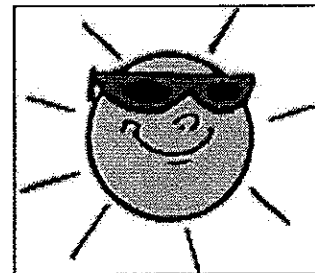
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Our sincere condolences to the families of **Jim Gienty, Marcia Fedorka, Joseph C. Armstong, and Ken Moore**. Joe was with the company for 32 years starting out at CL&P and ending his career in Berlin. I am sure that the friends he made along the way will be saddened by his passing. Although **Marcia** was not a retiree, many of you knew her from her years in Customer Service so I thought it was appropriate to mention her passing, and of course **Jim Gienty**. His wife Valerie sent us a wonderful note mentioning how many fond memories Jim had of the company and of his 31 years of service. To those who don't know it, Jim's dad **Jim Gienty Senior** also worked for CL&P. **Ken Moore**, a former colleague and dear friend of mine, worked in Human Resources for a number of years in Tolland, Berlin and Millstone. Again, our sincere condolences to their families and please know that the thoughts and prayers of our members are with you.

Have you ever noticed that some of the commands on a computer like "bad command" or "bad file name" is about as informative as when your wife/girlfriend/significant other says "If you don't know why I'm mad at you, then I'm certainly not going to tell you!"

'Nuff said – love to all.... Enjoy the rest of the summer....

Mertie



RETIREE MILESTONES

RETIREMENTS - APRIL 2009



John Bevis	Newtown	36 years
Robert E. Cabana	Holyoke	23 years
Paul M. Cichowski	East Hampton	38 years
William A. Hayes	East Springfield	42 years
William J. Lepper	Waterbury	25 years
Paul R. Levanti	Berlin	37 years
Richard Litinskas	Waterbury	40 years
Francis F. Murphy	Merrimack Station	30 years
Vincent R. Ouimet	Cheshire	38 years
William H. Prill	Hartford	26 years
William J. Scacciaferro	Waterford	26 years
John K. Unikas	New Milford	37 years
Leroy Williams, Jr.	Norwalk	41 years

RETIREMENTS - MAY 2009

K. D. Bullock	Norwalk (CL&P)	35 years
Peter Chamalian	Berlin	22 years
William L. Cranford, Jr.	Windsor	35 years
Michael K. Ellis	Meriden	40 years
Claudette S. Laliberte	Westbrook, NH	20 years
Willie Langley, Jr.	Norwalk (CL&P)	46 years
Arthur H. Mason, III	Chocorua	35 years
Kenneth A. Muravnick	Meriden	37 years
Carl Vogel, III	Energy Park	33 years
Shelton B. Wicker, Jr.	Energy Park	42 years



RETIREMENTS - JUNE 2009

Thomas E. Campo	Madison	42 years
Linda J. Carter	Pittsfield	27 years
Lawrence W. Christy	Danielson	36 years
Raymond A. Corliss	Hooksett, NH	23 years
Albert W. Cretella, III	Berlin	34 years
Lynda M. Dube	Westbrook, NH	23 years
Sharron L. Emmons	Berlin	31 years
Denise Greene	Windsor	40 years
Eric R. Heath	East Hampton	31 years
Martin E. Hoefflich	Newington Station	30 years
Mary-Beth Jendrzewski	Berlin	28 years
Robert C. Johnson	Hadley	37 years
Edward H. Lafayette	Hadley	26 years
Bruce E. Lorentzen	Stamford	38 years
John J. Manning	East Springfield	43 years
Gary R. Munroe	Portsmouth	34 years
Leo R. Rancourt	Berlin	42 years
Norman R. Tremaine	Amoskeag Station	35 years
David B. Vail	3333	35 years
Frank G. Winiarski	Hartford	35 years



RETIREE MILESTONES

OBITUARIES

Retired from (co.) in (year)



Rocco A. Albanese	April 25, 2009	CL&P, 1976
Doris A. Antonino	April 3, 2009	Montville Station, 1977
Albert G. Baer	April 18, 2009	NUSCO, 1980
William G. Barber, II	April 10, 2009	WMECO, 2004
Traver L. Berry	May 1, 2009	NUSCO
Richard A. Blotner	May 17, 2009	NUSCO, 1991
Kyra M. Botkin	March 3, 2009	PSNH, 1980
Robert D. Brown	April 19, 2009	NUSCO, 2001
Francis M. Caroll	June 7, 2009	CL&P, 1989
Louis D. Ciaramella, Jr.	April 2, 2009	CL&P, 1994
Anthony P. Coburn	April 9, 2009	NUSCO, 1983
Paul F. Colburn	April 12, 2009	PSNH, 1986
Jerry L. Dascanio	April 30, 2009	WMECO, 1983
John DellaCamera, Sr.	June 2, 2009	CL&P, 1992
Olive M. Dionne	July 4, 2009	CL&P, 1982
John F. Donoghue	April 14, 2009	PSNH, 1987
Stuart C. Fitts	May 10, 2009	NUSCO, 2001
Adolph P. Galor	May 22, 2009	NNECO, 1988
James J. Gienty, II	April 6, 2009	CL&P, 2005
Thomas W. Gilchrist	April 16, 2009	CL&P, 1985
Laurentina M. Golart	May 4, 2009	NUSCO, 1978
Robert T. Halvorson	May 21, 2009	PSNH, 1987
Kenneth W. Hamer	April 27, 2009	PSNH, 1979
Harvey T. Heinlein, Jr.	May 17, 2009	Yankee Gas, 1992
Charles H. Hinze	June 10, 2009	Millstone Station, 1995
Charles D. Hoffman	April 29, 2009	CL&P, 1981
Raymond F. Hubner	May 26, 2009	CL&P, 2003
William H. Ingalls	May 16, 2009	NUSCO, 1987
Francis J. Kirchner, Jr.	June 8, 2009	Montville Station, 1993
Bernard E. Lee	June 20, 2009	PSNH, 1987
Maurice A. Legere	June 18, 2009	PSNH, 1984
Raymond J. McBride	April 20, 2009	CL&P, 1989
Gordon M. McKenney, Jr.	May 9, 2009	PSNH, 1992
Paul H. Mehrtens	July 8, 2009	NUSCO, 1978
Lucille M. Pettinelli	May 18, 2009	Devon Station, 1985
Herbert J. Philbrick	April 20, 2009	PSNH, 1982
Diane A. Reiff	June 17, 2009	Yankee Gas, 1995
Eugene Salvaterra	June 16, 2009	WMECO, 1980
H. Leslie Watts	June 25, 2009	CL&P, 1979
Thomas E. Whitehead	June 1, 2009	WMECO, 1993



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Beechwood, The Mooring & Breakers

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NOVEMBER 18, 2009 - WEDNESDAY



Share the richness of a Gilded Age Holiday Season in Newport! When you arrive in Newport this morning you'll immediately step back into the 19th century at Beechwood, the Astor's "Summer Cottage" containing the **largest ballroom in Newport**. As a guest of "The" Mrs. Astor, you are invited to tour the house with such characters from the Gay Nineties as an Italian Countessa, a foppish Footman and gossiping Maids (courtesy of the Beechwood Theatre Company.) During the tour, you will interact with the characters and **learn the Victorian Christmas parlor games** that were popular at the time. At the conclusion of the tour, you will enter the elegant ballroom for **joyous caroling**. Lunch is included today at **The Mooring**, Newport's premiere restaurant in the heart of the downtown historic district presenting a spectacular waterfront dining experience. Today's menu includes your **choice of**:



**GRILLED CHICKEN
BAKED HADDOCK**

*Served with Baby Greens Salad, Potato, Vegetable, Rolls & Butter,
Chef's Choice of Dessert, Coffee or Tea.*

After lunch, there is time to **shop** or browse thru the **festive boutiques in the Brick Market Place**. Then immerse yourself in another glorious reflection of Christmas past as we visit the **Breakers**, probably the **most opulent of Newport's mansions** where the holiday spirit of a Vanderbilt Yuletide celebration comes alive. The Breakers features the **20' high poinsettia tree**, comprising more than 400 plants. The Vanderbilt's great wealth was reflected in the extensive use of **imported French and Italian marble**. This **magnificently decorated historic mansion**, filled with spectacular evergreens, trees, and 19th century-style ornaments will take your breath away.

COST: \$90.00 p/p due with menu choice. Please make check payable to ARENU.
Seating will be assigned according to the date that payment is received.

INCLUDES: Transportation, Beechwood Tour, Lunch, Breakers Tour, & Driver's Gratuity.

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7:45AM – DEPART CL & P, FREIGHT S.T, WATERBURY, CT

8:30AM – DEPART NORTHEAST UTILITIES HEADQUARTERS, BERLIN TPKE, BERLIN, CT

6:30PM – APPROXIMATE RETURN TO NORTHEAST UTILITIES HEADQUARTERS

7:15PM – APPROXIMATE RETURN TO CL & P



Travel Arranged by Tours of Distinction, East Windsor, CT



ARENU TOURS FOR 2009

Trip #	Trip name	Trip Date	Trip Description	Cost	Meal Choices	Departure Info
5	Garde Arts Center, New London, CT Viagara Falls Tours of Distinction	Sept. 22	Roundtrip Deluxe Motorcoach to Foxwoods Casino; Free Buffet or \$10 food credit; \$10 Free Keno Play; Broadway play - Viagara Falls, a new Comedy Play at the Garde Arts Center in New London, CT	\$58.00	Free Buffet, or \$10 food credit at another restaurant in Foxwoods	Waterbury: 7:45 a.m. CL&P Parking Lot Berlin: 8:30 a.m. NUEast Lot
7	Christmas in Newport Newport, RI The Travel Group	Nov. 18	Tour Beechwood, the Astor's "Summer Cottage", with different colorful characters from the 19th century. Interact with characters, You will learn parlor games & sing carols in the largest ballroom in Newport. Time for shopping in the Market Place. Tour the elegant Marble House created by the Vanderbilt family decorated for the holidays. Lunch at the Moorings, Newport's premiere waterfront restaurant in the heart of the downtown historic district.	\$90.00	Fresh Baked Haddock, Herb Rubbed Chicken Breast Served w/ Potato, Vegetable, Rolls & butter; Swiss Chocolate Cup, Coffee or Tea	TBD
8	A Son Remembers Dino" Aqua Turf Club at Christmas The Travel Group	Dec. 8th	Roundtrip Deluxe Motorcoach to the Aqua Turf Club for a family style luncheon; Matinee Show, "A Son Remembers" with Ricci Martin, son of Dean Martin. Taxes, Tips, and Driver Gratuity included Trip is being offered with AND without the Bus. Cost without the bus is:	\$79.00 \$58.00	Served Family Style; Homemade Chicken Soup; Fresh Garden Salad; Penne Pasta w/Meat Sauce; rolls & butter; Roast Pork Loin; Baked Salmon; Boiled Potatoes & Vegetable; Dessert; Coffee & Tea	TBD

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**Join ARENU on a New & Exciting Caribbean Repositioning Cruise to the
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Date: April 11 - 23, 2010 - Call Linda Yost for Details and a Brochure

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