



**PRIORITIES**

*Gene Goldwasser*



There are several issues we have been concentrating on during March and April, which will continue to be our focus in the coming months. The mid-term elections will occupy a major effort on our part to assess which candidates running for Congress as well as those running for New York State Assembly and Senate warrant our endorsements.

To that end, we have begun the process to evaluate each candidate according to criteria developed at both focus group and executive board meetings. Each candidate will be assessed by analyzing the information they put out through their websites, voting records, campaign literature, and statements to the press. Where possible, our members will initiate personal contacts to interview candidates or their chiefs-of-staff to determine their views on retiree issues, Medicare and other health care concerns, gun control (see below), and maintaining social security.

In June each executive board member will be assigned candidates to review, and the executive board will make its recommendations for endorsements at the September meeting. Endorsements will be published in the October newsletter.

We have been impressed by the manner in which high school students in Parkland have taken a leadership role in promoting gun control issues. At our April Executive Board meeting, we decided to support the following issues relating to gun control: raising the age of gun purchases to 21 or older; establishing stringent background checks for all gun sales; prohibiting people on Federal Watch Lists from being able to purchase guns; limiting gun magazine capacity. We are opposed to arming and training of teachers and administrators in the carrying and handling of guns on school grounds, but we support a community decision to have an armed police officer providing security to a school.

New York State currently has tough gun control laws in place – we don't want to see them weakened by a universal carry law currently proposed in Congress by Representative Lee Zeldin and other sponsors, which

would allow individuals with carry permits in other states to bring their handguns with them to New York. We encourage a "NO" vote on this proposal.

The new tax law enacted by Congress and signed by President Trump has serious implications for New York State residents. For that reason, we are happy to announce that the speaker at our annual luncheon meeting in June will be **Anthony Spatafore** who will discuss how the new tax law will impact retirees and New York State residents, in general. Mr. Spatafore is President and founder of ARS Capital Advisors, Inc., a personal and corporate financial planning company that is a registered investment advisory firm with the SEC. He has been a featured speaker at the New York State Council of School Superintendents, has written numerous articles in the *Journal of Financial Planning*, *Personal Financial Planning Magazine*, and *Long Island Magazine*. He hosted his own radio show, "Money Talks," on *WGBB Radio*, and has been featured in *Newsday*, *WABC-TV*, *WLIW*, and *News 12 Long Island*. We are pleased that he has accepted our invitation to be the featured speaker at our luncheon meeting.

The Annual NYSRSAS Luncheon Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at 12 Noon, at the Holiday Inn located at Exit 46 of the Long Island Expressway. Please complete the Luncheon Reservation Form on page 7 in this newsletter to reserve your seat.

*Gene Goldwasser served as principal of several NYS elementary schools for 24 years. Since his retirement, he has been an adjunct professor at Hofstra, a coach with the Institute for Student Achievement and president of NYSRSAS.*

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## A SUPERINTENDENT’S RESPONSE TO SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

*Edward Price*

The massacre of students and teachers in Florida once again raises the question of how to protect schools against violent intrusions. School leaders responded to past shootings by developing plans to prevent violence and, if needed, respond to emergencies. Working with local police and emergency management experts, we installed electronic doors and security cameras, hired trained security staff, and limited access to buildings. As technology improved, we upgraded these protections. In addition, we trained staff and students how to respond in emergency situations. Of course, these come with a high price forcing us to divert funds from instruction. While these efforts help to prevent crisis situations, they cannot stop a determined individual who wants to inflict injury.

As a result, fearful parents ask if we can guarantee the safety of their children. Unfortunately, we have to say no. We can only promise to take every reasonable precaution to ensure safety. Therefore, some parents are now going to the extreme of purchasing bulletproof backpacks and other forms of protection.

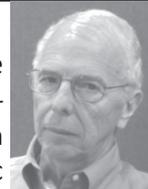
Nevertheless, the question remains: what can be done? It appears students in Florida have the answer



which politicians do not want to hear—limit access to guns. They state that there is no reason not to check thoroughly the background of every person who wants to purchase a gun. There is no reason for selling military style assault weapons intended to kill many people in a short period of time.

These guns are not for hunting.

Most Americans support reasonable controls on the purchase of guns. *The Washington Post* reports that only 36% of American households have guns. A recent Quinnipiac poll reveals that 66% of Americans support stringent gun laws. That poll indicates that 50% of gun owners concur. While there may be some disagreement on specifics, 97% of those supporting stricter laws favor universal background checks and mandatory waiting periods before allowing gun purchases. Why then is no action taken? The protesting students got to the heart of the matter. It is the NRA and the politicians they bought.



NRA representatives’ answer to the issue is encouraging arming teachers which many chiefs of police indicate will only make crisis situations more chaotic. They defend their opposition to any gun restrictions citing constitutional rights of individuals. But they neglect to consider the rights of the larger community. Certainly, people have a right to have guns to hunt and target shoot but Americans also have a right to prevent “Brown Shirt” thugs toting assault weapons from marching on our college campuses and to stop mentally unstable people from purchasing guns.

It is time we demand our representatives respond to the concerns of the majority of Americans even if that means losing the financial support of the gun lobby.

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### NYSRSAS MISSION STATEMENT

We have revised our Mission Statement and posted it on our website at <http://nysrsas.org>. It reads as follows:

**NYSRSAS**  
CONTINUING TO LEAD IN SUPPORT OF EDUCATION  
AND TO ENHANCE LIFE IN RETIREMENT

NYSRSAS is a non-partisan association of retired school leaders dedicated to improving the well-being of our members. We continue to advocate for students, educators and the ongoing improvement of education in public schools.

We monitor the political and educational scenes, take positions in the interest of our membership, make our views known, and communicate through our newsletter, member forums, and website.

We stand for:

- Maintaining Social Security protections
- Maintaining Medicare services for enrollees at their current levels
- Insuring current pension protections for NYS retirees
- Legislative support for school funding
- Viable and safe public education systems

## QUARTERLY QUERY RESPONSES—OUR TRAVELS

Our readers were asked to share a specific trip he/she has taken that was so memorable that it is recommended to others. **Joseph W. Gilkey, Ed.D.** a retiree from the Smithtown CSD, was kind enough to send us his description of a trip he absolutely loved -- the Caneel Bay Plantation. Unfortunately, he later discovered that the site was devastated in the last major storm and is now closed. Hopefully it will reopen, Joe will revisit it, and if he finds it equally delightful, we will print his description of it.

Thanks, Joe. We appreciate your efforts!

### SEEING THE WORLD BY BIKE

*Our president, Gene Goldwasser, is a biking enthusiast and has taken many biking trips in different parts of the world. He was kind enough to write about some of his biking experiences.*



There we were at Chateau Gloria in Bordeaux at a wine tasting at 10 AM. Problem: it was 10 AM in the morning and after the tasting, we mounted our bicycles to continue the route we were given – not a good

idea to drink and drive, infinitely worse to drink and bike. So, we resolved to “spit” and bike at the next few chateaus we visited, which was a good idea.

On various trips, we biked through the French or Italian countryside on quiet back roads through fields or groves of olive trees or vineyards -- an evolving experience. Evolving because you’re traveling on a bicycle at 10-12 mph and can only cover so much territory or take in just so much. We wandered through small medieval villages, stopped for lunch at tiny restaurants overlooking the Loire river or the Adriatic, visited the D-Day museums and the 70 meter long 12<sup>th</sup> century tapestry depicting the triumph of William the Conqueror in Bayeux, biked to Omaha Beach in Normandie (French spelling) and the American Cemetery nearby, tasted grappa at Bassano del Grappa, a small fortified town between Verona and Venice, paid our respects to Vincent Van Gogh at his gravesite and in the small garrette where he died, and did the same for Leonardo Da Vinci in the Loire region of France.

My wife, Jo-Ann, and I prefer biking vacations. We enjoy being out of doors in all kinds of weather. Most locales have really good weather as we tend to travel in late May, early June or September. However, several places have unpredictable weather. Our Normandy to Brittany trip for example featured great sites, terrific vistas, historic World War II locations and days alternating between sun and rain – lots of rain (the region is very close to Eng-

land, after all). Fortunately, we were well prepared with rain gear, which made the riding tolerable. And, if you had enough riding in the rain, you could always hitch a ride in the “sag wagon,” which is never very far away. We choose vacations rated “Easy” or “Easy to Moderate.” Easy means mostly flat with rolling hills and a small climb or two. Easy to moderate means rolling hills with several climbs that may necessitate walking uphill, heavy breathing or hitching a ride in the van. Most days we ride anywhere from 14-35 miles with one or two mileage options built in. The van is usually available at the 14 or 21 mile marker. Or, we could eschew the appeal of the van and choose to bike the whole route. The van provides snacks at several stops along the way and is available to fill water bottles, so we stay hydrated.

We have traveled with several companies that specialize in active vacations including: Backroads, Bicycle Adventures, Chateau Bike Tours and VBT. With Backroads we biked from Banff to Jasper in the Canadian Rockies, rode from Bryce to Zion in Utah, and toured the big island of Hawaii with our grandkids on a family multi-sport vacation. With Chateau Bike Tours we toured Bordeaux and the Dordogne staying in magnificent chateaus. With Bicycle Adventures we toured the San Juan Islands off the coast of the state of Washington using the extensive ferry system to travel between islands. And, we rode from Prague to Vienna with a local Czech company. Since 2010 we have travelled with VBT in France and Italy riding in the Loire Valley and Normandy and Brittany while in France. Our Italian trips have included Puglia, Sicily, and Verona to Venice. We chose VBT because they use local guides who are very familiar with the area, because the trips are a few days longer, and because airfare is included.

On many of our trips optional pre or post trips can be included (at an additional cost). We arrive several days before the bike portion of the trip begins and/or stay a few days after. On our Hawaii trip, we spent several days touring Oahu on our own before flying to the big island for the escorted portion of the trip. We returned to Oahu for an additional stay after as well. On our trip from Verona to Venice, our pre-trip included a stop in Padua to visit the Scrovegni Chapel, built in the 14<sup>th</sup> century and reminiscent of the Sistine Chapel with its Giotto frescoes.

Food plays a large part in our choice of trips. Friends have pointed us in the direction of some fine restaurants in Paris, Rome, Puglia, Sicily and Venice; and we took cooking classes in Puglia, Sicily and Verona learning to make gnocchi, (*cont'd on p. 5*)



**FROM THE DESK OF: *The Reflective Retiree***

**MOTHER'S DAY THOUGHTS FROM AN AGING ORPHAN**

*Corine Lipset-Huberman*

**In celebration of MOTHER'S DAY, this article is dedicated not only to the memory of my mother, but to mothers everywhere, who have the arduous task of raising children in a world that has become increasingly more difficult, frightening and challenging!**

March 1, 2007 is etched in my memory. It was during that night that I became an orphan. My father had passed away many, many years before and I now vaguely remember the lump in my throat that did not go away for about five years. I loved him, I missed his love for me, but my life remained relatively unchanged.

Not so after March 1, 2007 when, at age 97, my mother drew her last breath. At a very senior age, I became an orphan. Now most people connect the term *orphan* with childhood as does Webster's dictionary, which defines an orphan as "a child whose mother and father are dead," as when a child is deprived of the benefits of being raised by his/her parents, but adult orphans are not usually considered in the same manner.

So why, after many years of adult orphan status, am I now writing about it? Because it has taken me so many years to put into words what I have been feeling internally. On that fateful night when my mother left me, I mourned my loss as a child for a parent, I sobbed because I knew her last few years had not been happy ones, I cried because I knew I had been a good daughter but not a perfect one. There were times when I resented the time it took from my busy schedule to accommodate her needs. There were times when I didn't demonstrate the patience that she was entitled to. But it wasn't until some time had passed that I began to realize the deep emotional impact of being an adult orphan.

On March 1, 2007, I became the matriarch of the family -- the one who needed to be wise, judicious, fair and available to my three children and their respective families. I began to think deeply about this new official role in my life for, of course, I had been the unofficial matriarch for many years, ever since my mother's health had been failing. Where does one go for a training course in wisdom? How does one become a Solomon, and do we accumulate wisdom just because we age? I think not, for I have known some very elderly people who have made some very poor decisions. We need only look around us as we review the lives of some of our senior politicians, our bankers, our statesmen, both current and those who preceded them.

I also began to think about the fact that, for me, it was too late for a course in wisdom or 'Solomonesque'

strategies. I had raised my children, who now had children of their own. I had shaped their character, their personality, their goals through my actions as their mother. And now, they were influencing the future adulthood of their children. Did I do a good enough job as their mother?



Did I give them the tools and instill in them the qualities to be good parents? As a young parent, I did not dwell too much upon the wisdom of my parenting skills; I was too busy with the daily routines of parenthood, and did what came naturally. And what came naturally was what I had internalized, based upon what my mother did naturally. Fortunately for my children, what my mother did naturally was superb and so I had a master teacher. But my mother's departure from this earth led me to thinking quite a lot about the lessons we learn incidentally from parents as role models, and what an awesome responsibility it is to have to be wise.

Rest in peace, Mom! I'll miss you forever!

*Dr. Corine Lipset-Huberman has had extensive experience at all levels of education. She spent the last 19 years prior to retirement as principal of the Village School in Syosset, NY.*

**SEEING THE WORLD BY BIKE (cont'd from p.4)**

orecchiette, and lasagna. Several lunches and dinners are included, but we also have the opportunity to try local restaurants. We enjoyed crepes and galettes; and eating newly harvested oysters on the half shell at a beach-side stand in Brittany, dining at one-star Michelin rated restaurants in Paris and in the Loire Valley, and at many spots exhibiting local cooking. Wine also is an attraction as French and Italian wines are among our favorites.

But it is the biking that attracts us. We started these bike trips in 1992, and, although we haven't gone on bike vacations exclusively, they do make up the majority of our trips. VBT now provides a GPS app for our iPhones, which makes following the bike route easier -- we don't have to read; instead "Jane" tells us when and where to turn -- much better than looking down at the instructions while riding, and safer, too. We're looking forward to our next bike trip in September, which will combine a river cruise with daily biking beginning in Luxembourg and following the Mosel River into Germany with a post-trip to Berlin. The river cruise will be a new experience for us and we're looking forward to it.

**MEMBER RESPONSES TO "AN UNEXPECTED DELICACY"**

**Robert Quinn**, retired principal of Longwood Schools, writes: Corine Lipset-Huberman's article "An Unexpected Delicacy" [patrons at a restaurant insisted on paying her bill as a kind gesture of friendliness] brought back memories of an experience my wife and I had several



summers ago. We were spending a few days with friends in Pittsfield, MA and planned to attend a Sat. night concert at Tanglewood. Our friends had season tickets but my wife and I needed to purchase our tickets at the gate. Being a nice summer evening we asked for two lawn tickets. How surprised we

were to be handed two tickets for seats inside the Shed with the explanation that someone had extra tickets and asked for them to be given away. Was it the two ladies next to us during the concert? -- They wouldn't say.

**Elizabeth Eide**, retired principal of Copaigue School District writes: Yes, a similar kindness was bestowed on me two years ago when I was having breakfast and reading my Kindle in an iHop Restaurant in Deerfield Beach, Florida. Halfway through my meal, the waitress handed me a napkin with an unsigned note written on it, wishing me a nice day and many blessings. I asked the waitress who sent me this and she said she couldn't divulge the name but she glanced toward a table on the other side of the room. As I turned to look, I saw the back of a woman as she walked toward the cash register. The waitress told me that this happens frequently. I gave the server a tip that matched the price of what I had ordered. She was delighted! So I made her day, too.

In addition, my late husband, a WWII Navy Veteran, would always leave cash on the table of a military person in a restaurant or diner. At airports, we always shook hands with them as we thanked them for their service. However, it's rare today to see anyone wearing a uniform. I wonder why?

**Joseph Gilkey** writes: I thoroughly enjoyed Corine Lipset-Huberman's article "An Unexpected Delicacy" that appeared in the January newsletter. In accordance with the article's request, I am responding to tell about any such experiences we have had. My wife and I have experienced this phenomenon twice. The first time we were dining with two other couples in Boone, N.C. We had drinks, dinner, and dessert. An expensive bill was to be forthcoming. When we had completely finished and we asked for the bill the waiter indicated that the bill had been paid. We were dumbfounded and each couple began pointing the finger at one of the other couples as the

ones who had picked up the tab. No one would admit to that. One of the couples had spent a lot of time in that area and the wife of that couple got up and began searching the restaurant to see if there was anyone there that she knew and who might be the culprit. She came back frustrated at not finding anyone. She then pressed the waiter. He indicated it was from a couple who frequented this restaurant and frequently did this sort of thing. What a wonderful thought to have someone be this caring to provide a complete meal to six other people! We have talked about this incident many times over. After reading the newspapers and seeing how inhumane and unkind people can be it is a wonderful revelation to see that the world is still occupied by such as these.

The second time this happened to my wife and me was during a trip to Cocoa Beach, Florida. We were celebrating my birthday and for lunch that day we went to this small restaurant along the beach. During the conversation with the waitress it came out that I was celebrating my birthday. We had lunch and possibly some ice cream. After lunch I asked for the check and the waitress indicated that it was already paid. I pressed her for an answer as to who our benefactor was. She kind of looked around and a woman two booths behind us gave her a subtle nod. The waitress then indicated it was the woman two booths behind. We went back and thanked her as she wished me a happy birthday. She had overheard my conversation with the waitress that it was my birthday. I never did find out how frequently she might do this, and this might have been her first time, but it once again warmed my heart at the generosity of people. A happy birthday, indeed!



**NYSRSAS Member Directory**

Some have reported difficulty accessing our online **member directory**. It is available only to members in good standing. To gain access, just go online to [www.nysrsas.org](http://www.nysrsas.org) and click on the Directory Button. Enter the first letter of your first name and your last name (**BSmith**) and the following password: **nysrsas17**.

Note: you **do** capitalize the first letters of your given and family names, but type **nysrsas17** with **lower case** letters. You will then be directed to a screen where you can enter your own personal password. Once you do that, you will be able to access the complete directory.

**PORT CITY PONDERINGS**

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probably because of the recent tragic school shooting in Parkland, Florida, the headline and sub-headlines accompanying the account seemed to give the impression that the gun situation was related to the school rather than to the Center. Moreover, the account remarked that the reporter's phone calls to the school's principal had not yet been returned. It is interesting to note that the principal's office is in the main school building across the street. The account presented no quotes or comments from the Center's director whose office is immediately adjacent to where the incident occurred. Also important to know is that there is only one direct way to get from the Center's location in the basement to the school's classrooms on the upper floors, and the door to that stairway is always locked.

In retrospect, the entire incident yielded several positive aspects. Our volunteers and the people who had come for assistance that morning (we always refer to them as our guests) acted prudently and effectively in preventing the situation from accelerating to a general melee. The officers' rapid arrival on the scene was a major factor in the quick apprehension of the assailant. Our guests that morning cooperated fully with them in describing what happened and in identifying the assailant. Finally, by the grace of God the gun had jammed and no one was injured.

*A former editor of the NYSRSAS Newsletter, Joe Marchese received his Ph.D degree from St. John's University. He retired as Assistant Principal of Half Hollow Hills H.S East.*



**Quarterly Query  
SPRING 2018**



As former teachers and administrators, we obviously selected a helping profession. We gave generously of our time and efforts well beyond what was expected of us. Why? Because we care -- we care about children, we care about the need to prepare students to become good citizens, wise adults, conscientious parents. Thus, it follows that many of us continue that pattern of giving into our retirement years.

Certainly, it would be interesting to our members to learn about some of the volunteer activities our colleagues have engaged in. Please write and let us know what you have undertaken to do in the form of volunteering during this phase of your life. Perhaps you might even convince others to take on a similar activity.

*e-mail your response to  
[info@nysrsas.org](mailto:info@nysrsas.org).*

*(Please include your name and  
the district from which you retired.)*

**We hope to hear from you.**

**IN MEMORIUM**

We mourn the passing of **Nat Kantor** (1927-2018)  
Retired Chairperson of Guidance  
Syosset Central School District.  
A valued member of NYSRSAS

**NYSRSAS Annual Luncheon Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 20—12:00 noon**

**At the Holiday Inn, Plainview** (north side of the LIE at Exit 46-Sunnyside Blvd.)

**Impact of the New Tax Law on NYS Retirees**

**Guest Speaker: Anthony Spatafore,**

*President, ARS Capital Advisors, Inc.*

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## PORT CITY PONDERINGS

Joe Marchese



We never know what unexpected or even challenging situation we might face as we proceed with our ordinary lives each day. Since my wife and I moved to Wilmington nearly 29 years ago, we have volunteered at our parish church's Outreach Ministry (now called The Sister Isaac Center honoring its founder) to help people in need for many reasons. We supply food, clothing, personal hygiene products, household necessities (sheets, towels, blankets, tableware, small appliances, etc.) as well as furniture and occasionally larger appliances. We also assist them financially in paying bills for such necessities as utilities and rent.

Approximately 160 people volunteer at the Center which can function only because of the generosity of our community. We serve not only New Hanover County where we are located but also our two adjacent counties. Although there are other smaller facilities in the area supplying food and/or clothing to the needy, we are the only place offering the full gamut of help. Indeed, both the Department of Social Services and the Salvation Army send people to us for assistance. We are open Monday through Thursday each week, and generally a different group of volunteers serves each day. The Center is located in the basement of what was originally the first public school building in Wilmington. The rest of the building houses the parish offices and additional classrooms for the parish elementary school across the street.

On a recent Tuesday my wife and I arrived at the Center for our weekly duty interviewing the men and

women who had arrived that day for help. As usual, they had entered from the outside door into a hall adjacent to the room where we and several other volunteers were stationed. Suddenly, we heard shouting and an argument taking place in the hall followed by several shouts of "Gun!" "There's a gun!" Apparently, a man with a gun had a grievance with another who had come to us for assistance and had followed him into the hall threatening him. When I got into the hall, the assailant had gone outside, but those waiting in the hall said he was still hanging around in the parking lot outside the door.

Meanwhile, the Center's director had phoned the police, and within just a few minutes approximately five sheriff's deputies arrived. While two began questioning the people in the hall about what they saw and experienced, the others remained outside scouring the area. Those questioning the observers were interested in specifics -- a description of the assailant and what they observed. Did they really see a gun or did they just hear someone say he had one? Fortunately, several had actually seen the gun and were able to describe it.

With this information, not only did the deputies quickly discover and arrest the assailant in an area outside but also found the gun in a trash barrel where he had thrown it. It turned out that he was a known felon with a police record. Perhaps even more important, they discovered that the gun had jammed in an attempt to fire it. We were fortunate; the situation could have been much worse!

Not unexpectedly, the incident made page 1 of our local newspaper. However, *(cont'd on page 7)*



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