



UNIFIED SUPPORT ASSOCIATION

# USA Newsletter

# January 2026

## USA Union Officers:

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## Meeting Dates 25-26:

~~Sept. 16th-LoG~~  
~~Oct. 14th-Carrier~~  
~~Nov. 13th-Zoom~~  
~~Dec. 11th-Zoom~~  
Jan. 13th-Zoom  
Feb. 10th-Zoom  
March 12th-Zoom  
April 14th-LoG  
May 12th-Carrier  
June 11th-LoG

## USA Building Reps:

Kristen Knab	Holland	Ext. 6106
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*Please click the link below to see which centers each Rep. covers.*

[Unified Support Association Officers](#)

*Winter vibes*

Your union board met via Zoom on December 11th, 2025 at 4pm. We are constantly growing and learning in our meetings. If you ever have any questions or thoughts to share, please feel free to join us! Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 13th at 4pm via Zoom! Click the link below to join us!

[January Meeting Link](#)

**Did You Know?**

Our local union is huge and continuously adding new members! It's incredible the growth we have seen. That is why we now have a website to keep you in the know as things happen! Check in from time to time for updates on upcoming events and how we would like member to get involved! [www.usaunion.org](http://www.usaunion.org)

Bring on the Swag!!! You want it? We got it! Follow the link below to be directed to our union branded merch! We are looking to make ordering easy and more efficient. We will accept orders from the 15th-25th each month! This will assist our printers and help get orders to you faster!

<https://unifiedsupportassociation.spiritsale.com/>



# Welcome to the Flip Side!



Another new year is upon us and with it comes the opportunity to take stock of where we are in our lives. NYSUT Member Benefits endorses numerous programs that can help with creating a plan to prepare for whatever the future brings.

**CREATE YOUR PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR TODAY.**

Learn more by scanning the QR code, visiting [mb-nysut.org/investinyourfuture](http://mb-nysut.org/investinyourfuture), or calling 800-626-8101.



## Have you addressed any legal or financial concerns?

With our Legal Service Plan, you gain access to a national network of attorneys at a reduced cost; two, free hour-long consultations; and a legal security package containing a simple will, health care proxy, living will, and power of attorney. Meanwhile, our Financial Counseling Program provides access to certified financial planners that can offer unbiased financial counseling services.

Improving your financial acumen is a key part of building a successful retirement plan. Powered by Kiplinger's Personal Finance, our Financial Learning Center is a free online resource that offers monthly articles about dealing with debt, insurance, retirement, finances, and more.

## Do you have an emergency fund?

Synchrony Bank offers several options to help grow your savings over time, including high-yield savings accounts,

money market accounts, and certificates of deposit. NYSUT members receive special rates above those available to the general public.

## Is a new home or refinancing of your current home on your list?

NYSUT members can save up to \$2,700 on lender fees and closing costs with the UnionDirect Mortgage Discount Program from Mid-Island Mortgage. For more than 60 years, Mid-Island Mortgage has been helping union members with realizing the joy of homeownership.

## Are you looking for assistance with credit and/or debt management?

Our partnership with Cambridge Credit Counseling can assist members with understanding debt consolidation and student loan repayment options. Members can receive a free, no-obligation consultation with a Cambridge certified counselor.