



UNIFIED SUPPORT ASSOCIATION

USA Newsletter

October 2025

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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

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Please click the link below to see which centers each Rep. covers.

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Your union board on October 14, 2025 at the Carrier Center to make plans on how to connect and have fun together as a union. We planned several meet & greets for the various centers. We had yummy treats, gift card giveaways and a chance for you to meet the people who have committed to serve you on this year's board! Thank you to all that came out and let us enjoy the pleasure of your company! It was a blast!

This newsletter will be brief. Look for our full newsletter packed with news, games and recipes in the near future!



Every year you are required to complete a series of trainings provided by BOCES through the GCN website. Login information is your first initial and last name. Your organization ID is e2ccb. The deadline for these trainings has been extended to November 14th. If the trainings are not completed by this date, you may be contacted by HR and given a counseling memo that will go into your personnel file. Please make every effort to complete these trainings and avoid penalty. For those who have them completed-thank you!!!!



Next Meeting is via Zoom on Thursday, Nov. 13th. Please come join us at:

[Zoom Meeting Link-Nov. 13th](#)



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

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Premium

Calm Service –

All in-service and retiree members receive unlimited access to the full Calm library of sleep, meditation, and relaxation content. The popular Calm app includes specialized playlists dealing with stress and focus, mindful movement video and audio, nature scenes and sounds, children's content, and more. Members can add up to five dependents (age 16 or older) to receive their own premium Calm subscription. Note: You will need your NYSUT ID number (which can

be found at nysut.org/memberid) to create your Calm account.

Peer Support

Line – Life can throw lots of curveballs at us, and sometimes we don't readily know where to turn for help. The Peer Support Line is a confidential helpline that is available to all NYSUT members and their loved ones for answers, resources, and support when it's needed most. Chat, email, or call toll-free **844-444-0152** to connect with a peer today.



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Travel Assistance Services –

All in-service and retiree members are automatically provided with a \$5,000 accidental death & dismemberment insurance benefit, along with free travel assistance services.

New Member Life Insurance

– All new NYSUT members are eligible to receive a free term life insurance policy providing coverage for up to \$25,000 for one year, guaranteed renewable at the end of the year.

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