



UNIFIED SUPPORT ASSOCIATION

USA Newsletter

March 2026

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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: [Unified Support Association Officers](#) or visit the [USA website](#).



Your union board met via Zoom on March 12, 2026 at 4pm. It was a short but informative meeting. Always know that we hear you, we see you and we are working hard for everyone! We are stronger together so stick with us! If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to your rep or email Angie Bacon at Abacon@e2ccb.org. Your input/concerns will be shared at the meeting on your behalf. As always, feel free to stop in and check out a board meeting. We will be meeting in person on April 14th at 4pm in LoGuidice's large group room in A building.



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



Members In Action:

On the left-a picture of room 610 at LoGuidice celebrating Plant Day on 3/12/26.

On the right-Tera's crew getting in on the sock action for Down Syndrome Awareness>



Welcome to the Flip Side!



Retirement doesn't mean entering a world of unlimited tee times and champagne coolies. It's important to be properly prepared for the transition from in-service employment to retiree status.

Please note the following information if you are currently enrolled in one or more NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed program(s) or would like to do so in retirement:

- **If Your Local has a Retiree Chapter:**
You are encouraged to maintain membership and pay chapter dues to that local (if necessary) to continue membership in NYSUT and our national affiliates, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and National Education Association (NEA).
- **If Your Local does NOT have a Retiree Chapter:**
You will continue your membership with NYSUT, AFT, and NEA through the Retiree Council in your geographic area.

Member Benefits endorses a number of programs that can be purchased through the convenience of payroll or pension deduction – offering reduced premiums or the elimination of service fees in many instances. Approximately 88% of NYSUT members have payroll or pension deduction available to them.

You must have an active NYSUT membership to participate in payroll or pension deduction. If you're currently participating in one or more of our endorsed programs, you will want to look into switching to pension deduction after you enter retirement.

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