

# RASCC NEWSLETTER

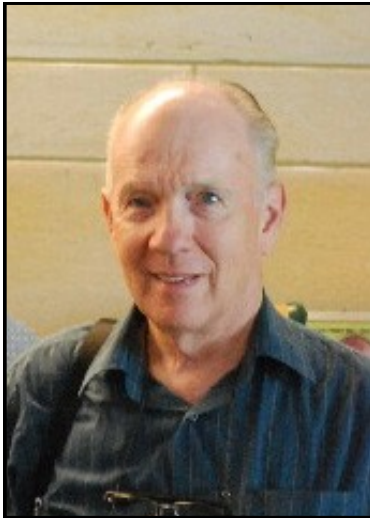


RETIREES ASSOCIATION OF SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## *From the President*



Over the years, we have included in the RASCC Newsletter a section called Member Profiles in which members supply us with information regarding their life in retirement; what they are doing, their interests, hobbies, travel, etc. It is enjoyable reading about former colleagues, but frequently I hear members admit that although they remember a name, they can't always place the face that goes with it.

I guess this is understandable when one considers our advancing ages and the loss of functioning brain cells that accompanies the years.

I think it would be beneficial if we included photos of ourselves in our member profiles so that we all will know about whom the profile is written. In that regard, if you have photos from your teaching years, please include them in your autobiographical sketch, and yes, you can send pictures from your very first year of teaching, although I am sure we all look as good now as we did then.

*Bud Macy*

### My Best Friend: Richard “Ric” Paul



I first meet Ric when he called me in 1962 from Oneonta NY. It seems he had interviewed for a mathematics position at the college and had been offered a position by Dean Saal. I had just been appointed head of the mathematics department. As he had never met me and I was not available for his interview he wanted us to get acquainted and if one of us did not like the other he would not accept the position. We meet at and played the Heatherwood Golf Course. He was a perfect match for Suffolk.

Golf was one of our common interests. We played golf at least once a week when the weather was decent during his twenty-four years at the college. Some other interests we had were playing bridge, fishing and of course partying. Some of us really old-timers remember the Christmas parties held in the Cottage when the Ammermans were living there or the beginning of a new academic year party that Al and Ruth had each year.

The early years of the mathematics department were great fun. We had offices in the old South building and taught wherever classrooms were available. Ric’s colleagues were Peter Heron, Mort Meckclosky, John Malkis and myself. I cannot think of another group of five people that helped make Suffolk a great learning institution. Some math people will remember the dull Christmas party we had until Ric asked me to dance and then the party started

Ric was a real people person, he got along with everyone. So when the Division Chair of the Mathematics and Science Department became open he was a highly qualified candidate. He had been head of the Mathematics and Physic Department at Hartwick College. Dean Saal was curious why Ric had left Hartwick. I told him “wouldn’t you leave if your father-in-law was Dean of Instruction”. Jack Saal laughed and Ric got the appointment. Ric had the division running ship shape during his tenure. He was a Navy pilot and the executive officer of a squadron that flew out of Floyd Bennett field in Brooklyn. They patrolled the Atlantic Coast. Ric retired from the Naval Reserve with the rank of Captain. He also made sure that the divisional parties that Carl Kirchner was famous for always had marinated cherries supplied by the biology department.

During the Viet Nam conflict some faculty from the Humanities Division took down the American Flag down in front of the Ross Building. Some faculty from the Science Building saw it and ran out to raise the flag. A humanities person wrapped the flag rope around his neck. Luckily Ric and John Gallagher intervene and separated the combatants without anyone being harmed. Just two excellent people persons diffusing a difficult situation.

While being division chair Ric became head of the Guild at the same time I was president of the Faculty Association. On more than one occasion the two of us would play golf at St. George’s with President Ammerman and VP Kreiling and discuss the concerns of the faculty and administrators of the college.

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Ric was an excellent teacher. He preferred to teach technical mathematics. He was a co-founder of NYS-MATYC the first state organization for the teaching of mathematics at community colleges.

He and his wife Christina were very active in the social life of the college. They retired to Carlisle PA to be near the Army War College and receive all of the benefits that a retired flag officer is entitled.

While Ric was at Suffolk he became my closest friend, golfing, bowling, card playing and fishing trips. When neither of us was not in an administrative position we shared an office. The sign on the door said "PAUL MCCARTNEY" we were famous!

Ric left us on April 2, 2011. He remains my best friend.

*Ray McCartney*



### NYSUT Member Benefits Program

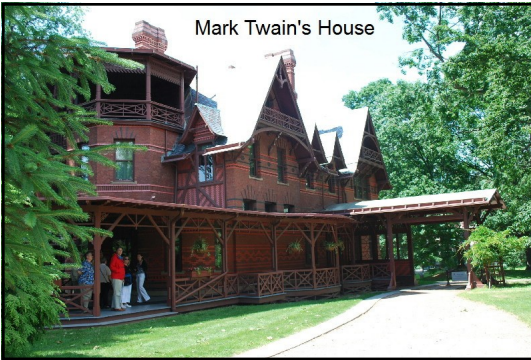
Pete Herron, NYSUT RC39 President. RASCC webmaster and Membership Chair

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# Spring- Summer Trips

## RASCC Outing to Connecticut by Bud Macy



On Saturday, June 4, a bright sunny day in Port Jefferson, 11 RASCC members and friends boarded the Port Jefferson Ferry on a trip that would take us to the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, and the houses of Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe.

We began at the Atheneum, a magnificent art museum in Hartford, which was featuring many of Claude Monet's paintings of water lilies. It was interesting to see how his painting style changed as he got older and his sight diminished. The paintings and their history were described to us by a very knowledgeable guide, which added to our enjoyment of his works.

After lunch at the Atheneum, we drove to the nearby house of Mark Twain. This was a magnificent structure in excess of 11,000 sq. ft. with stately 12 foot high ceilings covered extensively by wood carvings. Many of the walls and some ceilings looked as if they were wall-papered, but they were actually patterns stenciled on these surfaces by the Louis Tiffany company. The tour of this house ended with a visit to the billiard room, where Twain ensconced himself to do his writing.

We then proceeded to the house next door, which had belonged to Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of Uncle Tom's Cabin and many other titles as well. This house was much more modest and private and showed off many paintings which Stowe had created. At both of these houses we were pleased to have had guides who were well versed on the owners' lives.

Our return to Bridgeport to catch the return ferry was a cause for concern as we were running about 20 minutes behind schedule. However, much to our delight, the ferry was waiting for us when we arrived for our return across the placid Long Island Sound.

## The Priscilla July 18,2011



### Museum Trip by Bud Macy

On Wednesday, April 6, eight RASCC members and assorted friends joined the Long Island Museum tour of the Brooklyn Museum and the Queens Museum of Art. Those eight consisted of Mary Lou De-Filippo, Marie Barbera, Graham and Ann DeVault, Fred and Agnes White, and Bud and Vivian Macy.

At the Brooklyn Museum, we were treated to a display of many of Norman Rockwell's paintings together with the photographic studies that he used as graphic aids in creating his paintings.



L-R: Graham DeVault, Ann DeVault, Walter Hazlitt, Vivian Macy, Betty Hazlitt.



L-R: Fred White, Agnes White, Vivian Macy, Bud Macy, Graham DeVault, Ann DeVault, Betty Hazlitt, Walter Hazlitt.

We then proceeded to a wonderful little Italian restaurant, Uvarara, in Middle Village, Queens where the food was outstanding and the atmosphere was warm and inviting.

Following this enjoyable meal we proceeded to the Queens Museum of Art, to view the incredible panorama of the five boroughs of New York City at the site of the 1939 Worlds Fair.

If you have never seen this panorama, it is well worth seeing as it shows every building in all the boroughs, plus a bird's-eye view of the city that lets you see where everything is in relation to everything else.



View from New Jersey looking toward Brooklyn.

For more pictures, information and useful links go to the RASCC website at <http://www.rascc.org/>

## Activities Calendar

**August 5, 2011**, Executive Council and the Activities Planning Committee meetings.

**August 11, 2011**, ALL ABOARD FOR THE ATLANTIS MARINE WORLD ADVENTURE. The Retirees Association of Suffolk Community College invites you to join us on August 11, 2011 at 11:30 am at Atlantis Marine World Aquarium, Main Street entrance in Riverhead.

At 12 noon, there will be lunch in a private room with views of the underwater world of fish. The buffet will be set with fruit and cheese platters, assorted wraps, garden salad and juice and soda, followed by cookie platters and coffee and tea. There will be time after lunch to explore the aquarium before, at 2 pm, boarding the ATLANTIS EXPLORER for a comfortable (has two restrooms) hour and a half tour of Peconic and Flanders Bay, and a stroll on a remote beach. We will return at 3:30 in time to see the outdoor sea lion show at 4 pm.

Rain or shine. The riverboat is equipped with plastic see-through curtains, in case of rain.

\$42.00 covers all costs including gratuities. Same price for seniors and children.

Any questions call Grace McGorry, 631 589-7286. Make checks out to Grace McGorry. Please note on check ATLANTIS MARINE WORLD. Send checks by August 5<sup>th</sup> to: Grace McGorry

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### **August 25, 2011, TOUR OF THE SAGTIKOS MANOR IN WEST BAY SHORE**

The RASCC Activities Planning Committee has added another summer event on the calendar: **a tour of the Sagtikos Manor, in West Bay Shore, on Thursday, August 25th, at 1:00 p.m.** The history of this beautiful residence spans more than three centuries, beginning in 1692. The British Army occupied the Manor for a brief time during the Revolutionary War and President George Washington stayed there during his tour of Long Island in 1790. The tour of the Manor will be led by docents in period costumes and will also include visiting the carriage house, buttry, walled garden and family cemetery. **The cost of the tour is \$5.00.**

Following the tour, tentative plans are being made to have dinner at the Fat Fish Restaurant, and will be finalized if enough people are interested in attending this event. Directions to the Manor will also be provided.

Please send your response back to me or to Ginny Trombetta ([vtrombetta@optimum.net](mailto:vtrombetta@optimum.net)), as soon as possible.

## Activities Calendar

**September 9, 2011**, Executive Council and the Activities Planning Committee meetings.

**October 7, 2011**, Executive Council and the Activities Planning Committee meetings.

**November 4, 2011**, Executive Council and the Activities Planning Committee meetings.

**December 6, 2011**, RASCC Holiday party. Details will be posted well before this date.

Are you a Suffolk Community College retiree and would like to enjoy the benefits of being a member of the Retirees Association of Suffolk Community College? Well just click [RASCC 2011 Membership Form](#) and follow the instructions on the form. If this is your first year of retirement, your dues are \$0.00. That's right no dues the first year.



## Contributors needed

If you have any articles, pictures or information that you think might be of interest to the membership please send it to me.

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