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January 2021 Notes

- Announcement: January 30 January 31, 2021 , Vaccines available Syracuse NY State Fairgrounds
- Covid Vaccines New York State: Contact Telephone number 833-697-4829
- WRO members who want to receive a covid vaccine and need support in obtaining an appointment should ask a family member for assistance.
- Contact New York State <https://covid19.vaccine.health.ny.gov>
- Site locations: Here are a few Dome Arena Henrietta NY, Syracuse NY FairGrounds, University of Buffalo and other SUNY Colleges. The site will say "vaccines available".
- Please follow the instructions carefully and fill in all required questions!
- When successfully making an appointment with New York State Covid vaccine, your confirmation will show a time and date for your vaccine. Please Print Out for your records "CDMS Registration ticket"
- Individuals being vaccinated must bring proof of eligibility to the vaccination site. This proof includes identification. For retirees aged 65 years older, recommendations bring Medicare Health Card. This will be required for billing.
- Many WRO Workers United Retiree organization members asked for contact information for the Covid vaccine. Members are also asking when they will receive their Second stimulus check will arrive from the federal government. We are receiving supported for a second letter to be sent out ~On Going~
- Thank you Ross Clark for support and writing your letter to Health Equity and Xerox Corporation, on behalf of our Retiree members. New form received January 2021 asked to be sent out to all members and how the equity provides a telephone number on the form. The new manual form for 2021 may be completed for yearly benefits . ~Ongoing~
- The Chair of Membership Betty Triest working with Courtney Romer to update our records: members names, addresses and telephone numbers for 2021.

- A big thank you goes out to Julie Black for setting up two new websites, one for Workers United RRJB, the other for the WRO. Mrs. Black is our historian and writes the stories & articles for reflections. I encourage everyone to go online or help a fellow member or Retiree” to read the stories and information that is provided. The January issue of reflections 2021 will provide “new website”
- A Virtual Zoom swearing in ceremony for New York state Senator Samra G. Brouk sworn into office on Saturday January 16, 2020. Senator Brouk was sworn in by the Honorable Karen Bailey Turner Monroe County Court Judge. Guest speakers included US Senator Charles Schumer, New York State Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Attorney General Letitia James, former New York State Senator in the 55th district and Covid survivor Ted O’Brien who shared his story recovering from the Covid, and other distinguished guests. Senator Brouk is the first black woman to represent the 55 Senate District which extends from Irondequoit down to Naples. She also is the only black woman currently in the Senate from Western New York State. Over 300 participants attended the zoom. It also was a weekend of celebration of Martin Luther King. Bloomfield high school students and sisters Sarah and Kira Johnson, an Rochester school of the arts student Tali Beckwith Cohen spoke. Rochester R&B soul artist Daniel Ponder performed.
- January 25 AFL CIO zoom meeting Chair Colin O’Malley AFL CIO and Freddi Macek of AFL CIO Retirees facilitated. Minutes were read from last meeting October 6, 2020. Meeting minutes approved. 13 members present. Freddi talked about Covid vaccines. She’s working with lifespan to help members who need to make appointments. She will provide information to the committee at a later date. Talked about phone banking in the election in 2020. One board member from the CWA retirees group said they were not meeting at the present time. They are in need of three officers: secretary, treasurer and the Vice President. The AFL-CIO is celebrating their 20th anniversary of the AFL CIO retirees with more information to come. I asked if we have a schedule for Future meetings for 2021. Colin set the dates for the next 5 meetings scheduled as followed: February 23, March 30, April 27 and May 29 2021.
- All our members continue to social distance, wear their face masks and follow New York State Health regulations.
- Organize Now: Organizing is providing people with the opportunity to become aware of their own capabilities and potential. 90% of organizing follow -up. With that said I’ll be in touch with all our members soon.

The WRO, Workers United Retiree organization welcomes any new members in 2021. Please call or email if you need any additional information. At the present time there are no meetings due to the Covid virus. The WRO Officers and Board Members and myself continue to work to help our members in any way during these difficult times.

In solidarity

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