

OATA Newsletter

May/June 2017



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Updates and Reminders:

- Check out our OATA website regularly for updates and upcoming events at <http://oakfieldalabamata.weebly.com/>
- Email us at: oakfieldalabamata@gmail.com
- Look for **retirement Information** on Denise Glidden's [website](#)
- Farewell to retirees Joan Cirillo, Renee Burns, and Sharon Kryman. You will all be missed!
- Congratulations to our new OATA team members (listed on the left)!
- Congratulations to Denise Glidden on receiving the NYSUT Leadership Award!

ATTENTION

Please update your contact information by sending an e-mail to Wendy Bergman! We need current home addresses and current personal e-mail addresses!

Send info to: oakfieldalabamata@gmail.com

2017 Reminders

SUMMER: Make sure to register on your TEACH account during your birthday month! When your birthday month comes around, log onto TEACH and register! You need to register every 5 years.

SUMMER: Check your e-mail over the summer for any updated information!

October 6: Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruises Boat Ride

October 14: SAVE THE DATE: Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk in Buffalo at Canalside

The **Con Con?** What's That?!?



This November, there will be a vote on whether or not to have a *Constitutional Convention* (the "Con Con").

This vote comes every 20 years. In 2017, it's time to vote NO to having a *Constitutional Convention*.

How can we prevent the Con Con???

VOTE COPE! VOTE COPE! VOTE COPE!

Please make your donation to VOTE COPE if you haven't done so already!
See Wendy or Jacob for more information!

**Click On Any Of The Links Below To Learn
Why We Should Vote NO to the Con Con!**

[A Multi-Million Dollar Boondoggle](#)

[Rights At Risk](#)

[Gutting Guarantees](#)

The NYSUT Annual Awards dinner was held on May 25th at Riverworks in downtown Buffalo. Our very own Denise Glidden was honored at this ceremony!

This is the write-up that was in the program for Denise Glidden:

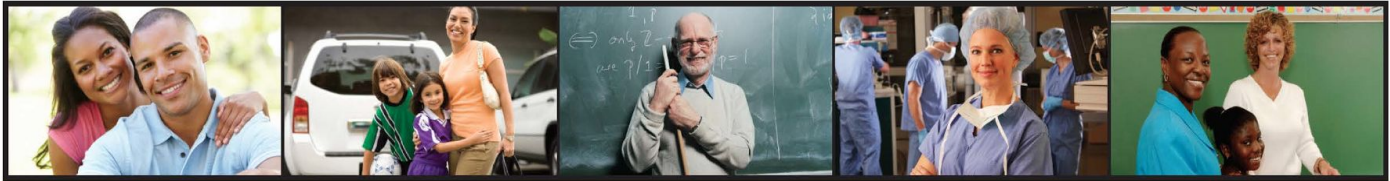
"Denise Glidden has been deeply committed and involved in the Oakfield-Alabama Teachers Association and has made positive contributions. For many years, Denise has been the OATA Retirement Representative. She is responsible for developing an OATA Retirement Website that is full of information that is gathered from attending NYSTRS Retirement Conferences. The website is constantly updated for members to keep current with issues and news. Although Denise is not a part of the executive committee, she volunteered to attend the Summer Leadership Conference in August 2016 and then reported back to the membership on what was learned at the conference. In addition, Denise is a Yoga instructor. It is important to her that she shares her talents with her fellow colleagues. She offers after school Yoga classes to make sure that the entire district keeps their minds and bodies in a good balance. We thank Denise for the many various ways that she leads us to a better union."

WAY TO GO DENISE!



Corporate Challenge 2017 "Scholastic Challenge" Winner Oakfield-Alabama





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- **Wyndham Hotels**
- **TripBeat by Endless Vacation**
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