

# OATA Newsletter

December 2014



## **Retirement:**

### Just a reminder:

As per article XXI in the contract, anyone who plans on getting retirement benefits must notify the district in writing at least 180 prior to retirement. That date would be January 2, 2014.

If you plan to retire, please inform Mark Alexander by that date in order to be eligible for retirement benefits.

## **Updates and Reminders:**

- Check out our OATA website regularly for updates and upcoming events at <http://oakfieldalabamata.weebly.com/>
- Thanks to those who helped decorate the OATA Christmas tree. It looks great!



## **Your Team:**

*Wendy Bergman*  
**President**

*Jessica Cramer*  
**Vice President**

*Cindy Kowalik*  
**Secretary**

*Amy Sparrow Percy*  
**Treasurer**

*Yale Leupold*  
**MHS Building Rep**

*Heather Shadle*  
**MHS Building Rep**

*Lisa Cudney*  
**Elementary Building Rep**

*Andrea Grazioplene*  
**Elementary Building Rep**

- Insurance informational meeting on **Monday, January 12th at 6:00pm** in the auditorium
- We will have a membership meeting on **Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** (Superintendent Conference Day).
- Retirement information is up on our website (with a link to Denise Glidden's website). Be sure to check it out if you are considering retiring in the next few years.

## **APPR Evidence Tips:**

- Don't forget to continue to collect evidence!

# Protecting your family for the future



It's important that your family members are financially protected throughout their lives. Have you stopped to consider what would happen to your spouse and/or children if you were to suddenly pass away?

**Would your loved ones be able to continue to live in their home, pay regular bills and maintain a comfortable lifestyle?** What about your final medical, burial or funeral expenses?

And it's not a question of just having a life insurance policy... make sure you have *enough* coverage to provide for your family. Find a plan that's right for you and your specific financial situation.

### *Plans designed specifically for NYSUT members*

As NYSUT members, it makes prudent sense to look into the Term Life or Level Term Life Insurance Plans endorsed by NYSUT Member Benefits. Both of these plans offer specific terms and rates designed exclusively with NYSUT members and their families in mind.

The **Term Life Plan** is available for NYSUT members and their spouses/domestic partners under age 85. If you are under age 65, you can apply for coverage from \$25,000 up to \$1 million at premiums negotiated specifically for NYSUT members.

Meanwhile, the **Level Term Life Plan** offers terms for 10, 15 or 20-year periods. The premium that you start with is projected to remain the same and the benefit amount will not decrease throughout the term – regardless of your age or health condition.

You can enjoy an **additional savings of 15%** on published rates if your local association has approved automatic deductions from your paycheck or pension check and you sign up for that benefit.

To learn more about the Member Benefits-endorsed Term Life or Level Term Life Insurance Plans, call **800-626-8101** or visit [memberbenefits.nysut.org](http://memberbenefits.nysut.org).

## Member Appreciation Month is coming!

NYSUT Member Benefits wants to start the New Year off right with a celebration of the entire NYSUT membership.

**These offers will continue into February 2015, which has been designated as Member Appreciation Month!**

It's the strength of the more than 600,000 NYSUT members that makes it possible for Member Benefits to offer approximately 50 endorsed programs & services designed with you in mind.

This special celebration will be kicking off in January 2015 with the arrival of your new membership cards. This mailing will include a variety of special offers only available to NYSUT members.



This will be a month filled with a series of special prize drawings for items donated by our endorsed program providers. To be eligible for these drawings, all you need to do is be a participant in our voluntary MAP Alert email service.

We will announce the winners of these special prize drawings exclusively on the Member Benefits website throughout the month of February.

For more details about this exciting event, visit the Member Benefits website at [memberbenefits.nysut.org](http://memberbenefits.nysut.org) or call **800-626-8101**.



For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits. Agency fee payers to NYSUT are eligible to participate in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.