

# OATA Newsletter

October 2013



## **Retirement:**

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.

## **A Few Updates and Reminders:**

- The Positive Action Committee has a few activities planned. Be sure to check your email for updates and information regarding the events.
- Check out our OATA website: <http://oakfieldalabamata.weebly.com/>

## **APPR Evidence Tips:**

- Domain 4c: keep a phone log of conversation topics discussed with parents, or e-mails home regarding student's progress
- Domain 4d: keep track of any leadership roles taken in family meetings, RTI groups, item analysis of things discussed on 1/2 day grade level work sessions, etc.

## **Your Team:**

*Wendy Bergman*  
**President**

*Jessica Cramer*  
**Vice President**

*Cindy Kowalik*  
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**MHS Building Rep**

*Lisa Cudney*  
**Elementary Building Rep**

*Andrea Grazioplene*  
**Elementary Building Rep**

## **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk**

On Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Meagan, Kristen, Paula, Jessica, Wendy, Corinne, her mom Penny, and her son, Ian, joined the NYSUT team to walk in support of breast cancer.

It was a semi-chilly morning, but a great time!

We were able to raise \$871!! Thanks to those who donated.



# The benefits of an *online* bank

*Have you heard of online banks?* These are banking institutions that do not utilize actual “brick and mortar” branches; instead, they offer banking services that are predominantly done online.

So why consider using one of these types of banks? Online banks are often able to offer superior rates and incentives since they don’t have physical locations -- thereby passing these savings along to their customers.

Many people decide to utilize online banks in conjunction with their current traditional bank to secure higher rates for supplemental accounts, such as term-based certificates of deposits (CDs), savings accounts or IRAs.

The Member Benefits Corporation endorses the GE Capital Retail Bank Deposit Program, which is an online banking service that allows NYSUT members and their families to take advantage of some of today’s most competitive interest rates.



## GE Capital Retail Bank

*4 reasons to use the  
GE Capital Retail Bank Deposit Program:*

1. Earn preferred interest rates on Money Market Accounts, High-Yield Savings Accounts, CDs, and IRAs.
2. Access your money and account information 24/7 by phone or online.
3. Grow your funds, finance a vacation, save for retirement, and much more!
4. All GE Capital Retail Bank Deposit Program customers receive free identity theft resolution services.

Learn how the GE Capital Retail Bank Deposit Program can help you save by calling toll-free 866-226-5638 or visiting [gecrbatwork.com](http://gecrbatwork.com) (enter “NYSUT” in the company or association name box).

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## Financial expertise customized for your situation



Looking to learn how to properly invest your assets to build a college savings or retirement fund; what to look for when purchasing or financing a home; or maybe tips for getting your credit under control?

The NYSUT Member Benefits Corporation-endorsed Financial Counseling Program – provided by Stacey Braun Associates, Inc. – offers unbiased, objective advice customized to your specific financial situation.

### The program offers:

- Up to six hours of objective toll-free telephone consultations with a certified financial planner or registered investment advisor.
- In-person consultations at least once per calendar year at your NYSUT Regional Office or Stacey Braun’s New York City office
- Access to Stacey Braun’s password-protected website and a 24-hour email helpdesk for basic financial questions.
- NYSUT members can purchase the Financial Counseling Program for an annual fee of \$260; a 403(b) Limited Plan is available for an annual fee of \$185.

For more information, call **800-626-8101** or visit [memberbenefits.nysut.org](http://memberbenefits.nysut.org).

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