

# OATA Newsletter March/April 2019

## Your Team:

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Corinne Coffta  
*Teachers' Center Rep*

## Updates and Reminders:

- Check out our **OATA website** regularly for updates and upcoming events at <http://oakfieldalabamata.weebly.com/>
- For APPR Info, check out the OATA website!
- **Email** us at: [oakfieldalabamata@gmail.com](mailto:oakfieldalabamata@gmail.com)

Please mark your calendar for the following events:  
**May 15th: Retirement Dinner at Orazio's Restaurant (reservations due to Wendy by May 1st)**  
**May 29th: OATA end of year meeting**  
**June 13th: Corporate Challenge**  
**June: End of the Year Celebration**

NYSUT has started a campaign to fix the poor testing situation that our students have faced this week with the computer based testing for the ELA 3-8 exams. If you would like to read more about their campaign, please [click here](#). If you would like to voice your opinion to NYSED about the flaws, please [click here](#) where you can send a drafted letter to the Commissioner as well as other Regents members.

As always, you can find information on all that NYSUT is doing by going to <https://www.nysut.org/>.

## May 29th

**Nominations for the Executive Committee will take place at our Membership Meeting. Positions Include:**

- President

- Vice President

- Treasurer

- Secretary

- MHS Building Rep

- Elementary Building Rep

- Retirement Rep

- Teachers' Center Rep

***PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING!***

**NYSUT SUMMER CONFERENCE**

**We are looking for members to join other NYSUT members at the Summer Conference in August.**

**This is a great opportunity to network and learn what other districts have experienced and to get more involved in our union.**

**Please contact one of your Executive Members if you are interested in attending!!!**

**It will be held at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie, PA!**

**Meals and Hotel Room Included!**



**Legal Service Plan**

NYSUT members have access to dozens of endorsed programs available through NYSUT Member Benefits, including a variety of quality legal and financial planning assistance services that can help to protect their loved ones and provide them with peace of mind.



For an annual fee, the **Legal Service Plan** -- provided by Feldman, Kramer & Monaco, P.C. -- offers legal expertise on a variety of personal legal matters such as dealing with a speeding ticket or handling estate planning. With the base plan, you'll get access to unlimited, toll-free advice from plan attorneys.



**Financial Counseling Program**

Meanwhile, the **Financial Counseling Program** -- provided by Stacey Braun Associates, Inc. -- offers unbiased, objective advice customized to your specific financial situation. The full-service program provides you up with to six hours of toll-free phone consultations with a certified financial planner or registered investment advisor.

And unlike with purchasing products available to the general public, there's no need to go it alone when Member Benefits has your back. Member Benefits acts as your advocate for any program you participate in, and we'll do our best to quickly resolve any issues or concerns you may have.

Whether you are participating in one of our legal or financial services; insurance plans; or shopping, travel or entertainment offerings, NYSUT members have the **"Power of the Union"** behind them.

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