

retiree wrapup



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Greetings Brother and Sister Retirees:

The fall of 2023 is upon us and winter is fast approaching. The squirrels are busy gathering and hiding acorns to hold them over for the winter months. Some of you presently reside in a warmer climate and some of you will be headed for a warmer climate in a few short months.

Those who remain in the northern portions of this great country will experience what is known as "the change of seasons." Politically, 2024 promises to be an important year for us all. No matter what your political persuasion is, you must exercise your constitutional right and get out to vote.

At the DC 37 Retirees Association office, we have received numerous complaints from our members who are experiencing difficulties contacting the New York City Office of Labor Relations for information. I have spoken to OLR with regard to your complaints. Please keep in mind that OLR has approximately 10 staff members answering your inquiries. There are 250,000 New York City retirees who need their assistance from time to time. The number to contact OLR is 212.513.0470, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We understand that when our members make contact, the hold time can be quite lengthy. Keep in mind that those staffers at OLR are busy assisting retirees with their problems.

The Retirees Association may be able to provide you some assistance as well. Our office is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Our numbers are 212.81.1790 or 212.815.1782.

We have received calls from our members who are confused about the \$3,000 Accidental Death OR Dismemberment Benefit that is offered at no cost to you with an annual membership to the Retirees Association of DC 37. The policies are provided from The National Income Life Insurance Company. If you have questions regarding this "no cost" benefit, NILICO can be reached at 800.503.1426.

Presently, there has not been any movement regarding the health care issue. If and when there are any updates to be released, the Retirees Association will post them on our website.

Recently, the Retirees Association sent a delegation of representatives to attend the SOMOS conference in Puerto Rico. The SOMOS conference is a five-day event where there is an opportunity for political networking and providing some type of public service to the local community. There will be a more detailed report regarding the SOMOS event and other events that take place in early 2024 in the next edition of PEP Talk.

At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our members a Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours. In closing, may all of our members have a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas, a Happy Kwanzaa, and a Happy and Healthy New Year. May 2024 be a far better year than 2023 for everyone.

Stay well and stay safe.

Up-to-date retiree info: www.dc37retireesassociation.org