

BI-WEEKLY **FOCUS**



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**SENATORS AND UNION LEADERS PUSH FOR
AMERICAN JOBS ACT**

NYSUST officers and several members of the Board of Directors are in Washington, D.C., to lobby and push for Obama's American Jobs Act. If this bill passes it could **restore thousands of teaching jobs across the nation.**

The positive impact in NYS would be immense.

The American Jobs Act would:

- Save and create 18,00 educator jobs in our state alone.
- Create 29,364 jobs in construction to repair and modernize schools and community colleges.
- Keep thousands of first responders working.
- Would provide a lifeline to 141,200 New Yorkers by extending unemployment insurance.

Stay informed.....Register to vote.....

Exercise your right to contact your State and Local leaders.

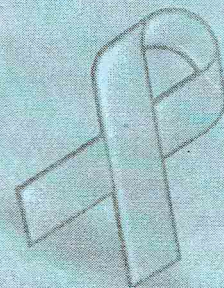
Not sure who they are???

go to www.nysut.org and go to "Who are my representatives in Albany" under quick links to find out.

Success!!

On Sunday, October 16th, thousands of Long Islanders gathered at Jones Beach to participate in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk. FFT members and their families came as early as 7 a.m. to have munchkins and hot chocolate before they ventured down the windy boardwalk together.

Troops of Girl Scouts cheered us on at the beginning and the Cub Scouts gave us water half way through. Businesses, organizations, schools and students from all over walked in this most memorable experience. Many thanks to all those people who gave up their Sunday morning sleep to participate in this great event, and thanks to all those who donated money. Of course, thank you to James Hughes for organizing it.



Openings still available!

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

A Defensive Driving course is now available for FFT members and members of their family. A minimum of 20 people is needed for the course to run, with a maximum of 40.

Admission is \$14 per applicant (\$12 if you are a member of AARP)

Checks payable to : AARP

Course will run **Saturday, December 3rd** from 9am-4pm. Course will be taught in Farmingdale District- (school TBA)

Please fill out below and send to Barbara Lieberman at the FFT office.

NAME OF FFT MEMBER: _____

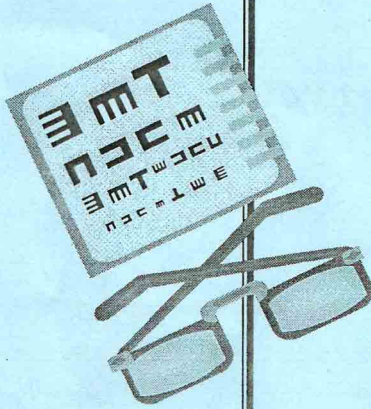
BUILDING: _____

NAME OF FAMILY MEMBER TAKING THE COURSE: _____

PHONE NUMBER OF APPLICANT: _____

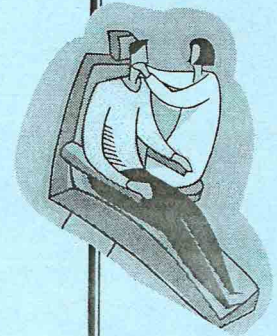
TOTAL # TAKING COURSE: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK: _____



BENEFIT/SALARY REMINDERS:

- Vision reimbursement forms are due in the union office by February 28, 2012 for any claims incurred during the 2011 year.
- Any flex benefit forms must be in by February 2012 for any claims for the 2011 year.
 - Request for salary adjustments/increased preparation need to be submitted to the Personnel Office before the end of January.



Reminder!

We are continually updating our member list database at the union office. In order to serve you better, if you have a name, address or e-mail change, please contact James Hughes at the FFT office (631)249-0773 ext. 19 or by e-mail at fftlocal1889@aol.com, or give the information to your Building Rep.