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HCT General Membership Meeting

Put the "No" in November

**HCT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17th**

Hicksville High School Auditorium

Doors Open - 3:30 P.M.
Raffles & information

Presentation 4 P.M.

The HCT will be presenting important information concerning the upcoming November ballot question,

"Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution and amend the same?"

Drawing will take place at the conclusion of the General Membership Meeting/Presentation

**WIN 2!!!
BUD LIGHT LOUNGE TICKETS
to**

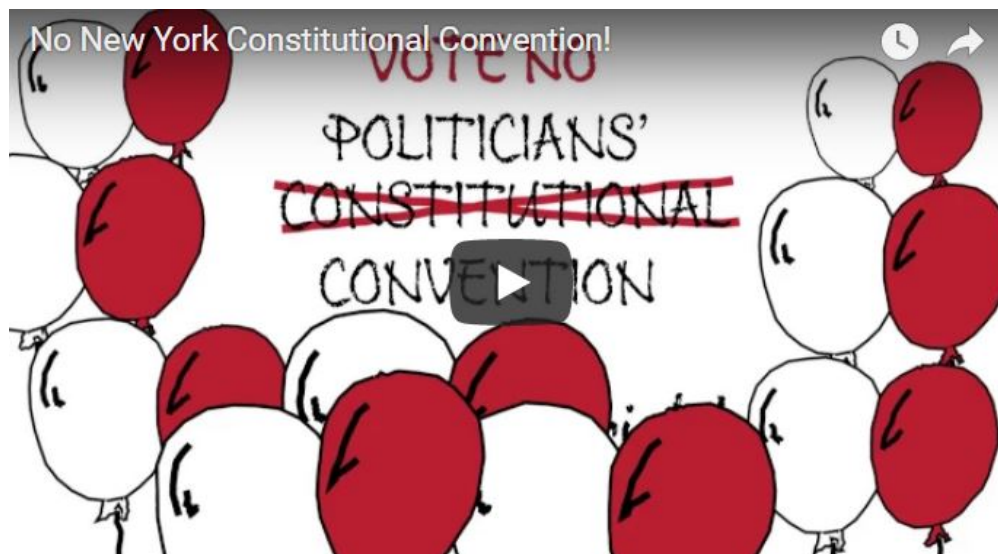
**BILLY
JOEL
IN CONCERT**

**October 20th, 2017
Madison Square Garden**

**Raffle Tickets
One for \$5
Four for \$15**

Tickets to the concert include Food & Drink

Watch and Share



THE NEW YORK STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**NOVEMBER 7, 2017****THE "CON-CON COUNTDOWN"**

27 05 37 30
DAYS HOURS MINUTES SECONDS

HCT After Hours

A great time was had by all at the **HCT Happy Hour/Member Engagement Committee gathering** on Thursday, September 28th. Held at the Main Event in Plainview, members enjoyed drinks and hors d'oeuvres while discussing the first few weeks of school. **ME Committee members are our "on call" leaders** who want to be more involved but not at the Building Rep level. Thanks to our past and current ME members for all your help. **We're looking forward to a busy and exciting year!**

**Helping Those in Need**



The HCT will be collecting donations for those affected by the devastating Hurricane Maria that ravaged Puerto Rico.

The **Nassau County Hispanic Advisory Board** and the **Nassau County Office of Minority Affairs** are leading a donation collection and they are asking for donations of **baby supplies, including diapers, wipes and formula**, plus other items like **mosquito repellent, feminine hygiene products, first-aid supplies** and **nonperishable foods**. Make sure donated items are **NOT IN GLASS BOTTLES**.

Donations will be accepted until Friday, October 20th and can be given to your building representatives.

Anyone donating items at our **General Membership Meeting/NYS Con-Con Presentation** will earn an extra door-prize raffle ticket for each item donated!

If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can help our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico, Texas, and Florida by donating to [NYSUT's Disaster Relief Fund](#).

HCT Joins the Fight



Breast cancer has affected every one of us in one way or another. By the end of 2017, an estimated 250,000 new cases are expected to have been diagnosed.

The HCT is joining the fight against breast cancer during its annual **"Pink Out"** by collecting donations for the American Cancer Society's **Making**

Strides for Breast Cancer. Members are asked to unite by wearing **PINK** on **Friday, October 20th** and by making a donation to the HCT's annual effort. **Donors will receive a gift from the HCT!** A limited supply of HCT Breast Cancer awareness scarves are available for purchase. Call the HCT office, (516) 937-1288, if you would like to purchase a scarf.

The HCT will donate all funds collected in one donation to NYSUT's efforts.

'Making Strides' walks will be taking place as follows:

Making Strides Long Island, Sunday October 15th, Registration: 7:00 A.M. (rolling starts)

Making Strides Eastern Long Island, Sunday October 22nd, Registration: 7:30 A.M., Walk: 8:30 A.M.

It's Hicksville Homecoming!!!



The HCT will once again be hosting a booth at the annual **Homecoming Fair on October 14th** to raise funds for the **HCT Scholarship Fund**.

Volunteers are needed to help set up between 8-9 A.M. Additional assistance is needed between 9 A.M. and 1 P.M. You can work in half-hour shifts or more! **Email the HCT office** to let us know you would like to join us! Visitors can try their luck at the bean bag game to win prizes. We will also be giving out free National Child ID kits on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have a #wegothis shirt, wear it to school on Friday, October, 13th! Some will be delivered this week.

Did You Know that Today is National Coming Out Day?

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY!



A supportive union not only welcomes diversity, it celebrates it. On this **National Coming Out Day**, it's important that members of the LGBT community, whether staff or students, know they have the support of their colleagues and teachers. Many have chosen to show their support in their decision to **#weartherainbow**.

Read NYSUT's article, "It's time to welcome openly gay teachers in our schools." Then, feel free to show your support by wearing a rainbow and posting to social media using the **#weartherainbow** hashtag!

Email Congress NOW & Support the Dreamers



Email Congress Now! Urge them to Pass the Dream Act of 2017 (S. 1615/H.R. 3440)

The Dream Act would provide aspiring Americans who were brought to the United States as children, with a road map to citizenship.

[Click here](#) to email Congress!

RFK Institute for Human Rights Video Contest



NYSUT educators and social justice activists are encouraged to participate with their K-12 students in the **RFK Institute For Human Rights "Speak Truth To Power" video contest.**

Last year, several HCT Library Media Specialists and their students [were recognized](#) for their efforts as "Everyone Has Rights" winners.

Read about your colleagues and further information [here](#).

News Around the Schools



Woodland welcomes **Kathleen Coleman** as the newest 1st grade teacher to join its faculty.

East Street welcomes **Ryan Safonte**, their new Kindergarten teacher.

Congratulations to **Denise Roberts (Burns)** and her husband on the birth of their baby girl, Bailey.

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