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## LABOR DAY TRIBUTE

### Remembrance of the Importance of Labor Day: Sept. 4, 2023

The UUP Oneonta Executive Board wishes you and your loved ones a happy and rejuvenative Labor Day weekend. As you reflect on the importance of Labor Day, please remember the long struggles, including those on this campus, and victories, albeit incomplete, of the labor movement for fair wages, reasonable hours, safe working conditions, medical benefits, and pensions. UUP Oneonta believes that Labor Day observance on campus is an important tradition accomplished after many years of struggle. Please enjoy your well-deserved respite and remember those who made it possible. Let us resolve to celebrate the links between union, democracy, and workers' dignity. Thank you for all your efforts in making UUP Oneonta strong and effective.

In Solidarity,

UUP Oneonta Executive Board



### Fall 2023 Canoeing Event!



### UUP Oneonta Members and Guests Invited to Participate in River Paddle

UUP Oneonta members and their guests are invited to participate in a Susquehanna River paddle on **Saturday, September 23** with a launch time of **1 PM** and a **3 PM** return. If you

don't have a canoe/kayak, life jacket, and paddle, you can rent them at the Canoe and Kayak shop in Portlandville, NY on NYS Highway 28 on the Susquehanna River. Information on Canoe and Kayak rental policies are available at <https://canoeandkayakrentals.com/> Both one and two-person canoes/kayaks are available for rental. Those with their own canoes/kayaks, life jackets, and paddles will meet at the NYS Highway 28 DEC canoe and fishing access point pull-off just a few hundred yards south of the Canoe and Kayak rental business. Parking is free and plentiful at both locations. The event is recreational and non-competitive. Paddlers will travel as a group. We'll keep an easy pace. On this stretch of the Susquehanna, there is still water, with very little current, meaning that it is an easy paddle both up and down river. If a storm necessitates rescheduling, those who sign up will be notified by email. For questions and to sign up, email UUP Oneonta Secretary Bill Simons at [William.Simons@Oneonta.Edu](mailto:William.Simons@Oneonta.Edu) Signup emails should include your name, email, telephone number, name of guests, if any, and indicate if you have a canoe/kayak or will rent one. (Photos above: UUP Oneonta Secretary Bill Simons and New Chapter Assistant Teresa DeSantis canoe the Susquehanna back in the summer of 2008.)

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**Free Food: Sign up for the  
Professionals Lunch and Listen Session.  
RSVP to [oneonta@uupmail.org](mailto:oneonta@uupmail.org)  
by September 15<sup>th</sup>.**



The SUNY Oneonta chapter is pleased to announce a Lunch and Listening Session for all Professionals on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at the Otsego Grille in the Morris Convention Center from Noon to 1pm. Statewide President for Professionals, Carolyn Kube, will be present to answer any questions you may have.

Reserve your seat by emailing [oneonta@uupmail.org](mailto:oneonta@uupmail.org) by September 15, 2023. Please indicate if you have any dietary restrictions.

I really look forward to seeing you all at this event!

Shirley A. Clark  
Vice President for Professionals  
SUNY Oneonta Chapter

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Please take a moment to complete our survey.

**When should Monthly UUP Oneonta Chapter Meetings be held for the Fall Semester?**

Please go to the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qLHJsQ3Rn0yRcnKKjAjrZchXwPIBVR5DjPoUAKerT2dUMIU1Q0NGR1M2RTNLOEtEMThRUVcwMDBRRy4u>

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## **PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM UPDATE:**

Now easier to apply- can be done completely online. Go to the Federal Government Website: <https://studentaid.gov/pslf/>



### **UUP PSLF clinics slated:**

Got student debt? Been wondering about how you might reduce or eliminate it through the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness program?

You can learn more at one of UUP's virtual PSLF student debt clinics.

The seminars, led by statewide Secretary-Treasurer Jeri O'Bryan-Losee, are free to attend. UUP members have had millions of dollars in student loans forgiven through these clinics.

Upcoming dates are:

- Wednesday, Aug. 30 and Sept. 27, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 13, Oct. 11 and Oct. 25, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

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## Send us your vintage UUP stuff!

Got any vintage UUP memorabilia lying around the house that you'd like to find a new home for?

Donate it to UUP.

UUP's Communications and Research departments are collecting vintage UUP memorabilia as part of UUP's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, which kicks off this fall. The vintage swag will be displayed at UUP's 2023 Fall Delegate Assembly in Rochester and its 2024 Spring Delegate Assembly in Saratoga Springs.

We're primarily looking for the items below, from the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s:

- UUP pinback buttons and pins
- UUP shirts, hats, scarves, neckties and other clothing items
- Black-and-white and color photographs and/or videos from UUP events such as rallies, delegate assemblies, protests, picket lines, parties, lobbying efforts, etc.
- Any UUP audio tapes
- Copies of The Voice magazine from the 1970s and 1980s, and any pre-UUP newsletters from SPA or SUFT
- Chapter newsletters from the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s and 2000s
- UUP and education union swag items, including signs, noisemakers, or anything you'd like to donate
- UUP contracts from the 1970s and 1980s

You can mail small items to UUP, care of Angell Villafane, at

United University Professions  
P.O. Box 15143  
Albany, NY 12212-9954

Please email us at [UUPConnect@uupmail.org](mailto:UUPConnect@uupmail.org) and we will work out a way to pick up the items. Also, please email questions to [UUPConnect@uupmail.org](mailto:UUPConnect@uupmail.org).

Thanks for your help and for being a member of UUP!

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## UUP office hours for Fall Semester, 2023



The UUP Oneonta Chapter Union office in IRC 105 is open Monday to Thursday, 12 PM – 4:15 PM. Please stop by and say hello to the new Chapter Assistant, Teresa DeSantis. Please reach out with comments, questions, concerns, and/or meeting requests by stopping by the office, emailing [oneonta@uupmail.org](mailto:oneonta@uupmail.org) or calling 607-436-2135.

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## Labor Day Lentils

Make this delightful salad of lentils and fall vegetables. Perfect for your Labor Day picnic. Leftovers are perfect for an evening meal.



- *½ pound brown lentils, rinsed*
- *3 garlic cloves, minced*
- *2 bay leaves*
- *1 red bell pepper, chopped into ½ inch pieces*
- *1 yellow bell pepper, chopped into ½ inch pieces*
- *½ cup chopped tomato*
- *½ cup diced carrot*
- *½ cup crumbled feta cheese*
- *¼ cup black olives*
- *¼ cup diced red onion*
- *¼ cup chopped parsley*
- *¼ cup red wine vinegar*
- *2 tbsp Extra Virgin Olive Oil*

□ ½ teaspoon salt

□ savory spices, to taste

□ ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Place lentils, garlic and bay leaves in a large saucepan. Add water to cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover and simmer until lentils are tender- 30 to 40 minutes. Drain. Discard bay leaves. Transfer to a mixing bowl. Add red and yellow bell peppers, tomato, carrot, feta, olives, red onion and parsley to cooked lentils. Toss to combine. In a second bowl, whisk together vinegar, oil, salt, black pepper and spices. Pour over lentils and toss. Serves 6.

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## UUP is here for You

**Why Join a Union? Because They Work!** Labor unions give workers the power to negotiate for more favorable working conditions and other benefits through collective bargaining.

**How can UUP help you?** Becoming involved with and bringing your thoughts and ideas to your union will make a huge impact in how your union can help you.

### How can you become more involved with your union?

#### 1. Attend a Membership Meeting:

This is where important business, like upcoming negotiations, formation of committees, planning for community events and more is discussed.

#### 2. Attend Union Events:

UUP has many opportunities to attend meetings and special events. From informational tabling to community service, information can be found in the UUP newsletters, the UUP-date! and The Sentinel, or by contacting our campus office at 607-436-2135 or [oneonta@uupmail.org](mailto:oneonta@uupmail.org)

#### 3. Meet the Executive Board and Officers of the Chapter:

You will find your contact info for the Chapter executive board- officers and delegates in every UUP-date! and in The Sentinel as well as on our webpage: [www.oneontauup.org/](http://www.oneontauup.org/)



## Please Help Us Update Our Membership Files:

Dear UUP Member:

Our Chapter has been notified that we are missing information with the Statewide UUP office, such as e-mail, address, phone numbers. A non work e-mail address is preferred, but if you do not have one at present use your work e-mail.

It is easy to update your information by clicking on the following the link or scanning the QR code below:

Link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIWH-9Bpd48KrN1KnBBxFRaP\\_b2YpXmNYTdaJB9I3GcFtebA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIWH-9Bpd48KrN1KnBBxFRaP_b2YpXmNYTdaJB9I3GcFtebA/viewform)

## SHARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS WITH UUP!



TO STAY UP-TO-DATE ON CONTRACT TOUR AND  
RATIFICATION VOTE INFORMATION, PLEASE  
SHARE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WITH UUP

[bit.ly/shareuup](https://bit.ly/shareuup)

## 2023 Executive Board Contact List

**Robert Compton- UUP Chapter President**

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**Gary Wickham- UUP Chapter Officer for Contingents**

**Lorraine Tyler- UUP Chapter Officer for Retirees**

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### LABOR RELATIONS:

**Chris Sielaff- NYSUT Labor Relations Specialist - Assigned to UUP Oneonta**

### GRIEVANCE OFFICER:

**Geoff O'Shea- Appointed Grievance Officer**

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### ACADEMIC DELEGATES:

**Lorraine Tyler- Academic Delegate**

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