

# BREA NEWS

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## BREA Meetings

BREA meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month (except for August), at 1 p.m. in one of the conference rooms in Bldg. 400 (except where noted).

All BREA members are invited to attend and participate.

### Meeting Schedule

May 8, 2018

June 12, 2018

July 10, 2018

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*Sign up for BREA's annual luncheon on June 13. See page 2.*



## From the President

by Steve Shapiro, [shapiro@bnl.gov](mailto:shapiro@bnl.gov)

Dear BREA Members,

First of all, I would like to draw your attention to the sign-up form in this newsletter for BREA's annual luncheon, which will be held on June 13 at the Bellport Country Club. It is always a wonderful event in a lovely setting, where you can meet and greet fellow retirees and relive some of the good-ole days at the Lab. Our guest speaker will be John Hill, Director of NSLS-II. This is BNL's newest facility, constructed after most of us retired. John will briefly describe NSLS-II and tell about its importance to the Laboratory and the nation.

Second, we all received a brochure from TIAA announcing changes in TIAA-BSA retirement plans. If you are confused about the changes, **call your TIAA advisor and set up an appointment to discuss your retirement plan.**



I contacted TIAA and gathered some general information:

- Although the changes mostly affect employees who are still contributing to their retirement plans, retirees may be affected as well.
- If you want to change any of your retirement accounts, contact your advisor.
- If you are taking your required minimum distribution (TIAA calls it MDO) and do not want to change any of your accounts, no action is required. In contrast to what the brochure stated, you will still be receiving your MDO from TIAA.

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## BREA Luncheon on June 13

**Date:** Wednesday, June 13, 2018  
**Time:** 12 noon to 4 p.m.  
**Place:** Bellport Country Club  
**Meal:** Hors d'oeuvres served around the room before the meal  
Salad, entree (choice of beef, chicken or fish) and dessert  
Coffee or tea, and soda (wine, beer, Manhattans, etc. at cash bar)  
**Price:** \$40 per person, must reserve and pay before luncheon

BREA will hold its 15th annual luncheon on Wednesday, June 13, 2018. This get-together for BREA members and guests is being organized by Liz Seubert. "The BREA annual luncheon is a special time – we renew old friendships and make new ones, while relaxing over good food and no washing up!" said Liz. "This year, waiters will circulate with tasty appetizers for one half-hour before the meal. Looking forward to seeing you in time to enjoy them!"

To make reservations, complete the bottom portion of this invitation and return it with your check in the amount of \$40 per person payable to BREA to the address below as soon as possible – but to be postmarked no later than June 4. Members who have not yet renewed for 2018 and would like to attend should follow the instructions on page 4 for renewing. If you are renewing your BREA membership, please write separate checks! For more information about the lunch, contact:

Liz Seubert, [liz.and.ev@gmail.com](mailto:liz.and.ev@gmail.com) or (631) 286-8563

Directions: From LIE eastbound, take Exit 65. From LIE westbound, take Exit 66. From either direction, follow the service road to Bellport Ave. and go south (Bellport Avenue becomes Station Road). From Sunrise Highway, take Exit 56 to Station Road and go south. In Bellport village, turn right on South Country Road. Bellport Country Club is on the left about 1/2 mile down the road. The club's phone number is (631) 286-4227.

----- detach here and mail to BREA at the address below -----

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

For travel assistance, contact Liz Seubert, [liz.and.ev@gmail.com](mailto:liz.and.ev@gmail.com) or (631) 286-8563.

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form and check to: BREA – Luncheon  
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## PubSci Explores Future of Personalized Medicine

On the evening of March 27, 2018, BNL held its ninth installment of PubSci, the Lab's science café and conversation series. Brookhaven scientists and their collaborators headed to Napper Tandy's in Bay Shore to discuss their research on medical isotopes for a casual event titled, "PubSci: Nuclear Medicine for Personalized Cancer Treatment."

Cathy Cutler, Director of the Medical Isotope Research and Production Program at Brookhaven, led the PubSci panel. She was joined by two of her collaborators: Joseph Kim, Associate Professor of Surgery in the Division of Surgical Oncology at Stony Brook Medicine, and Lynn Francesconi, Professor of Inorganic Chemistry at Hunter College.



*Photo by Roger Stoutenburgh*

Together, the panelists discussed how they work as a team to develop novel medical isotopes — an advanced imaging tool and ultra-precise method of therapy for cancer patients. First by creating these powerful molecules in Brookhaven Lab's high-energy particle accelerator complex, and then combining chemical and medical tools to deliver the isotopes to patients, the panelists synthesize multiple fields of research to advance the field of personalized medicine. Their ultimate goal is to improve cancer treatments while minimizing the toxic side effects for patients.

"Over the past 15 years we've seen a huge improvement in the quality of life for cancer patients," said Cutler. "I think that's going to continue, and I predict cancer will no longer be the death sentence that we often feel like it is today."

Nearly 100 community members attended this PubSci event, and the audience offered up many questions, driving a lively discussion throughout the night.

Since 2014, PubSci has given the Long Island community a chance to see a casual side of cutting-edge research happening every day at Brookhaven Lab and chat with the Lab's expert scientists over a drink. The series hops around Long Island, covering different topics from the Big Bang to tomorrow's technologies. You can sign up for email notifications about upcoming PubSci events by going to this webpage: <https://www.bnl.gov/pubsci/>.

– Stephanie Kossman, [skossman@bnl.gov](mailto:skossman@bnl.gov)

*Editor's note: Stephanie Kossman is a science writer in BNL's Media and Communications Office. She's a recent graduate of New York University's Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute.*

### President's Message (continued from page 1)

- If you are taking a systematic withdrawal (TIAA calls it SWAT) from your mutual funds, you have to contact your advisor or your income will stop. You should have received a letter from TIAA explaining this.
- If you have a TIAA brokerage account, the announced changes will not affect this account.

**Important: If you need to talk to your advisor, do it soon. If you do not know whom to call, TIAA gives a general number: 800 842-2252, M-F 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time.**

I look forward to seeing many of you at our luncheon on June 13.

– Steve Shapiro, [shapiro@bnl.gov](mailto:shapiro@bnl.gov)

## Renew BREA Membership

Membership expires on December 31 of every year no matter when you paid your dues (which are requested by January 31 of the following year). To stay on BREA's mailing list, complete the form below and mail it to me along with your payment. Include your email address so BREA can send you timely information.

If you have questions or if your contact information has changed, send me an email at [hellobylin@yahoo.com](mailto:hellobylin@yahoo.com).

PLEASE PRINT

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Membership type:

☐ annual (\$10) ☐ 5 years (\$40) Life ☐ (\$95)

Dues cover year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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[hellobylin@yahoo.com](mailto:hellobylin@yahoo.com)

## In Memoriam

We deeply regret to inform you of the passing of the following retirees:

Lois Caligiuri, 67, March 23, 2018

Patricia Carollo, 71, February 23, 2018

George Rabinowitz, 86, February 1, 2018

Harold A. Schwarz, 80, February 7, 2018

More information may be found at BREA's website:

[www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/brea](http://www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/brea)

To post an obituary for a deceased BNL employee or retiree, send information by email to [msrowe.hi@gmail.com](mailto:msrowe.hi@gmail.com) or by snail mail to BREA's address in the panel below.

## Swim Lessons for Children & Grandchildren of Retirees

Children and grandchildren of BNL retirees are welcome to register in the BERA Swimming Lesson Program in July and August 2018.

The child should be able to stand flat-footed in the shallow end of the pool, with mouth above the water, and be at least 42" tall and between the ages of 5 and 13 as of June 1, 2018.

For more information and to register, call Christine Carter at (631)344-5090 or send her an email at [ccarter@bnl.gov](mailto:ccarter@bnl.gov).

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