



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

August 20, 2025

The CT Alliance for Retired Americans thanks you for your support through the years of our organization and our mission. Now, in 2025, we ask you to join with us to celebrate some of our successes, realizing that so much is at risk, and there is so much more work to do.

Who would have thought so many things such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, that seniors counted on to support them in retirement would be on very fragile grounds right now. More than ever, seniors need a strong voice advocating for essential services and programs in order to age with dignity. Added to that, we now need to preserve so many of the programs that have been a safety net for our citizens and to protect the elements of our democracy that are being challenged. In the Alliance, our goal is to amplify that voice by engaging and educating our members and others in our communities. In order to continue the activities that move our message forward, we are again holding a fundraiser Awards Luncheon to honor leaders who have made a difference in the lives of our members and the community at large.

This year the CT Alliance for Retired Americans will be honoring State Senator Jan Hochadel, with the Charlene Block Award for an individual who has spoken out for the needs of workers and retirees. Additionally, we will be honoring Tom Connolly, lifelong CSEA activist, with the Kevin Lynch Award to an Alliance member who, in retirement, has continued activism and has gone those extra steps to help our organization become more active and visible.

A Special Recognition will be given to the National WEP/GPO Repeal Task Force activists in CT. Bette Marafino, CT ARA president who initiated and chaired this grassroots Task Force, ARTC Executive Director Tammy Gowash, Mary Moninger-Elia an AFTConnecticut activist, and Joslyn Delancey CEA Vice President.

CT Alliance for Retired Americans Awards Luncheon  
Monday, October 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Casa Mia at the Hawthorne Inn  
2421 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin CT  
\$42 per person lunch/ Ad Book information on separate page

Please help support CT ARA, and honor our awardees, with your presence at the luncheon and in the Ad Book.

In Solidarity,

*Bette Marafino*

Bette Marafino, President

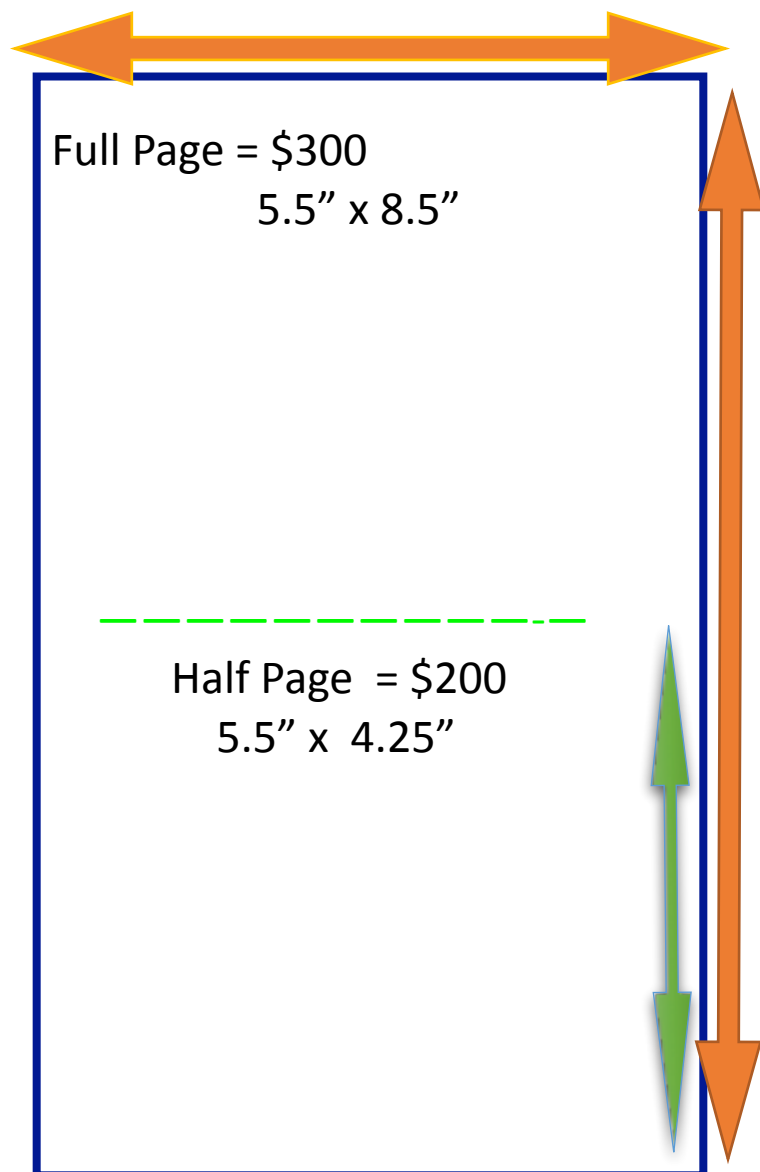
860- 985-3264

Send your checks, made payable to CT Alliance for Retired Americans, and a list of those attending by October 19 to :

Flo Martin, CT ARA Treasurer  
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# CT Alliance for Retired Americans Awards Luncheon Ad Book

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