



# After School Views



Volume 19 Number 3

**Meeting/Luncheon**  
**Monday, April 1, 2019**  
**Lafayette House**  
**12 Noon**

- Cost \$ 28.00
- Entrée: Filet of Sole Francaise
- Deadline: March 20, 2019
- Program: Mike Salerno  
Concerns about Aetna

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## President's Message

By Marie Kovacs

Let's hope the groundhog is right and there will be an early spring. Already the days are longer. Now I'm waiting for a robin sighting and a blooming crocus. Just as seasons change, life brings changes on a regular basis.

First, I hope your transfer to your new insurance carrier, whether a Horizon plan or Aetna has been easy or with minimal difficulty. If you still have questions about your coverage or if you are having trouble getting a procedure covered, Mike Salerno, NJEA Research Associate, will be at our April meeting.

Next, there is a new threat to pensions and benefits. State Senate President Steve Sweeny has a work committee called Pathway to Progress. It recommends shifting all state and local government retirees' health benefits from Platinum to Gold and move new employees to a 401K style retirement plan. These are just proposals and light on details, NOT LEGISLATION, It warrants watching, but not alarm.

Finally, our Nominating/Election Committee, chaired by Sharon Mullen, has a slate of officers to present to our members. There are openings for 1st Vice President, who is responsible for programs at our meetings and 2nd Vice President, who is responsible for our luncheon menu and monetary collection. The availability of NJEA /NJREA officers and associates, plus our June scholarship meeting makes it easy to get speakers. If you are interested in learning more or can suggest a candidate call Sharon at [201-874-8603](tel:201-874-8603). If you are newly retired or if you have never held a leadership position, do not let that deter you from expressing interest.

I hope to see many of you at our April meeting.



The women of Harmony in Motion entertained us at our December meeting.

## Government Relations Report

By Marie Kovacs

NJEA has initiated a campaign, **Fix the Unfairness**. The goal is quality, affordable health care for school employees as well as due process and limits on subcontracting for ESP. An example of the cost of health care premiums for active employees is made clear by this comparison: a salary of \$90,000 in Pennsylvania means \$2,250 (with deductible) in premiums, but in NJ a salary of \$90,000 means \$11,760 in premiums for the educators. Of course, \$90,000 is not a typical salary, but high premiums are a fact.

What can you do to support your fellow members? You can attend a Lobby Day in Trenton, visit your legislators, or contact them via email or phone. If you cannot participate in any of these activities, consider an extra contribution to PAC (Political Action Committee) which supports endorsed candidates. Envelopes will be available at our April meeting.

### Vice President's Report from Pam Raynor

#### ARE YOU OWED MONEY?

For the SCREA members who attended our December luncheon you might remember I told you to be on the lookout for three very important pieces of mail coming to your home. Let me repeat myself so all SCREA members who read our newsletter will have the information necessary to get their funds back. The three pieces of mail you need are color coded for all you visual learners.

The **first form** which is blue on the outside and cream on the inside is our Pension Statement called Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund. Check the left side for the amount deducted monthly for Medicare Part B.

The **second form**, which is blue and very wide is the **REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICARE PART B PREMIUMS**. Inside this form you will find information as to where to send your paper work and the due date. This form states what you had deducted monthly. It also states an amount that you had paid per month for Medicare Part B. If you paid more than the amount listed, you are owed money. WHY should the state keep your money?

The **third form** is SSA-1099 is a Social Security Benefit Statement. (A very long white sheet of paper.)

VERY IMPORTANT, you will NOT get reimbursed until you make copies of the 3 forms and send them to Pensions & Benefits in Trenton. YES, it is your money, but you **MUST** send the **PROPER PAPERWORK** to get reimbursed. It does not come automatically, the paper work **MUST** be filed and before the deadline.

Yes, it takes time to find the forms, make copies, and send them to Trenton by registered mail **BUT, THIS IS YOUR MONEY!!** Why would you let the state **KEEP** your money?

For a more detailed information please look at pages 34-36 in the January NJEA REVIEW. Good Luck!



### Nominations Committee

Nominations for the officers of the SCREA will be presented at the April 1 meeting. We have some officers that are willing to serve again, but the offices of 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President are open. Nominations may be made from the floor.

Committee chairs are also needed: Travel, Government Relations and Member Benefits. Please contact Marie Kovacs at 973-945-8344 or Pam Raynor at 862-268-5210 if you are interested or have questions.

### Resources to Stay Informed or To Inform

Go to [www.njea.org](http://www.njea.org) or better yet [www.njea.org/njrea](http://www.njea.org/njrea)

Contact Sen. Steven Oroho,  
Asm. Hal Wirths and Asm. Parker Space  
All have the same phone number & address  
973-827-0200

115 Demarest Road, Suite B,  
Sparta, NJ 07871

[SenOroho@nileg.org](mailto:SenOroho@nileg.org) [AsmSpace@nileg.org](mailto:AsmSpace@nileg.org)  
[AsmWirths@nileg.org](mailto:AsmWirths@nileg.org)

Contact Gov. Phil Murphy  
1-609-292-6000

PO Box 001, Trenton, NJ 08625

**SCREA MEMBERSHIP**

Prepared by Ann Lane, Membership Chair

For February/ April 2019 meetings

Please remember that any dues paid during the school year go toward that year's dues (Sept. 1 to Aug. 31) not a year from your payment.

\*2019-20 Membership bills should be mailed out in May or June. If you don't receive your personalized membership form, please contact me for a membership form.

\*If you or your friends do not receive your NJREA/NJEA/NEA/or SCREA publications you may not have paid your annual dues. You can always contact me to check your membership status. Please make sure that you add [SCREANJ@gmail.com](mailto:SCREANJ@gmail.com) to your email contacts so you are assured you receive the quarterly SCREA newsletter.

\*NJREA Life members who do not have unified membership and want to add a county life membership should their \$250 life membership to the address below or PO Box 502, Augusta, NJ 07822 made out to SCREA.

If you have **any** questions/problem about membership or your membership status, or receiving the county newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, email or snail mail. 973.209.4129, 21 Aspen, Hamburg NJ 07419 or [laneac9999@gmail.com](mailto:laneac9999@gmail.com).

**2018-19 SCREA Treasurer's Report 1**

For the October/ December Meetings

Prepared by Ann C. Lane, Treasure



General Checking Account

Balance 9/27/2018	\$18,711.19
Income	8,254.65
Debit	<u>4,840.63</u>
Balance 12/31/ 2018	\$22,125.21

As of 12/31/2018

Visions Regular CD (Matures 10/11/2019)	2,110.45
Visions Primary Share	39.96
Lifetime Visions (Matures 10/10/2019)	12,999.51
Lifetime Lakeland	13,889.78

**Philanthropic/Scholarship 12/30/2018**

Lakeland	10,477.21
Visions Business checking	955.87
Visions (Main Shares 01)	25.46
Visions (Main Shares 02)	25.10
Visions CD (Matures 10/10/19)	2,709.14

**Website:**

Our SCREA website is a link on the [njea.org](http://njea.org) website and [www.screa-njea.org](http://www.screa-njea.org). Your user name is the # on your NJEA membership card and the last 4 digits of your Social Security number is your password unless you have changed it. Let us know if you want anything else published email Lucille Stanziale at [lucillestanziale@yahoo.com](mailto:lucillestanziale@yahoo.com). A goal of the SCREA Executive Committee is to keep members informed.

**Necrology**

By Nancy Clink

October 29, 2018 to February 22, 2019



We recognize the passing of two of our members.

Barbara Ellicott passed February 7, 2019. She was a speech therapist in many of our public schools.

Mary Manzo passed away February 1, 2019. She was employed by the Sussex-Wantage Board of Education, retiring in 2015.

Please contact me at 973-293-7223 if you hear of the demise of one of our members.



## Secretary's Minutes:

By Theresa Boscia

The December 3, 2018 meeting at the Lafayette House was called to order with the flag salute led by President Kovacs at 11:53 AM. President Kovacs read the "closed meeting" notice. The singing of God Bless America was accompanied by Barbara Henderson. The invocation was given by President Kovacs.

New members were welcomed to our holiday meeting and asked to introduce themselves. Dan Goldman, NJEA Research, who is our guest speaker was introduced. President Kovacs introduced members of the Executive Board who were not giving reports. Minutes of the Sept. 17, 2018 meeting were published in the newsletter. Since there were no corrections, additions **or** deletions, minutes were filed.

**President's Report:** President Kovacs gave background leading up to health benefits change. A number of members have called with concerns. NJEA negotiated and came up with the plan and 3 goals. (1) Members can keep the same doctors and the state can save money. (2) There's no diminishing of copays. (3) In many cases reimbursements up to \$250 can be received for copays. Plans will be in effect for 2 years with two 1 year extensions until the next negotiating time.

### Committee Reports:

**1 st VP** Pam Raynor reported some members can be reimbursed for their higher Medicare payments and need to be on the lookout for information. These members exceeded the income threshold and had extra money withheld and can file paperwork to be reimbursed.

**2 nd VP** Linda Adams reported that there were quite a few requests for salmon this luncheon.

**Travel:** Two trips for spring 2019 have been planned. QVC trip is April 17, departs 8:30 AM for West Chester, PA. Luncheon at Barney's Restaurant. Please put your food choice on your check. Tour, lunch and travel costs \$130.

Grounds for Sculpture trip May 8, departs at 8 AM for Hamilton, NJ. Cost \$145 per person. Tour and group luncheon. Please place your food choice on your check.

Dewey Beach, DE trip is scheduled for Tues.-Fri. Sept. 10-13. (Rehoboth Beach was priced too high.) Dinners, tours, dinner theater with Italian Buffet, cruise, ferry ride, shopping, free time. About \$600 per person (double occupancy).

**Treasurer/ Membership:** Ann Lane reported that new memberships are coming in. Her report will be in the newsletter.

**Government Relations:** President Kovacs reported that endorsed candidates Bob Menendez, Mikie Sherrill, and Josh Gottheimer won their seats. Having people in Washington and Trenton who support us is critical. PAC envelopes are available for donations.

**Scholarship:** Sharon Mullen thanked Linda Adams for the donation of two original paintings. Raffle monies will go towards our scholarships— 2 at \$1500 and one for \$1000.

NJREA Scholarship Chair, JoAnn Horvath reported that applications are now available (at the state level, you need not be planning to major in education).

**Necrology:** Nancy Clink led a service to honor deceased members of the past year— Linda Tartar, Frank Henry, Phyllis Laskey, Pamela Labue, Dr. Elsie Jane Lorber, Carole Jaccodine, and Kathleen Farrell.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** President Kovacs reported that a LAT meeting will be held Thurs. Jan. 31, 4:30-6:30 at Sheridan's, Limecrest Road; dinner included at no cost.

**Election committee:** Sharon Mullens, chair will be presenting a slate of officers at the April meeting: President, 1st VP, 2nd VP and Treasurer.

Information was given on how to get Aetna information via a conference call.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 12:22 was made by Ann Lane, seconded by JoAnn Horvath.

**Program:** Dan Goldman spoke on the new Aetna Educators Medicare plan effective Jan. 1st, 2019. He discussed the comparisons which showed the new plan to be the same or better than Horizon Medicare. A question and answer followed.

Pam Raynor introduced Harmony in Motion who entertained us with holiday favorites.

## Travel News

By Linda Adams

After being the trip planner for the SCREA for over ten years, I have decided to step down from this position. The SCREA will need a new trip planner after the Dewey Beach trip in September. But you can sign up now and learn.

This is a great opportunity for someone who wishes the SCREA would go here or there. Now is your chance to “step up to the plate” and pick the trips you would like to attend.

### Dewey Beach, Delaware Trip

**Tues.-Fri. September 10– 13, 2019**

**\$600 pp. (double) \$780 single \$575 Triple**

Deluxe Motor coach Transportation

Accommodations at the Hyatt Place Dewey Beach Hotel for 3 nights

3 Breakfasts at the Hotel

Dinner at the Rusty Rudder across from hotel

Dinner at The 1776 Steak House, Rehoboth Beach

Dickens Parlour Dinner Theatre

Step on- Full Day Guided History Tour of Lewes, Delaware

Cruise on The Cape May- Lewes Ferry

Beach Time on Your Own

Baggage Handling, All Taxes and Gratuities

Depart from the Newton Park & Ride at 8 AM Sept 10.

For this trip to Dewey Beach, many of you have asked for free time, so I have built some time to walk on the boardwalk or beach or do some shopping and exploring. The Dewey Beach Hyatt has a large indoor saltwater pool, coffee shop and cocktail lounge. Day 3 has breakfast at the hotel, then morning and afternoon free to explore the beach and surrounding areas. (Boardwalk and Tanger Outlets). Lunch is on your own each day.



### QVC Trip Weds. April 17, 2019

**QVC Tour with group & lunch \$130.00**

We will depart from the Newton Park & Ride at 8:30 AM and travel to West Chester, PA. Arrive for a luncheon at Barnaby's Restaurant.

Choices include: New York Strip Steak

Teriyaki Salmon

Crab Cakes

Eggplant Parmesan

**Please indicated your food choice on your check.**

After lunch we will depart for the QVC Studio for a tour and some shopping. Depart for home with wonderful memories of your trip.

**We need more people to attend.. We must send final payment for this trip by March 5th.**

### Grounds for Sculpture May 8, 2019

**Cost per person \$145.00 includes lunch**

We will depart from the Newton Park and Ride at 8 AM for Hamilton, NJ. When we arrive at the Grounds for Sculpture we will have a morning guided tour.

(There is a cart for the handicapped if necessary.) Enjoy a group luncheon at Rats Restaurant, an upscale restaurant on the premises. **Please put your lunch choice on your check:** Loch Duart Salmon Fillet

Roast Lancaster Chicken

Seasonal Risotto (which is Vegan and Gluten Free)

After lunch we'll depart for home with wonderful stories and photos.

**Please send money by April 3rd. More participants are needed.**

**Contact: Linda Adams**

**973-714-1646 or Lin150@ptd.net**

**Mail checks written out to**

**SCREA Trip Account**

**to: Linda Adams**

**37 Fairview Avenue**

**Hamburg, NJ 07419**



**December Painting Raffle**

Debbie Gorin of Sparta on the left and Carol Johnson from Byram ( on the right) won the paintings donated by Linda Adams at our December meeting. Scholarship Chair Sharon Mullen is on the far right.



**Scholarship Report**

**By Sharon Mullen**

Thank you to all who generously gave donations at our December meeting or mailed in their donations to support this worthy cause. The Warren D. Cummings Scholarship is funded solely by your donations, not dues. We are fortunate that Visions Credit Union has agreed to fund the Fred Aug Memorial Scholarship again this year. Please consider making a tax deductible donation, in the lobby at our April 1st luncheon meeting. Applications for these scholarships as well as the NJREA scholarship have been mailed to the guidance departments of all Sussex County public high schools. If you know of a deserving graduating high school senior, who plans to major in education, please encourage him/her to apply. Our deadline for submission is April 17. A committee will make the selection in May. The recipients and their parents will be invited to our June meeting.

If you would like to make a donation in memory of or for a special occasion, please use the form below. Money received is only used for scholarships.

**For Donations to the SCREA Philanthropic Fund (scholarship)**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Name & Address to send acknowledgement to

Please write check to **SCREA Philanthropic Fund** and mail it to

SCREA Philanthropic Fund, PO Box 502, Augusta, NJ 07822

**LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM (SCREA)**

Please reserve \_\_\_ place (s) for the April 1, 2019 luncheon at the Lafayette House.

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$ 28.00 per person payable to SCREA).



**\* Please feel free to write your information on a piece of paper and send it with your check. If your check has your address, there is no need to write it.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Linda Adams, 37 Fairview Ave., Hamburg, NJ 07419 by March 20, 2019.

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**Second Vice President' Report– by Linda Adams**

Our spring luncheon meeting will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019 at the Lafayette House in Lafayette Village, Lafayette, NJ.

Reservations may be made by mailing your check for \$28.00 per person made out to SCREA, to Linda Adams at the address above. No phone reservations will be accepted. Membership in the SCREA and/or NJREA under the unification guidelines is required.

The deadline for reservations is March 20, 2019. Any reservations received after this date cannot be guaranteed a meal. Please mail ahead of time to allow for postal delivery. If you cannot attend the meeting, we would like you to make arrangements to have someone pick up your meal for you. Please make those arrangements. For those with religious or dietary restrictions, a vegetarian meal or substitution is available upon request from your server when seated. Please try to arrive at the luncheon by 11:45 AM but not before 11:30 AM. Our next luncheon meeting is June 3, 2019.

MENU
Soup du jour
House salad
Filet of Sole Francaise
Rice Pilaf
Veggie
Rolls & Butter
Carrot Cake
Coffee, Tea, Ice Tea



**Food Drive on April 1st**

The SCREA will be collecting donations of non-perishable items for the Sussex County Food Pantry. Can goods, cereal, pasta, sauces for pasta, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, paper towels, sponges, bleach, as well as shampoo and body wash are just a few suggestions to bring to our luncheon. All donations are greatly appreciated. Your generosity allows families to shop at the Food Bank for their families supplies. The Food Bank will also accept cash donations for fresh produce and other perishable items.

**Calendar of Events**

- Mon. April 1, 2019 SCREA Luncheon Meeting
- Weds. April 17, 2019 QVC Trip
- Thurs. April 25, 2019 NJREA Luncheon/ Meeting
- Mon. April 29, 2019 SCREA Executive Meeting
- Weds. May 8, 2019 Grounds for Sculpture Trip
- Mon. June 3, 2019 SCREA Luncheon Meeting

**All luncheon/ meetings are planned for the Lafayette House at Noon. Executive and mailing meetings are at 10 AM at Visions Community Room, 47 Rt. 206, Augusta, NJ 07822**



Returns to  
PO Box 502  
Augusta, NJ 07822



## First Vice President's Report

By Pam Raynor

### INSURANCE CONCERNS

At our December meeting Dan Goldman from NJEA, came to answer members questions and concerns with regards to the new insurance carrier AETNA, which started January 1, 2019.

Mike Salerno, also from NJEA Research, will be our guest speaker at our Monday, April 1st meeting. He will talk about the health plan, especially how the points accumulate for the Wellness Plan. Mike will be able to answer your questions and hear your concerns about our new insurance carrier. If you have questions, remember you can call 866-816-3662 at any time.

A food drive will be held in the lobby for the Sussex County Food Bank; suggestions of items needed are on page 7.



Dan Goldman from NJEA spoke on the new Aetna Health Plan