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**Meeting/Luncheon**

**Monday, June 3, 2019**

**Lafayette House**

**12 Noon**

- Cost \$ 28.00
- Entrée: Roast Turkey
- Deadline: May 28, 2019
- Program: Scholarship Awards

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# After School Views



## President's Message

By Marie Kovacs

This is my last message as your SCREA President and I must express thanks and gratitude to many.

First, my appreciation to my fellow officers and executive board. No one can lead an organization without the help and expertise of others. Often I received reminders, advice and guidance from my executive committee and past leaders. Their commitment is exceptional.

Next, thank you to the NJEA/NJREA whose resources are invaluable. Their help was available to me via email, meetings and mailings. Its officers and staff made themselves available for our meetings.

Also, thank you, SCREA members. Membership gives us the clout necessary to be heard by our legislators. Members offer each other mutual protection of our pension and benefits. The entire assembly is up for election in November. The Primary Election is June 4th. One way to make our voices heard is to donate to PAC. The envelopes are in the mail.

Finally, thank you to the new officers (and those staying in their position) for accepting the responsibility of leading the SCREA. I can leave with confidence knowing their dedication and knowledge will grow and strengthen our organization.

So... thank you!



The election of officers, except secretary, will be held at our June meeting. Above is the proposed slate (L to R) Pam Raynor, President; Linda Adams, 2nd VP, Sharon Mullen, 1st VP and Ann Lane, Treasurer (seated). Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to voting.

The Proposed 2019-2020 SCREA Budget to be voted upon at the June 3, 2019 luncheon meeting.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Section 2		2018-19 Budget	2018-19 actual	2018-19 anticipated	Anticipated Totals	2019-20 Budget
1	Section 2						
2							
3	County Receipts	6. CREA Dues (Total)	\$5,000.00	\$4,860.00	\$0.00	\$4,860.00	\$5,000.00
4		9. Interest	\$20.00	\$10.21	\$5.00	\$15.21	\$15.00
5		11. Donations/Gifts to County	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6		12. Income from Luncheons/Meetings	\$9,000.00	\$5,649.00	\$3,500.00	\$9,149.00	\$9,385.00
7		18. Miscellaneous Income Details (Describe)	\$1,000.00	\$611.82	\$0.00	\$611.82	\$600.00
8		19. Total Receipts	\$15,020.00	\$11,131.03	\$3,505.00	\$14,636.03	\$15,000.00
9	Section 3 - Administrative and Reimbursable Expenses						
10	Section 3.1						
11	Administrative Expense	22. Telephone	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12		23. Postage	\$600.00	\$213.90	\$200.00	\$413.90	\$700.00
13		25. General Office Supplies/Expenses	\$500.00	\$153.16	\$200.00	\$353.16	\$500.00
14		31. Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
15		32. Legal Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16		33. Accountant's Fees	\$300.00	\$238.00	\$0.00	\$238.00	\$300.00
17		34. State of NJ Non-profit Filing Fee	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
18	PLEASE SPECIFY	36a. Other Admin. Expenses	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
19		36B. Other Admin. Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
20		36C. Other Admin. Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
21		36D. Other Admin. Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
22	SECTION 3.2						
23	Reimbursable Expense	45. Officers Reimbursable Expenses	\$800.00	\$344.14	\$200.00	\$544.14	\$800.00
24	SECTION 4 - Expense	52. Executive Committee	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
25		53. Committee Meetings	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
26		54. General Membership Meetings	\$9,000.00	\$5,765.89	\$3,500.00	\$9,265.89	\$9,300.00
27		58. Workshops	\$120.00	\$66.00	\$54.00	\$120.00	\$200.00
28	Section 5 - Program	62. Legislative & Political Activities	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
29		64. Communications (Newsletter, Website Constant Contact)	\$2,000.00	\$735.71	\$400.00	\$1,135.71	\$1,500.00
30		66. Membership Promotions	\$100.00	\$11.73	\$90.00	\$101.73	\$100.00
31		67. Social Activities (OTHER THAN TRIPS)	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
32		70. Gifts/Honorary/Memorials	\$300.00	\$155.00	\$150.00	\$305.00	\$300.00
33		PLEASE SPECIFY					
34		71. Other Program Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
35		72. Other Program Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
36		73. Other Program Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
37		74. Other Program Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
38		75. Other Program Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
39			\$15,020.00	\$7,683.53	\$5,444.00	\$13,127.53	\$15,000.00
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**SCREA MEMBERSHIP**

Prepared by Ann Lane, Membership Chair

For April/ June 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.

Membership bills should be mailed out in May or June for the following year's membership (2019-2020). Forms go out early so payment is received in a timely fashion so as not to disrupt you receiving your publications.

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 the following [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 or \$10 annual (2019-2020) membership checks made out to SCREA, to the address below.

Please let any recent retiree know they will receive their unified membership bill as soon as NJEA realizes they are no longer on the active lists. They can call NJEA at 609-599-4561 to pay with a credit card prior to that time frame.

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 3**

For the April & June Meetings

Prepared by Ann C. Lane, Treasure



General Checking Account

Balance 12/27/2018	\$22,125.21
Income	201.63
Debit	<u>548.59</u>
Balance 3/27/ 2019	21,778.25
<i>As of 3/29/2019</i>	
Visions Regular CD (Matures 10/11/2019)	2,123.45
Visions Primary Share	40.02
Lifetime Visions (Matures 10/10/2019)	12,999.51
Lifetime Lakeland	13,891.45
<b>Philanthropic/Scholarship 3/31/2019</b>	
Lakeland	2,752.62
Visions Non-profit checking	7,960.44
Visions (Main Shares 01)	25.49
Visions (Main Shares 02)	25.13
Visions CD (Matures 10/10/19)	2,725.89

**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 our members informed.

**Necrology**

By Nancy Clink



We recognize the passing of four of our members

Kathleen Farrell passed away November 27, 2018. She taught Kindergarten at the Clifford Lawrence School in Sussex-Wantage. She retired in 2010 after 35 years of teaching.

Marie Keeler passed away on December 21, 2018. She taught middle and high school students in Hopatcong and Blairstown retiring in 1998.

Robert Lockwood Coats passed away December 28, 2018. He taught in Montclair and in the Sussex-Wantage School District, retiring in December 2010 after 35 1/2 years.

Anita Wielechowski passed away April 9, 2019. She taught Latin and World Cultures at Newton High School.

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 April 1, 2019 meeting at the Lafayette House was called to order at 12:03 PM with the flag salute led by President Kovacs. The singing of God Bless America followed. President Kovacs read the "closed meeting" notice and gave the invocation. First time attendees were welcomed and invited to introduce themselves. President Kovacs introduced today's speaker, Mike Salerno, NJEA Associate, and members of the Executive Committee who were not giving reports.

**Minutes** of the December 3, 2018 meeting were published in the newsletter. Since there were no corrections, additions or deletions, minutes were filed.

**President's Report:** President Kovacs encouraged donations to PAC. There is a threat to education posed by State Senator Steve Sweeny with his "Pathway to Progress" proposal. Among his list, he wants 1) retired teachers to pay the same as when they were working 2) a reduction in health benefits from Platinum to Gold 3) to move new employees to a 401K style retirement plan.

Results of the NJREA election— all officers ran unopposed— Pres. Judy Perkins, 1st VP Walter Krichling, 2nd VP Joan Wright, Secretary Harriet Sausa, Treasurer Diane Papadinec.

For those with Aetna or OptumRX questions, first call Marie Kovacs who will contact Ron Giordano then if necessary Mike Salerno.

### Committee Reports:

**Treasurer/ Membership:** Ann Lane's report is in the newsletter. Address any questions on the report or membership to her.

**1st VP:** Pam Raynor thanked those who made food donations which she'll bring to the pantry. Active teachers will hold a Fish and Chips fundraiser on May 3 at the Lafayette Firehouse 4:30-7 PM, \$15 1/2 price portion is available. "Pass It Along" dinner— we sponsored a \$1,000 Scholarship to a Scholar/ Athlete; the recipient was Samantha Russell of Kittatinny Regional High School.

**2nd VP:** Linda Adams tried for a little variety with a fish dinner today. A few people chose chicken or vegetarian. Turkey is on the menu for June.

**Travel:** At present 20 people signed up for the QVC trip on April 17. Grounds for Sculpture was cancelled due to limited participation. A deposit of

\$100 is due now for the Dewey Beach Trip in September. We should have free time to walk and visit the Tanger Outlets.

**Scholarship:** Sharon Mullen mailed applications to the local public high school guidance counselors, which are due back April 17. The selection committee will meet on April 29.

NJREA Scholarship Chair JoAnn Horvath reported that you need not be related to a NJEA member nor plan to major in education to apply for the NJREA scholarships. That committee will meet April 4 to determine the awards for the 2 and 4 year colleges.

**Election:** Sharon Mullen presented the proposed slate and asked for additional nominations from the floor.

President: Pam Raynor

1st Vice President: Sharon Mullen

2nd Vice President: Linda Adams

Treasurer: Ann Lane

Nominations were closed.

**Government Relations:** Governor Murphy's budget contained a record pension payment. Three pieces of legislation seek to "fix the unfairness" 1) a bill to cap healthcare costs for public employees as a percentage of their salary. 2) some due process for ESP employees 3) a bill to offer some protection for ESP outsourcing. The final LAT meeting is June 6 at Sheridan's in Andover at 4:30 PM; dinner is provided. Anna Hanzes, GR Associate will give updates.

**Old Business:** Linda Adams, travel coordinator will resign after the September trip. She has done an outstanding job and will be happy to help and provide contacts for her successor.

**New Business:** Some members had trouble with dependent eligibility verification for spouses. Forms should be faxed as soon as possible.

**Adjournment:** Motion at 12:34 by Ann Lane to adjourn, second Sharon Mullen.

**Program:** Mike Salerno, NJEA Associate Director, Pensions & Benefits spoke about the move to the Aetna 10 plan. Some issues discussed were payments for chiropractic care, physical therapy and acupuncture. He explained the NJ Well program and the NJ Direct Zero plan. A question and answer session followed.



**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

2 Dinners at local restaurants

Dickens Parlor 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

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

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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.

**Itinerary**

Day 1: Lunch stop on own on route, check into Hyatt Place. The hotel has a large indoor saltwater pool, coffee and cocktail lounge. Dinner at Rusty Rudder across the street.

Day 2: Breakfast at the hotel, depart for Lewes to meet "Step On" guide for full day guided tour. Lunch and shopping on own in Lewes. Return to hotel with dinner at The 1776 Steakhouse in Rehoboth Beach.

Day 3: Breakfast at hotel, morning and afternoon free to explore the beach and area (Boardwalk and Tanger Outlets). In the evening enjoy The Dickens Parlor Dinner Theatre.

Day 4: Breakfast at the hotel, check out and depart for a cruise on Cape May– Lewes Ferry, lunch on your own before departing for home.

**Payment Schedule:** \$250 is due by May 31st. The balance and final payment is due July 30th. This is necessary so the tour company can pay the hotel, etc.

**We have 20 people signed up so far.**

**Come join us.**

**Travel Report by Linda Adams**

We had a great time at QVC with a delicious meal. The place is huge and we were on the observation deck while they were filming. The sets are amazing.

We are working on consolidating trips so that we can join forces with St. Jude's Church in Hardyston and the Hardyston Seniors so we can be added to their trips. This way we may have enough for a bus load.

**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**



**Government Relations Report**

If you want first hand news of what's happening in Trenton, come to our final LAT Meeting on June 6th. It will be held at Sheridan's on Limecrest Road in Andover from 4:30-6:00. Dinner will be provided. Contact President Kovacs if you wish to attend.

**Health Benefits Report**

FYI (For Your Information): If you have any questions or concerns about your health benefits or prescription coverage, please contact President Kovacs at 973-945-8344. She will contact the NJREA Health Benefits committee member assigned to our county, Ron Giordano (email: [coventree@optonline.net](mailto:coventree@optonline.net)).

If he cannot resolve the issue, he will then contact NJEA Research. Please follow this protocol.



**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@njleg.org](mailto:SenOroho@njleg.org) [AsmSpace@njleg.org](mailto:AsmSpace@njleg.org)  
[AsmWirths@njleg.org](mailto:AsmWirths@njleg.org)  
Contact Gov. Phil Murphy  
1-609-292-6000  
PO Box 001, Trenton, NJ 08625

**Scholarship News by Sharon Mullen**

The Scholarship Selection Committee met April 29 to select the recipients of our Warren D. Cummings and Fred E. Aug Scholarships. We have invited the award-ees and their parents to our June 3rd luncheon. Please come and meet them and Samantha Russell, our Pass-It-Along 2019 Scholar Athlete. These are outstanding Sussex County Public School Seniors.



We thank all who have given donations to our fund. The donations only go toward the awards; no dues money is spent.

**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 June 3, 2019 luncheon at the Lafayette House.

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

**\* Please write your information on this page, a piece of paper or your check.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Restrictions/ Special Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Linda Adams, 37 Fairview Ave., Hamburg, NJ 07419 by May 28, 2019.

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

Our spring luncheon meeting will be held on Monday, June 3, 2019 at the Lafayette House at the Shoppes at 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 May 28, 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 Sept. 16, 2019.

<b>MENU</b>
Soup du jour
House salad
Roast Turkey with giblet gravy
Mashed potatoes
Veggie
Rolls & Butter
Hot Apple Betty
Coffee, Tea

<b>Calendar of Events</b>
Mon. June 3, 2019 SCREA Luncheon Meeting
Tues. June 4, 2019 NJ General Election–
Mon. Aug. 12, 2019 SCREA Executive Meeting
Mon. Aug. 19, 2019 Mailing meeting
Mon. Sept. 16, 2019 SCREA Luncheon Meeting
Mon. Oct. 21, 2019 SCREA Executive Meeting
Mon. Oct. 28, 2019 Mailing meeting
Mon. Dec. 2, 2019 SCREA Luncheon Meeting
Mon. Feb. 24, 2020 SCREA Executive Meeting
Mon. March 2, 2020 Mailing meeting
Mon. April 6, 2020 SCREA Luncheon Meeting
Mon. April 27, 2020 SCREA Executive Meeting
Mon. May 4, 2020 Mailing meeting
Mon. June 1, 2020 SCREA Luncheon Meeting
<b>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.</b>

**AETNA Home Visits**

If you receive a phone call from Matrix regarding home visits, this is a legitimate service. Matrix is subcontracted by Aetna to provide home health visits for Aetna Medicare Advantage participants. It is your option to avail yourself of this free service or not.





Returns to  
PO Box 502  
Augusta, NJ 07822



**Primary Election**  
**Tues. June 4, 2019**  
**VOTE !**

## First Vice President's Report

By Pam Raynor

The Food Bank of Sussex County was very pleased to receive five large shopping bags full of food, toiletries and home products as well as twenty dollars. The workers were so delighted to carry our donations into their office. We recently received a thank you note from the Food Bank for our generosity.

Mike Salerno from NJEA, joined us at our April meeting to answer questions, regarding our insurance with Aetna. As you know we have only been with Aetna since January 1, so there are still problems to work out. NJEA is open to finding solutions to members' insurance problems. It is important for you to contact Marie Kovacs first when you have a problem. NJEA has the clout to work your problems out.

I hope you will be with us at our June meeting so you can meet the three recipients of our scholarship awards. This year we joined Pass It Along and awarded a scholarship to a scholar athlete. We will be awarding the Warren D. Cummings Scholarship and the Fred E. Aug Scholarship to deserving public high school seniors.



for the  
*100th Anniversary Celebration of the*  
**New Jersey Retirees'**  
**Education Association**

**Sunday, May 3, 2020 • 1-5 p.m.**

*Grand Marquis, 1550 U.S. 9 South, Old Bridge, NJ • \$50 per person*

Please put May 3, 2020 on your calendar and join the SCREA leadership team at this prestigious event. NJREA has come a long way since 1920. Car pooling will be available.

PAC envelopes are in the mail. This year the entire NJ assembly is up for election. Help elect officials who stand up for education.

Please remember to renew your membership when the form comes to your mailbox. The more members we have, the louder and stronger we are in Trenton.