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Meeting/Luncheon
Monday, Dec.2, 2019
Lafayette House
Noon
• Cost \$ 35.00
• Entrée: Prime Rib or Salmon
• Deadline: Nov. 24, 2019
• Program: Harmony in Motion

The SCREA is affiliated with the New Jersey Retirees' Education Association

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After School Views..



President's Message

By Pam Raynor

Voting... an American Responsibility

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 5. This is a general election and includes school board races. The whole Assembly is up for reelection. Our endorsed candidate is Deana Lykins. If you don't vote, don't complain!

FYI "If you plan to vote in this year's general election and you received a vote by mail ballot from your County Clerk's office you should vote that ballot because once you've been issued a paper ballot, you are NO LONGER permitted to vote on the voting machines at your polling place." (Taken from the website of the Sussex County Clerk, J. Parrot.)

Governor Murphy signed a bill into law on August 28, 2019, that amended the 2018 vote by mail law and mandates the County Clerks' offices statewide send their voters a Vote by Mail Ballot for the upcoming November 5th General Election, and all future elections if the voter requested and received a vote by Mail Ballot in any election held in 2017 or 2018. \*S4069/A5759 PL 2019C 265

If in the future, you would prefer to vote at the polling places you will need to submit your request in writing to your County Clerk's office. If you have any questions at this time, call the Elections office at 973-579-0900 extension 1507.



NJEA Secretary Treasurer, Steve Beatty (far right) installs the officers of the SCREA on Sept. 16, 2019. From the left, Sharon Mullen, 1st Vice President, Pam Raynor, President, Theresa Boscia, Secretary and Ann Lane, Treasurer. (Missing 2nd Vice President Linda Adams)

## I Need Your Help!

By President Pam Raynor

At our September meeting, I told everyone there that there were 5 committees that need chair people. YES, you could co-chair with a fellow retiree as long as she/he is a unified member of SCREA. The first position is **Government Relations**, where you would keep our retirees updated on bills in the Senate and Congress that need our support and which candidates support educational causes.

Necrology and Invocation are two positions that require no travel. **Necrology** chair checks the local newspaper to learn of members who have passed away and checks with Ann Lane, Membership chair, to write a short column for our newsletter. The **Invocation** committee starts our meeting with words that will inspire and comfort all in attendance.

As **Member Benefits** chair you would inform the SCREA members of how our NJEA membership card is providing savings and discounts.

**Travel** coordinator would take over for Linda Adams who has stepped down from the position to take a well deserved rest. You would organize day and overnight excursions.

Please let me know ASAP if you can take on one of these important positions. Email me at raynorpam@gmail.com or call 862-268-5210.



## Possible Savings

In November, Social Security will send a letter to eligible retirees indicating the amount to be deducted from your monthly SS check for Medicare Part B and/or Part D. Check to see if your deduction will be greater than the reimbursement in your pension check. Save the letter if you qualify for reimbursement in 2021. If you are not receiving Social Security, you are billed monthly for these premiums. You are also eligible for reimbursement.

## NJREA Convention– Nov. 6 & 7

The NJREA Convention will take place on Wednesday Nov. 6 and Thursday, Nov. 7 at Resorts Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. A room at Resorts is \$64.00 plus tax. Come Wednesday for the breakfast and lunch meetings and stay overnight to be at the opening day, Thursday when the Actives start the NJEA convention. At breakfast Thursday, there is a health benefits update.

## Have you gotten your flu shot yet?

**AETNA** covers flu and pneumonia vaccine shots under Medicare Part B. Check with your local pharmacy for a \$ 0 copay for these immunizations.

## Resources: Stay Informed or To Inform

**NJEA [www.NJEA.org](http://www.NJEA.org)**

**NJEA Headquarters: 609-599-4561**

**NJEA Confidential Help Line: 866-243-6532**

**NEA Member Benefits: 800- 637-4636**  
**[www.neamb.com](http://www.neamb.com)**

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



**SCREA MEMBERSHIP**

Prepared by Ann Lane, Membership Chair

For October/ December 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.

\*2019-2020 Membership cards have already been mailed out.

\*If you or your friends do not receive your NJREA/NJEA/NEA or SCREA publications you may not have paid your annual dues.

\*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.

\*Life NJREA members who do not have unified membership should send their \$10 annual county membership or \$250 SCREA life membership to the address below.

\*NJREA members who have membership in another county and want an additional county membership in Sussex, please send your \$10 annual membership to the address below.

\*Please let any recent retirees you know, that they will probably receive their unified membership bills as soon as NJEA realizes they are no longer on their active lists. If they want, they can call NJEA at 609-599-4561 to pay their dues 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 (home), 973.945.9708 (mobile & text), 21 Aspen, Hamburg NJ 07419 or

[laneac9999@gmail.com](mailto:laneac9999@gmail.com).

Looking for current addresses for the following members: Nancy Moskowitz, Suzann W Smith, Fred Spatt and Carolyn Williams.

**Necrology**

August 8, 2019– October 19,2019

At this time we have not received reports of the passing of any of our members. Nancy Clink who has been reporting our losses for many years has asked us to find someone who would continue her work. If interested, please contact President Pam Raynor.



**2019-2020SCREA Treasurer's Report 1**

For the October & December Meetings

Prepared by Ann C. Lane, Treasurer



General Checking Account

Balance 6/30/2019	\$21,047.53
Income	2,083.76
Debit	3,503.38
Balance 9/30/ 2019	19,627.91

As of 9/30/2019

Visions Regular CD (Matures 10/11/2019)	2,150.28
Visions Primary Share	40.14
Lifetime Visions CD (Matures 10/10/2019)	13,244.86
Lifetime Lakeland	15,145.05

**Philanthropic/Scholarship 9/30/2019**

Lakeland	3,804.46
Visions Non-profit checking	6,444.62
Visions (Main Shares 01)	25.55
Visions (Main Shares 02)	25.19
Visions CD (Matures 10/10/19)	2,760.28

**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.

**Optum letter regarding mail order**

Kevin Kelleher, School Employees Health Benefits Commission, has indicated that individuals who receive the letter from Optum stating that individuals on long term medication will now move to mail order, is being disputed as a change in plan administration.

He also stated that Optum indicated that individuals CAN OPT OUT of this and use their pharmacy instead of mail order.

(from the Monmouth CREA newsletter)



## Secretary's Minutes:

By Theresa Boscia

The September 16, 2019 meeting at the Lafayette House was called to order at 12:05 PM by President Raynor. She read the NJEA "closed meeting" notice. Following the flag salute and singing of God Bless America, she gave the invocation. First time attendees were welcome to the first meeting of the 2019-2020 year and asked to introduce themselves. President Raynor introduced Steve Beatty, NJEA Secretary/ Treasurer, who will install the officers and share with us the latest information from Trenton, and updates on our pensions and health care. Members of the Executive Committee who were not giving reports were introduced.

Ann Lane made a motion to accept the minutes of June 3, 2019 meeting as printed in the newsletter. Second JoAnn Horvath. Linda Bruno made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. Second Christine Dabrowski. Motions passed.

**President's Report:** Pam Raynor said it was an honor to accept her position as new president. She has been attending leadership classes and committee meetings in Trenton. Jane Cavallaro, our representative can answer our health care questions; our next newsletter will include her email [cavallarojane@gmail.com](mailto:cavallarojane@gmail.com). Sunday, May 3, 2020 is the 100th anniversary celebration of NJREA at the Grand Marques in Old Bridge. The SCREA hopes to have at least one table of 10. Convention dates for retirees are November 6 and 7 with information in the latest issue of the NJREA Newsletter. Look for the article about Simon Levien, of Sparta High school who is attending Harvard and received the Elizabeth A. Allen four year scholarship. Cards with well wishes for Judy Perkins, NJREA President and Walter Krichling, Vice President were circulated for signing.

Vote by mail forms and voter registration forms for the November 5th election were available. NJEA has learned it is better to text members, than call and leave voice mails. Forms are available for those whose membership had lapsed. Short descriptions were given of the committee chairs that were vacant. We would be happy to have co-chairs.

## Committee Reports:

**1st VP:** Sharon Mullens reported that Visions is still supporting us with a scholarship. Our scholarships help young people who wish to become educators.

**2nd VP:** Linda Adams said our next meeting is December 2nd. Dinner is prime rib or salmon, \$35. Suggestions for upcoming luncheons are welcome. We need to guarantee 50 people at our luncheons. If we would need to change our venue we would need to consider entry levels, parking, etc.

**Travel:** Linda Adams reported on the recent successful trip to Dewey Beach, Delaware. There were handouts listing trips arranged by the Hardyston Seniors and St. Judes for September 2019 to September 2020. Contact Mary Ann Murphy for more details and reservations. (973-697-8658)

**Membership:** Ann Lane reported that membership forms can either be emailed or snail-mailed.

**Member Benefits:** Dues are \$96. Buyer's Edge discounts could more than pay for a year's dues.

**New Business:** Steve Beatty, liaison to NJREA administered the oath for the installation of the new SCREA officers:

Pam Raynor, President

Sharon Mullen: 1st Vice President

Linda Adams: 2nd Vice President (absent)

Theresa Boscia: Secretary

Ann Lane, Treasurer

Steve Beatty congratulated us on our activities. NJ is now ranked 1st in public schools nationwide. Co-pay reimbursement should be automatic when we reach \$250. Aetna keeps a tally, but it's not available until Jan. or Feb. 2020. Other topics covered were political action, ending Chapter 78, support for ESP colleagues, and health care relief for the actives. Many of these bills have passed in the Assembly and await the governor's signature.

Governor Murphy has pledged full funding of our pensions and the restoration of the COLA.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 12:46 was made by Ann Lane and seconded by Heidi Klune.



**SCREA Travel News**

**Trip to Washington D.C. September 2020**

Linda Adams has agreed to run one more trip next year with the help of her friends from high school, who attended the Dewey Beach Trip. There was a suggestion of Mackinaw Island, but it would cost too much and travel time would need to be at least 9 days. Details for a September 2020 trip to Washington D.C. to follow. Here are some local opportunities.

**Senior Trips Hosted by Hardyston Seniors and St. Jude's Church**

Most of the trips leave St. Jude's Church, on Beaver Run Road and/ or the Littell Center in Franklin.

**Nov. 12** Westchester Theater: Music of Abba, the Carpenters, the Fifth Dimension and the Mamas and Papapas. Cost for members \$81 Non-members \$86.

**Nov. 18, Monday** Over-night trip to Sight and Sound Christmas Show \$263 pp- double occupancy

**April 1, 2020** Trip to NYC to see Tootsie or Wicked- lunch on your own

**May 19 & 20** Overnight trip to see "Queen Esther"

**May 6, 2020** Penn's Peak - Frankie Valli

**June 25, 2020** Papermill Playhouse- The Wanderer- Dion

**July 2020** Miss Lotta on Lake Hopatcong, Luncheon & Boat Cruise

**Aug. 26** Westchester Theater- 9 to 5, The Musical

September 2020- Penn's Peak- Tom Jones

**For more information or reservations, contact Marianne Murphy 973-697-8658**

**Dewey Beach, Delaware Trip**

**Tues.-Fri. September 10- 13, 2019**

Fun time.

Good friends.

Great memories.



**Useful Contact Information**

**New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits:**  
**[www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions](http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions)**

For Pension inquiries, including those related to health benefits (24 hours/ 7 days a week) automated center: **609-292-7524** Call center hours are 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM Mon to Fri., also until 6:45 PM on Thursdays. Call early for less wait time. You can also send an email on the website, click contacts. Or use the mail address: Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, NJ 08625-0295

**Medicare: 800-633-4227**

**Social Security: [www.SSA.gov](http://www.SSA.gov) 800-772-1234**

**OptumRx Medicare: 1-844-368-8765**

**NJ Direct/ Horizon Plans: 800-414-7427**

**Aetna Member Services: 1-877-782-8365**

**Jane Cavallaro, Health Benefits Rep**  
**[cavallarojane@gmail](mailto:cavallarojane@gmail)**

**At Home Health Visit**

**By Pam Raynor**

Have you been approached on the phone to have a licensed health care professional come to your home to view your health needs? Well I have and I thought that as SCREA President, I should experience the visit so I could say first hand what it involves.

There is an initial contact person that will identify himself as being part of Aetna Wellness group. He will set up the appointment and also text reminders of it. The nurse practitioner was at my home for about 75 minutes. She reviewed by medicines and offered information for additional health supplements to strengthen my bones. She asked about my medical history and informed me that her summary would be sent to my primary care doctor. The service is available to both the member and spouse enrolled in AETNA I just received a detailed report of the visit in the mail.

**Scholarship News**

**By Sharon Mullen**

If you wish to donate to our scholarship fund, we have provided the form below. The donation can be in memory of or for a special occasion, etc. The donations are only used for scholarships for our local public school graduates planning to major in education.

At our September meeting the winner of the plant was Ms. John Sissick, a retired Byram kindergarten teacher. She is shown here with Steve Beatty and Pam Raynor.



**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 December 2nd, 2019 luncheon at the Lafayette House. Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$ 35.00 per person payable to SCREA).

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Check one: Prime Rib\_\_\_ Salmon\_\_\_

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

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

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

Send to Linda Adams, 37 Fairview Ave., Hamburg, NJ 07419 by Nov. 24, 2019.

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

Our fall luncheon meeting will be held on Monday, December 2, 2019 at the Lafayette House in Lafayette Village, Lafayette, NJ.

Reservations may be made by mailing your check for \$35.00 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 November 24. 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 April 6, 2020. Those attending the Sept. meeting agreed to a full course meal at the Lafayette House. Prime Rib and Salmon are more expensive thus this meal has an increase in cost for just the December meeting.

MENU
Soup du jour
House salad
Prime Rib or Salmon
Baked Potato
Veggie
Rolls & Butter
Crème de Menthe Sundae with a Cherry
Coffee, Tea

<b>Calendar of Events</b>
Tues. Nov. 5, 2019 – State General Election
Weds. Nov. 6, 2019 NJREA Convention in AC
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>

Save the Date

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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

The SCREA plans to car pool and hopes to have a full table. Contact Pam Raynor if you wish to attend.





Returns to  
PO Box 502  
Augusta, NJ 07822



**VOTE Nov. 5, 2019  
General Election**

## First Vice President's Report

By Sharon Mullen

At our Fall meeting, Steve Beatty, secretary/treasurer of NJEA and liaison to the NJREA installed our new officers for 2019– 2021. He updated the members present on the latest news from NJEA.

For the December 2nd meeting, we look forward to a festive luncheon with holiday cheer provided by Sussex County's Harmony in Motion, an a cappella group. We hope that our members will come out for this enjoyable afternoon to get into the holiday spirit.



## Giving Thanks

Mary Alice Hosking, Franklin Borough Public Schools retiree, had this photo plaque constructed as a thank you to the officers of NJEA for working so hard for our members' health benefits. Mary Alice was in the hospital this past July and recently learned of the cost of her hospital time, not by way of a bill but by the Medicare review letter. This is her way of saying thanks. It is believed that this plaque will be hung in the hallway of NJEA headquarters in Trenton, NJ.

