

# Sussex County Retired



## After School Views



### President's Message by Linda Bruno

August 2011

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- Meeting/ Luncheon
- Mon, Sept. 19
- Lafayette House 12 Noon
- Cost \$ 22.00
- Turkey with stuffing see p.7
- Deadline: Wed 9-7
- Program: pg. 8

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

It doesn't seem to matter how many years we have been retired, past education employees continue to view September as the start of a new year. As I begin my first term as SCREA president, I am confident that I can count on our members for support when needed. Unfortunately, events in Trenton this summer left us angry and frustrated when we were stripped of our promised cost-of-living adjustments. This pension raid will reduce many retired workers' pensions by 40% or more by the end of their lives. NJEA will challenge these actions in court. Thank you to all the SCREA members who traveled to Trenton to participate in the rallies and contacted their legislators to voice opposition to the pension and benefits bills.

The SCEA PAC Screening Committee made the difficult decision to recommend endorsement of three Democratic candidates in Republican Legislative District 24. Our current legislators continue to tell us that they are available to listen to us, but it is obvious that they are not hearing us when they vote on bills that drastically impact the stability of our public schools. It is time to support candidates that share our viewpoints on issues, rather than blindly voting along party lines. Please keep an open mind and educate yourself on these issues, by not only listening to, but by **hearing** what the candidates have to say about pensions, benefits, tenure, and collective bargaining.

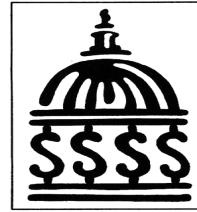
I bid you all warm wishes for good health and stay strong, stay united, and stay active!

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Past President H. Ralph Smith installs the new officers at the June Meeting. From left to right: Ann C. Lane, Treasurer, Linda Bruno, President, Marie Kovacs, First Vice President, and Lucille Stanziale, Second Vice President. Missing is Georgeanna Lewis, Secretary. (Photo by Linda Adams)

## Legislative Report:



By H. Ralph Smith

The past two years have seen constant, unfair, and untrue attacks on teachers and all public employees. Most of these attacks were made by our Governor. During all of these attacks there was nothing said by our local Republican legislators in defense of the fine educators and other public servants who have done so much to make our state great. Instead, they went merrily along with all of the Governor's proposals to diminish salaries, benefits, and even the meager cost-of-living adjustment to our pensions. It is time for us to step up and strike back. It is time to "REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER."

This year the Democratic party has three fine candidates who have stepped forward to challenge the incumbents. Ed Selby, an NJREA member, is running for the NJ State Senate. He is joined by Leslie Huhn and Jim Nye, who are running for State Assembly. Our local screening committee interviewed all of these candidates and found them to be strong supporters of public schools and public employees. A recommendation was made by this committee to the NJEA-PAC Operating Committee for these candidates to receive the state endorsement. This recommendation was approved.

We will be establishing a local committee to support these candidates. All NJREA and NJEA members are invited to volunteer and work on this committee. This would also be a great time to make a contribution to NJEA-PAC to make more money available to support all endorsed candidates in New Jersey. The candidates would certainly welcome any direct donations. They have established a committee called "Democratic 24th" and any donations can be sent to: Peter Huhn, Treasurer, 12 Saddle Ridge Rd., Sparta, NJ 07871. Let's use our power to tell the Governor and our local legislators that we are tired of being vilified and demeaned. Support SELBY, HUHNS, and NYE.

### Resources to Stay informed or Take Action...

Go to NJEA homepage [www.njea.org](http://www.njea.org)

On the left side of the screen, click on the tab that says "Our Members"

Scroll down and click on the "retired members" to get to NJREA's homepage.

Click on "log in" and type in your six digit PIN from your membership card or your four digit password (last 4 digits of your social security number unless you have changed it) and hit "enter"

**Contact Sen. Steven Oroho, Asm. Gary Chiusano and Asw. Alison Littell Mc Hose-**

973-827-0200. 115 Demarest Road, Suite 2B, Sparta, NJ, 07871

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**Contact Governor Christie-** 1-609-292-6000

Office of the Gov., PO Box 001, Trenton, NJ 08625

## Membership

By Ann C. Lane

**Unification with NJREA** is progressing and is the only way to guard and maintain what we have earned as well as protecting our public schools. Membership in our unified organization is vital to our livelihoods and we ask that you be patient as we work through this initial year of unification of membership.

As of now, **renewal notices** have been mailed to all **annual** members of NJREA. Please make sure your bill reflects membership in Sussex (SCREA).

- ◆ If you're an **annual** member of both NJREA and SCREA your dues for 201112 should be; Professional - **\$82** (\$72 NJREA, \$10 SCREA) or ESP - **\$59** (\$49 NJREA, \$10 SCREA).
- ◆ If you are an **annual** NJREA member but a **lifetime** SCREA member, you shouldn't have been billed for SCREA's portion. Your dues are \$72 professional, or \$49: ESP.
- ◆ **Annual** NJREA members who are 75+ years old should have been billed for NJREA's portion only (\$72 or \$49) as you aren't required to join a county. If, you want to **retain your SCREA** county membership please send your \$10 membership check made out to SCREA to **Ann Lane, SCREA Treasurer, 21 Aspen Court, Hamburg, NJ 07419.**
- ◆ **NJREA life members** shouldn't have gotten anything from NJEA as you're already a member for life. If you are not an SCREA member you have a choice for \$10 annual dues or \$100 Life SCREA dues. Please send your membership check made out to SCREA to **Ann Lane, SCREA Treasurer, 21 Aspen Court, Hamburg, NJ 07419.**
- ◆ **SCREA Life members who are not NJREA members** according to my last conversation with NJEA will be sent invitations/forms/bills for membership in NJREA/ NEA-R in Sept.
- ◆ New retirees are being contacted by NJEA with a choice of annual NJREA/ SCREA membership (Professional \$82 or ESP \$59) or lifetime NJREA membership (Professional \$905 or ESP \$560). Those new retirees choosing lifetime NJREA, need to send a check for either \$10 SCREA annual or \$100 lifetime SCREA to Ann Lane, 21 Aspen Court, Hamburg, NJ 07419.
- ◆ **Honorary SCREA** members are current members age 90 and above. They are our guests at our luncheons: but they must send in the luncheon reservation to Lucille Stanziale, 2nd Vice President indicating they are 90+. (pg. 7)



Please email me at [screanj@gmail.com](mailto:screanj@gmail.com) or call me at 973-209-4129. if you change your contact information or have a question.

### Necrology

by Nancy Clink                      May 1, 2011 to August 14, 2011

We will sadly miss these four members: Fred Aug, Mary Christman, Grace Treible, and Ann VanHouten.

Fred Aug passed away on May 25th, 2011. He taught and coached for more than 30 years in the Pompton Lakes, North Warren, and Vernon Township School Districts. He also held a variety of positions in NJEA, NJREA, SCEA and SCREA.

Mary Christman passed away on April 13, 2011. She taught at the Sussex County Juvenile Detention Center and Newton High School until her retirement,

Grace Treible passed away on June 3, 2011. She taught at the Branchville School for 33 years. She had received the Distinguished Service Award to Education from the SCEA

Ann VanHouten passed away on July 8, 2011. She was a secretary at Sussex County Vocational school, retiring in 1991.

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



## Secretary's Minutes: By Linda Adams (alternate)

**Monday, June 6, 2011**

The meeting at the Lafayette House was called to order by President H. Ralph Smith with the flag salute. Linda Bruno led us in singing God Bless America. The invocation was given by Betty Harris. There was a moment of silence for Past NJREA President, Fred Aug who died May 25.

President Smith wished all a happy summer. We had 2 new members, but no honorary members. Our guests were our scholarship winners and their parents. President Smith introduced the executive board and its two new members Marie Kovacs and Lucille Stanziale.

There was a motion to accept the minutes from the April 4th meeting and treasurers report as printed in the May newsletter by Ann Lane. It was seconded by Arlene Hartman and passed.

President Smith reminded members to vote in the Primary Election on June 7th. He announced the next SCREA executive meeting of Aug. 15th and a mailing meeting on Aug. 22nd. If you wish to be on the SCREA mailing list for legislative alerts and Plum entertainment, contact Ann Lane. (see pg. 6)

Before committee reports we had a special treat, Tess Oldfield, a future music major and scholarship winner sang for us.

### Committee Reports:

**Travel:** Linda Adams reported there were a few seats left for the trip to Cape May on Sept. 15 and 16. There will be a trip to Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs on Tuesday, Oct. 11th. The Christmas Show at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for Tuesday, Dec. 13 is sold out.

**Government Relations:** Mike Parichuk reported that our pension and benefits are our biggest issues. The state budget needs to be approved by June 30th. Sweeney and Oliver are meeting with Governor Christy. NJEA is pushing for no change and a seat at the table. There will be lobby days on Mondays and Thursdays in Trenton for the month of June.

Old Business: None

**New Business:** The officers for the year beginning July 1, 2011 to August 31, 2013 were sworn in.

New Second Vice President Lucille Stanziale announced that next years meetings will be Monday, Sept. 19, Dec. 5, April 2 and June 11 at the Lafayette House. The meeting was adjourned at 2 PM.

**Program:** The recipients of our scholarships: Jennifer Mason from Newton High School (John Jay Boeren) and Tess Oldfield from Kittatinny Regional High School (Warren D. Cummings) thanked our group for their awards and discussed their future education plans.

## Calendar of Events...

Thurs./Fri. Sept. 15-16 SCREA Cape May trip  
 Mon. Sept. 19 Luncheon meeting: Lafayette House 12  
 Tues. Oct. 11 Trip to Mohegan Sun  
 Sat. Oct. 22 TPAF Convention  
 Mon. Oct. 24 SCREA Exec. 10 AM SCEA office  
 Mon. Oct. 31 Mailing Meeting 10 AM SCEA office  
 Tues. Nov. 8 General Election Day  
 Weds. Nov. 9 NJREA Convention: Atlantic City Hilton  
 Thurs. Nov. 10 NJEA Convention: Atlantic City  
 Mon. Dec. 5 Luncheon meeting: Lafayette House 12  
 Tues. Dec. 13 Trip to Hunterdon Hills  
 Mon. Feb. 27 SCREA Exec. 10 AM SCEA office  
 Mon. March 5 Mailing Meeting 10 AM  
 Mon. April 2, 2012 Luncheon meeting: Lafayette  
 Mon. April 30 SCREA Exec. 10 AM SCEA office  
 Mon. May 7 Mailing meeting 10 AM SCEA office  
 Mon. June 11, 2012 Luncheon meeting, Lafayette



## 2010-11 SCREA Treasurer's Report

for the August/September Meetings  
(February/March 2011)

Prepared by Ann C. Lane, Treasurer  
General Checking Account

Balance 3/27/2011	4775.90
Inflow	4967.64
Outflow	<u>4923.61</u>
Balance 6/27/11	4819.93

### TriCo

Regular CD (matures 2/11/12)	2037.36
Travel Checking 6/30/11	4737.48
Trico Regular	25.00
Lifetime Lakeland 6/31/11	11053.04
Lifetime CD (matures 7/5/13)	11570.43
<b>Scholarship 6/30/2011</b>	
Lakeland	1040.06
TriCo Draft (Checking)	3311.90
TriCo Main Shares	212.29
TriCo CD (matures 2/1/12)	5094.09



### SCREA TRIPS FOR 2011

#### **CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY- SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2011**

\$225 pp based on a minimum of 40 people. Double Occupancy/Single \$265.. We have a few seats left for this trip

#### **MOHEGAN SUN AT POCONO DOWNS**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011

BUS LEAVES 8:30AM AM AND RETURNS BY 6 PM  
Newton Park and Ride by Shop Rite.

COST \$25.per person. Comps to be Announced

#### **HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOW**

Tuesday, December 13, Price \$75.00 pp-sold out

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Linda Adams (lin150@ptd.net  
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### UPCOMING TRIPS FOR

### 2012

#### **CAPE COD**

**3 Night 4 DAY TRIP SEPTEMBER 11-14, 2012  
PRICE \$410.00 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

**Breakfast, Dinner and Lodging included most days.**

**Tours of Hyannis, Plymouth, Kennedy Memorial, Korean Memorial.**

**City tour of Boston, Quincy market,**

**Lobster Dinners, Tours, Shopping,  
Full itinerary to follow.**

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#### **MOHEGAN SUN IN THE POCONOS, OCT. 2012**

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#### **HUNTERDON HILLS HOLIDAY SHOW**

**DECEMBER 11, 2012 MATINEE**



#### **Scholarship Report**

by Arlene Hartman

At the June 2011 meeting we presented the following: scholarships of \$1000 each. Tess Oldfield (left) received the Warren D. Cummings Award . Tess graduated from Kittatinny Regional High School and plans to major in music education at Ithaca .

Jennifer Mason (right) received the John Jay Boeren award. She is a graduate of Newton HS and plans to major in physical education at Kutztown University. The candidates we have chosen have done us proud. I feel we have made an excellent choice. Both young ladies sent us lovely thank you notes.

We will hold a 50-50 again at the September meeting. It is time to think about contributing to our scholarship fund that you have supported over the years. Please consider using the form below to honor a former colleague or as a gift for a special occasion.

For Donations to the SCREA Philanthropic fund (scholarship)

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

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

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

(Optional) Name &I Address to send acknowledgement to



Please mail to Arlene Hartman, 25 Chestnut Street, Sussex, NJ 07461

**BUDGET For the Sussex County Retired Educators Association 2011-2012**

Membership numbers: Annual dues payers	377			
	Lifetime members	266		
	Honorary members	4	Total	647
Category	Actual 7/1/10	Budget 2010-11	Difference	Budget 2011-2012
	\$3,840.00	\$3,850.00	\$ (10.00)	\$ 3,850.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,840.00</b>	<b>\$3,850.00</b>	<b>\$ (10.00)</b>	<b>\$ 3,850.00</b>

**Expenses**

Consumer	-	25.00	(25.00)	25.00
Gov. Relations	-	250.00	(250.00)	250.00
Historian	28.60	25.00	(3.60)	25.00
Incorp. Fee	50.00	50.00	-	50.00
LD Conference	-	50.00	(50.00)	50.00
Luncheon 90+	-	200.00	(200.00)	200.00
Luncheon Guests	160.00	150.00	10.00	150.00
Membership	-	50.00	(50.00)	50.00
Misc	95.38	50.00	45.38	50.00
Newsletter	3,510.86	2,500.00	1,010.86	2,500.00
Office	42.00	50.00	(8.00)	50.00
President exp	100.00	100.00	-	100.00
SCEA	100.00	100.00	-	100.00
Travel	-	50.00	(50.00)	50.00
Programs1st VP	20.00	100.00	(50.00)	100.00
Web Site	-	100.00	(100.00)	100.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 4,106.84</b>	<b>\$ 3,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 256.84</b>	<b>\$ 3,850.00</b>



**Budget Report**

by Martin Dolci

The budget above was approved by the Executive Committee of the SCREA on August 15. It will be voted upon at the Sept. 19th luncheon meeting.

**Audit Report**

by JoAnn Horvath

The Audit Committee, consisting of Martin Dolci and JoAnn Horvath, examined the financial records on August 15, 2011. The accounts for general funds, lifetime membership, scholarship and travel were found to be in proper order. No recommendations were made.

**Soon: A New Way to Receive SCREA News**

Once membership is straightened out, we will experiment with "Going Green" by emailing copies of this newsletter to those who make the request. **To subscribe to the SCREA email news service, send an email to [scre-anj@gmail.com](mailto:scre-anj@gmail.com). Put "member" in the subject line.** To make sure your copy doesn't get "spammed" please add the address [scre-anj@gmail.com](mailto:scre-anj@gmail.com) to your address list and set your spam filter to allow all mail from this address to be delivered to your inbox.

A copy of the SCREA "After School Views" may be found on [www.sussexcounty-ea.org](http://www.sussexcounty-ea.org), the SCEA website.

### LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM (SCREA)

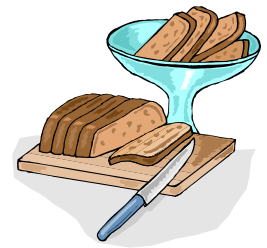
Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place (s) at the Sept. 19th luncheon at the Lafayette House.

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$22.00 per person payable to SCREA)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest / Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



Send to LUCILLE STANZIALE, SCREA, TriCo Plaza, Suite 2, 47 Route 206, Augusta, NJ 07822 by Weds. Sept.. 7 , 2011

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#### First Vice President' Report– by Lucille Stanziale

Our Spring Luncheon meeting will be held on **Monday, Sept. 19, 2011** at the Lafayette House, Olde Lafayette Village, Lafayette, NJ at twelve noon.

Reservations may be made by mailing your check (\$22.00 per person) directly to Lucille Stanziale, SCREA, TriCo Plaza, Suite 2, 47 Route 206, Augusta, NJ 07822. No phone reservations will be accepted.

The deadline for reservations is Wednesday September 7, 2011. 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 have your meal; therefore, make arrangements with someone to pick up your meal. Please try to arrive at the luncheon by 11:45 AM but not before 11:30 AM. The next luncheon meeting at the Lafayette House is **Monday Dec. 5, 2011**.

<b>Menu:</b>
Minestrone Soup
House Salad
Turkey with Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetables
Hot Apple Betty
Bread/ Butter
Coffee and Tea

#### Editorial by Georgeanna Lewis



Fred Aug, former NJREA president, retired from Vernon Township Schools, was a friend and mentor to many of us. I first met Fred at the County Office where I had gone for some type of certificate. A meeting to elect delegates to the TPAF annual meeting was just beginning and Fred asked me to attend the meeting and nominate him as a delegate, even though I had just met him.

Fred supported a bill to change the pension formula for veterans and was instrumental in the passage of this bill. He always had a campaign and was willing to explain it to you. At NEA and NJEA conventions, Fred could often be found sitting in the lobby talking one-on-one about the importance of educational issues. He was always knowledgeable and ready to explain what was happening in the legislature and NJEA.

I really got to know Fred when I was on one of his committees in the SCEA. When I retired Fred was the NJREA president. He appointed me to drive to Trenton with Joan Budd, a former SCREA president who ran the SCEA office, to serve on the NJREA Editorial committee. Fred didn't need to yell and shout to get his point across. He just quietly and logically explained the situation to who ever was willing to listen. When the SCREA needed to update their constitution, Fred was there. The Executive Committee of the SCREA and I really miss Fred's guidance as we ponder the issues vital to the future of this organization.

I hope that I can follow Fred's example to simply and calmly explain SCREA positions. For instance, I do not live in Legislative District 24 and PAC gave my district "No Endorsement" which means I should go to the polls or use a mail-in ballot and not vote for either party for State senator or representative, but only vote for county and local contests. This is a way to quietly send a message to both parties.

**SUSSEX COUNTY RETIRED  
EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION**

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Augusta, NJ 07822



To:



*General Elections  
Tues. Nov. 8, 2011*

We are on the web at

[www.sussexcounty-ea.org](http://www.sussexcounty-ea.org)

Use the SCREA Retired Link

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

## First Vice President's Report

By Marie Kovacs

### Time for a Change

Are you worried about the future of the middle class and public education as well as your pension and benefits? Come to the first SCREA meeting at the Lafayette House on September 19th. The NJEA endorsed candidates from Legislative District 24 will speak to your concerns.

The Democratic 24th Campaign Team of Ed Selby for Senate and Leslie Huhn and Jim Nye for Assembly will outline their plans to make New Jersey an affordable place to live while maintaining our quality of life. At the SCEA PAC screening Selby articulated his goal for "sharing the prosperity" which is a clear alternative to the current divisive politics which pit citizens against each other. To learn more go to <http://www.Democratic24.org>.

I hope to see you at the luncheon on September 19th.



Rally in Trenton— June 23, 2011

Rear, Linda Bruno; left to right : Georgeanna Lewis, Barbara Henderson, Lucille Stanziale and Linda Adams protest on State Street.