



Spring 2020



President's Message



Last year was an interesting year for HCREA, NJREA and NJEA. NJREA has started preparations for their 100th anniversary, NJEA battled with Sen. Sweeny and his cohorts to get Chapter 78 repealed and stop Sweeny's Path to Progress (read Poverty).

We lost the battle but Governor Murphy came to the rescue and pocket vetoed the bill which was presented to the Legislature and passed on last day of the lame duck session. It is great to have a governor who has our back.

This year the HCREA will elect a president, 1st vice-president and treasurer. Please see the article inside the newsletter about the election. The election will take place at the May meeting at LaReggia in Secaucus.

It looks like this year will see some changes in personnel and venues. The executive committee has voted to change the meeting luncheons from a buffet to a sit down lunch. There will be a fixed menu but the LaReggia service people will give you a choice of entrees. While on the subject of meetings, Arlene Brown and Maureen O'Neil have asked to be relieved of their leadership of supervising the luncheon meetings and the holiday party. I have reluctantly accepted their resignations. I have decided that it is more efficient to have one person in charge of all four of our meetings and social events. I have asked Donna Middlebrooks to take on that responsibility and she has accepted I think that having only one person that you send your reservations and checks to, will be more convenient for our members who attend those functions.

Our guest speaker at the Spring Luncheon/Meeting will be NJEA Secretary-Treasurer, Steve Beatty. Dan Goldman from NJEA Research Division and Mike Flynn from NJEA Government Relations will also join us and get us up to date on what is happening in Trenton.

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