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Message From the Regional Unit Leader

Lucille Vecchiarelli, Regional Unit Leader
(luluvecch@gmail.com or 732.919.1801)

Dear Members,

By now you are well aware that the New Jersey CSA Retirees are currently served by two Units: the Central New Jersey Unit (which is the founding Unit) and a new Northern New Jersey Unit to afford the northern retirees greater ease in attending meetings.

May I offer my sincere thanks to the 197 Central New Jersey Retirees who have continued to support and join our Unit and who have faithfully attended our meetings and events.

Our fall events include the annual Buffet Breakfast on Wednesday October 19 at 10:00 AM at the All Seasons Diner II in Freehold. In an effort to improve the fare offered at the breakfast, a new location was selected. This promises to be a must-attend meeting since Felice Hannah will be speaking to us about Medicare changes and will answer your Medicare questions.

Please email me questions for Felice at luluvecch@gmail.com or call 917-378-7995.

The fall Bagel Meeting will be held on November 21, 2016 at 9:30 AM at the Manalapan Library Headquarters in Manalapan. The presenter will be a coordinator from the Executive Leadership Institute who will bring us up to date on what it is like to be a supervisor in today's NYC schools. This presentation should be very informative and make us appreciate retirement even more!

Flyers for both events are included in this Newsletter as well as a 2017 dues reminder. An envelope has been included for you to remit your dues and payment for the Buffet Breakfast event.

To all our Jewish members, I wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Again, thank you for continuing to support the Central New Jersey Unit.

Site of Our Fall Buffet Breakfast

Beware a New York State Constitutional Convention!

By Dee-Dee Goidel

(Although you do not live in New York, it is important for you to be aware of this, and to discuss it with your New York-residing friends!)

On Election Day in 2017 voters in New York State will be asked an important question, "Should there be a convention to revise the New York State Constitution and amend the same?" Your answer to this referendum is critical. It is of the utmost importance not to ignore the question! You should vote NO. I will explain why NO will be your best answer. Please consider the following facts:

• Every 20 years each generation is given a choice to decide the above mandatory question.

• The last time was 1997 and most citizens casting ballots ignored the question and did not vote either way.

• Change NYS is an organization that recently was formed to educate communities about voting for a constitutional convention. They are asking: "If you could fix Albany would you?"

• This message in 2017, due to the wave of Albany's dysfunction and examples of corruption may resonate with voters who are angry enough to vote overwhelmingly YES.

• Remember, I began this article's title with the word beware.

• Presently our NYS constitution safeguards our fundamental rights to:

1. Guaranteed pension benefits

2. Permanent Cost-of-Living adjustments

3. The right to unionize

4. Free public education

• A constitutional convention can be a devastating tool used to modify or abolish any or all safeguards we have gained over the years.

• Governor Cuomo has announced support for a convention including setting up a $1 million preparatory commission.

• The convention if held would be extremely costly, a waste of taxpayer's money when our infrastructure, roads and schools need that money.

• The polls claim the public is 69% in favor of a convention.

• A two-sided public conversation is needed to properly educate NYS voters.

• Union members both retired and those working in the public sector must understand what is at stake.

• Be aware that in some states workers in the public sector must choose between a pension or social security. They cannot collect both.

• The general public, due to community tax burdens are hostile to unions and those receiving pensions.

<u>Now you know why we should vote NO!</u>

It might be of interest to note since 1776 New York State has held 9 constitutional conventions (1776-1777, 1801, 1821, 1846, 1947, 1867, 1868, 1894, 1915, 1938 and 1967.) There was a Constitutional Commission in 1872-1873 and a Judicial Convention in 1921. Despite this fact, our State has had only 4 Constitutions that were created and or changed in its history. Those of 1777 replaced the Colonial Charters of 1821, 1846 and 1894. During the 20th century, New York State held 3 Constitutional Conventions. The efforts of two were subsequently rejected by the New York State electorate. However, parts of the 7th Convention's proposals of 1915 were adopted separately in 1925 and 1927. The 8th Convention of 1938 did actually propose an entirely new constitution, however it only modified the 1894 constitution from the 6th convention, which is still in force. (1)

Footnote

(1) N.Y.S. archives and records administration "The Constitutional Convention of 1938."

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

ANNUAL FALL BUFFET BREAKFAST

DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19, 2016

TIME: 10:00-12:00

COST: $12.00 PER PERSON

PLACE: ALL SEASONS DINER II

4135 RTE. 9N, FREEHOLD, NJ 07728

(DOOR PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED)

Our sumptuous buffet will include: Assorted Danish, Cinnamon and Cheese Bread, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, French Toast with Powdered Sugar, Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Juice, Coffee, and Tea.

Guest Speaker:
Felice Hannah, CSA Retiree Chapter Outreach Coordinator
Topic: MEDICARE

Please return this form no later than October 8, 2016
(with check for $12 per person payable to CSA –NJ Retiree Chapter) to:
Sandy Poris, 51 Lakehurst Way, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831

Name_____

Guest _____

Please share this information if you know of any CSA Retirees in New Jersey who are not yet members of our chapter.

Visit Our Web Site: www.csanj.org

The Worst Passwords of 2015

People use passwords for phones, computers, tablets and other gadgets to keep their information private and secure. They hope no one can figure out these “private” passwords.

Credit card numbers, social security numbers, phone numbers and personal photos are among the many items digital users hope to keep safe.

But what if the passwords employed to protect that material aren't strong?

SplashData, a password management firm, recently compiled a list of the most insecure passwords of 2015. The list was generated from more than 2 million leaked passwords during the year.

The two most common passwords that have topped SplashData's annual lists since 2011 showed up again on the most recent report: "123456" and "password."

At the right are the top 25 most insecure passwords

"We have seen an effort by many people to be more secure by adding characters to passwords, but if these longer passwords are based on simple patterns they will put you in just as much risk of having your identity stolen by hackers," said Morgan Slain, CEO of SplashData.

“As we see on the list, using common sports and pop culture terms is also a bad idea. We hope that with more publicity about how risky it is to use weak passwords, more people will take steps to strengthen their passwords and, most importantly, use different passwords for different websites."

1	123456
2	password
3	12345678
4	qwerty
5	12345
6	123456789
7	football
8	1234
9	1234567
10	baseball
11	welcome
12	1234567890
13	abc123
14	111111
15	1qaz2wsx
16	dragon
17	master
18	monkey
19	letmein
20	login
21	princess
22	qwertyuiop
23	solo
24	passw0rd
25	starwars

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BAGEL BREAKFAST MEETING

Monday, November 21, 2016 at 9:30am

Monmouth County Library Headquarters
125 Symmes Drive
Manalapan, New Jersey 07726

ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN A DOOR PRIZE!

Speakers will include:

CSA Representatives
Topic: Updates on Union Matters and Health Information

Coordinator from the Executive Leadership Institute
Topic: What It's Like to be a NYC Supervisor in 2016
(but he will NOT be recruiting!!!)

Be prepared for coffee, tea, bagels, and other goodies: useful information, having your questions answered, and the pleasure of meeting your colleagues.

You can pay your 2017 membership fee ($15) to Sandy Poris at the meeting (or see tearoff below).

Please park in the lower parking lot and use the elevator on the right (facing the building). The elevator is at the end of the corridor.

You can use this tearoff to send a check for $15.00 to
Sandy Poris, 51 Lakehurst Way, Monroe Township, NJ 08831.
Make it payable to CSA NJ Retiree Chapter.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone # _____
Print e-mail address _____

Huh?

by Steve Poris

My wife and I recently travelled to China and Korea. It was a wonderful trip, and we appreciated the fact that there was an honest effort to provide English information in many places for us monolingual folks. However, we did note a few mistranslations written on various signs that I found quite entertaining:

"We apologize for making you inconvenient." (Airport construction area)

"Friendly Remainder. If waiting in line, please go to nearest toilet." (Airport bathroom)

"No stridding" (Area on ship where, evidently, no stridding was allowed)

"Protect the Cultural Relics. Commit no nuisance." (Sign near Great Wall of China)

"Cellphones Prohibited During Thunderstorms." (Sign in Botanical Garden)

"Care facilities, civilized operation." (First aid tent)

"Chinese intangible cultural heritage review garden" (Some flowers)

"Chinese rational cuisine" (my guess—Chinese traditional cuisine)

"No trampling" (Keep off the grass)

"No Kindling" (Cigarette lighters will be confiscated by airport security)

"Power service, no nearing" (Stay away from this electrical source)

"Stressing civilization, establishing new trends of civilization, being a civilized citizen, establishing a civilized scenic spot." (Scenic viewpoint)

"Entrance." "Export." (Signs on entrance and exit doors)

"Cottage will enter." (Directions to entrance of a separate building)

"The rail danger, please do not trust in" (Stay off the tracks)

"Manual activating device. When the fire alarm press. The police don't move." (Sign near fire alarm button. Don't expect the police to come.)

"No surmounting in thunderstorm" (Sign on stairs to top of Three Gorges Dam)

"Thunderstorms prohibited summit" (Another sign on stairs to top of Three Gorges Dam. Good luck prohibiting thunderstorms.)

"Left-hand" (Stay left.)

"It is easy to wise after the event." (Inspirational sign at a school)

"Antecedence Bloc" (Your guess is as good as mine.)

"Polite Notice. Caution slope." (Street warning sign.)

"Fascinating is Chinese ceramics." (Sign in a museum)

"Treasurable Cultural Relics of Dynasties (Sign in a museum)

"Younger sun healthy checkup center" (Children's health clinic…for boys?)

"Generic Shop" (A store that sells…stuff.)

"Decline counteroffer." (No bargaining.)

"This machine only accept 1 yuan coin. Handle to the right rotation in retrieving the face paper after pay." (Face paper=receipt)

"Don't believe the 'tour guide' on the road. Please pay attention to comsumption trap." A warning about something, I guess.)

"Cash recycling system" (An ATM)

"It was skewered on current." (Menu description of shish-kebab)

"Information Valuables—We had to fine businesses you want to tell you thank you very much. Have come out of your valuable goods storage areas must be kept in the box office or businesses please specify. Do not keep a lot of valuables pursuant to Article 153 of the commercial Code this loss is not responsible businesses." (sign in locker room of a massage facility)

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MEMBERSHIP DUES 2017

It's that time of year again! Please send your membership dues for the year 2017. Dues remain at $15. This includes all the usual benefits including a one-year subscription to the CSA/New Jersey Newsletter and subsidized buffet breakfast, luncheon, and two bagel breakfasts per year. Don't miss out on the benefits, and don't let your subscription to the newsletter lapse. Members who have not paid their dues for two consecutive years, since 2014, will be considered as no longer wishing to retain membership. Please be sure to send in your dues to maintain your membership in the Unit or inform us of your decision not to join by signing the form below and returning it as soon as possible. We would be sorry to lose you and have you lose the benefits of membership.

Please make your $15 check payable to:

CSA Retiree Chapter/NJ Region

Return it using the enclosed envelope (with this form) to:

Sandy Poris, Treasurer
CSA Retiree Chapter/NJ Region
51 Lakehurst Way
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

First Name_____ **Last Name**_____

Address_____

City_____ **Zip code**_____

Home phone_____ **Cell phone**_____

Email_____

I no longer wish to retain my membership_____

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Quick Quiz

Which NYC High School has the most students?

Answer to previous quiz:

The High School of American Studies at Lehman College in the Bronx is the highest rated NYC high school in US News & World Report. It's #15 nationally.

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Howell, NJ 07731

Reminders

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All Seasons II Diner
Freehold, NJ

Bagel Breakfast
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9:30am
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