

This is the **2011** winter issue which you are perusing. Be sure to check out the photos which we are happy to share with those of you who could not join us this time around.



**Liz DeLaura**  
Co-Hostess



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# South Central Jersey Retirees

## SNOW, nor rain, can keep us away...

The turnout remains large, maintaining high attendance.

**Put the next date on your calendar and plan on being there on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2011.**

**Make a note of that?** Hope to see you next time.

While "enjoying" the cooler season but be sure to stay healthy, dry, warm and comfortable!!

There were a total of **50** attendees (**10** "newbies" and **3** guest)—to keep the record up "there" (see Page 2).



[Above] "The Greeters?" [L to R] **Lou Menno, Stan Raith, and Hank Dechert**

We're gonna try to create a "feel" of these great luncheons by presenting most photos in sequence or, close to the order that they occurred. There may be some duplication but the lighting and the exposure may have changed, too!



[Right] Almost looks like Henry Kissinger, but he isn't of course—it's **Norma & Al West**

Read through this e-newsletter and let us know what **you** think or would like to include!

[Below] **Liz DeLaura & Arnold Karvasarsky**



[Below] **Jim Duncan & Dick Schulman**



Based on experience, these luncheons are a great time to get together for a multitude of reasons, no one should miss out. No formalities, or speeches... but an occasional, informative announcement is the whole agenda.

FYI—Our ten (**10**) **New Attendees** ["Newbies"] were: **Diann Bulfone, Steve Carr, Charles Daye, Jim Duncan, Martha Forker, Mel Gianino, George Manicone, Frank Miale, Robert Muller and Al West.**

The SOUTH/CENTRAL NEW JERSEY PA RETIREES' Luncheon was an idea that developed during an informal lunch get together at **The Captain's Inn, Forked River, NJ**, in August, 2007. It was agreed that the location would be a good choice for a **SOUTH/CENTRAL NEW JERSEY PA RETIREES' Luncheon**. The first event was held on Thursday, September 20, 2007 with **32** attendees. It has since evolved into a **quarterly luncheon**, held in 2008 on the **third Thursday**: January 17; April 17; July 17; and, October 16. Attendance have averaged recently around 50 guests per luncheon. In **2011** the group plans to continue to meet at **The Captain's Inn** on: **April 21; July 21; and, October 20**. In July, *weather permitting*, the luncheon is held on the deck outside adjacent to the water.—LD



Rita  
Dubrow  
Co-  
Hostess



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[Left] Arnold (the K),  
Rita DuBrow, Vicki  
Giancaspro, Cathy  
Pavelec.



[Right] John Callaghan,  
Steve Wilson, Andy  
Rizzo



[Left] Andy Rizzo, John  
Hallenbeck



[Right] Stan Raith, Arnold  
Karvasarsky, Pete Strumolo,  
Lou Menno



[Left] Pete Strumolo, Lou  
Menno, John  
Hallenbeck



[Right] Pat Kelemen,  
John Callaghan



## Attendees

Wilma Baker, Diann Bulfone\*, John Callaghan, John Careccia, Steve Carr\*, Joe Cuccinello, Charles Daye\*, Hank Dechert, Liz DeLaura, Rita DuBrow, Jim & Marilyn Duncan\*, Joe Falkowski, Joe & Jean Feola, Martha Forker\*, Sal Foti, Dave Gallagher, Vicki Giancaspro, Mel Gianino\*, John Hallenbeck, Arnold Karvasarsky, Pat Kelemen, Frank Kropf, Ed Lazarus, Dick Lee, Don Lee, George Manicone & Caroline Peterson-Manicone\*, Bill Mantani, Jay McGowan, Lou Menno, Larry Messin, Frank Miale\*, Robert Muller\*, Cathy Pavelec, Emil Petrick, Bob Puorro, Stan Raith, Andy Rizzo, Dick Schulman, Al Simon, Pete Strumolo, Pete Tomolonis, John Toth, Ken Vitty, Tom Walsh, Al & Norma West\*, Steve Wilson

50 attendees, (10 newbies \*), and 3 guests



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[Above] Norma West, Dave Gallagher, Rita DuBrow, Al West, Jim Duncan, Dick Schulman, Stan Raith, Hank Dechert, Marilyn Duncan



[Above] Pat Kelemen, Diann Bulfone, Martha Forker



[Above] Diann Bulfone



[Above] Larry Messin, Dick Schulman, Marilyn & Jim Duncan, Lou Menno



[Above] Robert Muller, Charles Daye, Liz DeLaura, Rita DuBrow



"Work" (or woik) never ceases for our hardworking hostesses—we sho' do appreciate their efforts!



[Above] Larry Messin, Dick Schulman, Marilyn Duncan



[Above] John Hallenbeck, John Callaghan, Steve Wilson, Andy Rizzo



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The happy "Ladies' " Corner...

[Above] Cathy Pavelec, Martha Forker, Diann Bulfone, Pat Kelemen



Are dose drinks ever coming?

[Above] Andy Rizzo, Steve Wilson, John Callaghan



[Above] Robert Muller, Pete Strumolo, Andy Rizzo, Steve Wilson



Why you l'il  
ol' rascal.  
you!

[Above] Andy Rizzo, John Hallenbeck, Robert Muller, Steve Wilson, John Callaghan



slililurp...

[Above] Pete Strumolo, Martha Forker, Andy Rizzo, Steve Wilson, Vicki Giancaspro



Who the heck are you?

[Above] Norma & Al West, Dave Gallagher, Charles Daye, Stan Raith, Hank Dechert

The really, really " fun" part of these luncheons is the during the extended arrival time hanging out and chatting around the cash bar (with or without drinks). There's always the element of surprise as folks arrive and register, especially the "newbies" to everyone's usual delight. Even if you never actually knew these guys and gals, you are made to feel truly welcome.

[Below] Once again, part of the great crew that strives to please us.



The happy crew-getting ready to serve the "ancient" ones...

[Below] Arnold Karvasarsky & gasping Don Lee



Collar getting' too tight?

Arghhh

[Below] Liz DeLaura, Jim Duncan, Dick Schulman, Rita DuBrow



Yo Rita, Some of dose guys over there ain't too bad at all...

Where?



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Yakkety yak yak yak...

[Above] Dick Schulman, Larry Messin, Frank Kropf, John Hallenbeck, Pete Strumolo, Andy Rizzo, Rita DuBrow, Arnold Karvasarsky, Don Lee (gasping)



Who are these folks, anyway?

[Above] Jay McGowan



Fo sho...better late than never, no?

[Above] Pete Strumolo, Don Lee, Charles Daye, Pat Kelemen, Pete Tomolonis, Arnold Karvasarsky

[Below] Al & Norma West, Dave Gallagher, Diann Bulfone



Wonder if anybody will recognize me behind these spy glasses?

[Above] Rita Dubrow, Don Lee, Steve Wilson, Charles Daye, Pat Kelemen, Arnold Karvasarsky, Tom Walsh



(sob) It's m'brudder....

[Above] Rita DuBrow, Don Lee (Zzzzz) . Pat Kelemen, Dick Lee



Well if you haven't got...

Hmm...you don't say!



I dunno who lost da most weight since our last luncheon... Do you?

[Above] "3 Caballeros" Arnold Karvasarsky, Dick Lee, Don Lee



Hostess Photographer 'n Publisher

[Above] Your e-newsletter's " Dynamic Duo": Liz DeLaura, Al Simon



Zzzzzz...already?

[Above] Dick Schulman, Charles Daye, Pat Kelemen, Don Lee



Grrrrrrr

Nah. You don't scare me none!

[Above] Amazing what the keen eye of Liz D. can identify... Dick Schulman, John Hallenbeck, Lou Menno, Tom Walsh, Andy Rizzo, John Callaghan

[At Right] Don Lee, Dave Gallagher, Jay McGowan, Arnold Karvasarsky, Dick Lee, Robert Muller



Was dat my stomach growling?

Isn't it time to eat, yet?



Ed Lazarus, the guy on the left, volunteered to take the one 'n only photo of the "photographer" saying he knows what it's like...



Where are all the women I heard so much about?

[Above] Lou Menno, Frank Kropf, Ed Lazarus, Steve Carr



Dis must be da place!

[Above] Mel Gianino, Frank Miale



Anudder 3 caballeros dun made it—ok, so a little late...big deal! Now turn the flash on, Al!



[Above] Amazing what a little light can reveal: Ed Lazarus, Emil Petrick, Bill Mantani



  
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It was a cool, clear day as fifty (50) retirees and guests met on January 20 at the **Captain's Inn** in *Forked River* to share experiences and catch up with friends. After mingling for a while at the bar, a buffet lunch was provided in a private dining room. Because of recent events affecting retirees, **Dave Gallagher**, a Board Member of The Port Authority Retirees Association (PARA) spoke briefly to update attendees on *EZ Pass* and other issues.

There are very real concerns about what we might lose next and one attendee suggested PARA issue a request for donations in order to have the resources required to resist any attempts to curtail the benefits we have earned as part of our retirement compensation and other related benefits. This subject was raised in the last issue of the PARA newsletter and according to **Dick Lee**, a number of donations have been received, ranging from one dollar *to over \$100*.

Members of PARA, who have signed up for e-blast, are being kept updated regularly on matters of interest to retirees. If you haven't signed up yet, you can do so by going to [www.paranynj.org](http://www.paranynj.org) and clicking on Para News, Para e-blast Bulletin. There you will find a link to sign up on-line.

A suggestion was made to consider having an *annual Dinner Dance*. This has been mentioned before, so please take a moment and let us know if **you** would like to see this happen. Comments and suggestions can be sent to **Liz DeLaura** at [lzd1071@aol.com](mailto:lzd1071@aol.com) or **Rita DuBrow** at [ritasue25@comcast.net](mailto:ritasue25@comcast.net). No further action will be taken unless there is sufficient interest in pursuing it. So please, let us know whether or not you would consider attending this type of event and in helping organize it ...

Another suggestion was made to include your department[s] and retirement year on our name badges. It might also be nice to know:

- Your birthday — month & day (*year optional*)
- Your PA Anniversary date — month & year
- Your PA retirement date — month & year
- Any old photos or stories pertaining to the PA you might want to share.

Please provide your department as well as any other information you choose to submit to **Liz DeLaura** at [lzd1071@aol.com](mailto:lzd1071@aol.com).



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No-this luncheon was **NOT** outdoors....



Anyone wondering why nobody was here?



Glad I'm not on *your* menu...please don't eat me!

Behind the bar and in the public dining room there is a "tank" filled with these poor creatures waiting to be devoured by hungry customers to whom these photos are dedicated "in memoriam" (No, they were not on our menu).



Just who are you lookin' at?



A "search" for nearby places to possibly stay was considered and the results were not too encouraging... some occupancies were already taken, too, and some were simply too dilapidated to take seriously. Mostly they were **for the birds!** Really!



These early birds beat the crowd to their table... way before anyone else got there...hmmm?

[L-R]: John Callaghan, Tom Walsh, Hank Dechert, Steve Wilson, Andy Rizzo, Joe Falkowski, John Hallenbeck, Pete Strumolo





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[Above] Ed Lazarus, Pat Kelemen, Wilma Baker, Joe Feola



The "chow hounds" go at it...once again...yummeeeeee

[Above] Joe & Jean Feola, Frank Kropf, Lou Menno, Al & Norma West

[Below] Jim Duncan, Norma & Al West, Lou Menno

[Below] Like a classic politician Dave Gallagher points to and greets his "constituents"...



Not so sure that particularly appeals to me...sorry!



Notice that familiar "politico" style Dave's got?

There are never any speeches, as such. But occasionally, as need be, there can be some open "discussions" or informative brief presentations of interest to everyone. With so many PARA Board Members present, Dave took the lead in bringing up some of the latest "goings on" in and around the PA, and especially effecting retirees.

Dave was as "Lincolnesque" as Ol' Abe was at The Great Hall

Here Dave simply "ponders" for the photo-op



Ponder... Ponder.... Ponder....

There's the Panic button, David!



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You lookin' at me?

Don't be so sad, my boy

I'ma gonna tell you...

[Above] **Sal Foti, Mel Gianino, Frank Miale, Stan Raith, Pete Tomolonis, Dick Schulman, Larry Messin**



[Above] **Arnold Karvasarsky, Dave Gallagher, Don Lee, Dick Lee, Carolyn & George Manicone**

[Below] **Martha Forker, Diann Bulfone, Vicki Giancaspro, Cathy Pavelec, Pat Kelemen, Liz DeLaura, Ed Lazarus, Wilma Baker, Bill Mantani, Emil Petrick.**



How're ya doin' BIG BOY?

Huh?

Once upon a time, not too long ago, and during our lifetimes, there was first PONYA, and then PANYNJ.

It was something that existed in an era when it was often felt to be like a big family. You actually didn't have to know someone in another department, facility or locale, but if you called them and merely indicated who you were and from, you were welcomed as a brother or sister, in other words-family!

It was what made the difference in those days, and in fact, kept many from even considering alternative options with possible other organizations. There was a spirit and camaraderie that was the envy of many other government-like agencies' staffs.

That "spirit" is hard to find these days, for a number of reasons. But the outstanding "spirit" of the staff continues on and is most evident here at our South Central Jersey Port Authority Retirees' quarterly luncheon. Folks feel recognized and appreciated once again, and look forward to the warmth and friendliness that permeate the atmosphere.

Why even more and more folks are traveling from as afar as Long Island, NY, which is indeed quite a distant trip to make.

So keep in mind the "SCJ" does not limit anyone's attendance, as all are enthusiastically welcomed and quickly befriended all over again. In fact spouses and friends are welcomed as well. A good heart-warming time is guaranteed for all!

Your feedback is always welcome and appreciated:

**Huzzahs**

to our co-hosts for all that they do:

**Liz DeLaura,**

**Rita Dubrow, and Stan Raith**

**FYI-** back issues of these newsletters in pdf format can be requested directly from **Al Simon**, Angels dtp LLC via e-mail: [Angelsdtp@usa.net](mailto:Angelsdtp@usa.net) (←click here)



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*Please note:* A usual "key" to this e-newsletter is simply that once a person will be identified only the 1<sup>st</sup> time they appear. Clear? **Comments?** Send them to: [Angelsdtp@usa.net](mailto:Angelsdtp@usa.net) (←click here)



The bright "stars" acknowledge the "newbies" as well as their names in **light blue**. (Guests are in **orange**.)



[Above] **Marilyn Duncan, Norma & Al West, Frank Kropf, Lou Menno**



[Above] **Hank Dechert, Joe Falkowski, Steve Wilson, John Hallenbeck, Pete Strumolo, Tom Walsh, Andy Rizzo, John Callaghan**



Well these e-newsletters seem to be growing "like Topsy", with ever more truly candid photos to document these great quarterly events, not counting the "table shots".

Everyone involved is a volunteer, and there are no official officers or rankings, as such. Essentially there are three hosts who try to share and distribute the work load and organizational effort to prepare for the big day. It is helpful to have folks respond to the e-flier that is sent out so that a "count" of heads can be established beforehand. No reservations otherwise, are required.

Those who show up at the last moment always are welcomed and the Captain's Inn seems to always manage to have the room and settings available. Their friendly, smiling staff are ready to serve and be helpful throughout the event. The highlight is the covered outdoor event during the summer by the water side.

No formal seating arrangements are made and anyone can sit with anyone else, so as to extend one's ability to get to know some other retirees who they may have never had the pleasure or experience of working with back in the old days.

Meals are reasonable and affordable, so the cash bar is not included in an individual's cost, which has been pretty consistent at \$20.00 per person, including the gratuity. Not bad at all.

This e-newsletter is intended to be informal and something to have a little fun with, so the photos usually suggest something or other that sparks the imagination, and thus a caption or two. It is never intended to offend or insult anyone, and most folks recognize that, and chuckle along. Hopefully, you do, too. —AMS

[Left] **Jay McGowan, Joe Cuccinello, John Toth, Steve Carr, Bob Puorro, John Careccia, Ken Vitty**

## Did You Know?

There is a wonderful website hosted by **Joe SanSevero** for **PARA** (Port Authority Retirees' Association)?

It is loaded with information and includes our own e-newsletter.

Go to: <http://www.paranynj.org> (or click here)

Then pull down the **LWM Lunch** Tab and click on the **SCJ Newsletter** at the bottom!

(see screen shots at right)



**Informal, no speeches (just very brief announcements), great food, reasonable price, terrific company—who could ask for anything more?**

**Join us next time—remember the date "Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2011"**