Where was ya?...
...afraid of da weather, huh?

As it was...43 total attendees including 3 “Newbies” and 1 Guest showed up.

This was a real low turnout—but as always great quality. The “fair” sex totaled only 3, and that included our two hostesses. Perhaps it was the lull before the storm, but in actuality it was a beautiful day. But with many cancellations we experienced perhaps the lowest turnout in recent years. The hearty, or those who made it, had no problems whatsoever. It turned out we got one of our earlier rooms and ended up with several empty tables, and chairs. Nonetheless, as usual, “a good time was certainly had by all!”

There was a lot of floor space and elbow room for early birds.

**Be sure to put the next date on your calendar and plan on being there on Thursday, April 21st 2016!**

**Don’t miss out!**

We sure want to see you there, next time.

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Please read through this e-newsletter and let us know what you think, or would like to include! It’s YOUR Newsletter!

Once again we urge and encourage everyone to make reservations so we can have a reasonably accurate head count. If necessary please notify us of any last minute changes or cancellations as well. It is necessary for the restaurant and is more than just being a courtesy!

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 on the third Thursday: January, April, July, and, October. Attendance continues to grow and exceed expectations. In 2016 the group plans to continue to meet quarterly at The Captain's Inn. The next luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016.
FYI—3 New Attendees ["Newbies"] which are usually indicated below in light blue! Guest(s) are in orange!

**January 2016 Attendees**

Mike Ashton, Ron Atlak, Gary Cabrera, Nick Caches, Al Cooper, Corvet Curley, Liz DeLaura, Bill Deliskey, Rich DePietro, Sal D’Orio, Rita DuBrow, Joe Feola, Dave Gallagher, Gary Griffith, John Hallenbeck, Andy Hreha, Tom Innace, Gus Kapsis, Dennis Kopik, Joan Kopps, Rich Kopps, Peter Kuhn, Mike Kuligoski, Joe Leather, Dick Lee, Joe McNamara, Dan Millard, Bob Moglia, Mike Murphy, Frank Pagano, Harry Reich, Andy Rizzo, Bob Sbarra, Rich Sheer, John Simmons, Al Simon, Ed Smith, Pete Strumolo, Pete Tomolonis, George Urban, Ken Vitty, Mike Walsh, Steve Wilson

- 1st time **Harry Reich** has been back since July, 2013
- 1st time **Al Cooper** and **Corvet Curley** have been back since January 2014.
There's always a rush to reserve tables and seats by tilting chairs…

Our Newbies:

- Mike Ashton
- Gary Cabrera
- Andy Hreha

Attendance Honor Badges

Between September 2007 and January 2016, there have been a total of 34 quarterly luncheons. Highest attendance was in July 2012 with 117 guests, followed by July 2013 & 2014 with 102 guests.

Persons who have attended the most number of luncheons:

- Liz DeLaura ........................................33
- Dick Lee ...........................................32
- Rita DuBrow .......................................32
- Al Simon ...........................................29
- Dick Schulman [RIP] ...........................29
- Arnold Karvasarsky ............................28
- Diane Rogers ....................................28
- Nick Caches .....................................27
- Ed Lazarus .......................................26
- Don Lee ...........................................26
- Jerri Raczynski ...................................25
- Pat Kelemen ......................................24
- Dave Gallagher .................................24
- Peter Tomolinos .................................24
Nothing but pure social exchange and great food!
Like, **who knew?**
We all dun did!

Meanwhile we “caught” a “Newbie” signing in...

[Above] Dennis Kopik, Nick Caches, Pete Strumolo, Sal D’Orio
...chatting away

[Below] Joan Kopps, Dan Millard

**In Memoriam—January, 2016**
Dick Schulman [RIP]

Almoded 26 of 32 Landmarks
Always a good sport!

Who knew there would be such fine specimens of men, almost all to myself?
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Seated – Harry Reich, Gary Cabrera, Bob Moglia, Corvet Curley, Al Cooper; Standing – Ed Smith

Do you think Newbie Gary is old enough to get him a drink?

Dunno!

Not really... Just texting...

Zzzzzz

Wake up, Harry

Why am I here?

Is it alright if I sit here?

Whazzap, Rich?

Not much, Mike, how’s abowtyu?

Dialogue sounds awful fishy to me...

and then I swung and... and missed!

Oh you poor guy!
Presumably, those who have not attended any of our great luncheons may be wondering since there is no formality, and rare speeches or presentations, what exactly does go on? Well as a starter, you name it—and it may or may not come up for discussion, individually or at the table. There are no assigned seating arrangements, so the likelihood of mixing with even those you may not have known is a good possibility—and a great way to meet new folks.

Conversations run the gamut from politics, nostalgia, sports, personal relationships, health, aging’s consequences or impact, travel and vacations, living (residence) locations, snow birds, significant others, grandkids, economy, aches and pains, miracle cures, the past, the future, hey—even the present—and why not?

Participants can pick and choose, and are free to roam before “formal” dining, check out the always at the ready “bar”, consider a 50-50 raffle chance, schmooze, or if desired, just hang out. There is no rank, no superiors, no inferiors, just those who once were a part of the great PONY aka PANYNJ family.

Come one, come all. Everyone is welcome!
What else can I say, folks... no news IS good news!

I'm even trying Int’l American Sign Language to communicate these days... just in case...

Our luncheon is indeed fortunate to have PARA President Dave Gallagher, always up to date and well informed, attend regularly and provide all of us with the latest information pertaining to all things Port Authority. He is much appreciated (and usually doesn’t speak for too long)

What’d he say?

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Huh?
Seated—Gary Cabrera, Bob Moglia
Standing—Harry Reich, Joe Feola, Al Cooper, Corvet Curley

Seated—Rich DePietro, Joe Leather Bob Sbarra, Gus Kapsis
Standing—Ron Atlak, Ed Smith, Gary Griffith, Mike Kuligoski, Mike Aston, John Simmons

Seated—Ken Vitty, Frank Pagano, Peter Kuhn, Mike Murphy
Standing—Tom Innace

FYI—THIS is Ken’s definition of a “smile”—Who knew?

But check out those googygooly eyes!

Still think it’s kind of fishy around here…

Cheez fellers!

He touched me…

You lookin’ at me?

Get that newbie tag offa me…

Oh fish!

Nice shiny teeth, fellers!!

Heh, heh, heh
But of course, we 4 guys got the table with the only 3 women present... and why not? Heck, we even got Joe McNamara, among us, too!

G’day, mates. Think there is any credence to the idea that regular attendee and PARA Board Member, Arnold Karvasarsky is looking into establishing an Auckland-Down Under PA Retiree Luncheon, you know, down under? Stay tuned…

With the gloom of dark, cold winter as well as the latest blizzard, we have added two special bonus pages totally devoted to Senior, that is, NOT Adult, humor. Most of the material was forwarded via e-mail by a high school classmate of the Class of 1955, who obviously is still kicking.

Hope it helps get you all out of the doldrums and overwhelming aches and pains, political chaos that absorb our attention most of the time. Please take no offense, it IS humor, i.e., funny, we think.
Well as always it is very difficult to not only say good bye but harder yet for some folks to even leave. And so the conversations and good chats keep going on and on and on, ending … whenever
This is our 9th Year (Volume IX) and this is issue #1.

Yup, that’s “our” SCIPARET! Yes, “our” because it exists solely for ourselves, and is solely voluntary. Aside from the amazing high quality luncheon for a very, very reasonable cost it was initiated by retirees FOR retirees. And so it has continued successfully ever since it began, four times a year, 37 times to date. Isn’t that something! Just keep in mind the 3rd Thursday of the months of January, April, July and October. We have also been most fortunate to have a cooperative restaurant, The Captain’s Inn, in Forked River, NJ, that has made our planning that much easier. Hope to see YOU soon (again).

BTW—in case you’ve been wondering “yada yada yada” represents all the wonderful, Joyful, fun-filled even nostalgic, conversations going on.

We’ve certainly got a good thing going. Thanks to the foresight of those who started the ball rolling, this part of south-central New Jersey has indeed become a somewhat major event attracting folks from all over. The formula initially established still holds true—“good friends, good food, good God, lets eat!” Most of us are well beyond the formalities of dinners dominated by meaningless speeches or other needless distractions. The object here is namely to provide the environment and atmosphere for old friends, colleagues and acquaintances to come together at a minimal and reasonable cost, irrespective of weather conditions.

The Captain’s Inn, centrally located in Forked River, has provided all we could ask for, and has thus remained the focal gathering point for all of our luncheons. Can we do more? Well that’s up to you, those in attendance and who come regularly are encouraged to express their opinions and ideas. Our luncheons can be a central communications point, at least quarterly, for sharing news and the very latest about The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, especially with regard to we faithful retirees.

Tell or show folks how to get here and join us… you can start with these…
Informal, no speeches (just very brief announcements & updates), great food, reasonable price, terrific company—who could ask for anything more?

Join us next time—remember the date “Thursday, April 21st 2016”

Please note: A usual “key” to this e-newsletter is simply that a person will be identified as a “Newbie” only the 1st time they appear. Clear?

Comments? Send them to: Angelsdtp@usa.net

[Note: This issue, do to circumstances, was not conducive in continuing the tradition depicting our “Newbies”]

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.paranyjerseyanj.org (for click here)

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

[see screenshot below]
Remember: **GO FOR IT!**

Life is not a dress rehearsal!

The next issue for the event on April 21st (4/21/16) will hopefully bring on a reasonably cold Winter. **SCJPARETS** has an excellent relationship with The Captain’s Inn, who have heartily accommodated us and our needs as we have come along throughout past years. Inside or out, the best possible arrangements and facilities are provided. You might spot in some of these issues photos of some folks on the perimeter, who are the general public or patrons of the inn. Overall it’s a win-win situation for all of us. If you feel you may not know too many people, for various reasons, don’t give in to that. Many of the regular attendees did not necessarily know too many people at the outset, but after all, it is the great big, PA NYNJ family we all used to enjoy and be a part of. Well we still are. So come on down (or up) and even from afar, like regular Fred Marks who comes from way out in Long Island, or as Ann Peters has from Florida, and others from across the country, like Terri Potente who has made several events (okay not at every luncheon). Folks like Vic Strom, Lillian Liburdi and many others have joined us, too, in the past! Keep on coming, folks—from wherever you are!

The advent of the computer and digital communication has made it so much easier and less costly (other than time) to produce an e-newsletter such as this. It is easily distributed and of course, can, if so desired, be printed out, since it is transmitted in that almost magical format of PDF. Reading it on the internet also allows full use of color, which ordinarily would be very costly to produce in hardcopy.

We try to be informative, but we cannot do it alone. If **you** find out something we should know about, and can share with those who attend, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Our luncheons are open to all, and we welcome all who wish to join us, but especially **PA RETIREES**. If you are one of us, and have not, as yet attended, please be sure to give it a shot, **You will not regret it—WE GUARANTEE IT!**

The **SCJPARETS** organization, as described in other parts of this e-newsletter, is informal, and totally voluntary, receiving no support other than that of those who choose to participate in the luncheons. A free choice 50-50 raffle was instituted to help defray some of the modest extra costs that occur, beyond that of the luncheon itself. The e-newsletter is, as well, totally voluntary, although contributions and suggestions are welcome from anyone who wishes to provide them. Your opinions, and in particular your ideas, suggestions, and comments are most welcome.

Certainly **NOT** our approach!
Wow! Another lucky winnah…

[R] Co-hostess Rita with Ed Smith—winner of $102.50 in 50/50 (he doesn’t seem all that happy, does he?)

SPOUSAL ABUSE?
Poor Dennis Kopik…?
Nah! Just kidding…typical “senior” outgrowth removed surgically.
(Sorry Mrs. K, just couldn’t pass up the opportunity!)
Gotta give the guy credit for having the courage to attend and subject himself to the jokes & questions, no?

[Wow! Another lucky winnah…]
Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains, scientists believe. Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full. Researchers say this slowing down process is not the same as cognitive decline. The human brain works slower in old age, said Dr. Michael Ramscar, but only because we have stored more information over time. The brains of older people do not get weak. On the contrary, they simply know more. Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem, it is nature’s way of making older people do more exercise. SO THERE!!

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names. So, please forward this to your friends; they may be my friends, too.
When I get old, I’m going to move in with my kids, hog the computer, pay no bills, eat all the food, trash the house, and when asked to clean, pitch a fit like it’s killing me!

Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

I really think that tossing and turning at night should be considered as exercise.

My brain is like the Bermuda Triangle. Information goes in and then it’s never found again.

When I die I want my last words to be, “I left a million dollars under the…….”

I’ve reached an age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.