

# A season of advocacy

The summer may be approaching, but our thoughts are already in September. No, it's not because of the anticipated hayrides, falling leaves and pumpkin-spiced lattes: It's because autumn is the kickoff to another year of advocating for our collective rights—and it begins with NJREA's annual fall meeting.

This popular member event will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25, at Crescent Shriners in Westampton. Please be advised that this luncheon will not be advertised in the September *NJREA Newsletter*. Any members wishing to attend this event must send their reservations in before the Sept. 5 deadline.

## Make your voice heard

The day's activities will begin at 10 a.m. with the Delegate Council meeting, where officers and representatives attend to the business of the organization. Any member wishing to bring forward business to the Delegate Council should indicate their intention in the speaker's book upon arrival.

*Crescent Shriners is located at 700 Highland Drive, Westampton, NJ 08060. For specific directions, call Cathy Raffaele at 609-599-4561, ext. 2300.*

Attendees are also welcome to choose to arrive in time for the "Member Information Session" beginning at 11 a.m. Members are urged to attend this session to hear important updates and the latest news affecting our union and its members. There is also time provided for questions and answers.

## Secure your seat today

The cost of the fall luncheon is \$45 per person, which includes a light breakfast and lunch. Those who cannot stay for lunch may select a breakfast-only option for \$10.

As per NJREA policy, any individuals who are eligible for NJREA membership and have elected not to join are not permitted to attend as guests. Only NJREA members and NJREA-invited guests may attend luncheons, business meetings and workshops throughout the year.

As a reminder, there is no reserved seating. **First time attendees: please indicate such on the registration coupon.**

To register, send the coupon insert found in this newsletter, along with your check (made



*The NJREA Fall Luncheon is the perfect time for retirees to meet up with friends—both old and new—while learning more about the issues affecting public school employees.*

payable to NJREA) to Doriann Dodulik-Swern, NJREA Second Vice President, by Sept. 5. Be sure to include your meal choice of Chicken Marsala, Eggplant Parmesean or salmon with lemon butter sauce.

## Fall Luncheon agenda:

- 9:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Delegate Council meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Member Information Session
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Delegate Council reconvenes (if necessary)

# Head south this fall



*The NJREA Convention provides members with the opportunity to interact with the NJREA leadership and ask questions.*

Before you look to escape the cold weather, plan to head south this fall...to Atlantic City! Held this year on Nov. 5 and 6, the 2025 NJREA Convention is the hottest place to be. Each year, hundreds of NJREA members converge on New Jersey's resort destination to attend this member-exclusive event. They know the NJREA Convention is a sure-fire opportunity to discover how retirees can remain informed, stay active and stand united in the face of any challenge.

The 2025 NJREA Convention again will be held at the Resorts Casino Hotel, located at 1133 Boardwalk Avenue in Atlantic City. Only NJREA members in good standing are permitted to register for convention events, and any members who attend the annual cocktail reception on Wednesday, Nov. 5, may not be accompanied by more than one pre-registered guest. No one under the age of 21 may attend.

Look for more details about room rates, program specifics and menu options in your September *NJREA Newsletter* or visit the NJREA webpage at [njea.org/njrea](http://njea.org/njrea) after Sept. 1.