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FROM THE QUEENS UNIT LEADER

Colleagues,

The Queens Regional Unit is not only operating but thriving and growing. I would like to remind members that the calendar year drives our membership. So, please send in your \$15.00 membership renewal checks as soon as possible so that we may have funds to support our many programs.

Our General Membership Meeting this year will again be held at *The Inn at New Hyde Park* on Thursday, May 23rd. A light buffet will be available upon arrival followed by speakers to address you. Our two keynote speakers are Mark Cannizzaro, President, CSA and Dr. Douglas Hathaway, Administrator, CSA Welfare Fund, so save the date.

This year, as required by CSA regulations, we will be holding an election for Unit Leader and Treasurer. It is my intention to again run for Unit Leader and Arthur Isman will also run for Treasurer. The advertisement can be found on page 3. I hope to again have your support.

Our Book Club, Bridge Club, and Movie Clubs are also up and running. You can always get up to date information on any of our activities, download fliers and membership forms as well as to read timely information of interest on our website - www.csaqueens.org. You can also reach me with any questions you may have at the following email address: csaqueensretirees@aol.com.

I hope to see and greet you at our many activities!

Fraternally,

Len

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From our Membership Chairperson**Enjoy the Benefits of Membership in the Queens Retiree Unit****Perks**

Offerings for “members only” provide social, culinary and educational experiences at a discount rate. Receive copies of our biannual newsletter.

Information

Workshops and meetings keep you informed of issues relevant to retirees. Stay up to date on the benefits you’re entitled to as a CSA retiree member and legislative issues that may affect your future.

Network

Meet and greet former colleagues at one or more of the many activities offered such as bridge and book clubs, movie club, health & estate planning workshops, and an annual membership meeting.

Membership

An **annual fee of \$15**. entitles you to all of the above in addition to new offerings based on input from members. Check out our website at **www.csaqueens.org** for additional information.

Andrea Dapolito

Important Information

The following CSA Retiree Welfare Fund workshops can be accessed online at the following link –

<https://www.csanyc.org/welfarefundworkshops/>



1. Preparing for Medicare Workshop

(This workshop provided information for retirees turning 65 within a few months of their birthdate. Guidance in applying for Medicare and an explanation of the different parts of Medicare are discussed and changes to City-provided health benefits explained.)

2. The Retiree Benefit Refresher (Everything I Forgot Since I Retired) Workshop

Have A Problem? Call Me **Irwin Shanes**

In the past several weeks a number of our colleagues have contacted us because they did not understand what IRMAA is and failed to retrieve a good deal of money that they were entitled to for past years. We have also been asked for assistance by surviving spouses and members on how to file claims for medical, drug or home care services

If you have a problem with IRMAA, or any of the benefits your membership offers you, contact me at ishanes@aol.com or, if urgent call 718-352-4687.

We are planning for another health conference and hope to announce the topic and date as soon as we can. If you have any suggestions for topics of concern please let us know.

CSA Queens Unit - Upcoming Election Announcement

Queens Regional Unit paid members who are interested in applying for the position of Unit Leader or Treasurer may do so by making their intentions known to Ms. Andrea Dapolito, Assistant Regional Leader/Election Committee Chairperson either by email or by phone: andap11001@gmail.com or (516) 352-2782. Interested members must apply no later than April 20, 2019. Please note that Len Serman is again running for Unit Leader and Arthur Isman for Treasurer.

The voting and election results will be conducted at our May 23rd General

Membership Meeting at The Inn At New Hyde Park.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING THURSDAY,
MAY 23, 2019**

The next Membership meeting will be at The Inn At New Hyde Park on Thursday, May 23, 2019.

Our keynote speakers are Mark Cannizzaro, President, CSA and Dr. Douglas Hathaway, Administrator, CSA Welfare Fund. Come out and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of socializing with old friends, meeting new friends and learning new updates and information.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION

**SCENES FROM CSA QUEENS RETIREE CHAPTER GENERAL
MEETING - MAY 2018**



THE DINING CLUB

On Friday, March 22, 2019 we enjoyed a fabulous luncheon at The Afghan Grill Kabob House in New Hyde Park. Watch for our next luncheon in June. Details to follow in the near future.

THE BOOK CLUB



Enthusiasm for good reads continues unabated among our members. Consider joining Our Book Club. Should you wish to join in from the sidelines, check our website for upcoming selections and dates.

Please send us an email at stermanlen@aol.com if you are interested in joining the Book Club **or if you may have interest in leading a Book Club.**

THE BRIDGE CLUB



The Bridge Club welcomes all members. Beginners can receive instruction and experienced players can play and have questions answered by our master bridge guru, Lilian Garelick. If you are interested in participating, please let Florence Klein know at (718) 279-4316

or email her at - fklein30@nyc.rr.com. Please send us an email stermanlen@aol.com if you are interested in the Bridge Club. With enough interest, a second section may be opened.

The Movie Club



Look for updates of popular movies as they come out. Dates are flexible. We choose venues that have comfortable theaters and ample parking nearby. When possible, we will select theaters where you can purchase your ticket and select your seating ahead of time online.

You do not need to join the club formally. Look for the emails from the CSA Queens Retirees and come on out and join us. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email Kim Adams at Kim2020@verizon.net.

Stay current, check out our website!

**CSA Queens Website
www.csaqueens.org**

Queens Regional Unit Executive Board



If you haven't paid your membership dues for our Unit for 2018, please do so as soon as possible. We need your support to continue to offer retirees various programs. For \$15.00 a year, you will be informed about any current updates to the CSA Retiree Welfare Fund, the CSA Retiree Chapter, Our Pension, Unit information and activities. To renew, go to our website and download the "Renewal/Membership Enrollment Form."



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