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Message from Linda von Nessi, President

Welcome to the Second Edition of the NJAEO Newsletter. Your response to our first newsletter was phenomenal. I would like to recognize the great work of our Editor-in-Chief, Mr. Ron Cefalone from Mercer County Superintendent of Elections Office. He is committed to this project and an absolute pleasure to work with...THANK YOU RON!

This has been another tremendous year for election officials due to the ever changing election laws, court cases and yes, the Gubernatorial Election. With 2010 beginning, I am sure we will once again be presented with a host of challenges. Your participation in NJAEO reaffirms your desire to meet those challenges and your commitment to the integrity of the electoral process.

My year has been increasingly busy. I am enjoying my term as your President to the fullest and am always open to suggestions on ways to improve our organization. The Executive Board and Legislative and Legal Committee has worked endless hours on legislative bills. Mark Harris and the SVRS Committee has met monthly with the HAVA Unit to improve the Statewide Voter Registration System. The Voting Machine Committee has followed the *Gusciora, et al. v McGreevey, et al.*, court case closely and several

members testified before Judge Feinberg. A special thanks goes out to everyone who has given of their time and energy to make elections in New Jersey the best in the country.

This year NJAEO and the State will work together to develop a Standard Operation Policy and Procedures manual for the Statewide Voter Registration System. We are looking for volunteers that have specific knowledge of the modules in the SVRS. Please let us know if you are interested in serving on the SVRS Policy and Procedures Committee.

Our Annual Conference is being held at Resort's International Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, NJ from March 22 - 24, 2010. We have interesting and educational seminars planned and hope you will attend.

In closing and on behalf of NJAEO, I would like to welcome Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, our new Secretary of State, to our election family. We all look forward to working hand-in-hand with her making elections in New Jersey a step above the rest.

Thank you all for your support and passion....you are the best!

As New Jersey's first Lieutenant Governor, in addition to serving as the 36th Secretary of State, the roles and responsibilities under my purview are numerous. None, however, is more important than that of the state's chief election official. Voting is our most cherished right as Americans, and preserving an accurate, fair and seamless election process requires ongoing vigilance and a tireless commitment to excellence. Over 5.2 million registered voters statewide expect such effort, and that's exactly what they'll continue to get.

Throughout it all, no organization is more valuable than the New Jersey Association of Elections Officials (NJAEO). President Linda Von Nessi and her fellow officers, NJAEO regional vice presidents,

and committee members are on the frontlines, and the burden they bear is extraordinary. It's their staffs that endure the long hours logging hundreds and thousands of new registration every election cycle, and even more checking and rechecking voting logs in fulfilling their unique commitment to the people of New Jersey. They discharge these responsibilities brilliantly, and we owe them a debt of gratitude for a job well done.

As Lieutenant Governor, and as the state's chief election official, I am eager and enthusiastic to work hand-in-hand with such an experienced and professional group of election officials, one with the utmost dedication to the democratic process statewide.

NEW JERSEY LT. GOVERNOR/
SECRETARY OF STATE
KIM GUADAGNO

NEW APPOINTMENTS

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Board of Elections-Commissioner (R) David Ferrucci

MERCER COUNTY

Superintendent of Elections (R) Catherine DiCostanzo
Deputy Superintendent (D) Nathaniel Walker
Board of Elections-Commissioner (D) Peter Nichols

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From Left to Right: Hope Vandenheuvel, Wayne Miller, Carol Webster, Dorleen Donahue, Tina Banul, Tacia Johnson and Marge McCabe

A DAY IN THE LIFE BY: MARGE LAKE MCCABE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The morning is quiet
Just a gentle tick tock
I open one eye
Take a look at the clock

It's again Election morning
And it's time to get up
I'll need some assistance
From my coffee cup

I drive in to work
It's dark as death,
I open the building
And take a deep breath

The pollworkers are in
And already a call
The equipment is missing
From one town hall

I scramble to figure out
Just where it went
Thankfully this is not
A frequent event

One crisis down
I brace for another
I'll need some more coffee
Before I go further

Then a call comes in
That one poll is still locked
Where is the clerk?
The voters are shocked!

I call her at home
Wake her up with a start
"What time is it?" She asks
...Patience is an art

Then the calls are typical
Where's the lights, where's the flag
Where's the plug, where's the books
Where's the blue supply bag

The pollworkers are parking
In the handicapped spot
Where are the provisionals?
They simply forgot

Go measure how close
That sign is to the poll
There's no heat in here
The pollworkers are cold

A voter arrives
But she's not in the book
Oops, never mind
They take another look

One voter comes in
In his slippers and robe
I don't want to seem shocked
And I dare not probe

Well the long day is over
Nothing major, thank goodness
I've put up with crazies
I've put up with rudeness

And now the newsmen
Are banging at my door
What's the numbers? What's the turnout?
I answer before

They get me all flustered
And short of temper
But take deep breaths
And please just remember

They don't know what it takes
To run an election
So I watch what I say
And I watch my inflection

But it does drive me crazy
When the story's not right
When their truth is sheer fiction
When they try to incite

When they say our machines
Just can't get it straight
That only using paper
Will end the debate

If only they knew
What problems there'd be
That would surely bring trouble
To a higher degree

But I digress
Let's get back to the story
The election is over
We have done inventory

Now I can go home
Rest me down on my bed
I will allow sugar plums
To dance in my head

And tomorrow I'll wake
Grab my coffee and grin
The next election is coming
Here we go again.

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Vote by Mail Ballots Cast by County

2009 PRIMARY ELECTION

2009 GENERAL ELECTION

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	TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST	VOTES CAST BY VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST BY VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT	TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST	VOTES CAST BY VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST BY VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT
ATLANTIC	21,672	1,654	7.6%	74,915	4,689	6.3%
BERGEN	50,061	1,609	3.2%	265,223	12,709	4.8%
BURLINGTON	30,406	950	3.1%	139,030	6,539	4.7%
CAMDEN	27,298	1,077	3.9%	135,927	8,666	6.4%
CAPE MAY	10,258	422	4.1%	35,502	3,294	9.3%
CUMBERLAND	6,585	298	4.5%	34,362	2,422	7.0%
ESSEX	42,463	991	2.3%	183,335	8,104	4.4%
GLOUCESTER	15,349	657	4.3%	85,698	7,324	8.5%
HUDSON	34,423	847	2.5%	120,017	6,455	5.4%
HUNTERDON	16,393	463	2.8%	51,372	3,269	6.4%
MERCER	16,789	704	4.2%	102,361	6,778	6.6%
MIDDLESEX	49,833	2,006	4.0%	200,406	11,437	5.7%
MONMOUTH	39,716	1,258	3.2%	208,594	12,723	6.1%
MORRIS	52,240	1,232	2.4%	166,516	8,144	4.9%
OCEAN	48,823	2,415	4.9%	193,186	14,172	7.3%
PASSAIC	25,635	970	3.8%	112,278	5,589	5.0%
SALEM	5,040	209	4.1%	20,838	1,411	6.8%
SOMERSET	23,933	640	2.7%	102,993	6,122	5.9%
SUSSEX	16,526	462	2.8%	50,137	2,081	4.2%
UNION	33,157	1,154	3.5%	136,110	6,978	5.1%
WARREN	11,477	385	3.4%	32,904	1,954	5.9%
TOTAL	578,077	20,403	3.5%	2,451,704	140,860	5.7%