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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

- March 2 [A Look at Personnel Manuals, Policies, Procedures, and the Impact of Social Networking](#)-Crowne Plaza, Monroe
- March 4 [Budget Updates](#)- Bergen County College, Paramus
- March 8 [Budget Updates](#)-Robert Meyner Reception Center, Holmdel
- March 11 [Women in Municipal Government Day](#)-Princeton Marriott, Princeton

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Chuck Chiarello, Mayor, Buena Vista

More than 160 of our municipal colleagues from around the state attended the February 16 *Mayors Legislative Day* at the State House Annex.

Commissioner Bob Martin (DEP) and Commissioner Lori Grifa(DCA) supported our efforts to rein in pension costs, reduce expensive mandates, seek better funding sources than the property tax to support a host of local needs, and provide better customer service to aide municipalities with questions.

Perhaps just as importantly legislators in attendance heard from the many mayors lined up at the microphone just how important it is for the state to provide near term relief from costs and mandates to effectively control property taxes.

There was an impromptu update By Mayor Tarantolo on important work being done by the League School Funding Reform Committee, and a call to action by Mayor Mironov on detailing the state's use of municipal funds.

Later in day, NJN Senior Anchor, Jim Hooker led a panel discussion on pension reforms and municipal property tax relief. The panelists included Assembly Speaker Shelia Oliver, Assemblyman Louis Greenwald, Assemblyman Alex DeCroce, Senate President Steve Sweeney, Assemblyman Declan O'Scanlon, Eatontown Mayor Gerald Tarantolo, East Windsor Mayor and League 2nd Vice President Janice Mironov, and Somerdale Mayor Gary Passanante.

If you did not attend the Annual Mayors Legislative Day, please make a special effort to get there next year. It is an unparalleled opportunity for mayors to communicate with the leadership in Trenton.

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PLEASE SEND US YOUR SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Contact Taran Samhammer at ext 124 or tsamhammer@njslom.com

Our "Interlocal Advisory Center", which is an online ready reference informational center for interlocal and shared service agreements and joint consolidation, also provides a library of sample shared service agreements and related resolutions.

As part of this service we are asking you to assist us in making available copies of any interlocal or shared service agreements that you have initiated. The agreements sent to us will be posted online in our Interlocal Advisory Center to be used as a reference for other municipalities in creating agreements in their municipalities

If you are willing to share your interlocal service agreements, please email them to tsamhammer@njslom.com, mail to the attention of Taran Samhammer at 222 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608 or fax to (609) 695-0151.

SEEKING MAYORAL CONFERENCE SUGGESTIONS

-Contact Bill Dressel ext.122 bdressel@njslom.com or fax 609-695-0151

Your League staff will shortly begin preparing the schedule of educational sessions for the 96th Annual League Conference. To make sure this schedule accurately reflects your needs, we need your input.

Please fax or e-mail your suggested topics and speakers so we may coordinate your ideas into an informative and thought provoking conference. Most conference sessions are based on the input and responses from mayors and elected officials.

2011 MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

-Contact Dee Kotch ext.115or dkotch@njslom.com

The annual Municipal Directory will be mailed to all mayors the first week of March. There is no cost for this first copy. Additional copies are \$25 each. Use it to keep in touch with your colleagues around the state.

LET THE LEAGUE BE YOUR SECOND OFFICE!

If you or your staff have business in our capital city stop by and visit your league staff. While here, you are welcome to use our conference rooms for meetings, meet with state contacts, get directions to a state office, or make a phone call. All we need is some advance notice by calling Becky Wright 609-695-3481 ext 110.

2011 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

-Contact Michael Darcy ext.116 or mdarcy@njslom.com

In December, the League mailed information to all mayors concerning the Annual Louis Bay II Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. Mayor Chuck Chiarello of Buena Vista Township chairs the Scholarship Competition and Deputy Mayor Dan Coranoto of Hampton Township also serves as a judge. This popular competition is open to all high school juniors and seniors throughout the state. The top three winners each receive \$1,000 scholarships from the League.

Mayors play an integral role in the success of this program because your office publicizes its availability, judges the local entries, and distributes the checks and certificates supplied by the League. You should publicize the scholarship to your local schools and establish your judging committee. Your local winning entry must be submitted to the League office by April 1, so we can announce the three statewide winners by May 7.

2011 WOMEN IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT DAY

-Contact Lori Buckelew ext 112 or lbuckelew@njslom.com

The Annual Women in Government Celebration Day honors the contributions of women in public service. This year we are honoring women and organizations who demonstrate a commitment to advancing women's equality and active participation in government.

Keynote Speaker:

Lori Grifa, Commissioner of Department of Community Affairs

Recognizing:

Ingrid Reed, Former Director of Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University
League of Women Voters
Alice Paul Institute
Tax Collectors & Treasurers Association of New Jersey

For more information click on this link http://www.njslom.com/women_municipal_govt031111.html