

# APEA REPORTER

## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NAPOLITANI

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### 2007-2009 Exec. Committee

**Mr. John P. Napolitani Sr.**  
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**Mr. Peter A. Vetrano**  
Vice President, Bradley

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Treasurer, Bradley

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Corresponding Secretary, APHS

**Mrs. Gena Proctor**  
Recording Secretary, Board Office

**Mr. John Kostecki**  
At Large, Maintenance

**Ms. Regina Jagoo**  
At Large, TMS

**Ms. Annette Rios**  
At Large, APIS

We finally got off to a less than bumpy start to the 2007-2008 school year. Contract booklets have been distributed in all buildings, most grievance issues have been handled or are being closed out and the Executive Committee is continuing to build a positive rapport in the City of Asbury Park.

As an Association, it's important to see to it that we build off of the strength that we have worked so hard to attain. We are always looking for more people to become involved with our local to make it better and stronger than what it is. We have to look toward our younger members in the APEA that will ultimately run our Association in the future. It starts with getting involved in a committee and assisting with its success.

Several members have also expressed concern at the fact

that I am presently in an election for the New Jersey State Assembly in our district. For the first time in almost twenty years, we have a real opportunity to elect an educator to a statewide position. The late James J. Howard, a retired principal from Wall Township, was the last educator to hold an elected position in this district. I have been able to continue my duties as president as well as work on my campaign after school.

Another concern is what is the effect on the Association if I am elected. As it stands, there is an entire Executive Committee to share responsibilities. When elected in November, I can bring the concerns of all people in education to Trenton. I have fought for our pensions and benefits over the past two years and will continue to do so if elected to the General Assembly. It is my intent and promise to bring back the

legislative office to the City of Asbury Park when elected. The last time this office was located here was when the late Thomas Smith had his office housed in the city. The representation **MUST** come back to our city if we are to achieve what is best for the City of Asbury Park.

In closing, I am looking forward to another positive year for all the staff and students in the Asbury Park School District. Working together, we can truly make the positive changes that we need to effectuate in our school district. If you have any concerns, please see a building representative first, and if you don't get an answer, seek out an Executive Committee member.

In Solidarity,

John P. Napolitani, Sr.  
APEA President



Asbury Park School District Class of 2007 Retirees attending the APEA annual Retirement Party at The Renaissance in Ocean



Our Secretaries at the Thurgood Marshall Elementary School enjoying some time together at the Retirement Dinner



The 2007-2009 APEA Executive Committee joining together for the annual APEA Retirement Dinner. Where's Pete?

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**“I’m glad to see that men are getting their rights, but I want women to get theirs, and while the water is stirring I will step into the pool”**

**-Sojourner Truth**

## Who’s new on the APEA Executive Committee?

Did you know that the APEA Executive Committee has two new members? Well, our two newest members are Gena Proctor, Recording Secretary and Annette Rios, At Large Representative for Secretaries, Security Guards and Drop Out Prevention Officers. These two ladies were duly elected in April.

Gena, who recently got married, is the former Gena Massey. She works in the Board Office in the business department. Gena has been an APEA Building Representative and is also currently the Membership Chairperson. She needs your assistance with this position so if you are interested, please contact her at (732) 776-2600 at extension 2438.

Annette is a secretary in the new Asbury Park Intermediate School. Annette will be creating a database of APEA members for the Association. She will need assistance with this task to see to it that we have a comprehensive list of all names and contact information for all our members. If you are interested in helping her, please contact her at the Intermediate school.

The entire Executive Committee is looking forward to working with both Gena and Annette for the next two years. Their expertise will be greatly utilized to continue the positive direction that this Association is moving.

## PROFESSIONAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As we start another year, you are to be commended for the adjustments that all of you have made. It has been a time for many changes and your cooperation has not gone unnoticed. With the changes in the district there are many questions that everyone would like the answers to. One way is to attend the Board of Education Meetings to relay your ideas, concerns to the board members and to know what direction the district will be going. This is a time that great things can happen and they start with the staff. It’s extremely important to let the Board of Education know that you are concerned and you will also express your ideas and concerns to them. Believe it or not, they do listen to the staff.

Please keep in mind a few things to help you in the upcoming year.

- Get to know your Union Executive Members and where they are located as well as your Building Representatives and any active members of the Association.
- Try to get involved. Please see them if you have any questions or need assistance during the course of the year and they will be happy to help you.
- Do your job. Know what you are responsible for and complete it.
- Be on time because the administration will be keeping an eye on attendance.
- Continue to help each other. Our staff is known for their support of each other.

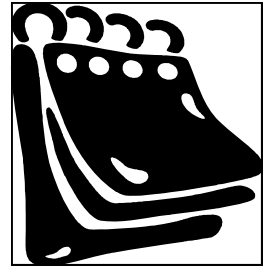
If you would like to become involved in any of the committees that make up our union please contact John Napolitani, APEA President in writing and send it to Bradley Elementary. Most of all, keep your sense of humor and enjoy your class. We can learn so much from our students. Have a great year! Sue Hayes-Stasio PR&R Chairperson

**Notes from the President**

- Please contact the APEA Headquarters at (732) 776-6888 if you interested in becoming more involved with our Association.
- I want to personally thank every Representative and Chairperson for their continued support of the APEA. We can not accomplish what we have without your continued support.
- If you have not picked up your contract booklet, please contact the APEA Headquarters to set up a time that you can come down and pick up this booklet.
- Election Day, November 6, 2007, is right around the corner. If you are not registered, please contact me to see how you can for this election. If you are planning on being away, you can vote by mail. We have that information too.
- My campaign Headquarters is looking for volunteers to assist with this campaign. Please contact Jim Sverapa at (732) 493-0163 to see how you can assist. Our office is located in Middlebrook Plaza in Ocean Twp.
- The APEA is looking for people to work on the newsletter, website and other public relations for the betterment of the Association. Please contact me if you are interested in assisting or heading up this committee.
- Have a great school year. Remember that if you have any issues, please see a building representative for their assistance. You can also refer to your contract booklet to see any answers you may need in a pinch.
- Cheer up, we already have finished one month of school. That means we only have 9 more to go. Don't worry, it will fly by!

**WHAT'S HAPPENING??????????**

- September 25, 2007 - APEA Executive Committee @ 4:00pm and Representative Council @ 5:00pm**
- October 16, 2007 - APEA Executive Committee @ 4:00pm and Representative Council @ 5:00pm**
- October 19, 2007 - APEA Happy Hour to be held tentatively at Old Man Rafferty's on Cookman Ave**
- November 8 & 9, 2007 - NJEA Convention in Atlantic City.**
- November 8, 2007 - MCEA Hospitality Suite in Atlantic City. Details to be sent out in late October or early November.**
- November 20, 2007 - APEA Executive Committee @ 4:00pm and Representative Council @ 5:00pm. (all meetings in 601 Bangs)**
- November 22 & 23, 2007 - Thanksgiving Break**
- December 2007 - Annual APEA Holiday Celebration. Details TBA.**
- December 18, 2007 - APEA Executive Committee meeting @ 4:00pm and Representative Council meeting @ 5:00pm.**
- December 22, 2007 - January 1, 2008 : Winter Recess!!!**



**NEW MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND UPDATES**

With the start of the new school year, there are always new people that are hired to fill the vacancies in the district. It is extremely important that you contact Gena Proctor in the Board Office to fill out an Association application as soon as possible.

There are many benefits when joining the Association. Some benefits include:

- Discount programs offered through NJEA
  - Attending APEA functions at our discounted rate
  - Legal services at no cost when an issues arises while at work
  - Free pension consultations once per year as you get closer to retirement
- These are just a few of the many benefits you receive. The APEA encourages each member to take advantage of the Union. Enjoy your employment in Asbury Park.

**2007- 2009 APEA BUILDING REPRESENTATIVES**

Doug Cobb	Bradley School	Tony Mallory	A.P.H.S.
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Meg Watkins	Bradley School	Marlena Bryant-Tirrell	T.M.S.



Scenes from the End of the Year Party at The Headliner on June 15, 2007. Congratulations to the Middle School (Below), as Social Chair, Lynn Librizzi accepts

