From the District One Director:

It’s hard to believe that summer is half over, which means that the NAP National Training Conference is just around the corner! There’s still time to register for this event, which gives members a chance to both refresh their parliamentary skills and meet with friends, old and new. Please go to www.parliamentarians.org to register or call NAP Toll Free at: 888-627-2929.

Rosemary Seghatoleslami, PRP

Quiz: Whose house was this and where is it?

Clue: It is not your District Director’s, but she used to live in the same town. (Answer on last page.)
Pictured above is NAP Treasurer Wanda Sims, PRP, who gave the NAP Update. PAP officers: President Bonnie W. Murdah, PRP, 1st Vice-President Deborah McAllister, 2nd Vice-President Theljewa Garrett, Secretary Evelyn Trent, Treasurer TBA

Pictured is Wanda Sims, PRP, installing the newly elected PAP officers for 2016 -2018.

Your District One Director attended the Pennsylvania Association of Parliamentarians (PAP) Annual Convention on June 18, 2016. Workshops were presented by Harry S. Rosenthal, PRP, Bonnie Murdah, PRP, and Jonathan M. Jacobs, PRP.
New England Association of Parliamentarians (NEAP)

Pictured above are Carl Pease, Parliamentarian; Evan Lemoine, PRP, President and Lori Finck, Secretary Pro Tem.

The New England Association of Parliamentarians held their Annual Meeting on May 14, 2018, in Middleboro, MA. The theme was “Elections & Voting”, with workshops presented by Evan A. Lemoine, PRP, Michael Malamut, PRP, Carl Pease, and Kathleen M. Montejo.

New York Association of Parliamentarians (NYAP)

The NYAP, in coordination with the New England Association, held two online webinars for its members. Former NAP Director James Stewart, PRP, gave one on Bylaws- then and now and Immediate Past President Ann Guiberson, PRP, gave one on Less Common Forms of Voting. More webinars are being planned for this Fall.

The association will soon begin planning its next Biennial Education Conference which will be held in the Spring of 2017.

Association President, Lori Finck and Secretary, Joan Corbisiero, PRP, have been asked to work as coordinator and assistant coordinator, respectively, for the 2018 NTC which will be held in Buffalo, New York in September 2018. Mark your calendar and plan on attending. Please watch our website nyparliamentarians.org for more information.
Cranford Unit of Parliamentarians, New Jersey

Pictured above is Unit President Dorothy Cohen presenting a donation to the Director of the Cranford Public Library for the purchase of books. The unit meets monthly at the library.

New Jersey’s Cranford Unit of Parliamentarians has had a busy Spring. Members have been reviewing bylaws for several local non-profit organizations. Two members judged the Chapter Business competition at the Skills/NJ State Convention. Several members presented a two evening parliamentary workshop for the West Orange African Heritage Organization.

But it’s not all work. On June 22, 8 members of the Cranford NJ Unit and friends had a docent-led tour of the colonial home, original farmhouse owned by the Hedden family, and Victorian addition which was owned by the Durand family. Asher Durand is a well-known artist of the Hudson River School as well as the engraver of the image on the back of the $2 bill. The home is restored to both periods in different locations, and the docents have researched the history of the nearby area of Maplewood known as College Hill. The house tour was preceded by an informative tour of the adjacent colonial herb garden, with many herbs grown for medicinal as well as culinary purposes.

Parliamentarians of Greater New York (PGNY)

The Parliamentarians of Greater New York Unit held their Annual Meeting on May 23, 2106 and elected new officers. New officers are Lori Finck, President, Helene Goldsmith, PRP, Vice President and Education Chairman, Joan Corbisiero, PRP, Secretary and Jerilyn Lewis, Treasurer. The unit is busy growing its membership. You can see PGNY’s calendar and programs and meetings on their website: nyparliamentarians.org. If you find yourself in the vicinity of Hofstra University where we meet and wish to attend as a visitor we would love to have you.
Parliamentarians of Metropolitan New York (PMNY)

Lori Finck with PMNY Unit Members:
Front row: Beverly S. Tatham, PRP, Jacqueline Waiters, Marlo Gantt, Isatu Kanu-James
Middle row: Nilda Rivera, PRP, Lori Finck, Cynthia Alvarez.
Back row: Veronica Straws-Malone, Tyrone Waiters, Rufus Sadler

As of July 2016 PMNY was the newest unit of NAP which has members from the five boroughs of New York City. Since being chartered the Unit has welcomed several new members of diverse professional backgrounds. The Unit has partnered with the Office of Manhattan Borough President Gayle A. Brewer to provide educational programs starting October 22nd.
Lee Demeter Registered Parliamentarians (LDRP)

Lee Demeter Registered Parliamentarians Unit (LDRP) was chartered by NAP on July 11, 2001. The unit is an affiliate of the New York Association of Parliamentarians (NYAP). Lori Finck is President of NYAP.

The object of the unit shall be the advanced training of the professional parliamentarian, the teaching of parliamentary procedure, the promotion of a public awareness of parliamentary procedure, educational programs of NAP and carrying out such other activities as may be necessary or useful. The unit meets via conference call four to five times each year to achieve these aims. Membership is open for all Registered Parliamentarians and Professional Registered Parliamentarians.

The 2015-2017 Officers:
Azella C. Collins, PRP, IL – President
Dollie McPartlin, PRP-CP-T, NV- Vice-president
Steven Gounardes, PRP-CP-T, NY Secretary
Joan Corbisiero, PRP, NY, Treasurer

Conference call meeting dates are: September 19 and November 21 2016 and January 16, March 20, May 22, 2017 from 8:00 to 10:00 PM ET

You are cordially invited to join our conference call meetings. Contact Joan Corbisiero at JoanHC@aol.com for dial in number and code.

Montgomery Unit of Parliamentarians, Pennsylvania

Montgomery Unit of Parliamentarians currently has 15 members, both provisional and regular members. Unit meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of every month, except for the months of May, July, August, and December, from 10 am to 12 noon. The meetings are promoted via the Event Calendar on NAP’s website. An education lesson is presented by a different unit member at each meeting.

The unit sponsored an Open House in December 2015 as a way of attracting new members. The Open House was structured as a “demo” meeting. Five attendees completed membership applications on the spot.

The unit commemorated Parliamentary Law Month as requested by NAP. In 2015, they piggybacked the PAP’s “Library Project” and donated copies of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised to local libraries. A supporting photo caption release was sent to the National Parliamentarian. This year, they created a Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised awareness flyer which was distributed to local libraries. They also disseminated a press release to the local media.

Answer to Quiz: Did you know that General Robert once lived in District One? This house is located on Sunset Avenue in Haworth, New Jersey and was once the home of General Henry M. Robert and his wife, Isabel Hoagland Robert, who was the principal of the Haworth School.