

June 2015

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

- June 12-
[NJLM Mini Conference, Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor](#)
- June 14-
Flag Day
- June 21-
Summer Solstice
- November 17-19-
[100th Annual NJLM Conference-Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City](#)

- ✓ League's 100th Anniversary
- ✓ 13th Annual Michael A. Pane Award
- ✓ Mayors Hall of Fame
- ✓ 2015 Scholarship Winners
- ✓ NJLM Mini Conference
- ✓ League Mourns Passing of Daniel Coronato
- ✓ Mayor Herbert D. Stiles Jr., Remembered

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By, Mayor Brian Wahler, President

The 100th Annual League Conference is just around the corner and your League staff has already been working diligently on issues such as transportation and parking, hotel accommodations, selling exhibit booth space, education sessions, and major luncheon events.

Local officials can begin the conference planning process with available details in the June issue of *New Jersey Municipalities* magazine and the [League conference web site](#). The web site has some important information about the conference registration procedure and schedule of events.

NEW Lower Hotel Rates- Housing forms will be mailed to all Municipal Clerks on **June 1** and will also be posted on the League web page. The League wants to make it possible for your staff to attend get the most out of the annual conference.

As of **August 1**, municipal officials will be able to register for the conference online at our web site. Be sure to take advantage of this easy way to register early for the 100th Annual League Conference.

Full conference registration information will be sent to all Municipal Clerks during the first week of August.

Academy Bus chartered shuttle service will provide transportation to and from the Atlantic City Convention Center and the hotels.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONTINUED

The hugely popular Mayors Lunch and League Luncheon will feature key speakers from all levels of government. Get your tickets early; these events sell out quickly.

The conference is less than six months away. Start planning now and contact the League office if you need assistance. I look forward to meeting and working with you at the 100th Annual Conference November 17-19 in Atlantic City.

SNAPSHOTS FROM THE LEAGUE'S BANQUET – LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES MARKS 100 YEARS & CELEBRATES THE RETIREMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BILL DRESSEL

More than 500 government officials and friends of the League gathered May 7, 2015 in East Brunswick to commemorate two important milestones. The event included a reception with videos celebrating both the historic and current League leadership as well as highlights of Dressel's four decade career. There were displays of more than twenty-five proclamations and resolutions, and comments from current and former state officials.

The June issue of [New Jersey Municipalities](#) features a photo display from the banquet, to view, pick up a copy of the June issue of [New Jersey Municipalities](#) magazine (subscription required). [New Jersey Municipalities](#) is the League's official monthly magazine publication (available in print or [digital format](#) by subscription), and will be highlighting the League's centennial each month throughout the year 2015.

13TH ANNUAL MICHAEL A. PANE AWARD NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Contact Gayle Krygier at (609) 695-3481 x119 or gkrygier@njslom.org

In honor of the memory of Michael A. Pane, the thirteenth annual award will be presented to a professional (attorney, engineer or planner) that personifies outstanding ability, integrity, and a high standard of ethics in his or her dealings with local government. This award includes a \$500 honorarium.

Mr. Pane significantly inspired the image of enhancing integrity in local government, and it is the purpose of this award to recognize that person who has through the same likeness, exemplified, and perhaps is the role model for the local government community.

The award ceremony will be held during the League's annual conference in Atlantic City, on Thursday, November 19th, during a session of the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys. Nominations for this award will be accepted through September 30, 2015. Please fax, mail or email your nomination to:

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"The League thanks the NJLM Educational Foundation for making this possible and is honored to participate in the promotion of the Michael A. Pane Award." said League Assistant Executive Director Michael J. Darcy. A list of past award winners may be seen at <http://www.njslom.org/hallfame.html>

**NOMINATIONS SOUGHT
FOR MAYORS HALL OF FAME**

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

The League is accepting nominations for the [2015 Mayors Hall of Fame](#). To qualify, a mayor must be serving in at least their tenth cumulative year for the silver level or twentieth year for the gold level. Mayors who rotate into office can qualify after holding the office of mayor for ten years.

Qualifying mayors will be inducted into the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Mayors' Hall of Fame during the Mayors' Luncheon at the Annual Conference Wednesday, November 18 in Atlantic City. For nomination forms and more information about the Mayors' Hall of Fame, visit the [Mayors Corner](#) or contact the League at 609-695-3481 ext. 116.

2015 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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

The three top winners of the 2015 Scholarship Competition are Francesca Marie Costa, submitted by Mayor John C. Glidden, Jr of Closter Borough, Ryan P. Grant, submitted by Mayor James McCullough of Egg Harbor Township, and George Swoyer, submitted by Mayor Michael E. Beck of Lower Township.

These mayors will present each winner with a \$1,000 check from the League. The full text of the three winning essays, along with photos, will appear in the October issue of *New Jersey Municipalities*.

A special thank you to Scholarship Committee Chairman, League Past President and Mayor Chuck Chiarello of Buena Vista Township, League 2nd Vice President Bridgeton Mayor Al Kelly and the late Deputy Mayor Dan Coranoto of Hampton Township.

**NJLM MINI CONFERENCE OFFERS LICENSED OFFICIALS A CHANCE TO EARN UP TO 8
CEU CREDITS IN ONE DAY!**

-Contact Danielle Holland-Htut at 118 or dholland@njslom.com

On June 12, 2015 at the Conference Center at Mercer in West Windsor, the League will offer the Mini One Day Conference.

This event will feature about 12 educational sessions on a wide range of topics including; Chapter 78 and the Affordable Care Act, Credit Ratings and How they Affect Financially Distressed Municipalities, Elections, Licensing, 1099's, Social Media, Shared Services, OPRA, and Ethics, to name a few. Many attendees will be able to earn up to 8 CEU credits in one day. The Mini Conference will run from 8:30a.m.-5:00pm with registration beginning at 7:30a.m.

Pre-registration costs (before June 4) are \$95.00 for members and \$115.00 for non-members and include a continental breakfast and buffet lunch. After June 4, 2015 costs rise to \$ 115.00 for members and \$135.00 for non-members and must be paid at the door.

To learn more about this program and the credits that are offered please visit the following link: www.njslom.org/seminars

LEAGUE MOURNS PASSING OF DAN CORANOTO

We are deeply sorry to note the passing of League of Municipalities' Executive Board Member and Hampton Township Deputy Mayor Daniel N. Coranoto. He leaves behind a legacy of heartfelt concern for his family, his friends, his community, his State and his fellow citizens. His sincere

commitment to the service of others, his common sense approach to problems, his ready sense of humor and his warmth won him the respect and affection of those he worked with and of those he worked for.

A lifelong and loyal New Jersey resident, he was born in Passaic, raised in Lyndhurst, and then moved to Hampton in 1974. Dan was a passionate public servant, who was a Hampton Committeeman for over 20 years and served as deputy mayor as well. He was a member of the board of health and the recreation committee, a life member of Hampton Township Fire and Rescue, and an active member and treasurer of the Sussex County Fire Police. He also actively served on various municipal subcommittees. He was a volunteer member on the State Board of Health, a member of the American Legion, an Eagle Scout and trustee for the Boy Scouts of America, and a member of the Hampton Seniors. A member of St. Joseph R.C. Church in Newton, Dan was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 7784.

Not limiting his devotion of time and talent to his fellow citizens in Hampton Township or in Sussex County, Dan fought on behalf of local officials throughout the State, as a passionate advocate for better government on the League's Executive Board since 1999. Recognized by his peers for his energy and devotion, Dan was elected Third Vice President, then Second Vice President, in succeeding years. In addition, he was a faithful member of our 100th Anniversary and Retirement Dinner Committee. He generously shared his perspective on proposed State policies as a Member of the League's Legislative Committee, where he served on the Taxation and Finance subcommittee for 15 years. He spent 12 years on our Resolutions Committee, 6 years on our Emergency Management Committee, four years on our Economic Development Task Force, and was instrumental in spearheading the effort to turn back a State initiative to require local governments to pay for State Police rural patrol services. Dan was also proud to serve for six years as a Judge of final essays, submitted for the League's Annual Louis Bay III Scholarship Contest. Most importantly Dan was a loyal League supporter who gave his all to the League and he will never be forgotten for his efforts to improve the institution of local government in the Garden State.

Not limiting his dedication to service in Hampton or in New Jersey, Deputy Mayor Coranoto also served his Country in the U.S. Navy for over 4 years. After his honorable discharge, he attended college in California. Dan was a retired terminal manager for the former Carolina Freight in Carlstadt. He will be missed by his beloved wife, Maria, by his children, Paul and Christina, and her husband, Bill, by his sister, Barbara, his grandson, Aidan, and by his friends and colleagues in Hampton, in Sussex and throughout the State. And his loss will be deeply felt for a long time by the Officers and Staff of the League of Municipalities. It is our honor to have worked with him, and it was our pleasure to have known him.

LEAGUE PAST PRESIDENT AND ELMER MAYOR HERBERT D. STILES, JR. REMEMBERED

With great sadness, we regret to report the death, on May 21, of League Past President and long serving Mayor of Elmer, Herbert D. Stiles, Jr. Elected to the League's Presidency at 2005 Conference, Mayor Stiles was asked to describe the role of a local elected official. "Citizens want honest representation by officials who care. ... Like a good neighbor, you have got to really care about your fellow citizens – their welfare, their happiness, their sorrows, and even their dreams. That's really the heart of the matter. And I think that's why most of us get involved, and stay involved, in this business." For 25 years, Herb Stiles gave the people of Elmer caring, honest and honorable service. He also brought to his efforts an untiring work ethic, the highest of ethical standards, genial humility, warmth and a subtle sense of humor. He often noted losing his first run for office by four votes. "But, thanks to God, good fortune and the sound judgement of the people of Elmer, I haven't lost since," he said.

He served on the Borough Council from 1981 until he won the Mayor's Office in 1992. He continued to serve as Mayor until 2007. An Air Force veteran, Herb served as a radio and television specialist for the North American Air Defense Command and the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service. After his honorable discharge, he applied his talent and training as a program director in radio broadcasting for 25 years, and as public affairs specialist for 10 years after that. In addition to his service to the people of Elmer, those careers were followed by time spent as Deputy County Clerk for Salem County.

A life-long son of Elmer, Herb was an active and faithful member of Elmer United Methodist Church. He also served as a member of the Salem County Steering Committee for the March of Dimes

annual WalkAmerica, the Salem County Utilities Authority and the Salem County Advisory Solid Waste Committee.

During his year as League President, Mayor Stiles helped to inaugurate the Mayors Wellness Campaign. And bipartisanship was a hallmark of his Presidency. Along with his predecessor as League President, Mayor Peter Cantu of Plainsboro, he fought for reform and replenishment of the Transportation Trust Fund. Along with League Board Member Mayor Gary Passanante of Somerdale, he fought to advance a Citizens Convention for Property Tax Reform. And with Mayors and local Governing Body Members from all around our Garden State, he led our efforts during and after the State's Budget deadlock, leading to Governor Corzine's Special Legislative Session for Property Tax Reform.

Predeceased by his wife, Lucy, he is survived by his Sister, Kathryn McAllister, by his Brother, Robert Stiles, by many more family members and by scores of friends. We will miss his wise counsel and genial wit.