



# Bergen Passaic Association for the Education of Young Children

Fall  
Newsletter



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[www.bpaeyc.org](http://www.bpaeyc.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are ready for fall. Your Executive Board has been busy planning several activities that we know you will find interesting. Look for upcoming flyers and newsletters with more information.

As President, I am sad to report the passing of Joan L. Heins, 86, one of our most valued and long-time members. Joan was most recently our BPAEYC Accreditation Committee Chairperson for many years, and also served in that capacity on the State NJAEYC Board. Dedicated to serving children and families of New Jersey, Joan worked with teachers, university students, CDA candidates and program directors pursuing NAEYC Accreditation. Joan and her husband, Anton (Tony) Heins, could be found at almost every NJAEYC Conference manning the State's Accreditation table and joyfully and proudly counting the growing number of New Jersey's NAEYC Accredited programs and the children and families they served. The Bergen-Passaic AEYC has honored Joan in the past with its Special Membership Recognition Award.

Joan was also a founder and head teacher of the Church of the Savior Lutheran Preschool in Paramus for a number of years. Due to increasing health concerns of both Joan and Tony, the happy couple moved last summer from their home in Westwood to a retirement community in North Carolina.

Her love of family and her faith were evident in both her personal and professional life. Joan was a selfless and caring individual. Her gentle manner, her wisdom and her love will be sorely missed by all those whose lives she touched. True to Joan's style, her last wish as recorded in her obituary was "in lieu of flowers, hug a child".

Let's all keep Joan's spirit alive as we continue to do our important work with children and families.

Donna Hortian  
President

## SAVE THE DATES!



2008 Annual  
NJAEYC state  
CONFERENCE

AT

Atlantic City Conven-  
tion Center, NJ

October 24th-25th,  
2008

[www.njaeyc.org/](http://www.njaeyc.org/)

2008 NAEYC Annual  
CONFERENCE  
and EXPO

AT

Dallas, Texas

November 5-8, 2008

[http://  
annualconfer-  
ence.naeyc.org/](http://annualconference.naeyc.org/)

4th Annual Bergen  
County Office for  
Children  
Conference

AT

Bergen Community  
College

October, 11th, 2008

[www.co.bergen.nj.us/](http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/)

*THE NJ PRESCHOOL  
EXPANSION INITIATIVE has  
replaced the Abbott Preschool  
Program. This program will impact  
children in ALL DISTRICTS in the  
state of New Jersey. New dates  
for required 5-year plans are  
coming up soon! Let's be  
prepared!!!! For more information  
on the NJ Preschool Expansion  
Initiative, please visit  
[www.acnj.org](http://www.acnj.org) or contact Cynthia  
Rice at [crice@acnj.org](mailto:crice@acnj.org).*

## MEMBERSHIP

The BPAEYC Governing board is pleased to announce that our affiliate currently has 816 members. Of this 132 hold comprehensive memberships, 471 hold regular member accounts and 213 are student members.

Please visit [www.naeyc.org/membership/](http://www.naeyc.org/membership/) to become a member or renew your membership. Remember to select State Affiliate #42 (NJ) and Local Affiliate #214 (Bergen-Passaic). When renewing, please use your membership number in order to avoid duplicate mailings. Please also take the time to review and update your personal information.



BPAEYC is in an unusual situation. Due to unforeseen circumstances, there is no candidate for the position of President-Elect in this election. President Donna Hortian's term is half over, and she will remain as President for the next year. She is in need of someone to assist her this year in carrying out the plans for BPAEYC. If you (or you and a friend!) are interested in becoming more involved in your Association, please contact Donna as soon as possible. You can reach her at home at 201-262-5582, on her cell phone at 201-390-2098 or via email at [dhortian@paramus.k12.nj.us](mailto:dhortian@paramus.k12.nj.us).

The important National Presidential Election awaits us all in November 2008. The BPAEYC Governing board wishes to remind members to register to vote. Please also urge the families of your students to register to vote as well.

**Register  
to VOTE**