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Naimah Terry  
2009 New Jersey  
Cherry Blossom Princess

# A Message from Our President ☐ Join Up!



Spring is the season of renewal and we have chosen it as a time to focus on inviting Washington, D.C. newcomers from New Jersey to join NJSS. We also want to reach out to former members whose memberships may have lapsed, and longer-term residents of the greater Metropolitan area who have a New Jersey connection. **Please share this newsletter with others you know and help ensure that our events have the highest possible turnout.**

Our NJSS and NJ Group Spring Reception on May 6th was a great success with close to 100 participants. Bipartisan conviviality was the mood of the evening as we honored our one new Democratic Congressman, Rep. John Adler, and one new Republican Congressman, Rep. Leonard Lance. Our next newsletter will feature that event with photos, along with our other May through July events. Be sure to check the calendar on page 3 and our website for more frequent updates on events and photos.

Special thanks to our sponsors for the support that makes our events possible, and to our members for their support, loyalty and participation.

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**Kyle Mulroy**, a native of Monmouth County, NJ and a graduate of Rutgers University, is Chairman of Washington Strategic Consulting, a Washington D.C. based government relations consulting firm which represents major health and education entities throughout New Jersey. Kyle previously served as Executive Director of the New Jersey State Society and also spent five years as a staffer in the New Jersey Delegation.

**Dana Richter** has served as senior legislative assistant for Representative Frank LoBiondo (NJ-02) since 2003. She is responsible for legislative issues including health care, energy, environment, and education. Prior to her current position, she was Director of Policy Research for the Arthritis Foundation where she focused on grassroots advocacy. Dana was born and raised in Medford, NJ, attended Shawnee High School, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a law degree from the University of Alabama.

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# NJ Cherry Blossom Princess Welcomed to DC



Naimah and her grandmother, Yvonne Hatchett, at the Grand Ball. Below, NJSS member Carole Lieber, NJSS President Donise Cameron, and board member Dana Richter, with Naimah.

Naimah Terry of Jersey City represented the Garden State at many educational and cultural events during the National Cherry Blossom Festival March 29th through April 4th. She is a Dean's List junior at Rutgers, concentrating in Urban Planning and Community Development and participating in many civic activities. Naimah plans to attend law school and devote herself to community development initiatives in New Jersey.

The National Conference of State Societies sponsors the princess program along with the Japan Cherry Blossom Association to commemorate the spirit of friendship symbolized by the 1912 planting of the Japanese cherry trees along the Tidal Basin. Princesses are selected for their leadership, academic achievements, and interest in social, community and world affairs.



NJSS board member Allyson Blandford, intern Mandy Tharpe, Cameron, board member Kevin Horahan, and NJSS Treasurer Donna Crisalli, observe as Rep Donald Payne escorts Naimah at the Congressional Reception.



## NJSS UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUNE 18**

**Happy Hour Meetup**

Details follow in e-mails/on website

**JULY 20**

**Mets/Nationals Baseball**

Including pre-game,  
ice cold warm-up  
on the Hill

**SEPTEMBER 19**

☐Time of Remembrance☐

with families of NJ's  
fallen soldiers

**ALSO SEPTEMBER**  
**Prostate Awareness 10k**  
**National Book Festival**

**OCTOBER 25**

**NJSS ☐Jersey Night  
at the Jersey Boys☐**  
Reception 5:30 p.m.  
National Theatre 7 pm



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