



## HIMSS National Lunch with the NYS & NJ Chapters Tuesday Feb 21, 2017

Both Chapters outdid it again this year. We had 342 registered for this luncheon to be able to share our ideas & discuss what is going on in each Chapter. A special thanks goes out to the NJ & NY sponsors of our Chapters for the generous donation to help us put on this luncheon.

The NY Chapter was represented by Rick Sughrue, President. He introduced Michael DeLatto, a veteran who spends his time working at the VA Hospital in the Bronx. He is a retired Officer of the Marine Corps. Michael was a guest of the Chapter at this year's National Conference. Rick also discussed the upcoming events that will be held around NY State for the balance of this FY 2017. He described the events taking place in Rochester in both April & May & our big June event in NYC. The Chapter also holds a CAHIMS review course on March 25th at Molloy College for interested students. He also introduced the other Board members that were present.

The NJ Chapter was represented by Anthony Ferrante, events Co-Chair. During the course of the year our former President Dr. Shafiq Rab moved to Chicago & our President-Elect, Janine Gesek took over. The Chapter has been renamed from HIMSS to HERSS. We discussed the upcoming planned events, such as, the Cyber Security Exercise, Webinars, and the June event to be held at Ocean Place, Long Branch with a few new twists. The scholarship program was highlighted for the different facets of education that are supported. New networking events are being planned that will be a more relaxed atmosphere, such as, a Night at the Races for MS fund raising, a Career fair, a minor league baseball game with a network element attached to it. Several Board members were there & introduced.

Both Chapters were able to wrap up the information component in approx. 30 mins leaving the rest of the time for networking & eating dessert.

Thanks to all that attended