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**May 2023**

## CALENDAR

May 10, 2023 LIZ Spring Luncheon  
 Sept. 20, 2023 LIZ Fall Annual Mtg  
 Oct. 11-13, 2023 RENY Convention

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 sending out bulletins has been facilitated.  
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[lizonenews@gmail.com](mailto:lizonenews@gmail.com)) in order to receive  
 LIZ NEWS BULLETINS directly!

# MAY BULLETIN

## Spring Luncheon!

Our LIZ luncheon will be held at the Irish Coffee Pub,  
 131 Carleton Ave in Islip on **May 10th at 11:30 a.m.**  
 MENU: penné à la vodka; garden salad; choice of sliced steak,  
 chicken, salmon, or shepherd's pie; apple pie; soft drinks, coffee  
 & tea. Entrées may be ordered after arrival. Choose to be seated  
 with old friends or soon-to-be friends, enjoy good conversation  
 and door prizes! Send in your \$30 per person check payable to  
 LIZ to our Vice President Val Stype, 202 Tyler Ct, Riverhead, NY  
 11901 a.s.a.p. Add to the fun by bringing in a like-new raffle item!

## Eye Health

Annual eye health screenings are so important, it bears repeating.  
 I, for example, put off getting new glasses as my eyesight  
 became incrementally worse. When I finally showed up at the  
 eye doctor, I was diagnosed as having wet macular degeneration  
 with deteriorating vision, requiring monthly eye injections for life.  
 Remember saying: "Cross my heart and hope to die; stick a  
 needle in my eye!" Even then, we knew it was not a picnic.

## SO important:

PLEASE drop a postcard or email to your legislators to pursue  
 Bills A-10425 & S-09347 which would guarantee educators the  
 health insurance benefits with which they retired AND to Gov.  
 Hochul who vetoed the legislation in 2022: Hon. Kathleen C.  
 Hochul, NYS State Capital Building, Albany, NY 12224 or [www.  
 governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form](http://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form). Thank you!!

## Pronunciation Guide

Ever since NYSRTA has been doing business as RENY, some have  
 been confused. The E is pronounced like the E in "Educators";  
 the NY is pronounced like "knee" - emphasis on the *first* syllable.  
 Not "ReeKnee," nor the girl's name "Renée." 👍