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Member Associations, 2022-2023

Allegria at the Fountains, Atco

Applewood, Freehold

The Atrium at Navesink Harbor, Red Bank

Bristol Glen, Newton

Cadbury at Cherry Hill, Cherry Hill

Cedar Crest, Pompton Plains

Crane's Mill, West Caldwell

Crestwood Manor, Whiting

The Evergreens, Moorestown

Fellowship Village, Basking Ridge

Friends Village, Woodstown

Harrogate, Lakewood

House of the Good Shepherd, Hackettstown

Lantern Hill, New Providence

Laurel Circle, Bridgewater

Lions Gate, Voorhees

Meadow Lakes, East Windsor

Medford Leas, Medford

Monroe Village, Monroe Township

The Oaks at Denville, Denville

The Pines, Whiting

Seabrook, Tinton Falls

Stonebridge at Montgomery, Skillman

Wiley Christian Retirement Community, Marlton

Winchester Gardens, Maplewood

Membership in ORANJ

ORANJ welcomes into membership
the Residents Associations of
Continuing Care Retirement Communities

Currently the Residents Associations of all
certified New Jersey CCRCs in New Jersey are
members of ORANJ

What Members Say About ORANJ

"It's good to know someone is looking out for the needs and concerns of us CCRC residents in New Jersey."

"Through ORANJ, we learn what other Residents Associations are doing about various concerns and issues: governance, resident representation, fees, libraries, employee appreciation, transportation, and dining services."

"ORANJ alerts us to matters moving through the NJ legislature that are likely to have implications for CCRCs."

"It is fun to get together to catch new vision, to join in planning, and to take joy in the achievements of one another."

The Organization of Residents Associations of New Jersey

ORANJ



*"The Tree Unites the Branches;
The Branches Bear the Fruit"*

◆ *Why you should care*

◆ *Why you should get involved*

◆ *Why you will benefit*

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Brief History of ORANJ

By the late 1980s, fourteen Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs), offering facilities for the three stages of *Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Long-Term Care*, had been certified for senior citizens in New Jersey. Nine of these had only recently opened their doors. Newly formed Residents Associations were facing problems for which there was no prior experience. They began to reach out to each other for help. In 1991 the presidents of the fourteen Associations met at Applewood Estates in Freehold and officially founded the Organization of Residents Associations of New Jersey (ORANJ).

Residents Associations in twenty-five CCRCs presently certified for occupancy in New Jersey are members of ORANJ. Over 10,000 seniors are currently in residence.

Soon after the organization of ORANJ, its leaders reached out to help in the formation of the National Continuing Care Residents Association (NaCCRA), founded in 1992.

Although the Mission Statement and Goals of ORANJ have developed over the years, the central purpose remains working cooperatively for the well-being of senior citizens. Across the state, issues and challenges faced are similar. In working together, senior citizens multiply insight, strength and influence for change and improvement.

ORANJ MISSION STATEMENT

The Organization of Residents Associations of New Jersey exists for the purpose of supporting, empowering, and bettering the lives of senior citizens in New Jersey. We accomplish this mission by:

- ◆ Facilitating communication among member Residents Associations on matters of common interest and concern
- ◆ Keeping abreast of developments in the world of Senior Citizens
- ◆ Coordinating action on behalf of the rights and responsibilities of residents
- ◆ Monitoring and seeking to influence the enactment and enforcement of laws and regulations that pertain to residents of CCRCs in New Jersey

Supporting Goals and Strategies

I. Communication and Interchange

- ◆ Sharing experiences among members
- ◆ Resourcing learning and education
- ◆ Sharing models of effective communication with CCRC providers

II. Resident Rights and Responsibilities

- ◆ Monitoring legislation and advocacy
- ◆ Raising resident awareness
- ◆ Participating in governance
- ◆ Utilizing resident expertise

III. Networking with Allied Organizations

- ◆ LeadingAge - National
- ◆ LeadingAge - New Jersey
- ◆ National Continuing Care Residents Association (NaCCRA)

IV. Fostering the Growth of ORANJ

- ◆ Making ORANJ better known among residents
- ◆ Welcoming newly certified CCRCs
- ◆ Using membership expertise in active committees

How ORANJ Works

The State of NJ is divided into 5 **regions** each with its own vice-president (VP). Each VP conducts quarterly regional meetings for the CCRCs in his/her region where issues are discussed in small groups.

Much valuable work of ORANJ is done through its **Standing Committees** in the program areas of Communication and Legislative Action/Advocacy.

The Executive Committee carries out recommendations from the committees and is responsible for long range planning and for plenary meetings.

The newsletter is published quarterly and archived on the website.

Blog posts are also available to the public. Since April 2022 they have provided recaps of the frequent Zoom conversations which are held among residents association leaders.

A highlight of the ORANJ year is the **plenary meeting** held each spring and fall when delegates meet in different CCRCs to hear reports, determine policy matters, and set program priorities. Outside experts are invited to speak. These meetings also provide opportunities for members to get to know one another in their home settings.