



# New Jersey Medical Physics Society

## *Celebrating 42 Years of History*

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The AAPM NJ Chapter was founded in 1975 and the first president of the chapter was John Glover. John was followed by David Steidley, Jonathan Law, Rene Smith, Joan Seibert, Kenneth Kopecky.

Back in the late 1970's and early 1980's, the chapter meetings were held at the *El Pescador* Restaurant in Roselle Park. There were usually about 20 physicists at each meeting, a presentation would be given by a physicist or speaker sponsored by a vendor, followed by dinner. Joan Seibert recalled:

“After one meeting 4 or 5 of us stayed behind and talked for about an hour since we were all awaiting the delivery of our first accelerator with electron beam capabilities. That was a very big deal back then. How far we've come”.



Top row: Richard Breslow, Ken Kopecky; Middle row: Bill Hillsinger, Gary Zkyes, K. David Steidley, Henry Switaj, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Strauss (friends of Lillian), Joan Seibert; Bottom row: Maimu Ohanian, Lillian Jacobson, Jonathan Law, Steve Nagy. This photo was taken at a meeting in 1980.

The photo to the left was taken in May 1980. It was taken at a meeting held to honor Lillian Jacobson, a physicist in the NY/NJ area, who was retiring. Jonathan Law (front row) was known for his crazy, large, white bow ties.

The membership of NJ chapter has grown steadily since 1975, shown in the graph above. There are currently more than 140 active members.

In more recent years, our NJ Chapter meetings have been held in the beautiful *Kenilworth Inn*, located at Kenilworth, NJ. There are typically 30-40 physicists, vendors, State regulators in attendance for each meeting. The agenda includes a business meeting and presentation, followed by dinner. Details of our chapter can be found on our website: [chapter.aapm.org/njimps](http://chapter.aapm.org/njimps).



On December 7, 2011, our NJ Chapter celebrated its 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The invited speaker was Dr. Benjamin Nelms (Canis Lupus LLC) who gave an interesting presentation on “The evolution of dose QA metrics for highly conformal plans”. At each of the New Jersey Chapter meetings, a medical physics related lecture or talk is presented. The meetings are educational. Chapter meetings are held 2-3 times a year. Physicists from all over NJ come to the meeting to learn and to meet with old and new friends.



On May 28, 2008, at the 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Dr. K. David Steidley, FAAPM, FACR, the second president of the chapter, proudly presented the history of the New Jersey chapter and the important role it had played in professional activities both locally, and on a national level. He stressed the importance of the chapter meetings and emphasized that it takes effort from all New Jersey Medical Physicists to maintain the excellence of the chapter.



We invite renowned medical physicists to the meeting to present cutting-edge research in the medical physics field.

Physics staff at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ

Physics staff at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Basking Ridge, NJ.

NJ AAPM 2014 Summer Meeting (June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014), and local events.