Dear Members,

If you missed our February meeting, you missed a presentation about the Morris Canal. Tim Roth, of the Canal Society of New Jersey, shared photos of the canals and canal boats from the 1800's. He described the technology of the canal locks, lifts, and the life of a canal boat captain.

We have received several responses to our fundraising letter. I'm pleased to say that we now have enough money to ensure our operation through the end of this membership year. Our sincere thanks to everyone that contributed.

If you haven't sent a contribution yet, please consider sending a donation to support the continued operation of the chapter. Checks can be mailed to VSA/NNJ, Post Office Box 717, Montclair, NJ 07042.

Another way you can help support the health of the chapter is to help us to grow. Please talk about our organization with your friends and family and ask them to consider becoming a member.

We are also looking for ways to reduce the ongoing costs of our meetings. Our current venue costs us \$215 per meeting. If you know of another site that would welcome our monthly meetings at a lower cost, please let us know. Possibilities might include church halls, libraries, or meeting rooms at senior living facilities.

Finally, don't forget to visit our website: <u>www.vsa-nnj.com</u> and "like" our Facebook page: **facebook.com/VSANNJ**