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## It Was a Day to Remember for One New Millionaire and 14 Other New Jersey Lottery Prize Winners

### *Million Dollar Replay Semi-Finalists Attended Festive Lottery Drawing*

**TRENTON – (March 17, 2017)** – Million Dollar Replay Grand Prize Drawing semi-finalists and their guests were ushered into the Patriots Theatre in the Trenton War Memorial for the opportunity to win cash-prizes including a million dollar top-prize. Participants were eager to witness the luck of the Lottery draw on St. Patrick's Day with the lucky New Jersey Lottery four-leaf clover on display throughout the theatre.



L-R, Carole Hedinger, NJ Lottery Executive Director, Heidi Linke, \$25,000 winner, Erica Young, NJ Lottery Ambassador, Lisa Nash, \$100,000 winner, Derek DeAngelis, Emcee, John Covino, \$50,000 winner, Jerry Brown, \$25,000 winner.

Erica Young, Lottery Ambassador, greeted guests and signed commemorative photos as they made their way into the auditorium.

Lottery Executive Director, Carole Hedinger, welcomed the attendees, explained the drawing proceedings and said, "This is the sixth year that the Million Dollar Replay program has provided New Jersey Lottery players the opportunity to win significant cash prizes with previously non-winning tickets."

Master of Ceremonies, Derek DeAngelis, entertained the audience with witty jokes and interesting Lottery facts. The hundreds of attendees enjoyed their luncheon with tunes performed by the Rutgers' Jazz Ensemble, led by student Jarrett Walser and organized by Professor Ralph Bowen. There was a faux money – grab booth

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## Million Dollar Replay 2016 Finalists Win \$1.5 Million

with the winnings exchanged for prizes and Lottery swag, a photo booth to capture the day's event and raffles for gift baskets. Smiles were all around because everyone celebrated like a winner at this year's Million Dollar Replay event.

Erica Young and Kaitlyn Cuning, drawing hostesses, conducted the drawing under the observation of Mercadien, P.C. Certified Public Accountants until the official results were achieved and the final 15 Million Dollar Replay Grand Prize winners were selected after a year-long program. All of the semi-finalists who didn't win one of the top 15 prizes will receive a \$250 semi-finalist prize.

## 2016 Million Dollar Replay Grand Prize Winners

PRIZE	NAME	CITY/STATE
\$1,000,000	DARLENE LOVE	PASSAIC PARK, NJ
\$100,000	RITA DEVANEY	MILLSTONE, NJ
\$100,000	LISA NASH	TOTOWA, NJ
\$50,000	MARY O'DWYER	BUTLER, NJ
\$50,000	THOMAS RURAK	WOOD-RIDGE, NJ
\$50,000	JOHN COVINO SR.	ELIZABETH, NJ
\$25,000	SIRINA KAMIENIECKI	BOONTON, NJ
\$25,000	JERRY BROWN	FORKED RIVER, NJ
\$25,000	DEBBIE GERBER	HIGHLAND PARK, NJ
\$25,000	HEIDI LINKE	JAMESBURG, NJ
\$10,000	PETER RADOMSKI	WEST CALDWELL, NJ
\$10,000	JAMES ASPROCOLAS	PHILLIPSBURG, NJ
\$10,000	KAREN QUAST	CLIFFWOOD BEACH, NJ
\$10,000	CALLIE DOWE	NORTH EAST, MD
\$10,000	DEVI METTA	PITMAN, NJ

### Winner Stories:

Lisa Nash of Totowa attended the event with her husband Brian. They were excited that Lisa was a contender for the cash prizes. On their drive to Trenton they discussed what they would do if they won a prize. The answer was easy; Brian suffers from knee pain and requires two knee replacements. They had postponed the surgery because of the hardship his lost wages would inflict on the family during his recovery. Now he can receive the treatment he needs and take the time required to

recuperate before returning to work. Lisa Nash won \$100,000.

Jerry Brown of Forked River said that his friends had the feeling that he would be a winner today. He also shared that he could use the money as his home suffered roof damage from the latest storm, Stella. Before leaving his home he reassured his wife that everything would be alright. Jerry Brown won \$25,000.



Bag pipers opened the ceremony with memorable tunes

For details on how to play and enter the **2017 Million Dollar Replay** program, which is currently underway, go to the New Jersey Lottery website at [www.NJLottery.com](http://www.NJLottery.com) and log into the VIP Club.

### ABOUT THE LOTTERY

Since its inception in 1970, the New Jersey Lottery (NJLottery.com) has contributed nearly \$25 billion to the State in support of education and institutions.

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