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# Chamber/Garden Club Boulevard in Bloom

## Help Keep the Boulevard in Bloom

Beautiful flowering planters have adorned The Boulevard for the past nine years.

The Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club, invites businesses and residents to sponsor a flowering planter by making a \$50 donation.

The planting will be done by the Garden Club at the DPW after the May 15 frost date.

Once the plantings have been completed, the DPW will then move the flower pots to their Boulevard location, and has agreed to water the plants during the season. After the summer, the DPW will collect the flower pots and store them for the winter.

The Beta Club from the Hasbrouck Heights Middle School will lend a hand overseeing and pruning the planters throughout the summer.

**April Flower**  
**Sweet Pea**

A donation of \$50 will replenish an existing planter with lovely flowers and greens. Your donation of any amount is welcome.

You can send donations to: Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce BIB, PO Box 1, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey 07604.

Call Ray at 201-288-5464 or Ann at 201-288-3956 for more information. ###

## Lodi Shredding Event April 6

The Borough of Lodi, in conjunction with the Bergen County Utilities Authority and Nexcut, Inc., will be hosting its first Shredding Event on Saturday, April 6, 2013, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., at Lodi Memorial Park.

At no cost, Borough residents may bring any unwanted paper to this on-site shredding truck for proper disposal and recycling. ###

# Earth Day 2013 - The Face of Climate Change

Earth Day Network announced the global theme for Earth Day 2013 is "The Face of Climate Change."

Earth Day Network, the group founded by the organizers of the first Earth Day to coordinate the annual day of action that builds and invigorates the environmental movement, said that this theme was chosen because of the need to highlight the mounting impact of climate change on individuals around the world.

"Many people think climate change is a remote problem, but the fact is that it's already impacting real people, animals, and beloved places all over the world, and these Faces of Climate Change are multiplying every day," said Kathleen Rogers, president of Earth Day Network.

"Fortunately, other Faces of Climate Change are also multiplying every day: those stepping up to do something about it.

For Earth Day 2013, we'll bring our generation's biggest environmental challenge down to size – the size of an

individual faced with the consequences."

Between now and Earth Day, Earth Day Network will collect and display images of people, animals, and places directly affected or threatened by climate change and tell the world their stories.

The organization will mobilize its extensive global network of Earth Day event organizers and other partners to help collect the images. But they're also asking ordinary people to become "climate reporters" and send their pictures and stories that show "The Face of Climate Change."

On and around Earth Day – April 22 – an interactive digital display of all the images will be shown at thousands of events around the world, including next to federal government buildings in countries that produce the most carbon pollution. The display will also be made available online to anyone who wants to view or show it.

The campaign is focusing heavily on social media. Organizers are asking people to tweet using the hashtag #FaceOfClimate, and "climate reporters" can also post photos to Twitter and Instagram using that hashtag for inclusion in the digital display.

2012 was marked by many climate change milestones. Arctic sea-ice cover reached a record low in September, a new high-water mark in a long-term decline.

The United States experi-

enced its hottest year ever; this, after the World Meteorological Organization announced that the first decade of this century was the hottest on record for the entire planet.

Public perception of extreme weather events as "the new normal" grew as unusual superstorms rocked the Caribbean, the Philippines and the northeastern United States; droughts plagued northern Brazil, Russia, China, and two-thirds of the United States; exceptional floods inundated Nigeria, Pakistan, and parts of China; and more.

Meanwhile, international climate change talks stagnated. But glimmers of hope for a political solution began appearing in recent months, perhaps most notably in U.S. President Barack Obama's high-profile promises to tackle climate change during his second term.

Each year, more than one billion people participate in Earth Day-related activities, making it the largest civic observance in the world. On and around April 22, communities across approximately 192 countries voice their concerns for the planet and take action to protect it.

"We'll harness that power to show the world 'The Face of Climate Change,'" said Russell. "And we'll call on our leaders to act boldly together, as we have, on this critical issue."

To learn more about Earth Day 2013 and "The Face of Climate Change," go to [www.earthday.org/2013](http://www.earthday.org/2013).



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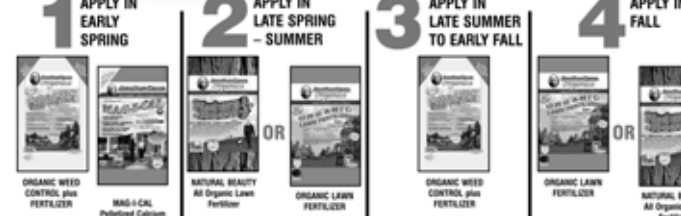
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Stash the Trash

The 5th Annual Stash the Trash Community Clean Up is scheduled for April 13, 2013, at 10 a.m., at the Moonachie Road ball fields.

In a small town, these community events preserve the integrity of their sense of togetherness. Keeping Moonachie clean is a year round job, and your involvement would be greatly appreciated.

This event is sponsored by the Moonachie Clean Communities and the South Bergen Rotary Club. The event will run from 10 a.m. until noon. Community groups are encouraged to sign up – all materials for clean-up will be provided, as will a bar-b-que lunch.

If you would like to sign up, please email mlyons@moonachie.us. Groups will be able to apply for a mini-grant from the town. If you have any questions, ask at the above email address, or call 201-376-8382. ###

Felician Sisters Celebrate Earth Day

Earth Day will be commemorated with a program of prayer and song at the Felician Sisters' Peace Site on Monday, April 22, 2013, from 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

The peace site has been in existence for over 25 years and is located as you enter the Felician Sisters' property at 260 South Main Street, Lodi.

All are invited from nearby towns and from all faith communities to join in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, as we strive for a deeper commitment to a peaceful coexistence with the earth and all its creatures. ###

THINK GREEN

St. John's Annual Plant Sale

Mark your calendars! Spring is just around the corner and it is time to start planning your gardens.

Nursery grown plants and flowers and hanging pots will also be available at St. John's Parish Hall, Hasbrouck Heights, on Friday, May 3, 2013, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. There will not be any plants available on Saturday.

Only pre-orders for the 34th Annual St. John's Plant Sale are being accepted and due by Tuesday, April 30, 2013.

Only flats which contain one kind/one color are \$11.

Pre-order forms are available by calling 201-288-0002 and leave a message, or download order from www.saint-johnthedivine.com

All plants are reasonably priced and of the highest quality. As in previous years, all plants are hand picked at the nursery by experienced gardeners. ###

Full Pink Moon

The April full moon will appear on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 3:59 p.m. It is called the "Full Pink Moon."

According to the "Farmer's Almanac," this name came from the herb, moss pink, or wild ground phlox, which is one of the earliest widespread flowers of the spring.

Other names include the "Full Sprouting Grass Moon," the "Egg Moon," and, among Coastal tribes, the "Full Fish Moon," because this was the time that the shad swam upstream to spawn.

The Native American Indians of the northern and eastern United States kept track of the seasons by giving a name to each recurring full moon. European settlers followed the custom. ###

HH Welcomes Raymond A. Edel on April 18

In collaboration with The Library, the Garden Club welcomes Raymond Edel to Hasbrouck Heights on April 18.

Mr. Edel is well known to us through the Record, since joining them in 1982. He has worn many hats and presently holds the title of Calendar and Listings editor for the Record/Herald News and writes a weekly column on gardening called "From the Ground Up."

He is a Master Gardener and the former president of the organization. He is also a member of the Garden Club of Clifton and a member of City Green, Inc. Board of Directors, served as an adjunct professor for Bergen Community College, has taught numerous classes, and held workshops and seminars throughout the state.

The topic for the evening will be "Pests in the Garden," with a little humor.

The program will be held at 320 Boulevard on the second floor in The Library Meeting Room. Refreshments will be served at 6:45 p.m. Registration is required. Just stop by The Library or call 201-288-0488 to reserve a seat. ###

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Farmers' Market Continues

The Farmers' Market is scheduled to begin on June 18, 2013 and continue every Tuesday from noon to 6 p.m. until late September, at the corner of The Boulevard and Central (municipal parking lot).

This Farmers' Market is scheduled to host many new vendors this year, and George is Back!

According to Chamber President Ray Vorisek, Hasbrouck Heights businesses and community organizations are invited to set up a free table for one Tuesday afternoon during the 2013 Market.

Limited positions are available. Call Ray at 201-288-5464 for more information.

During Farmers' Market days, Boulevard businesses are permitted to take advantage of "Sidewalk Sale" opportunities and set up tables in front of their stores. ###

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# Hackensack Riverkeeper's 2013 Eco-Programs

## Full season of fun, educational, active programming is ready to roll

Hackensack Riverkeeper is happy to announce the release of its 2013 Eco-Programs schedule.

Once again the clean water advocacy group is poised to provide thousands of people with an up-close and personal experience of the river, its watershed and wildlife.

Eco-Cruises, Guided Paddles, River Cleanups and Bird-Walks combine hands-on environmental education with public service and fun – and have since 1997.

The 2013 Eco-Program season runs from Earth Day weekend (April 20-21) through the end of October.

“We were very fortunate in that Hurricane Sandy caused us very little damage,” said Captain Bill Sheehan. “We hauled and secured our pontoon boats before the storm hit; and our Paddling Center made it through alright. Captain Hugh and I are very anxious to get out on the water and see what changes – if any – there are on the river and in the Meadowlands.”

### Eco-Programs

Hackensack Riverkeeper offers four unique and distinct Eco-Programs:

- **Eco-Cruises** This is Hackensack Riverkeeper's signature environmental education program.

Thirty-eight Open Eco-Cruises are scheduled from May 4 through October 13 aboard the pontoon cruisers Edward Abbey and Robert H. Boyle.

Open trips are great for individuals, couples and families and can be had for a donation of \$25 per person for adults / \$10 for kids 4-12.

Three distinct Eco-Cruise itineraries are offered: Meadowlands Discovery, which explores the wetlands and creeks of the river's estuary; Boating through Bergen, which runs upriver to the center of Hackensack and the museum ship USS Ling; and Excursion Around the Bay, a maritime history tour to Staten Island and back past the port facilities of Newark and Elizabeth.

- **Charter Eco-Cruises** can be arranged for groups of up to 26 people for any available date/time May 1 through October 28.

Hackensack Riverkeeper asks a donation of \$300 per boat for Adult Charter Eco-Cruises and \$250 for Youth Charters.

Half-day Combo Programs are also available for schools. Those interested can call Program Director Captain Hugh Carola at 201-968-0808 for more info or to book a trip. Open Eco-Cruise dates/times are not available for charters.

- **Paddling Center** Hackensack Riverkeeper's Paddling Center, located on the river at Laurel Hill County Park in Secaucus, NJ, will be open weekends April 20 through October 28, weather permitting.

The Center offers canoe & kayak rentals (\$25 per paddler w/ a 2-paddler minimum) as well as Guided Paddles conducted by manager, John Sailer and his team.

Twenty-two tours are scheduled including five popular Full Moon paddles. Costs \$30 per paddler / \$15 per paddler for those with their own boat(s).

Private Group Paddle tours at reasonable rates can be arranged by calling Capt. Hugh at 201-968-0808 or e-mailing hugh@hackensackriverkeeper.org.

- **Reservoir Challenge** In addition to Paddling Center events, Hackensack Riverkeeper's 5th Annual Reservoir

Challenge takes place Saturday, June 1 at Oradell Reservoir; the 3rd Annual Lake Tappan Paddle Day is set for Saturday, August 10; and the 3rd Annual SPLASH event takes to the water at Overpeck Park in Teaneck on September 7. Call 201-968-0808 for details or go to: [www.hackensackriverkeeper.org](http://www.hackensackriverkeeper.org).

- **River Cleanups** These active conservation events, which give people the opportunity to give back to the environment, take on additional meaning this year in our post-Sandy world.

River Cleanups are scheduled at eight different waterside locations within the Hackensack River Watershed from April 13 through October 20.

Hackensack Riverkeeper provides cleanup tools and supplies, as well as refreshments for all volunteers.

All they ask is that everyone pitch in and help rid local waterways of litter and other debris.

For more information about River Cleanups including group participation and the organization's Corporate River Stewardship Program, call Events and Outreach Coordinator Sarah Menchise at 201-968-0808 or e-mail her at Sarah@HackensackRiverkeeper.org.

- **Bird-Walks** For groups interested in birding and bird study, Captain Hugh Carola is available to lead Bird-Walks or hawk watches at local birding hotspots within the Hackensack

River Watershed region.

For more information, including itinerary options, call 201-968-0808. Costs \$150-\$200 depending on location and duration of trip; for up to 12 people.

- **Indoor Presentations** Captains Bill Sheehan and Hugh Carola are available to conduct multimedia presentations to groups of any size at any date and time.

They have a wealth of materials including PowerPoint slideshows and video screenings that are appropriate for all age groups.

Presenters will be sure to bring informational literature for all attendees. Costs \$150 if presented within the Bergen, Hudson, southern Rockland, eastern Passaic or greater Newark areas; \$200 - \$300 if presented further afield. Call 201-968-0808 for more information.

“All of us at Hackensack Riverkeeper are looking forward to a great new season on and about the water,” said Program Director, Captain Hugh Carola. “You can do, you can learn, you can work out, or you can just sit back and let the boat and your captain do all the work; but whatever you prefer, we know that you'll go home with a new appreciation of your Hackensack River.”

All Hackensack Riverkeeper Eco-Program information, including schedules, is available at [www.hackensackriverkeeper.org](http://www.hackensackriverkeeper.org).

Founded in 1997 by Captain Bill Sheehan, Hackensack Riverkeeper is the leading environmental organization working on Hackensack River issues. A founding member of the international Waterkeeper Alliance, the group engages in a four-point clean water strategy (*Action, Advocacy, Education and Litigation*) in its ongoing work to protect, preserve and restore the Hackensack River. Eco-Programs focus on environmental action and education. ###

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# NJ Transit Meets With Commuters About Fence at Teterboro Train Stop

As a safety measure, NJ Transit constructed a 300-foot fence at the Teterboro train stop on the Hasbrouck Heights side of the tracks, to keep people from crossing the tracks.

Commuters were told that the transit agency's safety department recommended installing the fence after train engineers reported a few "near misses" at the station. There was a fatality at this station in 1989.

However, it has caused a number of hardships for Heights commuters who walk to and from the stop as well as those who depart busses at Route 17 and cross over the tracks to work in Teterboro.

Mayor Rose Heck reached out to NJ Transit alerting them to the situation and invited NJ Transit representatives to a Borough meeting for a "listening session."

In council chambers on February 26, 2013, John Leon, senior director of government and community relations for NJ Transit, heard Heights rail customers' frustrations regarding their fenced off access to the Teterboro stop.

A number of residents came forward:

Lino Brescia, who started a movement with petition against NJ Transit for fencing off access, began the session by summarizing many of the commuters' concerns.

He said the so-called safety measure actually puts him and other commuters in more danger as the only access to the stop by foot is by walking along Route 46 which has no sidewalks.

He added that the odds that one could get hit by a car are higher than the odds someone will get hit by a train by crossing the tracks at that rail stop. He added, "I'm your customer ... I just want to take the train."

Jeff Ross wanted to know about this decision. He asked what it would cost for a pedestrian crossing, flashing light, gate, secondary barriers, what are the alternatives, etc.

He wanted the rationale for the fence and that it seemed like a heavy hand. He said that he

asked NJ Transit about this for over a month with no response.

The fence is not conducive for commuters, they want easy access to the station.

Perhaps the fence is a good way to safely funnel commuters to a pedestrian crossing.

When asked who built the fence, Leon stated the work was done by NJ Transit, not contracted out.

Another resident questioned, "Why should Hasbrouck Heights commuters not have access to this stop which is just a stone's throw away" from their homes. He cited that convenient access to the rail stop is important to the community, and the lack of that convenient access to NYC could bring down property value.

Another commuter stated that the train stop was his reason for moving into Hasbrouck Heights. The train was an easy commute, but now that access been cut off, he is thinking of moving.

It was generally agreed that the train is 96.9% reliable and a nicer, quicker commute.

Most felt that the bus was unreliable due to traffic whims, longer commute and crowded.

Another resident commented, "It used to take 45 minutes from door to door, from her house to her job," now she takes the bus, extending her commute to New York to more than an hour.

For Dan Powers, who once was able to walk two blocks from his home to the Teterboro train stop, the lack of access to this train stop means giving up quality time with his children in the morning in order to leave early enough to try to get a parking space at the Wood-Ridge train stop.

Another commuter stated, in Hackensack, this same train line runs thru Essex Street where people continuously walk and drive over rails, there is no fence. Further down the rail, Hackensack High School sits parallel to non-fenced rails, safety concern? Children taking shortcuts home, crossing tracks, hanging out near buzzing trains.

There was a comment

about the pedestrian traffic at Franklin Avenue -- without incidents.

Regarding parking, a speaker said Teterboro has 27 spaces for which there is a long waiting list and which seem to be used by NJ Transit employees. Cost is \$480 per year.

They noted that Wood-Ridge has 100 spaces, Hackensack has 200 spaces, Oradell has free parking and Emerson has 400 spaces.

Lack of parking keeps residents from easily accessing the Teterboro stop, something which John Leon, said he would look into as a possible way of resolving the issue.

The obvious question was it parking or access? The consensus among attending commuters was more about convenient walking access than parking.

The mayor pointed to other options NJ Transit could take to expand that station including purchasing the empty gas station which borders the tracks.

Several members of the Borough council agreed that something needs to be done to improve rail access to the Borough.

The session concluded with Mr. Leon thanking the commuters for their comments.

As this was a listening session, he couldn't address all the commuters' problems and didn't have answers for all their questions.

Regarding the fence installation, "We know that it's not a perfect solution," he said.

As for future access to the Teterboro stop, Leon pledged that all the commuters' input will be taken seriously and considered towards some kind of resolve. He would report back to the officials in Newark to possibly find some kind of solution.

To access this petition: go to: <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/njtransit-pascack-valley-teterboro-access/>

For previous information on this topic, see **The Gazette Newspaper**, March 2013, page 3. This article is available free online at: [www.the-gazette-newspaper.com](http://www.the-gazette-newspaper.com) ###

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Cortona 100th Anniversary

St. Margaret of Cortona, serving Little Ferry and Moonachie, is celebrating their 100th Anniversary with a Dinner-Dance on Friday, April 19, 2013, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Empire Club.

Tickets are sold after Masses. Cost is \$35. For more information and tickets, please call 201-641-8624. ###

A Spring Dinner-Dance

The Lay Association of Saint Francis Caracciolo presents "A Spring Dinner-Dance" on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at 7 p.m., at St. Joseph School Gymnasium in Lodi.

Ticket cost is \$25. Call 973-779-0643 for reservations. No tickets will be sold at the door. Event benefits the Adorno Fathers. ###

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

The 4th Annual Lisa Photo Stride for the Cure Event is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2013, at the Meadowlands Race Track, with the first race at 7:15 p.m. All proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society. A \$2 admission with drink specials, prize drawings, silent auction, giveaways and food. Live music featuring Hasbrouck Heights' Bobby Strange, The Past Masters and special guests. For more information call Lisa Photo at 201-460-4071. ###

Caregivers Conference

Do you provide care for a loved one or neighbor? Find out about services, support and other helpful information.

On Thursday, April 18, 2013, from 5 to 9 p.m., there will be a Caregivers Conference at the Bergen County Administration Building, Freeholders' Public Meeting Room, 5th floor, One Bergen County Plaza in Hackensack, NJ.

The program will include several speakers and representatives from various agencies.

The conference is sponsored by the Bergen County Department of Human Services, Division of Senior Services. For more information call Eleanor Contreras at 201-336-7416. ###

ICHS Reunion April 13

All ICHS alumnae, current and past faculty/staff, students, parents and friends are invited to attend Immaculate Conception High School's Reconnect and Renew: Reunion 2013, celebrating milestone reunion years ending in 3 and 8, although all classes are invited and encouraged to attend.

This very special reunion will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2013, at ICHS located at 258 South Main Street in Lodi, NJ. RSVP's are now being accepted.

The day will begin with a coffee reception at 11 a.m. Following the coffee reception there will be a reunion prayer service, presentations, and remarks, along with a catered luncheon and dessert.

Following lunch and dessert there will tours of the school and class photos. Please call Nadine at 973-472-7231 for more information or to RSVP. ###

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Only blankets will be allowed on the field (no chairs). Water will be allowed, but no food. ###

**WRHS 1983 Class Reunion**

The Wood-Ridge High School Class of 1983 will hold their 30th Reunion on October 26, 2013, at the Hasbrouck Heights Holiday Inn from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$80 per person and includes buffet, open bar and DJ entertainment.

Please pass this information on to any classmates that you may keep in contact with.

For more information call Gayle at 201-803-5972 or email: gaylecoz@aol.com ###

**Hasbrouck Heights Little League 18th Annual Pancake Breakfast & Tricky Tray\*/Sports Memorabilia Auction**

**Sunday April 7 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the VFW**

It's time again for the 18th Annual Hasbrouck Heights Little League Pancake Breakfast and **Tricky Tray\*** /Sports Memorabilia Auction fund-raiser!

This year's breakfast and Tricky Tray style auction will be held April 15 at the V.F.W. (located at the end of Old Field Avenue) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are available at the VFW at the door. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children (children under 4 are free).

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# Tricky Tray April 12

Abundant Grace Christian Church of Rutherford will hold its Spring Tricky Tray on Friday, April 12, 2013, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Homewood Suites Hilton, 125 Rt. 17 South, East Rutherford.

Tickets are \$15 and include dessert, beverage, and 10 Level 1 tickets. Some of the prizes include a Keurig coffee maker, a Garmin GPS, a Kindle Fire and more.

A portion of the proceeds to benefit missions and a local charity. Visit [www.iwantgrace.com](http://www.iwantgrace.com) for more information and to buy tickets call 201-933-1191. ###

# Clergy Appreciation Beefsteak

The Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council 1688 Rutherford, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Council 3644 Wallington, and St. Joseph's Council 4524 East Rutherford will be the host and sponsored by The Santa Maria Assembly 663 Color Corps.

This beefsteak with all the trimmings includes beer and soda. Cost is \$40. Group tables available. Tickets will be sold at the door if space is still available.

It will be held at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (great hall) 127 Paterson Ave., Wallington, N.J., on April 27, 2013, from 7:30 to 11: 30 p.m. Seating is limited so get your tickets early.

For tickets or more information you can contact any member of the Knights of Columbus Councils involved or call Eugene Sanchez 201-314-1252, Joe Egan 201-842-9262 or Tom Jones 201-438-5364. ###

# HH Little League Pancake Breakfast

The Hasbrouck Heights Little League will hold its 18th Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 7, 2013, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the VFW Hall on Veterans Place.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, crumb cake, donuts, bagels, juice, milk and coffee. This event usually serves about 1,500 breakfasts.

# Annual Spring Sale

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will sponsor their Annual Spring Sale on Saturday, April 27, 2013 in the Community Hall, Third Street, Carlstadt, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tables will feature jewelry, collectables, housewares, appliances, toys and books.

Hot dogs chili, hot and cold drinks and cakes will be sold at noon. ###

# Trip to Mt. Airy Casino April 13

Enjoy a day at the beautiful Mt. Airy Lodge and Casino on Saturday, April 13, 2013!

The bus will leave from in front of MSH Church at 9 a.m. sharp, returning at approximately 5:30 p.m. The price of \$32 includes bus transportation, a \$25 free slots play, and a \$10 food voucher.

Payment is due when the reservation is booked. Checks should be made payable to "MSH Rosary Confraternity," placed with the reservation form in an envelope marked "Mt. Airy Trip," and dropped off or mailed to the Rectory at 127 Paterson Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057.

Note: Guests must present valid state or federal issued photo ID in order to obtain their Mt. Airy Players Club Card or any motor coach incentive. For information, call Ginny at 201-715-2087. ###

Admission is -- adult \$5, child \$3 and under 4 free.

The Tricky Tray sports memorabilia auction will follow from noon to 1 p.m. Winners do not have to be present at the time of the drawing to win.

Proceeds will be used towards upgrading the facilities.

Call Pat at 201-755-4986 for more information. ###

# 10 Years of Caring

Care on the Corner® is pleased to announce the celebration of 10 years of community service on Saturday, June 8, 2013.

The celebration will start at 1:30 p.m. on the lawn at 333 Franklin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. A full day of activities is planned to honor the Founders and to showcase the programs that have been offered to the community over the past 10 years.

Care on the Corner offers various classes including: English as a Second Language (ESL), a Citizenship preparatory class, Kids on the Corner (a performing arts group), New-ARTS Kids (an applied arts class for kids), Communicating with Your Hands, Introduction to Computers, the Homework Club, and a Summer Tutoring class.

Please note that the classes and events are open to Hasbrouck Heights residents and surrounding communities. There are scholarships available at all times and small fees for the classes.

Please mark your calendar for June 8 and join them for a fun-filled day of kid's activities, a barbecue, and music (rain or shine). Look for additional information on the Boulevard via posters and banners in the coming weeks. ###

# Hackensack Riverkeeper Roast the Riverkeeper Beefsteak Fundraiser to benefit Hackensack Riverkeeper and Little Ferry First Aid Corps

Hackensack Riverkeeper Captain Bill Sheehan invites you to join him in celebrating fifteen years of service as your Riverkeeper, on Friday, April 12, 2013, with a "Roast the Riverkeeper" Beefsteak Benefit.

The event, a fundraiser for Hackensack Riverkeeper, will also benefit the Little Ferry First Aid Corps' post-Sandy rebuilding.

The roast, co-hosted by Brian Thompson of WNBC-TV News and Robert Ceberio, with a guest appearance by Rich Carucci of Steamroller Entertainment, will take place at the newly-restored Empire Club located at 136 Mehrhof Road, Little Ferry, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Join them for an evening of fun and laughter as local business, political and environmental leaders roast the Captain.

Tickets are \$50 per person

in advance or \$60 at the door and include a full beefsteak dinner. There will be a 50/50 drawing - tickets \$10 each or 3 for \$25; and a raffle drawing for a Panasonic Lumix Digital SLR Camera - tickets for the camera are \$5 each.

Proceeds from the 50/50 will be split between the two organizations and all proceeds from the camera raffle will be donated to the Corps. Tickets can be purchased at [www.hackensackriverkeeper.org](http://www.hackensackriverkeeper.org) or by calling 201-968-0808. ###

# FOCAS Holds Flea Market

FOCAS Flea Market is Saturday, April 20, and Sunday, April 21, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry.

This market features specialty items that make unique gifts, a selection of household items, jewelry, collectibles, linens, games, toys, pet supplies, cds/videos, and more. Refreshments and baked goods are available.

Flea Market merchandise donations are gratefully accepted. (*Not accepted are TVs, PC monitors, exercise equipment, clothes or magazines.*)

They may be dropped off at the American Legion on Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday (all day) of the Flea Market weekend.

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## Czech Pork Dinner May 19

American Sokol in Little Ferry will host a Czech Pork Dinner on Sunday, May 19, 2013, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Take out available starting at 11:30 a.m. Menu includes roasted pork, dumplings, sauerkraut, applesauce, homemade cake, bread and butter, and coffee or tea. Beer, wine or soda included.

Tickets are \$20 adults, \$18 members and \$9 children. Reservations only -- no donations will be accepted at the door. For tickets, call Blanche at 973-365-1111 before May 9, 2013. ###

## Life is Sweet

Wood-Ridge High School Class of 2013 Fashion Show and Tricky Tray will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2013, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the **Fiesta**, Wood-Ridge. Tickets are \$40 per person. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to preview Tricky Tray and baskets and to place your tickets. Reserve your table early! Payment for 6 tickets reserves a table. Table size: 10-12 people For tickets or info call Kellie at 201-697-1361, Cindy at 201-438-4270 or Doreen at 201-914-7928. ###

## Rummage Sale

The Guild of Reformed Church Women will hold their Spring 2013 Rummage Sale at the First Reformed Church, Hasbrouck Heights, on Thursday, April 11, from 7 to 9 p.m., Friday, April 12, and Saturday, April 13 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Items for sale include clothing, shoes, toys, books and household items. Donations welcome. Proceeds will go to Church projects and missions. The Guild holds rummage sales every spring and fall. For more information, call Estella at 201-288-0378. ###



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## All-You-Can-Eat Dessert Party

The Friends of Wood-Ridge Memorial Library have set the date for the 19th Annual Dessert Party fundraiser on Monday, April 15, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., in the Wood-Ridge Senior Center at the corner of Hackensack Street and Highland Avenue, adjacent to The Library. Admission is \$10 at the door for the homemade all-you-can-eat desserts. Coffee and tea will also be served. Tickets can be purchased at The Library or through Friends of the Library. For more information, call Madeline at 201-438-7737. ###

## Roast Beef Luncheon April 9

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will sponsor their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, in the Community Hall, Third Street, Carlstadt.

Roast Beef dinners will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For take-out orders call 201-438-5526.

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children/students. In case of inclement weather call 201-438-5526. ###

## HH Town-wide Garage Sale

A Hasbrouck Heights town-wide garage sale is scheduled for June 1 and 2, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Participation in this sale does not count towards the "two garage sales" per year ordinance. Sign up dates to be announced.

Space will be made available for apartment dwellers and fund raising organizations. Participants must bring their own table.

A free map indicating all registered participants' addresses will be distributed to the shoppers. This event is sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Mayor's Celebration Committee. For more information, call the Borough Clerk at 201-288-0195. ###

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## Lodi HS Band Beefsteak

The Lodi High School Band will be hosting a Beefsteak on Thursday, May 2, 2013, from 6-9 p.m., at the Lodi High School Cafeteria.

In addition to a full beefsteak dinner, the evening will feature performances by professional jazz musicians, accompanied by members of the Lodi High School Jazz Band. Tickets are \$35. For tickets contact Mrs. Macri at Lodi High School, 973-478-6100, ext.40. All proceeds will benefit the music scholarship fund. ###

## Historical Concert

The Wood-Ridge Historical Society has planned a musical program featuring the Ministers of Apollo.

The group will entertain Society members and guests with a special concert featuring music played on period instruments.

The musicians, clad in late eighteenth century attire, will present British and American music from that time period. Pieces to be performed include a trio sonata by Archangelo Corelli, popular songs, marches and country dances.

The event is scheduled for 1 p.m. on April 21, 2013, in the Arnault/Bianchi House, 111 First Street, Wood-Ridge. Refreshments will be served, and there is no admission charge. Donations to the Society will be gratefully accepted. ###

## Garummage Sale April 13

The First United Methodist Church, in Hasbrouck Heights, will hold its annual Garummage Sale on Saturday, April 13, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain or shine.)

There will be a huge selection of household items, indoor and outdoor toys, jewelry, collectibles, electronics, etc. The Church is located at the corner of Division and Burton Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights.

For further information please contact the Church office 201-288-4636 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ###

## Hawaiian Luau Tricky Tray

Rutherford's St. Mary High School PTO will be holding their Annual Tricky Tray on Friday, April 19, 2013.

This year's event, "Hawaiian Luau" will be held at the St. Mary High School Gymnasium, 64 Chestnut Street, Rutherford, NJ.

The entrance fee is \$15 and trays of assorted sandwiches, veggie platters or chip & dip are available for "pre-order."

Doors open at 6 p.m. For tickets, please call Joanie at 201-394-8676 or email smhs-pres@verizon.net Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door.

Any donations toward the prize pool are greatly appreciated. These donations may be dropped off at the Main office at St. Mary High School; or call 201-394-8676 to arrange items for pick up at your convenience. Your support is, as always, greatly appreciated! ###

## Relay For Life Kicks Off in HH

The 2013 Relay for Life of Hasbrouck Heights Organizing Committee hosted a Kick-Off event on February 27, 2013, at the Hasbrouck Heights High School Media Center.

The 2013 Relay for Life will take place on June 1 and 2, 2013, at Depken Field in Hasbrouck Heights. If you are interested in participating, giving a donation or forming a team, please call 1-800-227-2345 or visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org)

Questions or requests for additional information can be directed to nancypendas-smith@aol.com ###

## Roast Beef Dinner Saturday, April 27

The Guild of Reformed Church Women will hold their Annual Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, April 27, 2013, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., at The First Reformed Church, Hasbrouck Heights. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. Take-outs are available upon request. For reservations call Nancy at 201-288-3963 or the Church office at 201-288-1122 before April 25. ###

## Carlstadt Mixed Chorus

The 82nd Music Festival will be held Sunday, May 5, 2013, at 3:30 p.m. at the Carlstadt Turn Hall (500 Broad Street, Carlstadt, NJ). Donation is \$20. It features the Chorus, under Music Director Johanna Teubner-Prussak, and guest soloists, accompanied by a Chamber Orchestra. Dance music by Bud Gramer. Kitchen and bar will be open. For reservations call 201-652-0968 or 201-909-0808. ###

## Just Desserts

Come join The Friends of The Hasbrouck Heights Library on Friday, April 5, 2013, from 7 - 9 p.m., for "some delicious desserts." Tickets will be available at The Hasbrouck Heights Library for \$12 per person. Children must be accompanied by adults. The event will be held in The Library on the second floor. ###

## A Taste Of...2013

The Alumnae Association of Immaculate Conception High School in Lodi is sponsoring "A Taste Of...2013" – culinary event where local restaurants and bakeries provide samplings of their signature dishes and delicious desserts, on Thursday, April 18, 2013, in the high school cafeteria.

To complement the evening, gift certificates from many local restaurants and themed gift baskets will be raffled, and silent auction items will be available to bid on. Tickets are \$30. Reserved table of 10 is \$250. Tickets are now on sale. For more information call Nadine at 973-472-7231. ###

## HHFD Annual Inspection May 11

The public is invited to attend The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Annual Inspection, at 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 11, 2013.

Department personnel will be in full dress uniform. The equipment and fire headquarters will be presented for inspection. Department personnel will be available to answer any questions. The event is attended by local officials as well as Fire Chiefs from area towns. ###

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This event is free of charge. A continental breakfast will be served. Space is limited.

Register at: [www.NJ-GrowsBiz.org/NJStrong](http://www.NJ-GrowsBiz.org/NJStrong)

For questions, please call 201-288-0488. ###

## “First Time Home Buyers” Seminar

Attention First Time Home Buyers! The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is sponsoring a workshop for all who are considering the purchase of their first home.

It will be held at The Library at 320 Boulevard on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in The Library's conference room.

Come learn more about what you need to consider and do to prepare for a successful search and purchase.

Topics to be covered include steps involved in purchasing a home, financing options and loan programs, the importance of your credit score, and finding the home that is right for you.

The workshop facilitators include Michael Laheney, President of All American Mortgage and Judith Kefalas, realtor with **REMAX Trading Places LLC**. The combined expertise of the facilitators covers all of the major issues, when considering your first home.

Please call 201-288-0488 to register or log on to <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org> and go to calendar. ###

## Tea For Three

The Friends of the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library are hosting “Tea For Three.”

Particularly pertinent in an era of heightened politics, “Tea For Three” humanizes the political scene with a story both whimsical and deeply moving -- a behind-the-scenes look at Lady Bird Johnson, Pat Nixon, and Betty Ford. Share the journey of each as Elaine Bromka deals with the fishbowl of First Ladydom.

Emmy Award-winning actress Elaine Bromka, with over thirty years in film, television, Broadway and Off-Broadway, starred as eight First Ladies opposite Rich Little in the PBS show, "The Presidents." Intrigued by their stories, she went on with playwright Eric H. Weinberger to create this one-woman show.

The play will be held at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center, 495 Highland Avenue, Wood-Ridge, NJ, on April 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required and admission is \$10.

Please contact Christine Hartigan at [hartigan@bccls.org](mailto:hartigan@bccls.org), 201-438-2455 or stop in The Library. ###

## Library Offers Spring Craft Event for Teens and Adults

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights will sponsor an action-filled afternoon for teens and adults to create a springtime craft guaranteed to be fun and to call upon your creative talents. It will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in The Library's conference room.

The Library will provide the materials to make a spring baby grass wreath covered with flowers, chocolates or other spring-themed items. Just bring your imagination. This craft activity for teens and adults will immediately follow the regularly scheduled “Crafts-to-Share” Club.

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**English Conversation**

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The group provides a good opportunity to practice spoken English in an informal setting.

This is a free program and all are welcome. For information, please call 201-939-8600, ext. 7. ##

**Hope Springs**

On Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., The Friends of The Library of Rutherford will present a free screening of "Hope Springs," starring Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones. The film will be shown in the Library Auditorium. ###

**Kip Center Book Group**

On Friday, April 26, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., the Kip Center Book Group will meet at the Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford, to discuss "Larry's Party" by Carol Shields.

Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk of The Rutherford Public Library, 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford. ###

**Creating with Clay for Adults**

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library is hosting "Creating with Clay for Adults."

Participants will be introduced to the hand-building methods of clay, coil, pinch-pot, and slab. Self-drying clay will be used and will be painted with acrylic paint. Participants will create a wonderful spring basket to keep for themselves or give to a loved one.

Lisa Hartensveld is the owner of "Creating with Clay by Lisa" and brings 8 years of teaching experience to the program.

Class will be held at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library, on April 4, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. Be sure to bring a smock! Other supplies and tools will be provided. Registration is required and the class is free!

Please contact Christine Hartigan at hartigan@bccls.org, 201-438-2455 or stop in The Library. ###

**Free Tai Chi Workshops**

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights sponsors workshops focused on Tai Chi Short Form. These workshops are free and people of all ages are encouraged to attend.

They are held once a month in The Library's conference room located at 320 Boulevard, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., on the third Monday of every month.

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**Les Paul and Mary Ford Musical Tribute**

To help celebrate National Library Week, The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is pleased to host a musical tribute to Les Paul and Mary Ford performed by Tom Doyle and Sandy Cory.

This free concert will be held in the Senior Center located at 320 Boulevard, from 2 to 3 p.m., on Saturday, April 20, 2013. All family members are welcome. No registration is required.

The very talented couple will perform this tribute concert featuring guitar, flute, percussion and vocals.

The husband and wife duo of Les Paul and Mary Ford could be found at the top of the pop music charts throughout the 1950s. Their biggest hits included "Tennessee Waltz," "How High the Moon," "Lady of Spain," and "I'm Sitting on Top of the World."

Les Paul is considered the godfather and principal inventor of the electric guitar and is credited for the subsequent revolution his invention brought to popular music.

Tom Doyle is a master guitarist. Doyle was the long-time luthier, sound engineer and confidant to Les Paul.


He and vocalist/musician Sandy Cory are curators of the Paul/Ford sound and bring their music and stories to clubs throughout New York City and nationally.

Doyle began playing guitar after hearing Les Paul at age 8 and began emulating his sound over the years. He met Paul in New York City and began a 40-year musical collaboration and friendship.








He performs and records with his wife, Sandy Cory, combining beautiful instrumentation of guitar, vocals, flute and drums with stories from the Les Paul years.

For details, please call 201-288-0488 or visit us online at <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org/> ###

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April Movies  
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Lodi Library presents free movies on Wednesdays starting at 1:30 p.m.. The April 2013 schedule is as follows:

- April 3, "Unconditional" (2012)
- April 10, "Zero Dark Thirty"
- April 17 "Seven Psychopaths"
- April 24 "Les Miserables" (2012)

For more information, call 973-365-4044. ###

Knit, Read  
and Discuss

The Knit One, Read Two knitting/book discussion group at The Rutherford Public Library will meet on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., to discuss "A Grown Up Kind of Pretty" by Joshilyn Jackson. The meeting will be held in The Library Auditorium.

All those who knit or crochet are warmly invited to bring their needlework and join the discussion. Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk. For more information, e-mail Peg Mellett at mellett@bccls.org ###

Book Donations  
Welcome at Lodi Library

From April 1 to May 16, 2013, The Friends of Lodi Memorial Library welcome donations of new and gently used books, dvds, videogames and cds for all ages for their May 18 Book Sale.

Donations may be delivered to the circulation desk during Library hours. A tax receipt is available on request. For donation guidelines, please visit lodi.bccls.org or call 973-365-4044. ###

Friends of Lodi  
Library Celebration  
for Library Week

On Thursday, April 18, 2013, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., join The Friends of Lodi Memorial Library for a Library Week community celebration. There will be live music, free refreshments, giveaways, Library tours, face painting and games for children. Come support the Friends' Gift Baskets Raffle fundraiser for Library equipment. All ages are welcome and no registration is needed. For more information, call 973-365-4044 or visit lodi.bccls.org ###

*Think of three things:  
Whence you came, Where you are going, And to whom you must account. B.F.*

Computer Classes  
at HH Library

The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library is offering Saturday computer training classes for beginners in Microsoft Office 2010 for Excel, PowerPoint, Word, and Computer Basics.

Each class meets for two (2) hour sessions from 10 a.m. - noon in The Library.

A \$40 refundable deposit is required. Due to limited seating, pre-registration is required.

Some classes have prerequisites. For details, please call 201-288-0488 or visit online at <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org/>

The 2013 Spring Schedule is as follows:

- April 6 and 13: Introduction to MS Excel
- April 20 and 27: Knowing More: MS Excel
- May 4 and 11: Introduction to MS PowerPoint
- May 18 and 25: Knowing More: MS PowerPoint
- June 8 and 15: Computer Basics ###

Book Sale  
and Donations

The Friends of The Library of Rutherford will hold a Book Sale at The Rutherford Public Library on Saturday, April 27, 2013, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m; on Monday, April 29, from 1-7 p.m.; and on Tuesday, April 30, from 1-7 p.m.

From March 25 – April 25, The Library will accept donations of gently used books and DVDs during regular hours. Donors are asked to review the condition of donations prior to bringing them to The Library, as only books in good to excellent condition can be accepted.

The Library cannot accept magazines, VHS or audio cassettes, encyclopedias or textbooks. ###

Caleb's Crossing

On Monday, April 15, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., the Monday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss "Caleb's Crossing" by Geraldine Brooks. Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk. The meeting will be held in the Glass Room on the main floor of The Rutherford Library.. ###

Computer Classes  
at Carlstadt Library

The Carlstadt Public Library offers free adult computer classes during the winter and spring. Classes are limited to 6 people, so call ahead to reserve your spot! Preference is given to Carlstadt residents.

- MS Word 2010 Pt 2: Tuesday, April 2, 2:30–4 p.m., Thursday, April 11, 2:30–4 p.m.; Wednesday, April 17, 6:30–8 p.m.
- MS Word 2010 Mail Merge: Wednesday, April 24, 6:30–8 p.m.; Monday, April 29, 2:30–4 p.m.
- MS Excel 2010 Pt 1: Monday, May 6, 2:30–4 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 2:30–4 p.m.; Wednesday, May 15, 6:30–8 p.m.
- MS Excel 2010 Pt 2: Thu, May 16, 2:30–4 p.m., Monday, May 20, 2:30–4 p.m.; Wednesday, May 22, 6:30–8 p.m.
- MS PowerPoint 2010 Pt 1: Wednesday, May 29, 6:30–8 p.m., Tuesday, June 4, 2:30–4 p.m.; Monday, Jun 10, 2:30–4 p.m.
- MS PowerPoint 2010 Pt 2: Thu, June 13, 2:30–4 p.m., Monday, June 17, 2:30–4 p.m.; Wednesday, June 19, 6:30–8 p.m.

Call 201-438-8866 for more information or check our website, [www.carlstadt.bccls.org](http://www.carlstadt.bccls.org). The Carlstadt Public Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ. ###

College Planning  
Workshop

The Rutherford Public Library will be hosting a College Planning Workshop on Monday, April 29, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

This workshop, designed for college-bound students and their parents, will include topics such as: how to select the right college, how colleges use the SAT and ACT scores, how to pay for college, the college application, and the different types of financial aid.

Presented by the College Benefits Research Group (CBRG), the workshop is free. Please call 888-802-2740 or visit [www.CBRG.info](http://www.CBRG.info) to reserve a seat. ###

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Teen Happenings at HH Library

**Teen Advisory Board**

Are you a teen in Grades 6 thru 12, attend school in Hasbrouck Heights, and want to make a difference in your community?

Come join the Library Teen Advisory Board. They meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 3:15-4:30 p.m. Here's a great opportunity to have a voice and contribute in a meaningful way in helping your Library and community to grow. Our upcoming meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2013.

For more details or to sign up, please contact Claire at 201-288-6653.

**Gaming Club**

Held every Tuesday from 4-6 pm, the Gaming Club allows you to play the newest video games! You can also partake in Role Playing, Magic: The Gathering card games, puzzles, and more!

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**Teen Reader's Club**

Calling all teens that are enrolled in Grades 7-12 and attend school in town! You are invited to participate in the Teen Reader's Club at the Hasbrouck Heights Public Library!

This Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. and provides teens with an opportunity to talk about books, eat snacks, play games, and make new friends. We will be reading the following titles:

- April 23 – "Dragon's Keep" by Janet Lee Carey
- May 28 – "Anya's Ghost" by Vera Brosgol

Copies of the monthly selections are available for pick-up at the Circulation Desk. For further information or to sign up, please contact Claire at 201-288-6653.

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## School's Out Fun

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights will hold activities during the April 2013 break from school. These programs are for students in Grades K-6.

- On Tuesday, April 9 – Book Bingo 11 a.m. - noon. Come play picture bingo based on your favorite book characters and win books and prizes!

- On Wednesday, April 10 – Movie Screening: "Wreck-It-Ralph" 3-4:30 p.m. The Library will show this movie on their big screen TV. The movie is rated PG. Popcorn and water provided by The Friends of The Library.

- On Thursday, April 11 – Spring Craft Project 3-4 p.m. Be prepared to dress for mess. Ask for details.

Registration is required for the above activities. First preference is given to students of Hasbrouck Heights. Register in person, online at <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org> or by calling 201-288-0485. ###



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## Pajama Storytime

On Thursday, April 4 and 25, 6:30-7 p.m., join Lodi Library for Pajama Storytime. Children, ages 2-5 years and their parents are invited, and pjs are optional. Bring your favorite stuffed toy as you listen to bed time stories and tuck your little friends in for the night. No registration needed. For more information, call 973-365-4044 or visit [lodi.bccls.org](http://lodi.bccls.org) ###

## Lodi Legos

On Tuesday, April 16, 2013, from 3-4:30 p.m. invent and create with an afternoon of fun at The Lodi Library. Build and engineer your best Lego creation with family and friends. For more information, call 973-365-4044 or visit [lodi.bccls.org](http://lodi.bccls.org) ###

## Kids' Day or Dia del Nino

On Monday, April 29 and Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at The Lodi Library, help celebrate Kid's Day!

An afternoon of coloring and crafts and a pinata from 3:30 - 4:30 on April 29. And on April 30 from 3:30 - 4 p.m., help prepare and eat Nutella and Strawberry sandwich treats!

For more information, call 973-365-4044 or visit [lodi.bccls.org](http://lodi.bccls.org) ###

## Lodi Earth Day

"Earth Day" at The Lodi Library on Monday, April 22, 2013, help celebrate Earth Day! There will be coloring and crafts in the morning, and from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. come and plant your very own flower planter and watch it grow.

For more information, call 973-365-4044 or visit [lodi.bccls.org](http://lodi.bccls.org) ###

## Spoonman

In celebration of National Library Week, on Friday, April 19, 2013 at 3:45 p.m., Jim Cruise, the "Spoonman" will visit The Rutherford Public Library to dazzle all with his spoon playing.

Traveling from Michigan, Jim has performed in the past for former President Gerald R. Ford, Mister Rogers, and Mikhail Gorbachev.

This show is not to be missed - comedy, audience participation, and words of wisdom all in one afternoon! All children ages four and up and their caregivers are invited to attend. No advance registration is required. The Friends of The Library of Rutherford are generously funding this program. ###

## Little Cool Music School

The Rutherford Public Library will host Little Cool Music School on Friday, April 12, 2013, from 11:15 – 11:45 a.m. for children of all ages. Children love Guitar Bob's songs and enjoy clapping and dancing to his beat.

No advance registration is required. This program is being funded by the Friends of The Library of Rutherford. ###

## Rise of the Guardians

On Friday, April 26, 2013, at 3:45 p.m., all children ages 5 and up, are invited to a screening of "Rise of the Guardians" at The Rutherford Public Library. The movie is rated PG.

No advance registration required. An adult caregiver must remain with any child under the age of seven for the duration of the film. The film will conclude at 5:20 p.m. ###

## Paws to Read Therapy Dog Program

On Saturday, April 20, 2013, at 2 p.m., Rodney, a registered therapy dog, and his owner, will visit The Rutherford Public Library.

Children who would like to practice their reading skills may reserve a 20-minute time slot to read to Rodney. Gain confidence in your reading ability and make a new friend at the same time! For ages 5-11. To register, please call the Children's Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

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## Drop-In Storytime

The Rutherford Public Library will host a morning and afternoon drop-in storytime program on Wednesdays, April 10, 17, and 24, 2013, from 10:30 – 11 a.m. and repeated from 2 – 2:30 p.m.

The same storytime will also be presented on Thursdays, April 11, 18 and 25 from 10:30 – 11 a.m. All children from infants to 5-year-olds and their caregivers are warmly invited to stop by for stories and fun. Make some new friends and get ready for reading! No advance registration required. ###

## Celebrate National Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month! Throughout the month, youth programs at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will feature their favorite poets, from Dr. Seuss to Walt Whitman, and recognize the young poets in the community.

The featured event will be a Poetry Slam on Thursday, April 25, 2013, from 4-5 p.m.

Open to all ages, participants are encouraged to share their own poetry and perform their favorite poems.

For more information or to register, email Molly at [wrldgchild@bccls.org](mailto:wrldgchild@bccls.org) or call The Library at 201-438-2455. "Like" Wood-Ridge Memorial Library on Facebook or check out their website at <http://www.woodridgememoriallibrary.org/> to get more information about upcoming events. ###

## Story Times Abound

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will offer a variety of story times for children this April.

Weekly story times include Toddler Time (*Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m., for ages 0-2*) and Preschool Pals (*Mondays or Tuesdays, 12:30-1:15 p.m., for ages 3-5*).

During Bedtime Tales (*Tuesdays, 6:30-7:15 p.m., for preschool-elementary age children*), families share stories, crafts, snacks, and activities that feature different themes.

Bedtime Tales on Tuesday, April 9, will focus on weather. On Tuesday, April 30, Culture Night will present stories, food, and crafts from around the world.

Additional programs for children and teens include PAWS for Reading, Homework Help, Chess Club, Youth Advisory Team, and Game Time.

For more information or to register, email Molly at [wrldgchild@bccls.org](mailto:wrldgchild@bccls.org) or call The Library at 201-438-2455. ###

## Carlstadt Library Youth Activities

The Carlstadt Public Library Young Adult events:

- April 16, 2013, at 7 p.m. it's Cooking With Miss Nina
- May 14, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. enjoy popcorn and a movie

- Every Wednesday it's crafts starting at 3:30 p.m. Registration is required.

- Lapsit story time for babies/toddlers on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. with drop in storytime on Thursdays at 1 p.m. All are welcome. ###

## Juggling Hoffmans

At The Carlstadt Public Library on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at 3:30 p.m., your jaw will drop when you see objects flying through the air, wishing you could do that too! ###

## The Avengers

On Thursday, April 11, 2013, from 6-8:15pm, Lodi Library presents "The Avengers" (2012, PG-13). No registration needed, but parental supervision required for children 12 years and younger. For more information, call visit [lodi.bccls.org](http://lodi.bccls.org) ###

## Spring Craft Corner

On Monday, April 15, 2013, at 3:45 p.m., children ages 5 and older are invited to create a spring bird's nest decoration at The Rutherford Public Library. Five, six, and seven year olds are asked to bring a grownup to assist with making the project.

To register, please call the Children's Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

## Fun with Music

Miss Mary returns to The Rutherford Public Library for a six-week session of Fun with Music for children ages 18 – 36 months.

The class will be conducted on Mondays, April 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6 and 13, 2013, from 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

This high energy music and movement class features a wide variety of music accompanied by active participation including dancing, streamer and scarf play, and an introduction to simple instruments. An adult caregiver must remain with any child attending the program. Registration is required.

To register, please visit or call the Children's Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. This program is being funded by The Friends of The Library of Rutherford. ###

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Children who will be 4 years old on or before October 1, 2013 are eligible for Preschool. Children who will be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2013 are eligible for Kindergarten.

Parents are required to bring: their child, his/her birth certificate, record of immunization for D.P.T. measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR),

Hepatitis B vaccine, varicella as well as all boosters and name, address, and phone number of an emergency contact.

If these records are not available at the time of registration, parents should register their child and submit complete records to the school as soon as possible. No Preschool or Kindergarten child can enter in September 2013 unless all school record requirements are complete.

Parents must also bring proofs of residency. ###

Carlstadt PreK Open to Non-Residents

The Carlstadt Board of Education operates a tuition based Pre-Kindergarten program.

A limited number of non-resident students may attend the 2013-2014 school year.

A fully certified teacher and classroom teacher aide conduct the class five days per week for a two and one-half hour session.

The cost for non-resident students is \$2,500 for the school year to be paid in two installments. The program will follow the 2013-2014 Carlstadt Public School calendar.

The morning session would be from 8:35-11:10 a.m. The afternoon session would be from 12:25-3 p.m. There is no guarantee that there will be an a.m. and p.m. session. This will be determined by the number of children that enroll.

If you are interested in this Pre-Kindergarten program, you will need to pick up a registration packet in the Main Office of the Carlstadt Public School. Please call the Main Office 201-672-3000, should you have any questions. ###

Wood-Ridge Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2013/2014 Kindergarten classes will be held at the Catherine E. Doyle School, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on Friday, April 26, 2013, by appointment only.

Children must accompany parents for registration. Children are eligible if they turn five [5] years old on or before October 1, 2013. The State Commissioner of Health Office requires proof of a current physical examination and immunizations.

On the day of registration, bring the completed forms, together with the child's original birth certificate and proof of residency (gas & electric or phone bill). All medical requirements must be completed no later than June 7, 2013.

Please contact Mrs. Tiesi at 201-933-6777 for list of immunizations, registration and medical forms. ###

Audrey L. Nagel Scholarship

Applications are now available at The Assumption Friary in Wood-Ridge for the Audrey L. Nagel Scholarship.

This scholarship is \$1,000 and will be awarded to an Eighth Grade graduating parochial school student of Assumption Parish who has shown a commitment to their education, school and the parish, and will be attending a Catholic High School in the fall.

Audrey loved her time at Assumption School and felt that this is where the foundation for both her education and overall development were set.

Audrey was an inspiration to many people. Audrey set examples for others in her professional work and through her involvement with her community and parish. She was a shining example of grace as both a wife and mother. She truly can serve as a role model

for students of Assumption parish. This application is separate from any other scholarships being awarded. Deadline for applications is May 24, 2013. ###

W-R Knights Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus, St. Anthony Council #11585 will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to any graduating 8th Grader (public or parochial school) who will be attending a Catholic High School next September.

The candidate must be a parishioner of the Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady, Wood-Ridge, NJ. Applications are available in the Church Friary. The deadline for submission of the application is Thursday, May 9, 2013, at 3:30 p.m. PG ###

Carlstadt Scholarships

The Carlstadt PTA announced scholarships. Eligibility includes: must be a Carlstadt resident, graduate of The Carlstadt Public School System and must have attended Carlstadt schools for a minimum of three years prior to graduating.

Applications are available at The Carlstadt Public Library until April 14, 2013. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2013.

For additional information email: kronyakb@gmail.com ###

W-R Lions Scholarships

Applications for the three scholarships the Club offers are now available. There will be two awards to Wood-Ridge students in the amount of \$2,500 each.

One is given in the name of Lion Vinny Pascale and all Charter Club Members, the second is given in the name of Lion Jim Love Sr. and Phil Rottini.

The Moonachie award is for \$1,500 and is given in the name of Lion William J. Nagel.

Any Wood-Ridge or Moonachie graduating senior from any accredited public or private high school may apply for these scholarships.

Applications are available at the Wood-Ridge High School and Moonachie Guidance Departments, Parochial High Schools and the Bergen County Academy.

These awards are separate from the Wood-Ridge and Moonachie Memorial Fund scholarship awards. Separate applications are needed for each. The Lions Club judges look at scholastic records and give very strong consideration to service achievements. ###

Corpus Christi School Celebrates its 85th Anniversary....

During the month of April, spring starts to offer its beauty with the trees around Corpus Christi blooming, sun shining in the classrooms and the sound of birds chipping outside the windows.

School reopens from Easter break on Monday, April 8.

On Thursday, April 11, children are permitted to wear spring colors instead of their uniforms for a \$1 donation.

On Friday, April 12, Corpus Christi will be hosting a

family fun night.

On Wednesday, April 17, Corpus Christi will be hosting its annual Grandparent's Social. Grades PreK3 through 1st, invite grandparents and special friends to an afternoon of songs performed by the students and then have snacks with their honored guests.

On Sunday, April 21, Corpus Christi School will be hosting an 85th Anniversary Gala held at Elan in Lodi. If you have not yet purchased a ticket, please contact the Corpus Christi School office at 201-288-0614, as tickets may still be available.

On Wednesday evening, April 24, a Spring Concert will be held by the 4th, 5th and 6th Grade students in the school gym.

The final Open House of the school year for new families will take place on Thursday April 25 from 9-11 and 1-2. Class registration for the 2013/2014 school year and tours of the school both at the Early Childhood Learning Center (PreK3 and PreK4) and the Main School (K-8) are encouraged to guarantee a spot in the upcoming school year.

For more information on class availability or for any additional information on these and other events, please call 201-288-0614 or check out their website at www.corpuschristischool.net. Story by Maria Grace Billings. ###

Collaborative Parents Committee Meeting

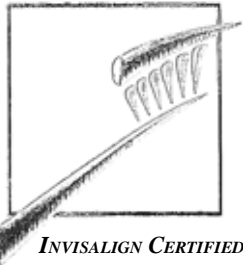
The next Collaborative Parents Committee (CPC) meeting will be Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., at the Media Center in the Hasbrouck Heights High School, 365 Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

The guest speaker will be Kara Doyle, Hasbrouck Heights Elementary School Teacher. She will be discussing Reading Strategies.

The CPC is a parent organized group that provides support, advocacy and education for parents of children with special needs in the Hasbrouck Heights school district. Their extensive resource table will be available during the meeting and refreshments are always served. For more information go to: http://www.hhschools.org/SpecialServices/SitePages/Home.aspx

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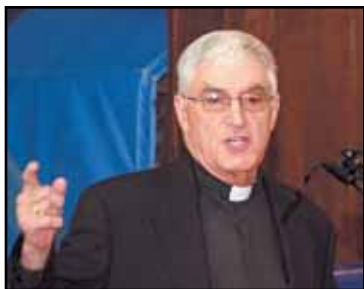
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## Corpus Christi D.A.R.E.

On March 13, 2013, Corpus Christi Fifth Graders held a D.A.R.E. Culmination Program. The Masters of Ceremonies were Sebastian Yadimarco and Erin Murphy.

The program began with the Pledge of Allegiance, and "America the Beautiful."

Monsignor Lewis V. Papera said the opening prayer, with comments by Principal Michelle Murillo, Mayor Rose Heck and Chief of Police Michael J. Colaneri. Using skits, the Corpus Christi 5th Graders

stated "Eight Ways to Say NO."

The "Taking a Stand" essay winners were Ethan Cabral and Gabriella Gil.

The 5th Graders performed a song "Where is the Love." Certificates were awarded, followed by the "Pledge to Be Drug Free," with closing remarks by Sgt. Joseph Rinke.

The program concluded with "God Bless America."

The 5th Grade teachers are Mary Ellen Scanlon and Tina Edwards and the Music Director is Geraldine Mendoza. Refreshments followed. ###

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# Guess Who?

Dr. Seuss' birthday and "Read Across America" was celebrated by the Jr. Women's Club of Hasbrouck Heights at The Hasbrouck Heights Free

Public Library on February 27, 2013. Cat in the Hat visited and stories were read. The winners of the "Guess Who? art contest of students who submitted

drawings of their favorite book character were announced.

• PreK-First Grade winners were: 1st Place: Navya Gupta 1st Grade, Corpus Christi, 2nd Place: Dhwani Agarwal, Kindergarten, Corpus Christi, and 3rd Place: Matthew Palmiotto,

1st Grade, Corpus Christi.

• Second and Third Grade winners were: 1st Place: Alexis Mason, 3rd Grade, Lincoln School, 2nd Place: Nathalie Pojadas, 2nd Grade, Euclid School and 3rd Place: Erica Yau, 2nd Grade, Euclid School.

• Fourth and Fifth Grade-winners were: 1st Place: Kyoka Sumitomo, 5th Grade, Lincoln School, 2nd Place: Nithin Vadakken, 4th Grade, Euclid School, and 3rd Place: Tenzin Dekyi, 5th Grade, Lincoln School. ###

## Girl Scout Thinking Day 2013; Together We Can Save Children's Lives

World Thinking Day was held on February 22, 2013. Each year, Girl Scouts worldwide honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, give thanks for their international friendships, and celebrate their membership as one of nearly 150 countries in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

As Thinking Day came around, Daisy Girl Scout Troop 95216 planned an exciting evening of fun events. This year's

theme, "Together we can save children's lives" had Wood-Ridge/Moonachie Girl Scouts traveling with passports to the 5 focus countries: Jordan, Malawi, Pakistan, Republic of Ireland and Venezuela.

The girls sampled food from each country, played games, wrote notes to Girl Guides and collected food for the Assumption Parish Pantry.

This Thinking Day Activity reminded us that child survival is an issue in the de-

veloping world and here.

In the United States, there are also many children who are less likely to reach their fifth birthday than in 40 other developed countries. They encourage everyone from our little Boroughs, surrounding neighborhoods and around the world, to join them and take action by keeping our local food pantries full of food and cleaning products. Happy Thinking Day! *Story and photo provided by Sandra O'Byrne. ###*



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# Cub Scout Pack 17 Blue and Gold Banquet

Hasbrouck Heights Cub Scout Pack 17 held its Annual Blue & Gold Awards Dinner on Sunday, February 24, 2013

at the Corpus Christi School cafeteria. Pack 17 takes an opportunity once a year to celebrate the birthday of the

Scouting program. Over 103 years ago, the Boys Scouts of America was founded. The organization has

grown to 2.7 million members and over 1.0 million adult volunteers. Since inception, over 110 million Americans have been members of the BSA.

The nearly daylong event opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, reciting the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack.

The boys then received their new rank, belt loops and awards that they have been working on for the past several months.

The Webelos II Den earned the most Prestigious Award, the "Arrow of Light" and now have the privilege of moving on to Boy Scout Troop 17.

Father Lew from Corpus Christi Church opened the

event with a blessing to all of the boys.

Entertainment was provided by Rizzo's Reptiles. The boys had the opportunity to pet an alligator, giant python, tarantula and several exotic animals.

The Cub Scout Pack would like to thank the boys of Troop 17, who helped with the event and earned Community Service hours, as well as the following businesses that provided support for the event: Heights Pizza, Shop-Rite, Parmalat, Starbucks, and BJ's Wholesale.

For information regarding Cub Scout Pack 17 (Grades 1-4) please contact Adam at [ategge@hotmail.com](mailto:ategge@hotmail.com) ###

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## Local Teens Honored by the Archdiocese

At the Archdiocese of Newark's 48th Annual Cotillion Dinner held on Friday, March 15, 2013, two teens from the Assumption Corpus Christi Teen Ministry (ACCTM) received the Archdiocesan Outstanding Youth Award.

The teens were Lauren Baghdo from the Assumption Parish in Wood-Ridge and Amalia Smith from the Corpus Christi Parish in Hasbrouck Heights. Lauren Baghdo is a senior at Bergen County Technical High School in Teterboro and Amalia Smith is a junior at Paramus Tech.

The Cotillion is the archdiocesan semi-formal dinner-dance held each year to honor teenagers in youth ministry programs throughout the Arch-

diocese of Newark. Parish Youth Ministry Programs can honor one male and one female teenager that is involved in the program for their outstanding contributions they have made in bringing Christ to their youth ministry, parish and community.

At the Cotillion, approximately 15 teens from the ACCTM joined teens from around the Archdiocese to celebrate the winners and dance the night away.

Assumption Corpus Christi Teen Ministry or ACCTM is the joint Catholic youth ministry program of Our Lady of Assumption Parish in Wood-Ridge and Corpus Christi Parish in Hasbrouck Heights. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



# *With a Hippity Hop, Hop ...*





# The Easter Bunny Visited







Volunteer kitchen help at the First Saturday Free Lunch Program held at Berry Creek. It is hoped that this program will resume at the First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie community room in May 2013. ###

## First Moonachie Free Lunch—One More Month in Berry Creek Café

By Rev. Kimberly Chastain, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie

Easter is the time of year when we celebrate resurrection, and resurrection is indeed beginning to be felt at First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie.

Like so many of you, we suffered catastrophic destruction in Hurricane Sandy, when our community room and our much-used kitchen were inundated.

But the generosity and community spirit of so many of our neighbors have made it possible for us to continue many of our ministries, and we will be expanding our outreach soon.

We had to cancel our “First Saturday Free Lunch” in November—there were so many other priorities that we couldn’t even begin to think about it.

But Pete Mazzo of Berry Creek Café offered us a space to host our annual Thanksgiving meal for the community, and since then he has provided space, support, and extra food for the program every month.

We literally could not have done it without him!

When an older couple in the community went through a month of hard times, he arranged to deliver meals for three weeks to them—First Presbyterian was ready to pay the bill, but he asked us to consider it as a part of his contribution to the relief effort.

We will be serving the free lunch at Berry Creek on April 6, 2013, from 11:30-12:30; we have high hopes that we will be able to return to our own space the first week in May.

There have been generous private donors in the community, and many people have worked tirelessly on the rebuilding and refurbishing of

the community center.

John Huettemann gave much time and labor and love to overseeing the remediation and rebuilding that was necessary, and continues to work on our new kitchen.

Steve West, a member in Lyndhurst, gave generously of his time and company services so that we could put in French drains and ceramic tile on the floors.

Sherwin-Williams sponsored a corporate work day to repaint the areas; Habitat for Humanity donated new tables and Bergen County Center for Volunteers has donated chairs.

Beginning on March 18, there will be a drop-in center staffed by volunteers in the community room on Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

If you need additional assistance with your home or your paperwork, or just need someone to talk to about what’s happened and about where to go for help, there will be people available to talk to.

On March 23, from 10 a.m.-noon, we hosted a Resource Fair for the community, with representation from most of the county agencies involved in the recovery effort. And we will be hosting training events, seminars, and other opportunities to gather as a community as we are able.

On Easter Sunday, of course, we will celebrate resurrection with worship at 7 a.m. followed by breakfast, and at 11 a.m. as is our custom. Everyone is welcome to join us at every occasion.

Thank you to all who have made this recovery possible, and helped us to remember that even in dark times, resurrection is just around the corner. ###



Sherwin Williams employees painting the First Presbyterian Church basement.

## Drop-in Recovery Information Center Opens at First Presbyterian Church

Before the storm, the Moonachie First Presbyterian Church basement, lower level, served as a community center.

Sandy destroyed the floors, bookshelves, filing cabinets and appliances.

The floors were replaced with ceramic tiles. Kitchen cabinets are waiting to be installed, and donated chairs and folding tables are in cardboard boxes waiting for their proper place.

"This is the first big room that is being restored in Moonachie. That’s one of the reasons why this is so important and one of the reasons why we pushed to get the remediation and rebuilding done here as fast as we could," Pastor Rev. Kimberly Chastain said.

On March 7, 2013, Americorp. volunteers prepped the Moonachie First Presbyterian Church basement for painting.

On March 8, 2013, about 21 Sherwin Williams employees, using about 25 gallons of paint, painted the Church community room, kitchen, bathrooms and hallways.

On March 18, 2013, the finished facility was turned into a volunteer work station that will serve as the Recovery Information Center for residents in Moonachie and Little Ferry who are still rebuilding their storm-damaged homes and businesses.

"This is a drop-in site where residents can work one-on-one with case workers, attorneys and representatives from non-profit organizations that are assisting with the recovery," said Tess Tomasi, the storm recovery project man-

ager for the Volunteer Center of Bergen County. The center will be staffed from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

For more information go

to: Bergen County VOAD Long Term Recovery Committee at [www.bergenvoad.org](http://www.bergenvoad.org) and Moonachie/Little Ferry Relief Fund at [mlfrf.org](http://mlfrf.org) ###

## Carlstadt OEM Sandy Report

By John R. Wejsa, Deputy Coordinator, Carlstadt Office of Emergency Management

Late October 2012, the East Coast got hit with Superstorm Sandy.

Days before the storm, Carlstadt Office of Emergency Management got together with Mayor William Roseman and all department heads to go over the emergency plans in preparation for the storm.

All departments had their plans in place and would be ready to go at a minute's notice.

OEM let all departments know we had additional resources available.

Office of Emergency Management sent a reverse 911 call to all registered residents with details of the storm and what to be prepared for.

During the storm updates were sent by Reverse 911 calls.

The night Sandy hit Carlstadt, the power started going out throughout the town.

Hernan Lopez & I started getting calls for help from families with medical needs.

We responded immediately and helped the families by placing them in nearby hotels, supplied generators and gas to residents with life support machines.

We also opened a shelter. We had the shelter in place for the whole time Carlstadt residents were without power, about 72 hours. The shelter was managed by John Wejsa with help from Hernan Lopez and the Carlstadt CERT Team.

The shelter had a warm bed, hot and cold food, snacks,

breakfast and drinks for all. The shelter had a TV to keep everyone informed on the storm at all times.

The CERT members made it fun by talking and playing games with the residents to keep their mind off the storm. We had an EMT on site, to help anyone if needed, by checking vital statistics. We placed a notice on the community bulletin board on Hackensack Street, telling about the shelter. A room was open for cell phones and computers to be charged.

Hernan Lopez and I went on the road periodically checking out all and any needs of residents or departments.

When the Hackensack River and Berry Creek overflowed their banks, the water came up so fast. The Fire Department and Police Department had to evacuate all the workers in the industrial area of Carlstadt. The OEM supplied warm food and drinks for all the first responders.

The power outage caused gas stations to be closed with no gas available. Major gas suppliers could not fill tankers because of no power to pump gas into the tankers.

A local supplier helped the emergency services with gas during this emergency by hand filling all emergency vehicles with gas. Some fuel was given to a few residents to keep generators running for life support machines only.

Carlstadt's entire emergency services performed at the highest standards at all times during the Sandy Emergency, to keep all residents safe and informed at all times. ###

### These volunteer organizations were devastated by Sandy.

#### Financial donations are appreciated. Send checks to:

- Little Ferry First Aid Corps, PO Box 147, Little Ferry, NJ 07643
- Little Ferry Fire Department, 215-217 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643
- Moonachie EMS/Rescue, 121 Moonachie Road, Moonachie, NJ 07074
- Moonachie Fire Department, 70 Moonachie Road, Moonachie, NJ 07074
- American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643
- VFW Post 809, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643



# Little Ferry Hook & Ladder Company Restored



On Wednesday, February 27, 2013, a day before the company celebrated its 92nd birthday, The Little Ferry Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 held a ribbon cutting ceremony at their newly renovated facility.

Heralded as a rebirth for the company, these firefighters joined the massive rescue operation in the hours after the Hackensack flooded.

Along with others in the Borough these firefighters are credited with responding to about 400 calls during and after the storm while many of their own homes sat underwater.

The Main Street landmark built in 1921, sustained damage when its first floor was inundated with 41 inches of floodwater during Superstorm Sandy.

The firefighters gutted the

first floor of their "home." Gone are the waterlogged furniture, warped wood paneling and silt-covered floors that were left behind after the floodwater had subsided.

The Borough of Little Ferry and The Little Ferry Volunteer Fire Department also pitched in to make the renovations possible.

Inspired by the firefighters' story, Rebuilding Together Bergen County, a local chapter of the national nonprofit, heard stories of the firefighters' heroism as they looked for rebuilding projects in the weeks after the storm, Gretchen Viggiano, the group's director, said.

Over the past two months, they brought together many volunteers, some were local firefighters, and rebuilt the in-

terior of the Little Ferry Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, which involved electrical work, framing, tile, sheetrock/painting, kitchen installation, and replacing two bathrooms.

The group started work on the building back in December.

Rebuilding Together Bergen County, whose mission is to preserve affordable home ownership and revitalize neighborhoods by providing free home repairs for low-income homeowners and for community buildings, brought in volunteers to help the firefighters rip out mold- and water-damaged materials and walls.

With the possibility that the firehouse could flood again: The meeting room had been completely refinished, with precautions that will ensure any



Ribbon cutting on February 27 (AmeriCorps NCCC members hold each end of the ribbon while local dignitaries cut the ribbon. (Left to right, Councilman Tom Sarlo, County Executive Kathleen Donovan, Mayor Mauro Raguseo, Fire Chief John Ruff, Sears store manager Bob Campbell, Rebuilding Together Bergen County president Ann Fargis.)

future flooding won't cause the same kind of damage.

Metal, not wooden studs, were placed into the walls, and the cement boards that lay behind the tiles are up to four feet high.

AmeriCorps members assisted with painting, and volunteers from a host of organizations put it back together.

Electricians from IBEW Local 164 donated their time to rewire the building, raising the electrical wiring up to four feet to prevent damage.

A new kitchen, featuring appliances from Sears, was designed and installed by Ulrich, Inc., which donated their professional services.

With the exception of a decade-old Vulcan stove, the kitchen appliances are all new, including cabinets, faucets, granite countertops, a flat screen television and a stainless steel refrigerator that was rolled in during the ceremony.

"In addition to the tremendous financial and volunteer support from Sears and Rebuilding Together Bergen

County, The Little Ferry Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1 also thanks the following companies that gave in-kind donations or significant discounts for repairs, which made the restoration of the firehouse possible: Egyed General Contracting for framing, drywall; Ulrich Kitchens; Kuiken Brothers; Norton's Paint; Feldman Electric; OC Floor Gallery; Mohawk Tile; and, Stone Surfaces; and, Creative Bath Sales," said Little Ferry Fire Chief John Ruff.

Additional financial and in-kind support from Rotary District 7490.

Little Ferry Mayor Raguseo said the "rebirth" of the building was symbolic of the rebirth of Little Ferry since the storm.

Local and state officials were on hand for the ceremony to include Bergen County Executive Kathleen Donovan, members of the Freeholder Board, State Sen. Paul Sarlo and Assembly members Gary S. Schaer and Marlene Caride. ###

### Little Ferry Ladder Company rebuilding from floodwater





Rotary District 7490 Foundation gave a total of \$31,500 for the Hook and Ladder Company building and the Hose Company building: \$16,000 was for materials (\$8,000 to each building) and \$15,500 to pay for the framing contractor (\$2,700 for the Hook and Ladder and \$12,800 for the Hose Company building.) (l-r) Len Agrusti, the Governor Elect, Bonnie Sirower, Governor of Rotary District 7490 (Bergen, Hudson and Passaic); Calisto J. Bertin, Chairman of the Rotary District 7490 Foundation. ###





"Chocolate Abstraction," Alec Dotto, Senior, Carlstadt



"Now Showing," Jessica Bowman, Junior, Hasbrouck Heights, Third Place Award



"Chocolate Haring," Gabriella Costa, Senior, Wood-Ridge, Creative Vision Award



"Mirror, Mirror," Alexa Perrucci, Junior, Wood-Ridge, First Place Award



"A Sweet Symphony," Christine De Nobile, Junior, Lodi

## Sweet Success

On March 21, 2013, Bergen County Academies in Hackensack hosted its 15th Annual Chocolate Competition, with students demonstrating their best baking, pastry arts and decorative skills. All junior and senior students participated in producing 34 imaginative creations that were judged by industry professionals and visiting dignitaries. ###



### Celebrating Lunar New Year with Friends

On Sunday, February 24, 2013, The Friends of The Hasbrouck Heights Public Library hosted a Chinese New Year luncheon held at the Asian Grill Restaurant in East Rutherford. To warmly welcome the Year of the Snake, this event featured a live musical performance by the Hasbrouck Heights Tibetan Youth Group. Two of its members are active with the Junior Friends of The Library and they had the opportunity to share with the attendees the founding of the

youth group, where they learn to read, write, and play music. They currently meet at the St. John's Church on Sundays. A wonderful time was had by all. Chef Ming specially designed a delicious meal served home-style consisting of appetizers, soup, entrees, and dessert for this occasion. About 95 people were in attendance. Proceeds from this fundraiser go to support the many year round programs held at The Library. Photo by Marie Gallo ###

## 2nd Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover



The Children's Department of The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights held its 2nd Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover on Friday, March 15, 2013.



The Chic Charity Club raised funds for 13 year old Brittany Santana of Wood-Ridge, NJ. The event, "It's a Chic World" was held at Il Villaggio in Carlstadt on February 16, 2013. The event included casino-style gaming, auction, and raffle for fantastic prizes. Photo provided by Chic Charity. ###



On Saturday, March 16, 2013, The St. Anthony Council 11585, Knights of Columbus hosted their 5th Annual Corned Beef Dinner, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the Father Patrick Morris Hall, located in Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge. Photo by Peter Gallo Jr. ###





Above: Organizers of the World Day of Prayer Service held in Hasbrouck Heights at the Holy Lutheran Trinity Church on March 1, 2013.

## Ecumenical World Day of Prayer: "I was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me!"

On Friday, March 1, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., women of Hasbrouck Heights Churches participated in the World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Services held at Holy Lutheran Trinity Church, Hasbrouck Heights. Coffee hour followed.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer and action each year on the first Friday in March.

Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of prayer worship service, interpreting the Bible in their own context, and lifting up issues of mission, justice and peace that are important to them.

Offerings collected during the services are granted by WDP national committees to nonprofit organizations that deal with the issues identified

by the writer-country.

The WDP motto is "Informed prayer, prayerful action."

This year's theme, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me," was prepared by the women of France.

The French WDP Committee looked for a Christian response to struggles concerning immigration, and for ways to welcome "the stranger."

The World Day of Prayer Committee of France looked closely at their society in order to truly see the least among them. They name a stranger, the migrant and the foreigner, and present the people's search to find a new home.

The women who prepared this year's worship service and Bible studies reach into Jesus' identification with "the least of these" in Matthew 25, and draw on customs of hospitality found in Leviticus, to paint a picture of welcoming the stranger.

Through visual interpre-

tation and personal stories, participants begin to put themselves in the shoes of "the stranger," remembering their own feelings of being on the outside -- and the blessings of welcoming.

The WDP USA also recognizes the need to express love to all God's people and find creative ways to live at peace in an increasingly diverse society.

Friends, families and communities of faith joined the women of France in prayer and song and support women's ecumenical ministries towards peace and justice.

This year's prayerful action is: "Pray for God to make you open to welcoming strangers. Ask that God remove judgment from your heart and help you see each person as a human being, a child of God, worthy of respect and dignity."

Pray for all without a home in their country of origin, all who have had to leave their home for one reason or another, all who live in a place that is strange or frightening to them. Lift up these prayers personally and add them to prayers read and spoken in your Church on Sunday."

Through World Day of

### PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

Oh Holy St. Jude, apostle and martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to who God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorias.

Publication must be promised. St. Jude, pray for us all who invoke your aid, Amen. This novena has never been known to fail. This novena must be said for nine consecutive days. J.M. ###

Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. WDP brings together women of various races, cultures and traditions in closer

fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year, becoming aware of the world and no longer living in isolation. A different country is represented each year. For more details go to: [www.wdpusa.org](http://www.wdpusa.org) ###

## Mother's Day: Give A Blanket

Once again, the Guild of Reformed Church Women of First Reformed Church, Hasbrouck Heights, invite you to participate in their annual Blanket of Honor Sunday project. These \$5 donations per blanket, in honor of or in memory of any or all the significant women in your life, will be accepted through May 9, 2013, for inclusion in the Mother's Day bulletin, May 12.

The proceeds will be used by Church World Service to provide new blankets to be distributed to families wherever and whenever a disaster occurs, whether natural or man-made.

These blankets are used in

a multitude of ways, not just for warmth. They provide a measure of dignity, a refuge, a source of protection, a means of carrying all one's belongings, a message that someone cares for them, wherever they may be in the world.

Please mail your check (\$5 per blanket) and send to First Reformed Church of Hasbrouck Heights, PO Box 66, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. Please include the name(s) of the women you wish to honor or remember.

The Guild women appreciate your assistance, as do the recipients, whether locally, nationally or world-wide. ###

## Rosary Society of Corpus Christi Church

The next General Meeting of the Rosary Society is Thursday, April 11, 2013 in the school cafeteria following the recitation of the Rosary at 7:15 p.m. and Mass in the Chapel. The meeting will include the formation of a Nominating Committee for next year's officers.

The "Bakeless Cake Sale" to fund two scholarships to Corpus Christi Eighth Grade students going on to Catholic high schools was generously supported by our membership.

Our traditional CALENDAR PARTY (ladies only) is Thursday, April 4 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The theme for the party is "States" and will include tables for Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana, and Mas-

sachusetts.

The ticket price of \$30 includes a catered hot and cold buffet, special theme drinks and desserts. There will be a Tricky Tray and 50-50 Raffle. For information, call Susan at 201-288-0583.

Spring events include the induction of new members at our May 10 meeting and our Annual Baby Shower to benefit Birthright and the installation of new officers at our June 6 meeting.

We remind our members and the Corpus Christi community of our continuing collection of toiletries for the homeless in Hackensack. Please drop your donations in the designated box in the vestibule of the Chapel. *Story by Carol Viceconte. ###*

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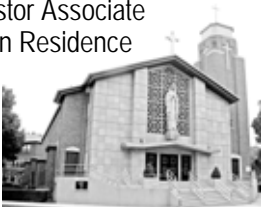
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In this series, they will study and discuss the meals in the Gospel of Luke as well as a few famous and not-so-famous meals in the Old Testament.

Pastor Susan Nelson-Colaneri will facilitate the new series, "Words Around the Table, Meals With Jesus," beginning April 10 and continuing through May 15, 2013.

Between 6:30 and 7 p.m., they will share a light supper. Study and discussion will run from 7-8:30 p.m. They invite you to join us for some good table talk and fellowship!

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The afternoon will begin with the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Praises, Chaplet and Benediction.

The feast was established by the Universal Catholic Church in May 2001 by Pope John Paul II. This was done

because Jesus, on many occasions, through his many revelations to Saint Faustina, had asked that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy.

Pope John Paul II stated that the Sunday after Easter would be a feast day dedicated to the Divine Mercy.

The three main themes of the devotion are to ask for and obtain the mercy of God, to trust in Christ's abundant mercy, and finally to show mercy to others and act as a conduit for God's mercy towards them. PG ###

From the Porch at Holy Trinity

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of Holy Trinity's From the Porch ministries. In March, together with The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Maywood, they were able to send 40 filled Easter baskets to Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey for children in need. Bringing a smile to a child's face can make a lasting difference in ways we may never see.

During April and May, in celebration of Mother's Day, they will be once again collecting for Zoe's Place.

At their facility in Teaneck, teenage mothers are supported with counseling, education and training. Small apartments/rooms are provided for moth-

ers and babies at Zoe's Place in Garfield. This year, they will be collecting disposable diapers in sizes 4 and 5 only. New baby/toddler clothing, sizes 3-24 months, is also needed.

As you honor or remember your own mother this May, they are hoping you can also help with the "baby shower" for these very young mothers. Your gifts will be reminders that new motherhood, despite its stresses, is a time of promise and a time when they are not alone.

Donations may be left in the box on the porch at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. If you have any questions please call 201-288-6889.

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Reflections

Do You Want to Be Healed?

Steve Hannett, Pastor

Abundant Grace Christian Church, Rutherford

"When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" (John 5:6)

For many generations people have debated whether it is God's will to heal.

When in the midst of trials, sicknesses, or challenges, people therefore pray, "Lord, let thy will be done."

The problem is they often don't know what God's will is, and therefore cannot come into full agreement with Him to accomplish it.

In John 5:6 Jesus met a crippled man at the pool of Bethesda located in Jerusalem. Literally translated, Bethesda means "house of mercy," and Jerusalem is the city God intended His glory to dwell.

Put this together and we have a picture of a sick man sitting at the place of mercy in the midst of the city of glory!

It's during this divine meeting we witness the exact opposite of our questioning experience.

Man doesn't ask God if He wants him healed, but rather

God asks man if he wants to be healed!

God knew His own will! It was to heal this crippled man! He wanted the crippled man to be in full agreement with Him! What a picture!

Now Jesus the Healer, arrives at the place of mercy in the city of glory! For the crippled man, the result was not a process, but a provision! He was healed and Jesus was glorified!

If you have been questioning whether or not God wants to heal you, come to know God's will! He desires to bring healing at the place of mercy (the cross), to you, the place for God's intended glory. (see 1 Corinthians 3:16;6:19)

Have faith in God's desire to glorify Himself in You!

He is health, He is strength, and He is life! Sickness is pain, weakness, and death! God is only glorified by things that are of His glory, and God and sickness are nothing alike!

God desires for you to receive your healing! No longer debate God's promise, receive it! ###

Assumption Parish Rosary Altar Society

The Rosary Altar Society of Assumption Parish will be having their annual Baby Shower at their next meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at the Hayes Parish Center.

This is a beloved tradition where new baby items, clothing, handmade afghan blankets, and much needed diapers are collected in the theme of a baby shower.

The items are donated to local support organizations where they go directly to "Mothers To Be."

The meeting begins at 6:45 p.m. with the recitation of the Rosary, Mass and then Meeting after with refreshments and fellowship following.

Members of the Rosary Altar Society of Assumption Parish are on a mission to recruit new members.

Being a Rosarian is a great way to connect to the Blessed Mother through the way of the Rosary. It is also one of the most flexible and convenient ways to become more involved with the parish.

Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month from September to June. The Society also has some wonderful events

that are not only fun but rewarding in the spirit of giving.

The Rosary Altar Society is more than just the ladies responsible for the altar linens. Don't be fooled though, we are passionate about the care of the altar linens.

In addition, we also enjoy celebrations together at our annual Communion Breakfast, our Christmas Party and our annual picnic in June. The San Alfonso Retreat is an amazing experience that many of the Rosarians also participate in. But above all, our love and dedication to the Blessed Mother is our ultimate bond.

We begin each meeting by praying the Rosary together and celebrating Mass as a family. We honor Mary in the month of May with an evening of reflection and the Coronation of the Blessed Mother.

All women of the parish are always welcome and encouraged to join, especially now at a time when things seem so stressful and demanding.

As we enter the season of Renewal, let this be a time to join something new. Remember, Mary is waiting for you. Story by Rose Lepore. ###



## Final Four Beefsteak

The Hasbrouck Heights Lions Club will hold their 8th Annual Final Four Beefsteak, starting at 7 p.m. on April 8, 2013, at the VFW in Hasbrouck Heights. Nightingale Catering will be catering this event. Cost is \$50 per person and includes beer and soda. Cash bar. For details, call Tom at 201-288-1511.

This is the fourth time for this event at the VFW. It was previously held at the Pioneer Club. ###

## Aviators Track Meet April 13

The Hasbrouck Heights Track and Field Team will host 40 high schools in the Aviators' Invitational on April 12, 2013, starting at 4 p.m. at Depken Field. This is the sixth track invitational on the new field. The public is welcome. Admission is \$5. ###

## Meadowlands YMCA Golf Outing June 3

The Meadowlands Area YMCA is hosting their 13th Annual Charity Golf Outing on Monday, June 3, 2013, at the Glen Ridge Country Club. Cost is \$350 per golfer, \$1,400 per foursome and \$120 non-golfing guest.

Registration starts at 10 a.m., BBQ lunch at 11 a.m., shotgun start at 1 p.m. and reception at 5:30 p.m.

The golf package includes fees, cart, BBQ lunch, one hour open bar, dinner reception, awards, contests, prizes, and promotional merchandise.

Sponsorships and ad journal opportunities available.

Event benefits Strong Kids Campaign that supports children, their families and older adults by providing financial assistance, program subsidies and community outreach.

For more information call 201-955-5300 x31. or go to: <http://www.ymcainfo.org/events/golf.html> ###

**Hasbrouck Heights  
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**W-R • Moonachie  
Little League/Softball  
Opening Day April 6  
Parade starts at  
CVS at 11 a.m.**

## W-R Lions Golf Outing

The 4th Annual Wood-Ridge Lions Club golf outing will be held on Monday, April 29, 2013, at the River Vale Golf Club.

Hot breakfast starts at 7:15 a.m. Shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. (*best ball format*). There will be a hot lunch with a carving station, two hour open bar. Event includes awards for longest drive, closest to the pin, door prizes and a gift for every golfer. Cost \$165 single and \$660 for a foursome.

Contact Lion Ed at 201-641-2803 or e-mail [janpro911@aol.com](mailto:janpro911@aol.com) for reservations or questions. All proceeds will go to Lions Charities. ###

## HHMA Memorial Golf Tournament May 22

The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association is sponsoring their Memorial Golf Tournament on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at the Minebrook Golf Club in Hackettstown, NJ.

All money raised will be given to the Hughes Family to help offset the cost of college tuition.

Cost is \$125 and includes: round of golf, cart, plus cash contest of longest drive, closest to pin, pot of gold and features a \$10,000 hole in one -- plus 50/50 and prizes. Players receive one sleeve of golf balls, bag of tees, and divot tool.

Registration starts at 7:30. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. and format will be Texas Scramble.

A hot and cold breakfast buffet starts at 7:30 a.m., hamburgers and hot dogs at the turn, with lunch buffet to follow.

Sponsorships are available. Contributions are welcome.

For more information, call 201-396-0750 or email Tom at [TNTTwister@aol.com](mailto:TNTTwister@aol.com) ###

## Ketcho's 6th Father-Son Golf

The Ketcho's 6th Annual Father-Son Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2013 at Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort.

Start is at 6 a.m. with tee off at 7:30 a.m. Cost is \$125 per player and includes full breakfast, 18 holes of Championship golf, cart, greens fees, with barbecue/awards ceremony all afternoon. Event hosted by The Ketcho Boys.

Make checks payable to The Carl Inserra Leukemia Fund and send to: 303 Ottawa Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. Checks due by June 1.

For more information call 201-220-7831 or email: [ketcho@aol.com](mailto:ketcho@aol.com) ###

## Swim Club Kicks off its 52nd Season

The Hasbrouck Heights Swim Club, a private pool club open to 425 families from Hasbrouck Heights and Wood-Ridge, will open for its 52nd summer season Memorial Day Weekend, May 25, 2013. "We look forward to another year of family fun for our members," says John Casella, board trustee

Among the many family activities, barbeque picnic Sunday is scheduled for June 30. On Saturday, August 17, the Club will host its annual Water Fun Fair, and the evenings of Friday, July 12 and Thursday, August 1 will see Family Night and Teen Night, respectively.

The Club offers daily activities to members, including an aquasize class, and swim lessons for children of club members.

The facilities include a kiddie pool, a water slide, dive boards, lap lanes, basketball courts and a picnic area.

The Club boasts an award winning swim team and dive team which practice daily and compete with local clubs. The teams are coached by staff members and open to kids ages 5 to 16.

The club also sponsors a life guard training course at the beginning of the summer, for those aged 15 and up who wish to gain Red Cross certification and lifeguard at the pool.

Said one twenty year plus member, Val Giancaspro, "for less cost than a week's vacation at the shore, a family can spend the entire summer at the swim club, right in our own backyard."

As of this date there are a handful of memberships for the 2013 season still available. For more information, please go to the club's web site at [www.hhswimclub.com](http://www.hhswimclub.com) ###

## Open Cockpit Day

On Saturday, May 4, 2013, the Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum will open all aircraft and their cockpits to the public for visitors of all ages to sit in and pretend to fly.

Featured aircraft include a Grumman OV-1 Mohawk, Cobra Gunship Helicopter, a one-of-a-kind 1950 Martin 202 airliner and a rare Lockheed-designed 402-2 Bush Master.

Guides are available to explain each aircraft. Admission: Adults \$7, children (*under 12*) and seniors \$5. For more information, call 201-288-6344 or visit their website at: [www.njahof.org](http://www.njahof.org) ###

## HH 1st Annual 5K Run/Walk and Health Fair

The Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health, in conjunction with the Junior Women's Club of Hasbrouck Heights, is sponsoring the first annual 5K Run/Walk and Health Fair on April 28, 2013, to benefit high school senior scholarships to town residents and the JWC's State Project for Seeing Eye Dogs.

Check-in starts at 8 a.m. at Hasbrouck Heights Borough Hall, the run/walk starts at 9 a.m and 5K awards at 10:15.

Medals will be given for the top three male and female runners in the following categories: 18 and under; 19-29; 30-39; 40-49 and 50 and over.

Amenities include: T-shirt, timing systems, and post-race refreshments.

Entry fees: \$50 per family max, pre-registration is \$20 (*ends April 15*); day of race \$25, children 18 and under are \$15.

You can sign up online at [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com) or at

## HH Lions Golf Outing May 3

The 49th Annual Tournament is scheduled for May 3, 2013, at the Meadows Club in Lincoln Park. Fee is \$125 and includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner with beverages, plus prizes.

The event is sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Lions Club. All proceeds to benefit various community charities.

If you are interested in playing or being a sponsor please contact Jason Cosimano at 201-825-0357 or Joe Luongo at 201-410-7593. ###

the Hasbrouck Heights Health Dept., 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, 201-288-1636.

The Board of Health's annual Health Fair will be held in the Senior Center from 9 a.m. to noon.

On hand will be 25 vendors who will provide information on exercise and nutrition; urology; disability awareness; podiatry, blood pressure screening and other medical professionals, as well as give-a ways, samples and literature.

For more information on the 5K Run contact Tina Louise Dowd at 201-370-3826 or email [tlldowd@gmail.com](mailto:tlldowd@gmail.com).

For information about the Health Fair please contact Laura at 201-288-1636 or email [hhhealth@bergen.org](mailto:hhhealth@bergen.org) ###

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## W-R Cub Scout Pack 183 Holds Blue and Gold Awards Banquet

Cub Scout Pack 183 of Wood-Ridge threw a big birthday party -- with awards, a magician, a tasty lunch and, of course, cake -- to mark the 103rd anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, at Pack 183's annual Blue and Gold Awards Banquet.

The event, held on Feb-

ruary 10, 2013, at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center, attracted more than 50 Scouts and their families and also marked the 83rd anniversary of the founding of the Cub Scouts.

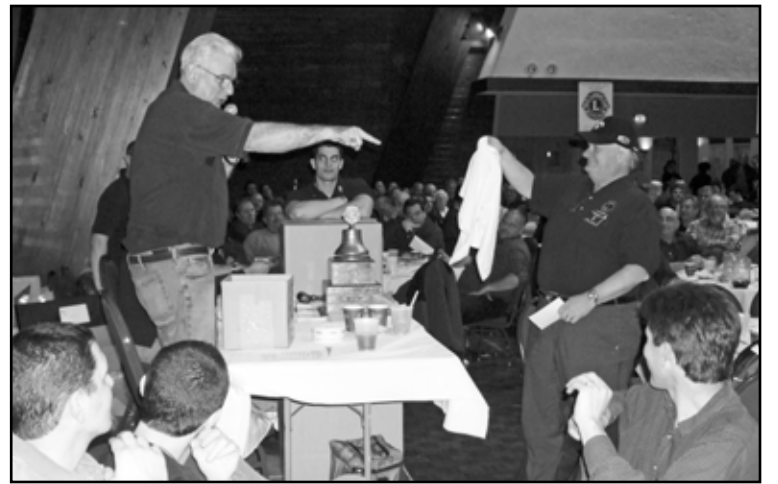
Deacon Frank Materia of Our Lady of Assumption Church, Wood-Ridge, offered an invocation and thanked the

scouts for all of the good work that they do for the community. Cubmaster Carl Zeitlinger, the master of ceremonies, told the audience that blue in the Cub Scouts colors stands for truth and loyalty, while gold represents goodness and happiness. Following this theme, the Webelos performed the opening ceremonies and all the scouts recited both the Tiger Oath and the Cub Scout Promise.

One memorable highlight was the awards ceremony, in which every level of Cub Scouts—Bobcat, Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos—received merit awards that they've earned for all of their hard work and achievements during the year. Every Scout was presented their awards by Cubmaster Zeitlinger.

Following a catered lunch, Steve Leonardi of the Northern New Jersey Council, spoke of the work the Council does to support Scouting in W-R and about summer camp for Cub Scouts. The Scouts and their families enjoyed a magic show, "The Magic of Marco." Door prizes added to the fun. The Cub Scouts finally ended their celebration by receiving their much-anticipated Pinewood Derby car kits, as they prepared for the model car competition.

For more information about Wood-Ridge Cub Scout Pack 183 or Boy Scout Troop 181, contact Barry Goldman at 201-507-1708 or email BandD-Gold@aol.com *Story by Beth Kissinger. ###*



MC Jack Nagel presenting his fellow Lion Rich Taylor with "I've Been Hosed" T-shirt.

## Wood-Ridge Lions Have Another Successful Sports Night

What has 600 hungry sports fans, pounds and pounds of delicious beefsteak, hot dogs as well, lots of great prizes, and is a major fund-raiser for an active service club?

The answer is the Wood-Ridge Lions Club's Annual Sports Night, which was held at Three Saints Church in Garfield with Giresi Catering serving the food. The popular fund-raiser is held each year on the Friday night before the Super Bowl.

In its 28th consecutive year, this event raised over \$426,000 for this 47-member Lions Club.

Moving the evening along and adding humor to this night of fun was Lion Jack Nagel, performing his MC duties also for the 28th consecutive time.

The fun included a football throw contest, Super Bowl trivia, with the highlight being a "Let's Make A Deal" game.

Winners get to go to a professional sports event, night out at a restaurant, or receive some other prize.

If you pick a wrong box, you may become a proud owner of a Nerf ball or a cheap plastic toy truck or a jump rope, and a T-shirt proudly proclaiming that you have been "hosed." Many other prizes

were awarded throughout the evening, including an Ipad, sports memorabilia, a 3D HD TV, and a 7-day cruise.

From this year's dinner, the Wood-Ridge Lions donated to the PBA Vest Fund, and will distribute funds to the charities they support, which include Camp Marcella, Camp for Blind Children, St. Joseph School for the Blind, Lions Eye Bank of NJ, Lions Eye Research Foundation, Foundation for Fighting Blindness, Juvenile Diabetes, Hoehne Fienman Center for Retarded Children (ARC), and NJ Blind Citizens Association.

The Club also donates to The Wood-Ridge Public Library for purchase of large print books, collects used eyeglasses, and has purchased an eye-screening camera for detection of "lazy eye" in pre-school children. At the end of each school year, the Club awards three scholarships to graduating High School Seniors.

Thanks to this successful annual event, the Wood-Ridge Lions are able to fulfill their goals in raising support for the blind and visually impaired, to help support the needs of the community, and dedicate themselves to the motto -- "We Serve." *Photo and story provided by the W-R Lions Club. ###*

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## Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



### April Showers... but the Sun Shines on Real Estate!

In recent months, my blog posts have revolved either around Sandy and its aftermath or household hazards or home maintenance... etc.

Today, however, that's all changed. Today I'm bringing it back to my day-to-day real estate business. Because - all of a sudden - I feel like I'm working in the crazed market of 2005!

Now I'm not saying that market conditions have completely returned to the days of salivating buyers and insane prices, but - believe me or don't believe me - there is tremendous momentum building out there...

Truth is, in the last couple of weeks we've been listing properties that went into contract almost before the ink

dried on the listing agreement.

Open houses are no longer the snoozers of yesteryear. Bidding wars are back! (*Which, for the anguish they cause, we almost wish they weren't.*)

This is definitely a far departure from the last four years where the rare buyers out there were like armed marauders, looking for homes to rob from poor, meek home sellers.

The main catalyst to this, of course, is historically low interest rates, but I think it's more than just that.

Up until now, everybody's been talking about 'waiting for the bottom to be reached'. Well, people.....HELLO.

In point of fact, nobody ever knows when the bottom has been reached; that is, until we start going up.

So now we've started going back up and those formerly waiting people are scrambling to get what they want.

Right now, realistic sellers are not only selling their homes quickly, but they are finding the homes they want to move up to priced well too.

Seller confidence is back! Over the last couple of years, we observed sellers treating their homes and the home selling process as if the whole matter were infected with some terminal disease. That's over!

Now, with the right marketing and pricing strategy, sellers are finding this market a more even playing field. And - more than the money - they're feeling good about the people buying their homes.

A good reading of this is in the Otteau Group's latest Market TRAC Report for Bergen County (*an industry bible*) which shows exciting news for our south-central Bergen County area: In Hasbrouck Heights, Wood-Ridge and elsewhere, the 'Seller: Buyer Ratio' is fast inching down to 1-to-1 (= *very strong market demand*). And also, of late, the measure of "Months Supply" (*i.e. current unsold inventory*) is showing dramatic signs of being completely absorbed.

So, I hope I have shed some light on the current state of things. Now, get out there and find what you want!

Don't wait :-)!

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# Filling You In

By Jeffrey E. Mason, D.M.D.

### The Facts of Life

Due to advances in medicine and an increase in prolonged life expectancy, the number of older people will continue to increase worldwide.

It is essential that all older adults practice and maintain good oral hygiene due to the high correlation between oral health and general health.

### How should I care for my teeth as I get older?

Maintaining good oral health is not only vital to your systemic health—it can keep you smiling well into retirement.

Brushing at least twice a day with fluoridated toothpaste and a soft-bristle brush is as important as ever.

Flossing is very important, too—it helps to remove plaque from between teeth and below the gumline that your toothbrush cannot reach.

### Am I more prone to certain oral conditions as I age?

As you age, you may be more likely to develop gingivitis. Gingivitis is caused by the bacteria found in plaque that attack the gums.

Symptoms of gingivitis include red, swollen gums and bleeding when you brush. If you have these symptoms, see a dentist.

Gingivitis can lead to periodontal disease if problems persist. In the worst cases, bacteria form in pockets between the teeth and gums, weakening the bone and causing the gums to recede, pulling back from teeth. This can lead to tooth loss if left untreated.

As you age, changes in salivary flow and content may further lead to gingivitis, as well as cavities.

Because approximately 80 percent of all American adults suffer from some form of gingivitis, it's important to see your dentist twice a year for regular cleanings and checkups.

If regular oral care is too difficult for you (see below), your dentist can provide alternatives to aid in brushing and flossing.

### What if arthritis makes brushing too difficult?

Certain dental products are designed to make dental care less painful for people who have arthritis.

It is sometimes recommended that people with arthritis try securing their toothbrush to a wider object, such as a ruler, to ease arthritic hand pain

while brushing.

Electric toothbrushes also can help by doing some of the work for you. Ask your dentist for other suggestions.

### What are the signs of oral cancer?

Oral cancer is one of the most common cancers, with roughly 35,000 new cases reported annually in the United States.

Oral cancer most often occurs in people who are older than age 40. Oral cancer can form in any part of the mouth or throat.

If not diagnosed and treated in its early stages, oral cancer can spread, leading to chronic pain, loss of function, irreparable facial and oral disfigurement following surgery, and even death.

Oral cancer has one of the lowest five-year survival rates of all cancers; this is primarily due to late diagnosis.

See a dentist immediately if you notice any of the following: red or white patches on your gums or tongue, a sore that fails to heal within two weeks, bleeding in your mouth, loose teeth, problems or pain swallowing, a lump in your neck.

Your dentist should perform a head and neck exam to screen for oral cancer during routine checkups.

### What can I do about dry mouth?

As you age, you may develop dry mouth. Dry mouth (*xerostomia*) happens when salivary glands fail to work due to disease, certain medications, or cancer treatment.

The condition can make it hard to eat, swallow, taste, and speak. Drinking lots of water and avoiding sweets, tobacco, alcohol, and caffeine are some ways to fight dry mouth.

Your dentist also can prescribe medications to ease the symptoms of severe dry mouth.

### What else can I do to maintain good oral health?

Studies have shown that maintaining a healthy mouth may keep your body healthier and help you to avoid diabetes, heart disease, and stroke.

Older patients who are planning to enter a nursing home should inquire about on-site dental care.

People who do not have teeth still need to visit the dentist regularly, since many aspects of oral health, such as adjusting dentures and oral

cancer screenings, can be handled during routine dental visits. The best way to achieve good oral health is to visit your dentist at least twice a year.

Reference: 2009 Academy of General Dentistry

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## W-R Health Consultations

The Borough of Wood-Ridge offers free health consultations at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the first and second Thursday of every month.

Services include health history evaluation, blood pressure check, height and weight measurements, counseling and education, referral, consultation, etc.

For more information call 201-935-8852. This program is sponsored by Community Development in cooperation with the Bergen County Department of Health. ###

### Blood Pressure Check

The Carlstadt Health Department, in conjunction with the Health Awareness Regional Program of HackensackUMC, offers a free blood pressure program on the third Wednesday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Carlstadt Senior Civic Center.

Program includes information: prevent and manage blood pressure, body fat composition, manage stress, nutrition for healthy living, community health resources, etc. For more information call 551-996-2038. ###

## Having an Affair?

If your organization is having an event that is open to the public, we can help you tell “everybody” about it.

Simply provide the following event details: name, date, times, cost, brief explanation of program features, etc., along with contact information.

Send these details at least 45 days prior to the event to: [info@hasbrouck-heights.net](mailto:info@hasbrouck-heights.net) or drop them off at: **The Gazette Newspaper**, 343 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. ###

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## Lodi Seniors Club Seeks New Members

The Senior Citizens Club meets twice a month the second and fourth Tuesday, at their very own Senior Center located at 5 Walnut Place behind the Boys Club.

The Club is open every Thursday for recreational purposes to anyone 55 or older who lives in Bergen County, including all neighboring towns.

They always have informational speakers and/or entertainment at their meetings.

The Club runs exciting affordable trips, including casino trips quite often.

They also have many pizza or hot dog parties donated by local businesses.

Every Thursday the Club opens at 11 a.m. for chair aerobics and is open until 3 p.m. At

1 p.m. Bingo starts.

They also have line dancing, card playing, billiards, bocce in season, a lending library, etc. At the Thursday meeting they sell hot dogs and hamburgers. Coffee and cake is also served. Non-members from Bergen County are also welcome. The cost on Thursdays for members is 50 cents, for non-members \$2.

They have transportation to pick you up if you need it. Call Reini at 201-982-0051. Join with a friend or join alone and make new friends.

Call Rosalie Ibach at 973-340-9091 to get all the information you need to join the Club. ###

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# April 2013 Heights Senior Calendar

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## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

**Monday, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Games, cards & coffee

11:00 a.m. Mahjong

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

**Tuesday, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

10:00 a.m. Line Dancing \$1.00

2:00 p.m. Adv. Chair Yoga \$1.00

6:00 p.m. Card Game Night

**Wednesday, April 3, 17, 24**

10:00 a.m. Games, cards & coffee

10:00 a.m. Mahjong

2:00 p.m. Senior Aerobics \$1.00

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

**Thursday, April 4, 11, 18, 25**

10:00 a.m. Games, cards & coffee

11:00 a.m. Mahjong

2:00 p.m. Senior Yoga with John \$1.00

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

**Friday, April 5, 19**

10:00 a.m. Games, cards & coffee

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

1:00 p.m. Zumba Gold \$1

**Friday, April 12, 26**

10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

1:00 p.m. Zumba Gold \$1

Check Center Bulletin Board for any changes

## CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

**Thursday, April 4**

10:00 a.m. Executive Board meeting

**Wednesday, April 10**

12:30 p.m. Monthly meeting. Program:

Justin Di Pisa "Medication and Food -

What's good for you and what's bad for you"

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Open to all seniors

**Trip to Tropicana Casino: Wednesday, April 3**

Cost is \$25. You will receive \$25 slot play and a voucher to be used for lunch at Carmine's legendary family style Italian Restaurant. Contact: Kathy at 201-288-6651 (Waiting list)

**Trip to Colucci's Ristorante: Wednesday, May 15**

Cost is \$49. Includes transportation, a sit down dinner and be entertained by Bobby Valli (Frankie's Brother.) It is a tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Contact: Kathy at 201-288-6651

## Seniors Enjoy the Musical Talents of Arnie Abrams

On Wednesday, March 13, 2013, the members of the Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights held their regular monthly meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Cathy Murray in the absence of President Peter Gallo who was recovering from a recent surgery. All members wished him well.

Following the business portion of the meeting, the mem-

bers were treated to the musical talents of Arnie Abrams, which included keyboard, piano and vocals including many songs that were made famous by Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, and written by Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern and other song writers of the 40s, 50s and 60s, as well as selections from many Broadway musicals.

At the conclusion of his program, refreshments were

served and enjoyed by all.

The next meeting of the Leisure Club will take place on Wednesday, April 10 at which time Mr. Justin Di Pisa will discuss "Medication and Food-What's good for you and what's bad for you." All local seniors are welcome to attend and join the Club which meets at the Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. *Story by Marilyn deRussy, Secretary. ###*

## Rhonda Denet to Perform at AARP Luncheon

For the second time this year, the Central Bergen Chapter #418, AARP had to cancel its regular monthly meeting because of a snow storm.

President Marie Gallo stated that although she looks forward to these meetings, the decision had to be made, inasmuch as the Chapter's membership consists of senior citizens located throughout Bergen County and their safety was more important than any meeting.

Members who have been in the chapter for many years do not remember the weather cancelling any meetings in the past.

President Gallo stated that adjustments had to be made in scheduling programs. Her executive board has been working with her to assure that the activities planned for the next three months will encourage membership attendance be-



fore the break for the summer vacation.

For the April 12, 2013, meeting, members will take a stroll down memory lane with Frank Fattrosso.

Frank, a professional drummer, will bring all back to the big band era, the music of the 30s and 40s.

At that meeting, Past President Michael Cahill will announce the candidates for chapter officers for 2013-14. They will be voted upon in May.

For the May 10, 2013, meeting, Nancy Ellson, RN, Coordinator for the Center for Healthy Living at Holy Name Medical Center will discuss the topic "Give it your best shot - immunization update for seniors."

The end of the fiscal year luncheon will take place on Friday, June 14 at the Maywood Inn.

Aside from the great lunch, the members will be treated to a performance by Rhonda Denet. Ms. Denet is an extraordinary vocal talent. She will perform a collection of jazz standard and soul classics that spans four decades.

Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased by contacting Dolores at 201-288-2714. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

## Moonachie Seniors Ride Again

It is claimed that a body in motion stays in motion and that is certainly true of the Moonachie Seniors.

They are on the move again -- to the Brownstone on April 10, 2013, to see Joe Zisa and Friends in "Magic Moments to Remember."

After his fabulous show last year, expect another full house again this year.

The meals are delicious, including special desserts, coffee and tea. Everyone is entitled to two complimentary drinks and unlimited soda. The cost is only \$46 a person, which includes taxes and gratuities.

You don't have to be a member of the Club, reside in Moonachie, or even be a senior citizen.

The only requirement is that everyone enjoy themselves with friends and neighbors.

Humming and quietly tapping your toes to the wonderful and memorable songs enjoyed at the show is allowed on the bus going home, but no dancing is allowed in the aisle.

A show by Joe Zisa is a guarantee that you always have an afternoon full of surprises, including a chance to win some prizes, food, entertainment and fun.

The bus will depart on

April 10 at 10:15 a.m. from the back of the First Presbyterian Church parking lot on Moonachie Road and Carol Place.

On Thursday, May 16, 2013, Moonachie seniors are invited to the Happy Days String Band featuring the Philadelphia Mummies at the Lake Side in Hazlet, NJ.

Menu includes tossed salad, choice of top sirloin of beef/chicken francese or broiled tilapia, vegetable and potato, dessert parfait, coffee, tea, soft drinks. Cost is \$46 per person. The bus departs at 9:45 from the First Presbyterian Church parking lot.

If you have any questions. Please call Audrey, group leader, at 201-641-4334. *Story by Charles Pallas. ###*

## Older is Better

Felician College's "Older is Better" program is an open membership program for men and women 55 and older.

The program meets Friday afternoons at Felician College. There is a \$3 fee to attend the lectures, which vary in topic.

For more information or for a schedule of events, contact Elizabeth Barca at 201-559-6085. ###

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## Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the Civic Center. Refreshments are served at 1 p.m., with the meeting commencing at 1:30 p.m.

The Carlstadt Borough Nurse will be at all the Senior Club meetings and will administer blood pressure readings free of charge.

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# Veterans Today

By Thomas Marshall

On May 3, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., the Ladies Auxiliary of V.F.W. Post 809 will hold their annual Spring Tricky Tray Auction. The cost will be \$10. The address is 100 Main Street, Little Ferry, NJ. So come on out and help the Ladies with their fund raiser. There will be cake and coffee as well.

### The Red Baron

On 14 April 1917, in the skies over Lens, Belgium, Lt. William Russell was flying on patrol. He and five other planes of his squadron saw a German plane and immediately moved in to attack. He fired some rounds at the plane and they quickly realized the plane was not alone.

A German plane was soon on his tail and he could not shake his pursuer. His plane was soon riddled with bullets. He was forced to crash land behind enemy lines and was quickly taken prisoner. It was his lucky day. He didn't know it at the time, but the plane that shot him down was being flown by Germany's Ace of Aces, Manfred Von Richthofen.

History and legend have another name for him, The Red Baron. I say Lt. Russell was lucky because he survived. Most pilots that found Von Richthofen behind them did not.

Airplanes in warfare were in their infancy at this time. They were used to scout enemy positions and drop grenades, small bombs and machine gun enemy troops. The Allies and the Germans both did this and when the two sides met in the air the fighter pilot was born.

Born on May 2, 1892, Manfred Von Richthofen was called a Freiherr because he was born into nobility. Freiherr is a hereditary title and means Free Lord in English but can also translate to the word Baron.

He tended to paint his plane red to distinguish his plane from those of the other pilots he led. Good military leaders lead from the front. In the skies over the Western Front in World War it was no different. Von Richthofen led his men into combat in the air and the Allies soon noted the Pilot in the Red Plane.

He had many nicknames but the Red Baron is the one that stuck. He was credited with his 44th aerial victory when Lt. Russell went down.

He didn't start his military career with airplanes. He was first with the Cavalry on the Eastern Front but the times had changed and planes did many of the Recon missions the Cavalry used to do. So he

found it boring and requested a transfer to the Air Service. He was a quick student and learned to be a pilot under the tutelage of Oswald Boelcke, an Ace and Commander of Jasta 2. Jasta is short for Jagdstaffeln or hunting section. Basically a group of fighter planes sent to seek and destroy enemy planes.

### The Blue Max

Around Boelcke's neck hung the Pour le Merite. This award was Germany's top award for Valor and every young fighter pilot wanted to win it. Von Richthofen certainly wanted one as well.

The Pour le Merite is a Blue Maltese Cross with gold Eagles or Oak Leaves. The name is French because it was created by Fredrick the Great of Prussia and he spoke French. Pour le Merite translates to For Merit in English. During the time of World War I, the Germans never changed it. So it was commonly called the Blue Max.

Von Richthofen shot down two planes in his young aviation career, but they could not be confirmed because one crashed on the enemy side of the front and the other was not witnessed.

He didn't get credit for them. He didn't get his first confirmed kill until 17 September 1916 when he attacked a British plane. He got behind it and fired a burst into the engine and it stopped running. The plane glided to the ground and the British machine gunner stationed behind the pilot kept shooting. Von Richthofen killed him with a quick burst and he landed nearby and checked the pilot. He was alive but died before medics could get to him.

The Baron kept meticulous records of all the planes he took down. Serial numbers of planes, names of pilots and observers when possible. The weather conditions and place and time of the combat were recorded in his reports. The more information he could collect the better. The more flights he took the better he got. He shot down more planes and had a total of 10 kills by November 1916.

One of his more impressive battles took place on November 23, 1916 when he met Major Lanoe Hawker in aerial combat. Hawker was England's first Ace. Hawker had two planes besides his own when the battle took place. Von Richthofen had two planes with him as well. The dog fight was frantic. The two English planes with Hawker were driven off.

They did manage to shoot a German plane down, but

Hawker was left by himself in a duel with Von Richthofen at 3,000 meters above the Western Front. Hawkers and the Baron circled and jockeyed for position. Hawker realized he was alone with the enemy so he made a dash for his side of the front lines.

It was a mistake. Von Richthofen followed and fired hundreds of rounds at him. One went through Hawkers' head. This Victory was a tremendous morale boost to the German Army. The German High Command now noticed Von Richthofen.

On January 4, 1917, he shot down his 16th kill and was awarded the Pour le Merite. All this didn't come easy. The dog fights were swift, terrible and deadly. He didn't win them all.

On March 6, 1917 his squadron was in a tremendous dog fight east of Lens. He made a mistake when he attacked a plane and didn't look behind him. An enemy plane fired on him and took out his engine.

He said petrol leaked out and he glided to the ground and landed. Incredibly he survived and that afternoon flew again and shot down his 24th airplane.

He kept adding to his total. On July 2, 1917, he shot down his 57th plane. It was an incredible amount in any war. Von Richthofen escaped death again after he got too close to an enemy plane and was shot in the head. He was momentarily paralyzed and his plane plummeted to the ground. He recovered quick enough to land it and he survived again.

By the time April 1918 came around, he had 74 Aerial Combat Victories. On the 20th of April he shot down his 80th plane. On the 21st of April his luck ran out. He found himself and his squadron in combat again and chased a plane too far and too low over enemy territory.

Soldiers on the ground fired on the Red Tri Plane as it chased the Allied plane. A RAF pilot, Roy Brown, turned his plane to help the Allied plane.

In pursuit, Brown also fired on the Red Baron. Manfred Von Richthofen was shot in the chest and he crash landed his plane. He quickly died from the wound. No one can say for certain if he was shot from the ground or from the air, but the results are the same. The Red Baron was no more.

His plane was torn to pieces by souvenir hunters so it was not able to be examined to determine who fired the fatal shot. The Allies gave him a Military funeral and buried him with honor. On November 11, 1918 after four years of war, Germany would surrender ending World War I.

This April marks 95 years

after he was shot down. From what I can tell, he was a brave and honorable warrior for his country. Equally brave and honorable were the Canadian and English Airmen he fought.

He is remembered more now for fighting Snoopy in the Peanuts cartoons. Make no mistake about it the Red Baron's count of 80 confirmed airplanes shot down along with 123 men have never been matched. He is truly the world's Ace of Aces.

For a complete list of his military career and battles I recommend a book titled "Under the Guns of the Red

Baron" written by three authors working together. The book is fascinating and well written. It contains all the men he fought and how the battles went.

America has her Aces too. In World War II we had Major Richard Bong, who shot down 40 Japanese planes in the Pacific. He currently holds the highest total for Americans. Major Thomas McGuire of New Jersey shot down 38 Japanese planes. McGuire Air Force Base is named in his honor. Both of our Airmen received the Congressional Medal of Honor. ###

## W-R VFW Post 3616 Promotes Loyalty Day

Wood-Ridge VFW Post 3616 Commander Joseph Cere has appointed Past Commander Burt Alkin chairman of the annual Loyalty Day program.

He will be assisted by Terry Manzo of the Ladies Auxiliary and Voice of Democracy chairman Skip Conroy.

The program will be held in the Senior Center on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at 7 p.m.

This annual program is designed to involve the community as well as to display loyalty to our flag and country.

Awards will be presented to the Voice of Democracy essay winners and to Outstanding Law Enforcement and Fire Department/EMT personnel.

Loyalty Day, with all its parades, ceremonies and patriotic activities, is one of the most important days of the VFW year.

Loyalty Day originally began as "Americanization Day" in 1921 as a counter to the Communists' May 1 celebration of the Russian Revolution.

On May 1, 1930, 10,000 VFW members staged a rally at New York's Union Square to promote patriotism.

Through a resolution adopted in 1949, May 1 evolved into Loyalty Day. Observances began in 1950 on April 28 and climaxed May 1 when more than five million people across the nation held rallies.

In New York City, more than 100,000 people rallied for America.

It was through the efforts of the VFW that [in 1958] Loyalty Day was officially established by Congress as the 1st of May each year.

The VFW made this effort to provide one day each year for Americans to display publicly the patriotism and loyalty that they have for their country.

Patriotism, service and loyalty are but overt displays of belief in the principles, ideals and institutions of government of a

country. And, such beliefs are the basis of a nation's strength.

The VFW is a caring organization and we are ever ready to stand up and speak out because we remember the commitment, hardships and sacrifices of those who served this nation with honor and we recognize that it is our sacred duty to see that the rest of the country remembers.

Loyalty Day has become a tradition with the VFW. With the passage of Public Law 85-0529 on July 18, 1958, the VFW won a long, hard battle to have this day approved by the United States Congress.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts and Ladies Auxiliaries across the country celebrate this Loyalty Day as the keynote of their All Americanism program. They emphasize the birth of the U.S., as a free and independent nation. Public programs include parades, flag ceremonies and other patriotic activities participated in, and witnessed by, millions of youth groups, schools, colleges, Churches, organizations and individuals.

This year marks the 55th anniversary of Loyalty Day. N.J. State Senator and Mayor of Wood-Ridge, Paul Sarlo, will be the guest speaker.

All citizens should plan to attend and make this Loyalty Day program the best ever.

The VFW also joins with all Americans in remembering the 68th anniversary of VE Day on May 8th commemorating the unconditional surrender of Germany to Allied Forces during World War II. *Story submitted by Norman Conroy. ###*



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## VFW Post 3149 Honors Students

Schmidt-Hoeger VFW Post 3149 presented the Voice of Democracy Awards to three Becton Regional High School students.

The ceremony took place on January 24, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the Civic Center on Fourth Street in Carlstadt.

The recipients of the awards are Emily A. Kronyak First Place; Nikki Dombrowski, Second Place; and Kamil Olechowski Third Place. All are from Carlstadt.



Presentation of the awards were made by Umberto Antoniotti, Chairman of the Voice of Democracy Committee; Ann Antoniotti, Chairwoman of the Ladies Auxiliary; Robert

Nerbetski, Post Commander; and Loretta Siriday, President of the Ladies Auxiliary. *Story by Robert Nerbetski, Post Commander and photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



## Presidents Day Ceremony

The Petersilge-Velock V.F.W. Ladies' Auxiliary 809 presented a Flag Etiquette program to Cub Pack 105 of Little Ferry at the request of their leaders: Lisa Ann Dragonetti, Sharon Town and Daniel Ledesman.

The Scouts were shown how to bring a flag into the meeting and how to pledge. Many rules of etiquette were discussed.

Past Commander Tom

Marshall went over the 13 colonies flags. Diane Ruggiero, Americanism Chairman told a Flag Story. Irma Lo Presti, Auxiliary President, Diane Ruggiero and Tom Marshall instructed the Scouts in the proper way to fold the flag.

A raffle was held for a U.S. Outdoor Flag Kit. Everyone in attendance received a free flag raffle ticket. The winner was Donna Sealime.

A patriotic coloring contest was held. Three winners were chosen. They received a winners ribbon. All Scouts received a certificate of participation, a bag of Patriotic Symbols tied with a Buddy Poppy, Patriotic Holiday Activity Sheets, directions on how to fold the Flag and the Star Spangled Banner Verses. *Story and photos provided by Adele Rovito. ###*

## Girl Scouts Visit WRFD

On what seemed to be the coldest Tuesday in January (January 22, 2013), members of the Wood-Ridge Ambulance Squad and Fire Department selflessly came to the aid of Wood-Ridge Junior Girl Scout Troop 582 to help fulfill a requirement that would help the girls earn their Junior First Aid badge.

The first responders spoke in great detail about what the girls can do to help someone who is sick or injured until professionals arrive at the scene.

The girls listened attentively, took notes, took part in demonstrations, and asked questions.

Next, they showed the



girls how the equipment on an ambulance works. Finally, they gave input as to what should go into making a portable first aid kit which was another step in earning the badge.

W-R Junior Girl Scout Troop 582 wishes to thank the

W-R first responders for the time that they took out of their busy schedules to educate them on such an important matter and for helping them earn their Junior First Aid badge. We wish you a safe year. *Photo and story by Debra Burniston. ###*



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## Fire Safety Badges

On Wednesday, March 6, 2013, Wood-Ridge Cub Pack 183 visited the firehouse to help earn their Fire Safety Merit Badges.

The Scouts toured the firehouse, reviewed the trucks and learned about fire safety. *Photos by Thomas Bischoff. ###*





# Carlstadt FD Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, March 10, 2013, The First Presbyterian Church, led by Pastor Donald M. Pitches, held a Fire Department Recognition Sunday Service for the Carlstadt Fire Department and Auxiliary.

Bagpiper Sharon Dunn led the Carlstadt Fire Department into the Church, as well as East Rutherford officers and firefighters. The service was open

to area mutual aid departments. During the Service, Pastor Pitches gathered the children at the foot of the altar and told them stories and readings of faith about Father Mychal Judge.

There was recognition and presentation of symbols of service with Pastor Pitches presenting Carlstadt Fire Chief Jarrett Milligan with a symbol-

ic key. *(In the 1800s, fire chiefs were given the Church key to ring the bells for a fire alarm.)* Pastor Pitches' sermon was "God's ICS (*Incident Command System*)."

East Rutherford Fire Department Chaplain Thom McCoy read scripture during the service.

The program provided a brief history of the Department,

and recognized the 2013 Fire Officers and Former Chiefs of the Department.

He also recognized East Rutherford Fire Chief Harold Tilt and presented him with a plaque *(and a pint size fire truck T-shirt for his recent*

*grandchild)*.

Recognition Sunday has been held for over 15 years. Following the service, brunch in the Community Hall was provided by the Department. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*

## Quick Response Minimizes ER House Fire



On March 20, 2013, a call came in for a house fire on Hackensack Street, East Rutherford.

Smoke was observed, drawing a call for mutual aid. Carlstadt and Wallington Fire Departments responded.

A search by infrared cameras found the source. The fire appeared to be in the wall of the second floor in the front of the home. East Rutherford cut into the wall from the inside room while Carlstadt attacked from the outside using pike pole tool and portable chain saw.

It seemed that by pulling the siding away, it appeared to have extinguished the fire.

A charged 2-1/2" line was at the ready, but no hose went inside the home. The incident was resolved within an hour.

No injuries were reported. The fire is under investigation. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ##*

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## CFD Responds to Mattress Fire

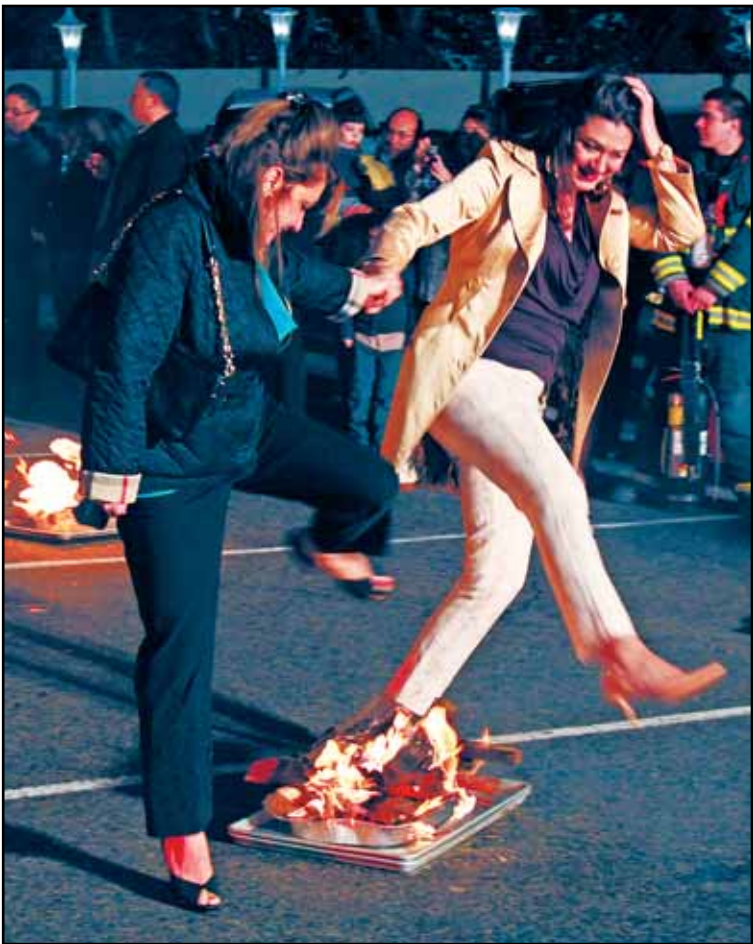
On February 25, 2013, the Carlstadt Fire Department was called to a house fire on Garden Street. The source of the fire were mattresses, which were taken out of the structure and extinguished. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



## Pet Oxygen Masks Donated to Carlstadt EM

Lisa and John Rasmus, residents of Carlstadt, recently donated a set of pet oxygen masks to Carlstadt Emergency Management on behalf of Companion Animal Advocates. The masks come in three sizes for large, medium and small dogs or cats. These specially sized masks will enable firefighters or EMTs to deliver oxygen to pets in need and, in some cases, save their lives. Pictured from left to right are Erika Lopez with her dog Brooklyn; Hernan Lopez, Carlstadt Emergency Management Coordinator and donors Lisa and John Rasmus with their dog, Buddy. *Photo provided by Hernan Lopez. ###*





# WRFD Fire Watch Detail for Persian Festival of Fire

On Tuesday, March 19, 2013, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department and EMS Squad was dispatched to The Fiesta for a "Fire Watch" detail for the Persian "Festival of Fire." This is the 10th year that this event was held at the **Fiesta**.

The Department reviewed the fire stations located in the parking lot and made necessary spacing adjustments. Firefighters lighted the rows of fires with flares.

Working with the organizers, firefighters established a

safe perimeter and procedures.

At about 7:30 p.m., just before the main course, participants departed the main banquet hall to the parking lot.

The central focus of the evening was the "Festival of Fire" or Chahar Shanbeh Soori (*literally means "Eve of Wednesday"*).

Families lined up outside in the dark to take turns jumping safely over a row of small fires, as a celebration of thanks for the new year.

As they jump over the fire,

they say, "The redness of the fire to my cheeks; the yellow of my skin to the fire," using the warmth of the fire to remove the evils of the past year to start the new year fresh.

Firefighters were strategically located and carefully monitored each jump, watchful that no one was burned (*or clothing caught fire*). They assisted those who were unsteady.

If fire embers were disturbed, firefighters quickly reset the fire.

At the end of the fire line,

firefighters kept the egress area open and checked that all were safe.

At the conclusion, the Department extinguished the fires with water, dispersed embers with tools, pushed the fire stations into a central area and rechecked that the fires were out.

Over 400 attended this Persian New Year, Nowruz, at the Fiesta. Nowruz is observed on the last Tuesday of winter, just before the Vernal Equinox or first moment of spring.

This Persian Festival pre-

dates Islam and is estimated to be about 2,500 years old.

The holiday is believed to have been invented by Zoroaster. The Zoroastrian custom, which has no religious significance, celebrates Persian culture.

A larger celebration will be held April 14, 2013 at the Persian Day Parade 10th Anniversary along Madison Avenue in New York City. For more information go to [www.nypp.org](http://www.nypp.org). ###





On February 19, 2013, Little Ferry Police Chief Ralph Verdi honored 17 people and organizations whose generosity and compassion assisted the Borough during and immediately following Superstorm Sandy that damaged about 80 percent of its homes and infrastructure. Some were old friends and former neighbors-- some were total strangers. They were recognized for providing a military-style truck to evacuate residents, restaurants that prepared food for emergency workers, cleaning efforts, fuel, manpower and resources. ###



On March 12, 2013, about 250 attended the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lodi/Hackensack's 2nd Annual Tricky Tray and Dinner at The Venetian. The event benefitted the "Champions for Youth Program." Above are committee members putting the final touches on the array of wonderful prizes. ###



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