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PRSRT STD U.S. POSTAGE **PAID** PERMIT 280 LANC., PA 17604 We are able to celebrate our holidays, enjoy our freedoms of religion, speech and way of life because of our Veterans, and those serving in our Armed Forces today. We owe them everything. Millions interrupted their lives to serve. We thank them for their service. Veterans Day commemorates November 11 at 11 a.m., the anniversary of the end of World War I, originally Armistice Day, and, in 1954, changed to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. Veterans. Photo above is Lodi Fire Department Honor Guard at the "Regional Salute to Veterans" ceremony held November 10. See photos representing Carlstadt, Hasbrouck Heights, Little Ferry, Rutherford and Wood-Ridge on pages 17-19.

Thank You

Community Tree Lightings

Carlstadt will hold their Tree Lighting at Borough Hall on Thursday, December 5, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. ###

East Rutherford will hold their Tree Lighting at Borough Hall Park at 7 p.m., Friday, December 6, 2013.

The Hasbrouck Heights Annual Tree Lighting at The Circle will be held immediately after the Annual Holiday Parade on November 29, 2013. There will be plenty of hot cocoa and snacks. ###

Little Ferry will hold their Tree Lighting on Friday, December 6, 2013, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Borough Hall parking lot. The Memorial School Choir is scheduled to sing. Santa will be available in the Municipal Building lobby. Bring your camera.

Lodi will host its Annual Tree Lighting on Friday, December 6, 2013, starting at 7 p.m. at Borough Hall. Holiday music will be provided by the Lodi HS Band and Choir.

Moonachie will hold their Annual Tree Lighting event (rain or shine) on Saturday, December 7, 2013, at 7 p.m., at Borough Hall. R. L. Craig students will sing Christmas Carols. Refreshments and photos with Santa will follow at the Firehouse. ###

Rutherford will hold their Annual Tree Lighting on Saturday, November 30, 2013.

Wood-Ridge Annual Tree Lighting is on November 29, 2013, at Veterans Park, starting at 7 p.m. Christmas Carols will be sung by Middle and High School Chorale. Santa will be at The Gazebo to hear special secret wishes. Refreshments will be served. ###

Breakfast with Santa

The St. Anthony Council of the Knights of Columbus invites all children and the young at heart to their Annual Pancake Breakfast. Santa will be the guest on honor. The breakfast will take place at the Wood-Ridge Intermediate School Cafeteria in Wood-Ridge on Sunday, December 15, 2013, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The menu will be "all you can eat" pancakes, sausages, orange juice, and coffee for the adults. The cost is \$5 per person; children 5 and under will be admitted free. PG. ###

Holiday Craft Holiday Craft & Gift Fair

On December 7, 2013, it's time for the 2nd Annual Christmas Craft and Gift Fair and Cafe at the First Presbyterian Church Rutherford -- Parish House, 32 Ridge Road. Refreshements available.

A special treat will be the amazing pulled pork sandwiches.

Creative crafters wishing to sell their wares should call 201-438-3569, ###

& Vendor Show

On Sunday, December 1, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 4591 will host a Holiday Bazaar at the Post, 513 Veterans Place, Hasbrouck Heights.

Event features over 40 vendors offering jewelry, accessories, candles, arts and crafts, baked goods, collectibles, stocking stuffers, etc. Admission is free.

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Santa's Workshop

The Little Ferry First Aid Corps presents Santa's Workshop fundraiser. Join them for Holiday Gift Wrapping and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 14, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Little Ferry Public Safety Building (95 Main Street). Gift wrapping donations range from \$2 for small items to \$8 for extralarge items.

There will be free hot chocolate and tea while supplies last. Delicious fresh baked goods will be available. For every package you bring to be wrapped, you will receive a raffle ticket to enter their holiday giveaway! ###

Candy canes began as straight white sticks of sugar candy used to decorate the Christmas trees. A choirmaster at Cologne Cathedral decided have the ends bent to depict a shepherd's crook and he would pass them out to the children to keep them quiet during the services. It wasn't until about the 20th century that candy canes acquired their red stripes.





Sensitive Santa's Workshop

The Carlstadt Volunteer Ambulance Corps presented "Sensitive Santa's Workshop" for children with special needs on November 2 and November 3, 2013. The event was for special needs children of all ages and their immediate family. Children meet one-on-one, privately and by reservation only.

There are no lines, pressure, loud music or flash photos.

There were snacks, crafts and children had an opportunity to write a note, or paste a photo or drawing of their wishes directly onto Santa's List. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



HH Fire Dept. To Take Santa **Around Heights**

Santa's Schedule for December 22, 2013 Collins & Baldwin 4:00 to 4:20 p.m. Hasbrouck & Ottawa 4:30 to 4:50 p.m. Paterson & Burton 5:00 to 5:20 p.m. Oak Grove & La Salle 5:30 to 5:55 p.m. Oak Grove & Jefferson 6:05 to 6:25 p.m. Oldfield & Division 6:35 to 6:55 p.m. Cleveland & Summit 7:05 to 7:20 p.m. Cleveland & Woodland 7:45 p.m. Any parent who cannot get a child to a Santa stop due to illness or handicap can make special arrangements by calling the Fire Chief at

Use caution with holiday decorations and whenever possible, choose those made with flame-resistant, flameretardant or non-combustible materials.

201-288-0082.

Carlstadt FD **Open House Party**

On Saturday, December 14, 2013, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Carlstadt children can meet Santa and receive a treat and have some cookies at the firehouse. ###

East Rutherford FD Santa Around Town

On December 21 2013, starting at about 9:30 a.m., East Rutherford residents can meet Santa on their street. Be sure to listen for the Fire Department sirens. ###

Lodi FD **Santa Around Town**

On Sunday, December 22, 2013, starting at 9:30 a.m., Lodi residents can meet Santa on their street corner. Be sure to listen for the Fire Department sirens. ###

Moonachie FD **Santa Around Town**

On Sunday, December 22, 2013, starting at noon. Please wait on the street corners. Be patient, Santa has lots of boys and girls to visit. ###

WRFD **Santa Around Town**

On Saturday, December 21, 2013, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department will have pictures with Santa at the firehouse from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Santa will be at Wesmont Station from 2 to 3 p.m.

Starting at about 4 p.m., they will randomly escort Santa up and down every street in the Borough. Firefighters will hand out candy at the intersections. ###

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Santa Comes To Town

The spirit of kids from 1 to 92 are bright as the traditional Holiday Parade travels along The Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights on Friday evening, November 29, 2013.

As folks get ready to enjoy the parade, they can visit one of the several hot chocolate stations along The Boulevard including the Municipal Complex, Century 21 Eudan Realty, Re/Max Trading Places, TD Bank, etc.

Floats, bands, community groups, antique cars, fire trucks, plus Santa will meet at Williams Avenue at 7:00 p.m. and march along The Boulevard to Henry Street.

Immediately after the parade, Santa will meet with children at The Senior Center (320 Boulevard), for photos and treats sponsored by **Heights Flower Shoppe**.

At press time, the parade line-up is as follows:

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Guard will lead the Parade, along with Color Guards from the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department and the Boy Scouts.

Local Officials, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and various sport teams on small floats, provided by **Lenox Towing**, will follow.

The excitement continues with the Park Ridge High School Marching Band, and antique cars from Reliable Relics.

The Hasbrouck Heights High School Marching Band will lead Santa's personal float (sponsored by Otterstedt Insurance Agency) down The Boulevard.

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department will then follow.

The event is sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce. Would you like to be part of the excitement? The Chamber welcomes volunteers to help with the parade. Call Ray at 201-288-5464 for more information. ###

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Your Fire Chiefs Offer These Christmas Tree Safety Tips

- Any string of lights with worn, frayed or broken cords or loose bulb connections should not be used. Connect no more than three strands of push-in bulbs and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
- Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree, and make sure any lit candles in the room are placed away from tree branches.

St. Mary's HS Holiday Craft Fair

Please join the annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 30, 2013, from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., in the auditorium.

There will be over 50 crafters and vendors displaying jewelry, candles, family crest ornaments, woodwork, stone sculpture, kid's and women's apparel, crochet items, unique hand-sewn gifts, glass work, handbags, kitchen items, cotton candy, sports caps, and many more unique crafts for purchase.

Get a jump-start on your holiday shopping all in one place! St. Mary High School is located at 64 Chestnut Street in Rutherford. Free Gift Bag to first 100 shoppers! Vendor opportunities are still available. Contact Charlotte at 201-669-7696. ###

Toys for Tots Drop Off

Holiday Inn Hasbrouck Heights announced that they are an official drop off site for "Toys for Tots" Foundation. They will be collecting new unwrapped toys in their main lobby through December 19, 2013. For more information call 201-288-9600. ###

Wallington FD Holiday Parade

On Saturday, November 30, 2013, Wallington Fire Department will present its 12th Annual Holiday Parade.

The largest gathering of lighted and decorated fire trucks and floats in the nation will participate in Wallington Fire Department's 12th Annual Holiday Parade. This nighttime parade of over 2,500 participants starts at 6 p.m, and includes fire departments and organizations throughout the tri-state area.

Thousands of spectators line the 2-mile parade route featuring 250 lighted and decorated fire trucks and floats beginning on Mt. Pleasant and Roehrs Drive and concludes at Centennial Field. Participants will enjoy entertainment, refreshments and the presentation of various parade trophies, including The Chief's Trophy going to the Best Decorated Vehicle in the parade.

Visit www.wallingtonfd-holidayparade.webs.com or call 973-473-7612 for more information. ###

Join the Fire Department

Jr. Women's Club Pizza With Santa

The Hasbrouck Heights Junior Women's Club is sponsoring Pizza with Santa on Friday, December 13, 2013, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Elf Building, 320 Boulevard. Cost is \$8 per person and includes photo opportunity with Santa (don't forget to bring your cameras), goody bag, pizza, refreshments, entertainment, etc. Advance ticket sales only. For tickets, call Jen at 201-919-8136. Proceeds benefit local charities and scholarships. ###

Celtic Woman Christmas Show December 4

Celtic Woman Christmas Show will be held at the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA, on Wednesday, December 4, 2013.

Beloved global sensation, Celtic Woman, returns this December 2013 for its criticallyacclaimed Christmas Celebration Symphony Tour.

This holiday spectacular presents a dynamic live music experience that showcases the celestial voices of Chloë Agnew, Lisa Lambe, Susan McFadden, along with vibrant inventiveness from Celtic Violinist Máiréad Nesbitt.

Christmas bells will ring as Celtic Woman performs all of your holiday favorites underscored by the stirring sound of a full symphony orchestra.

The price of \$98 includes bus transportation, show ticket, a \$20 free slots play, and a \$5 food voucher.

The bus will leave from in front the Most Sacred Heart Church at 2 p.m. Doors to the theater open at 7 p.m., which leaves plenty of time for a little shopping at the outlets at Sands, casino play and dinner.

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 "Celtic Woman," and dropped off or mailed to the Rectory at 127 Paterson Avenue, Wallington 07057.

Note: Guests must present valid state or federal issued photo id in order to obtain their Sands Players Club Card for any motor coach incentive.

For additional information, call Ginny at 201-715-2087. ###

Keep Fire Hydrants Cleared of Snow

Area Fire Departments ask that when it snows, residents and businesses should make an effort to keep fire hydrants clear and accessible. ###



from Mayor Rose Heck, Members of the Council and all Borough of Hasbrouck Heights Employees

Santa Visits the AHOF

Santa is scheduled to depart the North Pole at Midnight and is expected to arrive at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at the Aviation Hall of Fame.

He and his elf will circle the museum several times in a helicopter, and then ride into the parking lot in an airport fire truck. Santa will have candy for the kids.

Bring your camera for this photo opportunity! Children under 12 years of age will be able to meet and greet Santa Claus inside the museum free of charge, when accompanied by an adult. Adult admission is \$7, \$5 seniors.

The museum will open at 10 a.m. to accommodate expected interest in this special event. The public is advised to arrive early in order to obtain good parking.

The visit of Santa Claus is presented annually by the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum, located at 400 Fred Wehran Drive, Teterboro, NJ. For more info call 201-288-6344. ###

Holiday Craft Event

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights will sponsor a fun-filled afternoon for teens and adults to create their own holiday tree for a table or mantel to be enjoyed for the upcoming winter season. It will be held on Wednesday afternoon, December 18, 2013, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

The holidays are right around the corner, so here is an opportunity to get in the mood.

If you are dreaming of a homemade holiday centerpiece for your Christmas celebrations or just want to have fun and eat some of the decorations, don't miss out.

The decorations that you will use to create your own unique tree will be provided.

Use candy, ribbons, beads, ornaments, garland, glitter, and lots more to make a styrofoam tree into a wondrous decoration. But you must bring some imagination.

Prizes will be awarded. Judges will be selected from the participants.

To join in this event, please register by calling 201-288-0488 or log on to http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org and go to calendar. ###

Don't leave lit candles or fireplaces unattended.

Story Hour with Santa!

Come to the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library for Story Time with Santa. He is busy this time of year but has agreed to take a break and celebrate the Christmas season with us.

Sing holiday songs, have story time with Santa and have a little one-on-one time with the big guy about Christmas wishes on December 18, 2013, from 6-7 p.m. at The Library. Registration is required. Contact Ms. M, Youth Librarian at wrdgchild@bccls.org or 201-438-2455.###

Breakfast with Santa

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Lodi/Hackensack presents Breakfast with Santa, Sunday, December 1, 2013, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Elan. There will be free pictures with Santa.

Admission is \$12 advance payment and \$15 at the door. Children under 3 are free. There will be a Tricky Tray and a 50/50 raffle. For more information call 973-473-7410. ###

Story Hour With Santa

On Monday, December 9, 2013, families are cordially invited to The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library Story Time with Santa for ages 3-9.

From 7-8 p.m., hear holiday stories, sing songs, and even meet St. Nick himself.

Bring your cameras for this unique photo opportunity to kick off this cheerful holiday season.

The Friends of The Hasbrouck Heights Library will be on hand to give children a special gift. Registration is required, and can be done in person, online, or by calling 201-288-0485. ###

Rutherford Lions Holiday Fruit Sale

The Lions Club of Rutherford announced their 2013 Annual Holiday Fruit Sale.

Available are grapefruit and navel oranges in both 4/5 bushel boxes at \$31 and 2/5 bushel boxes at \$21. Tangerines in 2/5 bushel boxes at \$29 and 2/5 bushel variety pack, which includes all 3 items at \$29.

Delivery is direct from Florida by refrigerated trucks from the Golden Harvest Packing House. Orders received by November 29, 2013, should be received the weekend of December 14. The Lions will notify you of the exact date and pick-up times and location. To place your order go to: www.LionsClubOfRutherford.org ###

S. Bergen Rotary Fresh Fruit Sale

Navel oranges or pink grapefruit only \$25 for 20 lb. case. Orders must be received by Saturday, November 30. Orders will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Moonachie Senior Center.

Payment

For cases of fresh fruit, make checks payable to: South Bergen Rotary, 65 Railroad Avenue, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660. Go to www.southbergenrotary.com ###

Heights Seniors Holiday Party

The Annual Holiday Party, sponsored by the Leisure Club, open to all Heights seniors, is scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2013, at the **Fiesta**, from noon to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$39 per person. ###

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Pet Photos with Mrs. Claus

FOCAS (Friends of the County Animal Shelter, Inc.) will be hosting holiday pet pictures with Mrs. Claus and a Special Holiday Gift Fair on Sunday, December 1, 2013, at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost per photo is \$5. All pets are welcome. Pets should be up-to-date on all shots and appropriately restrained. There will be refreshments, fabulous holiday gifts on sale for pets and people and a drawing each hour. Let FOCAS put some "cheer" in your holiday!

Annual event proceeds benefit the FOCAS Angel Fund that provides veterinary medical care for sick, homeless and abandoned animals ###

Holiday Pancake Breakfast

VFW Post 809 will sponsor a Holiday Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 15, 2013, at their Post, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry, from 8 a.m. to noon. Cost is adults \$8 and children under 10, \$4. ###

Pancake Breakfast

Rochelle Park American Legion Post 170 and Lodi Post 136 will hold its monthly Pancake Breakfast on Sunday December 15, 2013, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Anyone bringing a toy (new/unwrapped) for the Marine Corps League "Toys for Tots Campaign," or food to be donated to the Sacred Heart Helping Hands Ministry food bank, will receive \$2 off their breakfast, which is \$4.

The breakfast remains the same, pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea, and juice and homemade crumb cake, while it lasts. It's a great way to have a terrific breakfast at a bargain price and help out those less fortunate. ###

Yield to Pedestrians

Rutherford **Community Chest** Seeks Donations

The 68th Annual Drive of the Community Chest of Rutherford which supports local non-profit organizations welcomes donations.

The Rutherford Boy and Girl Scouts, Rutherford Food Pantry, Rutherford Social Services, The Meadowlands Museum, Bridge Builder and Star Fish of Rutherford all currently benefit. Every dollar contributed stays in Rutherford.

Send donations to: The Community Chest of Rutherford, Inc., PO Box 263, Rutherford, NJ 07070. ###

Friendly Neighbors Kicks Off Annual **Fund Drive**

Every year between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, the Friendly Neighbors Organization of Hasbrouck Heights holds its annual fundraising campaign.

This organization has been in existence since 1939 and consists of a group of 10 women from each of the Churches in town. They donate their time and effort to raising money for needy local families. Over the years, their group has had many special friends including men's and women's groups from the local Churches and civic groups.

This year they are helping 13 families with a total of 17 children. Their assistance includes food, cleaning supplies, and emergency help.

All funds go toward helping Hasbrouck Heights residents. Since the economy is still weak and people are still struggling, celebrating the holidays with food and gifts is nearly impossible. A wonderful way to honor a loved one is by donating in their memory.

Your donation, no matter how small, will make a difference, so we ask you to please consider giving.

Donations can be mailed to Mrs. Pat Boer, Treasurer, 307 Roosevelt Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. ###

18th Century Christmas Entertainment

The Ministers of Apollo are scheduled to entertain in a special holiday concert for the Wood-Ridge Historical Society on Sunday, December 8, 2013,

Performing on period instruments in authentic clothing, this ensemble specializes in playing American and British music of the late 18th century.

Christmas music of this period is not commonly performed or easily available today. Using facsimile editions from the time, they will offer the audience insight to what this music truly sounded like.

Come and experience authentic 18th century Christmas entertainment. The concert will take place in the Arnault/ Bianchi House, 111 First Street, Wood-Ridge. Refreshments will be served following the concert, and there is no admission charge. Donations to support future programs are encouraged. ###

Buy-A-Ribbon Feed The Hungry

As well as "Brightening The Boulevard," this annual appeal has generated thousands of dollars every year to benefit area food banks.

A \$10 contribution buys a bright red ribbon with your name on it, placed along the Boulevard beginning Thanksgiving until Valentine's Day.

Contributors simply complete the "Buy-A-Ribbon --Feed The Hungry" form, listing their name, family, memorial, etc., with a limit of up to 30 characters. Forms are available at Bill O'Shea's Florist and Bruce's Floral Design.

Most ribbons are \$10, but generous folks can make a \$50 donation which provides a special breakfast and traditional dinner for Christmas or Hanukkah for a family in our neighborhood. Corporate donations of \$100 or more will receive a unique ribbon.

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Christmas Concert

A Christmas Concert, featuring the Mark Howell Singers, glorifying God through Music, will be held Saturday, December 14, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph Church, 40 Spring Street, Lodi.

Cost is \$10 per ticket, \$15 at the door and \$25 for a family of four. For more information call 973-779-0643.

Proceeds to benefit Phelogy Building project of the Adorno Fathers. ###

Holiday Program

Join The Carlstadt Library on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, from 7-8 p.m. for "Holiday Music & More with Myriam Phiro."

Multi-talented actress, model, dancer and singer, Myriam Phiro, will entertain all with a variety of holiday music selections and more from her extensive repertoire!

Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend! Call 201-438-8866 for more information or check www.carlstadt.bccls.org. The Carlstadt Public Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt. ###

Advent Christmas Concert Dec. 13

The Corpus Christi Choir will present their annual Advent/Christmas Concert on Friday, December 13, 2013, at 7:30 p.m in the Corpus Christi Chapel, located in the school on Kipp Avenue.

Guest musicians and soloists will be featured. There will be a free-will offering. ###

HH Men's **Association Christmas** Tree Sale

The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association will be selling Christmas Trees again this Holiday Season at St. John the Divine, at the corner of Franklin and Terrace.

They will be carrying an array of trees of various sizes and prices. This sale has been a Hasbrouck Heights holiday tradition for over twenty years.

The money raised goes to the HHMA Scholarship Fund that benefits graduating high school seniors from Hasbrouck Heights who want to attend college. The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association wants to thank area residents for their on-going support of their sale and they wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. ###

Winter Wonderland Concert

On Friday, December 20, 2013, at 3:45 p.m., Presley and Melody will return to The Rutherford Public Library to present a Winter Wonderland Concert for children ages 3 and up. Come celebrate the season! No registration required. This program is sponsored by The Friends of The Library of Rutherford. ###

Christmas Carols by Renowned **Choral Group**

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is pleased to sponsor the presentation and performance of Christmas carols and holiday songs provided by the Chanteurs of the New Jersey Choral Society.

The concert will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2013, from 2 to 3 p.m. It will include traditional carols and popular holiday songs. The whole family is invited to get into the holiday spirit. This free program will be held in the Senior Center located at 320 Boulevard.

The NJCS Chanteurs is a vocal ensemble (15-20 singers) of the New Jersey Choral Society that performs musical entertainment concerts in the community. The New Jersey Choral Society is one of the most prestigious choral groups in the state, well known for presenting outstanding and unique programs. They have performed at the White House and Carnegie Hall and have given performances around the world including Germany, Sydney, Vienna, Beijing and Shanghai, London and more.

So bring the whole family and join in this very special event. To register please call 201-288-0488. ###

Felician Sisters Christmas Concert January 5

The Felician Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Convent of Lodi, New Jersey, will present a sacred concert entitled "The Glory of Christ-

The Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, January 5, 2014, at Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel, 260 South Main Street, Lodi, New Jersey at 3 p.m.

It is the hope of the Sisters that the gift of music will deepen the spirit of Christmas for all who attend as we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, known as "Little Christmas" in many countries.

Joining the Felician Sisters' Choir will be several guest artists.

There is no admission charge for this concert, but good will offerings will be accepted and proceeds will be given to the Felician Mission in Haiti which is being organized by Sister Marilyn Minter and Sister Mary Igna Borko.

For further information: Sister Mary Virginia Tomasiak 973-473-7447 ext 114. ###

Nutcracker **Performance**

Dancers from The School of The Garden State Ballet will be performing scenes from The Nutcracker at The Rutherford Public Library on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at 2 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. It will be held on the main floor of The Library. ###

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First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford Annual Christmas Concert

The Annual Christmas Concert at First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford will take place on December 8, 2013, at 3 p.m., in the Church's lovely sanctuary built in 1888.

A choir of 25 voices, handbells, harpist Kristi Shade, and organist and music director, Peggy Hsiao, will lead the congregation in traditional Christmas carols and some of the beloved music of the season.

In October this year the Church celebrated the 150th anniversary of its founding in 1863. In addition, the 3-manual Moller pipe organ has just been completely restored.

This year's program is designed around the theme, "Ponder the Mystery; Join in the Merriment!"

The first part of the program will center on the "mystery" of the birth of Jesus through some early Latin hymns, a traditional setting of a Latin/English carol, In dulci jubilo, and a gorgeous contemporary setting of an ancient text "O Magnum Mysteriurm," by the widely acclaimed American composer Morten Lauridsen.

Mr. Lauridsen has been artist-in-residence for a week in November at Montclair State University. The "merriment"

of Christmas will be heard in settings of "Carol of the Bells, "Fum, Fum Fum," "The Twelve Days of Christmas," "Deck the Halls," and other carols.

They invite all to celebrate through the special music of Christmas. The concert is free, with a free will offering and a warm reception to follow. ###

W-R School **Holiday Concert**

The Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School Holiday Concert is Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at 7 p.m. and is open to the public with free admission and open

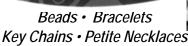
All are welcome to hear the joyous sounds of the Holidays. They are one school now with over 200 students performing. They are very excited of their combination of Grades 7th -12th performance! ###

The Wood-Ridge School is doing a concert for the Senior Citizens on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, from 12 - 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served by the W-R Jr./Sr. HS Foods Classes. All are welcome! ###

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Dear Editor:

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Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia,

Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Francis P. Church, Published in The New York Sun, September 21, 1897

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Ye Faithful!

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 92 Burton Avenue in Hasbrouck Height,s in conjunction with its sister congregation, The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer at 471 Maywood Avenue in Maywood, will hold three services on Christmas Eve 2013.

The first service will be at Redeemer at 5 p.m., and the second at Holy Trinity at 7:30

Family candlelight services of sacred words and joyous carols will tell the story of Jesus' birth.

The services will include a children's procession to the Crêche, Holy Communion and a special children's message, *This is the Stable.*

The message is especially appropriate for young children and their families.

The evening will conclude with a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Holy Trinity in Hasbrouck Heights at 10:30

Pre-service music will begin at 10:30 p.m. and will be followed by the telling of the story of Jesus' birth with sacred words and joyous carols.

Special music will be provided by The Joyful Noise Ringers at the 5 and 10:15 p.m. services.

Instrumental and vocal soloists will perform at all three Christmas Eve services.

On December 29, the first Sunday of Christmas, Holy Communion services of sacred words and joyous carols will be held at Redeemer in Maywood beginning at 9:15 a.m. and at Holy Trinity in Hasbrouck Heights beginning at 11 a.m. The Feast of Christmas con-

For further information, please call the Church office at 201-288-6889 or visit holytrinityhasbrouckheights.com ###



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The Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry welcomes donations. Needed items include: beans, canned fruit, juices, pasta sauce, gravies, paper products, all kinds of soaps and cleaning products, shampoo, toiletries, jelly, coffee, tea, cereal, powdered milk, crackers, cookies and snacks.

The Food Bank is supported by food drives held at the Churches, schools, the Scouts, The Library and special programs, the monetary donations that buy food store gift cards and those who drop off bags of groceries at the Borough Clerk's office.

The 15-20 families who need help are very fortunate to be able to have a place to come if needed. Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees said, "A great big thank you for your generosity. It is overwhelming and very much appreciated."

For more information, call the Borough Clerk's office at 201-288-0195. ###

Annual Soup and Salad Luncheon

The Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights will hold its Annual Soup and Salad Luncheon on Monday, January 20, 2014, from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

Tickets are \$8 per person. Take-outs will be available. Come and break the winter blues with some warm soup, friendship and conversation. Contact Marge at 201-288-8933 or Helen at 201-288-5116 for reservations.

The Contemporary Club is a member Club of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, a service organization dedicated to serving the needs of others one project at a time. ###

Baked Ham Luncheon

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will sponsor their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, in the Community Hall, Third Street, Carlstadt.

Baked ham dinners will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donation is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children/students. For take out orders call 201-438-5526. ###

Holiday Open House at **Skylands Manor**

Historic Skylands Manor in the New Jersey State Botanical Garden will be filled with an extravagant display of seasonal décor during NJBG's spectacular 25th Annual Holiday Open House from December 5 through 8, 2013.

This year, NJBG celebrates this festive event's "Silver Jubilee" and will highlight all things sparkling and silver focusing on the warm and happy feel of the season.

Skylands Manor, a 45room Tudor-style country estate built in the early 1920s, features many fine historic architectural elements and is an elegant backdrop for this celebration of the season. In keeping with the botanical surroundings, the lush holiday décor features abundant live and dried plants and flowers, elegant appointments, and displays created with youngsters in mind.

The decorating theme is changed annually, so each year the Manor has a very different

Individual rooms are decorated by scores of volunteers from northern New Jersey garden clubs, Master Gardener programs, etc.

Daytime tours of the NJBG Holiday Open House are available Thursday through Sunday, December 5-8, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for children 6-12, and free for children under six. No babystrollers, please. The last tour begins at 4 p.m.

Group tours are available. Call 973-962-9534 or email info@njbg.org to schedule a group tour. For more information go to: www.njbg.org ###

Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club

The HH Garden Club will be having their Holiday Celebration this month. Therefore, there will be no meeting.

Their next meeting will be held on January 16, 2014. All meetings are held at 320 Boulevard in The Library Meeting Room. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month beginning with refreshments at 6:45 pm.

They meet from September until June. This past year they welcomed many speakers and invited the public from the surrounding towns to join. They are always looking for new members. They are always interested in meeting those who enjoy working with plants. For further information contact Judy at 201-288-2615. ###

Decking The Rails: The National Christmas Tree

Story by David Kriso

Tis the season to be jolly, and tis the season to ride the rails. If you're planning on visiting our nation's capital during the holiday season, there is one place you need to visit.

I've seen it, and maybe you've seen it, too. Washington, DC's National Christmas tree is a sight you do not want

It's time to head to Washington, DC and take the Christmas spirit to the rails.

Going to Washington, DC by train is very easy. Making your Amtrak reservation is even easier than that. All it takes is a phone call or a computer mouse click. Visit Amtrak.com or call 1-800-872-7245.

You have the choice of traveling on the Acela or a Northeast Regional train. Amtrak's Acela Express includes First Class and Business. Amtrak's Northeast Regional trains include Business class and a Quiet Car. In the Quiet car, you must remember to keep your voice down and your cell phones off or silenced. Since it's part of Coach Class, there is no additional charge.

Once your reservations are made, your tickets can be obtained in one of four ways.

They can be mailed to your home more than ten days prior to your traveling day, picked up at the ticket window at any major Amtrak terminal, at a Quik Trak kiosk, or via email.

The e-ticket is a brand new service on board Amtrak. A crew member scans the QR code on your ticket printout.

Washington, DC's Union Station is a gorgeous building. Everywhere you go in the terminal, the halls are decked out in garland, wreaths, and all its holiday splendor. Getting to the National Christmas tree is a quick ride on Washington's Metro subway.

The National Christmas tree is located very near the Ellipse outside the White House, bordering the National Mall.

A number of Metro stations are located in that area. The Smithsonian, Federal Triangle, Metro Center, McPherson Square, and Farragut West stations are located within walking distance of the National Christmas tree. Union Station is on the red line. You can take the red line to Metro Center and the White House is ten minutes away by foot.

If you prefer taking a stroll on the National Mall, enjoying the winter air, or visiting the museums along the way, the Smithsonian station is your best choice.

In Washington, DC, your best option of subway fare is purchasing a one-day pass. The cost is \$14 per pass, and it's active from the time of issue to the moment you leave.

The National Christmas tree is nothing like the Rockefeller Center tree in New York City. It has its very own flavor. It's decorated with vertical light strands, and the biggest ornaments you can imagine. Every year, the tree looks different.

Taking the train is the greatest means of transportation in our country. During the Christmas season, visiting the National Christmas tree is the best reason to ride the rails. Trains and Christmas have that special connection in our lives.

Go back to your childhood and remember Christmas Day when you found near the Christmas tree that new locomotive or railcar you asked Santa for. It might have been that new train set you always wished for. A train doesn't just travel around your Christmas tree. A train can also take you to a tree. Good tidings to you all and enjoy the journey wherever the train may take you! ###

Christmas in the Ballantine House

Each year, the Newark Museum's National Historic Landmark the 1885 Ballantine House offers visitors a taste of how Christmas was celebrated in late Victorian Newark, as English, German and Dutch holiday traditions merged into something not so very different from the way the holiday is celebrated in America today.

This historically accurate installation offers the opportunity to step back in time to learn about 19th-century life and traditions. From the Christmas tree (a German tradition) to the wooden shoes by the hearth (a Dutch tradition) to the stockings on the chimney and plum pudding in the dining room (English traditions), visitors can get a sense of how Christmas evolved into a homebased secular holiday in the 19th century.

The exhibit opens Friday, November 29, 2013 and runs through January 5, 2014. Newark Museum is located at 49 Washington Street, Newark.

Suggested Museum admission is as follows: adults: \$10 (\$12*), Veterans and their families with valid ID - \$6 (\$7*) and children, seniors and students with valid ID: \$6 (\$7*) *as of January 2, 2014.

Convenient parking is available for a fee.

For general information, call 973-596-6550 or visit http://www.NewarkMuseum. org ###

Annual Christmas Delaware River Crossing Reenactment

On Christmas Day every year, re-enactors assemble at Washington Crossing State Park, Pennsylvania, and make their way across the Delaware River to New Jersey.

The annual event commemorates the Christmas Day crossing made by Gen. George Washington and his troops in 1776. It was an historic undertaking that resulted in defeat of the Hessian troops in the Battle of Trenton.

You can attend this year's event in Washington Crossing State Park, Pennsylvania. The event/village activities will occur from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the crossing time occurring around 1 p.m. (weather permitting), beginning at the Pennsylvania side at Washington Crossing State Park.

Those who cannot attend on Christmas can watch a full dress rehearsal on December 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (actual crossing at 1 p.m.). For more information go to: www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing/

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The Domestic Violence Crisis Response Team program is a collaborative recruitment effort between the County and local law enforcement agencies to include: Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Elmwood Park, Lodi, Rochelle Park, etc.

Volunteers from the community are trained to offer necessary information and referrals to victims at a time when they need it most.

Applicants will be required to consent to a criminal background check, be fingerprinted and attend 40 hours of training.

Any person interested in applying should go to www. co.bergen.nj.us, Services, Alternatives to Domestic Violence, Get Involved Application Domestic Violence Crisis Team or call 201-336-7577.

BCDHS/ADV has provided family violence prevention, education and training and emergency intervention services in Bergen County for the past 35 years. ###

AC Bus Trip

The VFW Post 4591 sponsors Atlantic City Bus Trips on the last Wednesday of each month. Bus departs at 10 a.m. The cost is \$30; it includes a continental breakfast from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., a casino voucher and a goody bag on your trip home. Games and prizes and a movie make the travel time pass quickly. Call Mel at 201-933-9937 or the Post for more information at 201-288-1112. ###

Coat Drive

The Board of Deacons of the First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford have partnered with Jersey Cares in support of their 18th Annual Coat Drive.

New or "gently used" winter coats for men, women, children and infants may be dropped off at the Church office through Saturday, February 15, 2014.

Donations will be accepted Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

New Jersey Cares is a nonprofit organization that is part of the HandsOn Network, the largest volunteer network in the nation helping individuals, Churches and corporations answer the call to serve and create meaningful change in communities.

The organization's goal for 2014 is to distribute 50.000 warm coats to those in need. For more information visit www.jerseycares.org or www. handsonnetwork.org.

The First Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Park Avenue and Ridge Road in Rutherford. For more information visit www.fpcrutherford.org or contact the Church office at 201-438-3569. ###

Sock Drive For Homeless

As an Eagle Scout Project, Matthew Rojas of Boy Scout Troop 181, is going to collect 2,500 pairs of new socks to warm the soles of the homeless.

Drop off your sock donations to at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center, 495 Highland Avenue or call 201-280-6608 to arrange pick up. ###

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Vet Bus Fund Drive

The American Legion Posts of the Bergen County American Legion Organization have voted to spearhead a fund raising project to purchase a new bus for the Paramus Veterans Home.

They presently have 3 buses which are used to transport the residents to off-premise affairs hosted by the Legion, VFW, K of C, Elks, and other organizations. These buses are old and in constant need of repairs. In fact, for the past 6 months at least two and sometimes all 3 have been in the repair shop, and the residents of the Paramus Veterans Home have been denied the pleasure of attending numerous picnics, pig roasts, dinner events, fishing events, trips to Atlantic City, etc.

The Veterans administration has this issue on their radar and will be replacing the existing buses over time (we all know how long this could be) but even with all 3 up and running they are insufficient to handle the number of Veterans who would like to attend these events.

The Legion Posts of Bergen County have now started a fund raising effort and the goal is to raise \$80,000 in order to buy a 4th bus. This would be new and therefore more reliable, and would supplement the existing buses until they are replaced, which will be over a period of time and not happen overnight. So we are asking that you help by making a donation to this project. We are a registered 501(C)(19) organization.

Please send all donations payable to BCAL, c/o Bob Salvini, 54 Thiem Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662 and include in the memo line: Paramus Vets Home Bus.

All organizations donating \$1,000 or more and any individual donating more than \$500 will be included on a plaque (which will be donated by BCAL and not come from funds raised for the bus) recognizing their donation, so that the residents using the bus will know who helped provide it.

Any questions, email: bobsalvini@att.net Story by Bob Salvini. ###



www.JDMassociatesinc.com

HH Teen Readers Club

Students enrolled in Grades 7 through 12 are invited to participate in The Hasbrouck Heights Public Library teen book discussion program, held on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Teens will have an opportunity to talk about books, eat snacks, play games and make new friends. Here are the upcoming books teens will be reading:

- December 17 "Yellow-cake" by Margo Lanagan
- January 28 "Invisibility" by Andrea Cremer and David Levithan

Book titles are available at the Circulation Desk for pick up. Please call Teen Librarian Claire Santoro if you have questions at 201-288-6653. ###

Toddler Storytime

On Thursdays, at 10:30 a.m., at The East Rutherford Memorial Library, children ages 2-3, come with your listening ears, voices, and imaginations for this delightful half hour of stories, songs, and dances with other kids and caregivers.

The focus will be on early literacy, coordination, cooperation, and fun! No registration required – just bring yourselves! Priority will be given to East Rutherford residents. ###

Rutherford Library Drop-In Storytime

The Rutherford Public Library will host a morning and afternoon drop-in story-time program on Wednesdays, December 4, 11, and 18, 2013, from 10:30-11 a.m. and repeated from 2-2:30 p.m. The same storytime will also be presented on Thursdays, December 5, 12, and 19, 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. ###

School's Out Fun!

Kids Grades K thru 6, join in on the fun during the holiday break at The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library. No registration required.

Thursday, December 26, 2013, Winter Craft 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. and on Friday, December 27, the movie screening: of "Turbo" from 1:30 - 3 p.m. ###

Cold Weather Tip
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Paws to Read Therapy Dog Program

On Saturday, December 14, 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. ###

Paws for Reading

Young Readers Wanted!! December 2 and 16, 2013. Come to The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library and sharpen your reading skills by reading to the wonderful therapy dogs Rodney and Teddy!

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Read to a Dog

Here's a great opportunity to read your favorite book out loud and at the same time get to know a four legged friend. No registration is required.

Monday, December 2 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, December 18, 2013, from 7-7:45 p.m. at The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library. ###

P.J. Storytime

The Hasbrouck Heights Junior Women's PJ story time is for ages 3-7 on Thursday, December 19, 2013, from 7-7:45 p.m. at The Hasbrouck Heights Library. Caregiver attendance and registration are required. ###

Children's Friday Afternoon Matinee Turbo

On Friday, December 13, 2013, at 3:45 p.m., all children ages 5 and up are invited to a free movie screening of "Turbo" at the Rutherford Public Library. The film 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. For more information, please call the Children's Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

December Teen Programs

The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library announced December teen programs.

- Teen Advisory Board-Thursday, December 12 from 3:15-4:30 p.m. Grades 6-12 are welcome to participate!
- Teen Reader's Club-Tuesday, December 17 from 7-8:30 p.m., Grade 7-12 only. In-person registration required
- Level Up! Gaming Club-Every Tuesday from 4 – 6 p.m., no registration required

DIY December!

Do-it-yourself December promotes crafts that are fun to make and you can give as gifts, or keep for yourself!

- Creating Crayon Candles- They are going to melt some crayons down and make some colorful, working candles! Thursday, December 5 from 3:30-5 p.m. Grades 6-12.
- Coffee Mugs!- Come draw on blank coffee mugs, and walk away with a usable and unique mug of your very own! Perfect for hot cocoa, tea, or any other drink! Tuesday, December 10 from 3:30-5 p.m. Grades 6-12. Level Up! will still be held.
- Holiday Tree Decorating-Join the Crafts-to-Share Club and decorate your very own tree to take home! Wednesday, December 18 from 3-4:30 p.m. Grades 6-12.

Please call Claire at 201-288-6653 for details. Registration can be done by phone, in-person, or online via the calendar. http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org/###



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Classic Broadway with a Twist at Lodi Library

The Lodi Library will present "Classic Broadway with a Twist" on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, from 1:30-2:30 p.m., at Lodi Memorial Library.

Join pianist, singer, and performer Nina Deutsch for a singalong show filled with the music and personalities of great Broadway composers.

The show includes favorites such as "Tonight," "Maria," "The Sound of Music" and more. For more information, or to register, contact the Lodi Library at 973-365-4044 or visit lodi.bccls.org/special-programs.html

This program is funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. ###

Animal Crackers are not really crackers, but cookies that were imported to the United States from England in the late 1800s. Barnum's circuslike boxes were designed with a string handle so that they could be hung on a Christmas tree.

Knit, Read and Discuss

The Knit One, Read Two knitting/book discussion group at The Rutherford Public Library will meet on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., to discuss "Lavender Morning" by Jude Deveraux. 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 ###

Knitting and Crocheting Club

Bring your crocheting or knitting and join in the fun! This new Club meets in The Carlstadt Library meeting room on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month from 7 to 8 p.m..

Only crocheting help is available at this time for those who need assistance. Call 201-438-8866 ext. 204 to register, or email us at carlref@bccls.org.

Anyone with a valid Library card is welcome to attend! ###

Hasbrouck Heights Computer Training

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

The schedule is:

- December 7 and 13: Introduction to MS Word
- January 4 and 11: Computer Basics
- January 18 and 25: Introduction to MS Excel ###

December Computer Classes at Lodi Library

Lodi Library offers free, small group computer classes for Lodi residents on Tuesday afternoons from 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. The December classes are:

- December 3: Computer Basics
- December 10: Internet Basics
- December 17: Introduction to Microsoft Word

Registration and payment of a \$5 refundable deposit per class is required. For more information, visit lodi.bccls.org or call 973-365-4044. ###

with a staff member to sign up and learn more. The Public Library is located at 320 Boulevard on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building All discounts listed below cannot be combined with any other offers or discounts. Please call for details.

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ER Library Offers Polish Book Collection

The East Rutherford Library has added a collection of books in Polish to its collection. Sixty titles have been added with more to come.

East Rutherford is now the only Library in the BCCLS system to offer books in Polish. The collection includes translations of bestsellers by Stephen King, Harlan Coben, Tess Gerritsen and others, as well as books by Polish authors like Manuela Gretkowska.

There are also biographies and books on history. Please call The Library at 201-939-3930 for more information. ###

Monday Evening Book Group

On Monday, December 16, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., the Monday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss "Baking Cakes in Kigali" by Gaile Parkin. Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk. The meeting will be held in the Glass Room on the main floor. ###

Daytime Reading Group

On Friday, December 6, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., the Daytime Reading Group will meet at The Rutherford Public Library to discuss "Rise and Shine" by Anna Quindlen. Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk of The Rutherford Public Library, 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford. ###

Appointment in Samarra

Join The Carlstadt Library on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, from 7-8 p.m., for their monthly Book Discussion Group meeting. This month they will discuss "Appointment in Samarra," by John O'Hara.

In December 1930, Julian and Caroline English are at the center of the Gibbsville social elite. But in one rash moment born inside a highball glass, Julian breaks with polite society and begins a rapid descent toward self-destruction. Copies of the book are available at The Library for patrons to take out. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend!

Call 201-438-8866 for more information or check www.carlstadt.bccls.org. The Carlstadt Public Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt. ###

English Conversation

English language learners are invited to attend the English Conversation Group at The Rutherford Public Library on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

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December Movies at Lodi Library

Lodi Library presents free movies on Wednesdays starting at 1:30 p.m., December 11 "Red 2" and December 18. "Four Christmases." For more information, visit lodi.bccls.org or call 973-365-4044. ###

Movie: The Jane Austen Book Club

On Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m., The Friends of The Library of Rutherford will present a free screening of "The Jane Austen Book Club." The film will be shown in The Library Auditorium. ###

Free Museum Passes

The Museum Pass Program allows East Rutherford Memorial Library card holders free admission to nearby museums by borrowing The Library membership passes.

These passes may be reserved by any East Rutherford Memorial Library card holder, 18 and over, with a library card in good standing. Passes are available for: American Museum of Natural History, Children's Museum of Manhattan, and Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum. Details and restrictions apply. Check the front desk for details. ###

Cyberbullying & Internet Safety Workshop

On Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at 7 p.m., at The Rutherford Library, Sgt. Tom Rich, a certified police officer and internet safety expert, will present "Always Connected," an internet safety workshop, to inform parents of issues raised by social networking and to share solutions that encourage positive, moderate use of technology by youth.

Topics covered will include cyberbullying, texting/sexting, Facebook, Twitter, and Snapchat.

Sgt. Rich was recently featured on Good Morning America and has spoken to over 150,000 people in the last five years regarding internet safety issues. No registration required. For more information, please call Peg Mellett at 201-939-8600, ext. 7. ###

The real St. Nicholas lived in Turkey, where he was Bishop of the town of Myra, in the early 4th century. It was the Dutch who first made him into a Christmas gift-giver, and Dutch settlers brought him to America where his name eventually became the familiar Santa Claus.

Romantic **Masterpieces**

The Adelphi Chamber Orchestra (ACO) continues its celebration of its 60th anniversary season with a concert titled, "Romantic Masterpieces" conducted by Richard Owen Jr.

The featured soloist is cellist Kate Owen. Also included on the program is Wagner's Overture to the Opera, "The Flying Dutchman" and Brahms' "Symphony #1."

The Concert starts at 4 p.m., Sunday, January 26, 2014, at the River Dell Regional High School, 55 Pyle Avenue in Oradell.

Admission is free with a suggested tax-deductible donation of \$20. For additional information visit www.aconj. org All donations received prior to Monday, January 20, 2014, will be listed in the concert program. ###

Opera Auditions

The New Jersey Association of Verismo Opera (Verismo Opera) invites professional, amateur, and retired professional soloists of all vocal categories to audition for roles in the opera company's 2014 productions.

Solo roles are available in the company's new productions of Giuseppe Verdi's "La Traviata" and Giacomo Puccini's "La Bohème."

Open auditions will be held on Monday, December 16 and Wednesday, December 18 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Bergen Performing Arts Center (Bergen PAC).

Verismo Opera will perform "La Traviata" on Sunday, April 6, 2014 and "La Bohème" on October 26, 2014. The company will present these grand operas fully staged with a live orchestra and chorus.

All applicants must have previous experience in a fully staged production and the necessary vocal training. The application deadline to audition is December 13, 2013. For an audition appointment, call 201-886-0561. For more information, visit iwww.verismopera. org ###

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Art Association of **Rutherford Meeting December 12**

The Art Association of Rutherford will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Tamblyn Civic Center at 30 Woodland Avenue, Rutherford, NJ.

This meeting is the association's holiday party. Join them for the festivities.

Interested amateurs and professionals are invited to join them during the year for monthly demonstrations from a wide range of artists, and to find out about their organization and opportunities to share and show artwork as well.

For further information e-mail Carin < carin_peace@ yahoo.com> or call John 201-939-1736. ###



It was all smiles on Saturday, November 2, 2013, as Mark A. DiPisa and Michelle Lago celebrated the grand opening of their new law offices at 194 Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights. ###

Meadowlands Museum Reopens - Seeks Volunteeers

The Meadowlands Museum has reopened following its recent construction. Volunteers are welcome to serve as docents, assists with horticultural work, guide school and Scout groups, and work with the staff administratively.

Upcoming events include "The Spirit of Place," a guest lecture by Carla Cielo on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, and their annual Chocolate Tasting fundraiser on January 24, 2014. Also upcoming, our "Historic Schoolboy Football Review" exhibit opening January 2014.

Interested volunteers may contact meadowlandsmuseum@verizon.net or call the interim director, Heather Hope Kuruvilla, at 201-935-1175. ###

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W-R Lions Update

The Wood-Ridge Lions Club has had a very busy fall season and successful beginning to their 2013-2014 year.

The Club again participated in the Lions International Peace Poster contest.

Under the direction of Lion Rich McCullough, students from the Ostrovsky School and Intermediate School in Wood-Ridge and the Robert L. Craig School in Moonachie provided the Club with posters.

The winners from each school received a \$100 check from the Club. The winning local posters will now go on to district judging and those winning posters go to the International Judges. The International poster winners receive recognition at the United Nations.

The annual Charter celebration held on Sunday September 29, 2013, was a very special occasion.

The Club, which was founded in 1939, dedicated the gazebo in Veterans Park to the 19 Charter members of the Club. A beautiful bronze plaque mounted on a stone was set at the front of the gazebo.

The names of the original founding members will now be remembered and honored by all who visit the park. Club President Dave Gotha and Club member Mayor/Senator Paul Sarlo spoke and formally made the dedication. Following the ceremony, complimentary refreshments were served.

The 75th Anniversary Gala will be held at the Fiesta on Friday, October 17, 2014.

The Club has continued their annual Thanksgiving food drive. Under the leadership of Chairman Joe Solda, the Club has, over the past 15 years, increased their yearly donations from 5 turkeys to 100 turkeys and baskets of fixings.

These were delivered by Chairman Solda to the Bergen County Food Center in Hackensack in time for Thanksgiving. Over the past 7 years The Wood-Ridge Lions Club has donated over 3 tons of turkeys to this organization to help needy Bergen County residents.

Locally, the Club has made a significant monetary contribution to Susan Frattarelli of the Local Assistance Board to help needy Wood-Ridge residents. CLUB MEMBERS are never made aware of who receives this aid but are proud and pleased to be able to help so many in need in these extremely difficult financial times!

Plans are now well underway for the largest fund raising event (one of the largest in the state) that the Club holds, their 29th Annual Beefsteak Dinner/ Sports Night.

Tickets (\$60.00 each) for the January 31, 2014 event have been distributed to those who have arranged full tables or multiple ticket sales last year. Please contact the person who arranged your ticket purchase last year. The basic format of the evening will be the same as previous years.

The dinner will be held at The Three Saints Center, Outwater Lane in Garfield. Dinner will begin promptly at 7 p.m. with hot dog appetizers at 6:15.

Giresi's of Lodi will handle the catering. The menu will include a pasta course, plenty of filet mignon (chicken available on request in advance), fries, beer, wine and soda. We will have our pick the champs contest, football throw, trivia contest, and more!

The Door Grand Prize (chance included with your dinner ticket) will again be a cruise voucher of \$3,000 from Cruise Holidays, located at The

Mall at IV in Paramus. This voucher can be applied to any one of hundreds of cruises they have available.

They also expect to have a trip to Atlantic City, a flat screen TV, restaurant gift certificates and several pairs of tickets for a Yankee game in a luxury box at Yankee Stadium next season as part of our free door prize drawings.

Reminder, the entire building is "smoke free" and bringing in liquor from outside is prohibited! Note, this is a new starting time at the requests of many of our guests.

The evening had been running a little late the past few years. We now expect to be completed and have you on your way before 11:30. We hope this meets with the overall approval of our many guests.

The dinner is already a virtual sell out. There are some tickets available. You are urged to make your reservations with the person that sold you your ticket last year.

Tickets that are not paid for by January 18, 2014, are subject to resale. ALL tickets must be paid for in advance. ALL seating is assigned and tickets will not be available at the door. Please call event Chairman Jack Nagel 201-641-2803 or email janpro911@aol. com Story provided by Jack Nagel. ###

W-R Lions Peace Poster Contest

The Wood-Ridge Lions Club recently sponsored the Wood-Ridge Intermediate School and the Robert L. Craig School in Moonachie as particpants in the annual Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest. This year's theme is "Our World, Our Future." The contest was open to 11, 12, and 13 year olds.

The winner from the Wood-Ridge Intermediate School is 11 year old Loreanna Caputi and the winner from the Robert L. Craig School in Moonachie is 13 year old Llariley Coplin. These two outstanding and

creative artists displayed a wide array of colors and ingenious imagination. Each winner was awarded a \$100 check for their provocative artwork by the Wood-Ridge Lions Club.

The Wood-Ridge Lions Club would like to thank all the students who participated in the contest by submitting their artwork. Special thanks to Mr. Robert Recchione, principal at the Wood-Ridge School and Mr. Frank Scarafile, superintendent of the Moonachie School who readily embraced the art contest and Lee Tenhoeve, art teacher and muse to her budding young artists in Moonachie.

These two winners will advance to compete in the District contest held in mid-November.

Story and photos provided by Richard McCullough. ###







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Members of Boy Scout Troop 17 in Hasbrouck Heights attended Camp NoBeBosco the last week in July 2013.

Along with earning various merit badges, the Troop completed a community service project. They repaired a rock wall around the dining hall. This falls under the Scout "Leave no Trace" motto, in which Scouts learn to leave an area better then they found it.

New Scouts attended First Class Adventure. The Troop was awarded the Honor Patrol while at summer camp.

Any boy interested in Scouting that is in Middle or High School is welcome to attend a meeting on Wednesday evenings at the Corpus Christi ECLC at 7:30 pm. *Scribe*, *Troop 17*. ###



NNJ BSA Troop 17 of Hasbrouck Heights made an appearance at Shop Rite in Lodi, NJ on September 6, 2013.

The event was a Trails End popcorn "Show & Sell." Scouts raised awareness to the great taste of their fundraiser and had some fun. Proceeds from the event help purchase camping equipment for the Troop.

Any boy, middle and high school age interested in Scouting, is invited to attend a meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Corpus Corpus ECLC. *Scribe, Troop 17.* ###



The Spring Court of Honor was held on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at Hasbrouck Heights Municipal Building for Troop 17 of Hasbrouck Heights. Rank advancements were given and all those Scouts achieving Second Class Rank were given neckerchiefs bearing the Troop 17 patch. *Scribe*, *Troop 17*. ###



South Bergen Soccer League U-12 Championship

This year's South Bergen Soccer League U-12 Girls Championship game was played on the frigid evening of November 19, 2013, at McKenzie Field in East Rutherford.

The contest paired Hasb-rouck Heights who had a regular season record of 9 Wins, no losess and 1 tie versus Wood-Ridge who had 8 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie regular season record.

Hasbrouck Heights advanced to the Championship game after defeating East Rutherford and an overtime shoot out victory over North Arlington.

Wood-Ridge faced teams from Wallington and Carlstadt to advance to the Championship Game. This year's Championship game was a defensive battle with Wood-Ridge taking the victory with a score of 1-0.

The 2013 South Bergen Soccer League U-12 Girls Championship Team is made up of the following girls from Wood-Ridge and Moonachie - Mahrael Awadella, Shannon Bhargava, Kimberly Burniston,

Cold Moon

The December full moon appears on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at 4:29 a.m. and is called the "Full Cold Moon."

According to "The Farmer's Almanac," this month the winter cold fastens its grip, and nights are at their longest and darkest. It is also called the "Moon Before Yule."

The term "Long Night Moon" is a double appropriate name because the midwinter night is indeed long, and because the moon is above the horizon for a long time.

The midwinter full moon has a high trajectory across the sky because it is opposite a low sun. Other names for this moon include "Full Long Night Moon."

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. ###

Natalie Cala, Gia Cannarozzi, Amanda DiMase, Paige Di-Mase, Samantha Eckert, Emily Gardella, Angelia Gomez, Jenn Kemple, Alyssa Mazur, Daphne McDermott. Michelle Murray, Angela Picheo, Ava

Picheo, Leah Reiter, Danielle Sancillio, and Stephanie Turi.

The coaches are Jerry Cala, Dan Eckert, Bart Picheo, and Ken Gardella. Story and photo provided by Daniel J. Eckert. ###



Corpus Christi School All Saints Day

On November 1, 2013, the school community of Corpus Christi celebrated All Saints Day. The annual tradition includes attending Mass with the Procession of Saints following the Mass. The Third Grade students research and report on a Saint, dress up as that Saint and speak about their Saint to the entire school community. Photographed are the 3rd Graders with their teachers, Ms. Wendy Lemaire and Mrs. Josephine Paladino. *Photo provided by Mary Grace Billings.* ###

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Salute to Veterans

Beneath a huge American Flag suspended from the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Ladder Truck, at 11 a.m., on Sunday, November 10, 2013, the NJ Aviation Hall of Fame held it 4th Annual Regional Salute to Veterans program.

The program began with the presentation of Colors by Honor Guards from the Lodi Fire Department, Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department, Teterboro Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, USAF Auxiliary and Hasbrouck Heights Cub Scout Pack 17, with cadence from the Hasbrouck Heights High School Marching Band Drum Line, under the direction of Joe Ascolese.

The "Star Spangled Banner," and "God Bless America" were sung by Christina Kavanagh, Paige Conti and Alexa Rosado: W-R Jr./Sr. High School Chorale Ensemble, under the direction of Melissa Ayvas Manolakakis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cub Scout Pack 17.

Remarks were made by guest dignitaries NJ Assemblywoman Marlene Caride, Assemblyman Gary S. Schaer and Bergen County Police Chief Brian Higgins.

The keynote speaker was Viktor Tkaczenko, who lived through three armies: in the Ukraine under Stalin, then in Germany under Hitler. He immigrated to the United States in 1949 and served in the U. S. Army counterintelligence from 1951 to 1954.

The 21 Gun Salute was provided by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 800 Rifle Squad.

"Taps" was played by Elizabeth Ferry, Wood-Ridge Firefighter and "Amazing Grace "played by Bagpiper Ronald Phillips, W-R Firefighter.

About 150 attended the event. Teterboro Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, USAF Auxiliary assisted. ###









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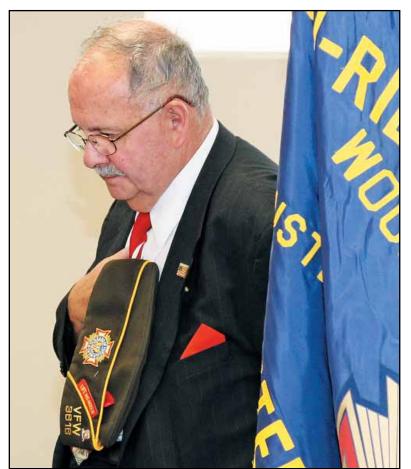




On Veterans Day, November 11, 2013, Carlstadt Veterans attended a Carlstadt School Assembly honoring Veterans. *Carlstadt photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr.* ###

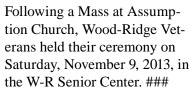
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Hasbrouck Heights
Veterans Service was held
November 11, 2013, at Veterans Park on Terrace Avenue.
The service was presented by
VFW Post 4591 and American Legion 106. Mayor Rose
Heck spoke on behalf of the
community. ###













The Women's Club of Carlstadt collected 273 pairs of stocks in November 2013 for those serving in the military (1-r) Jean Kimak and Janet Drogo. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.* ###



































Bible Baptist Trunk or Treat

Bible Baptist Church invited the community to its 10th Annual "Trunk or Treat" on Sunday, October 27, 2013.

From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Church parking lot was closed for this free event providing a safe, fun alternative to trick-or-treating.

Children up to the 6th Grade had the opportunity to walk through the parking lot full of decorated automobile trunks and fill their bags with goodies and special treats.

There was an inflatable amusement and refreshments.

The Bible Baptist Church is located at 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. ###





Rutherford PBA Halloween Foot Pursuit

On Saturday, October 26, 2013, at 10 a.m., Rutherford PBA 300 sponsored its 2nd Annual 5K/1 mile walk beginning at Memorial Park in Rutherford.

The Course was sanctioned and certified by USATF-NJ. Timing and scoring was done by "Elite Racing Systems," with results posted at: www. eliteracingsystems.com

There were monetary awards for top three overall

male and female finishers and best adult costume and best children's costume.

"T" shirts and race packets were available while they last.

Costume contest judging was at 9:30. At 10 a.m. the 5K began, at 11 a.m. BBQ and activities, and at 11:30 a.m., ceremony/costume awards.

Proceeds to benefit Rutherford PBA Local 300 and Angelwish. ###



Top Window Painters Recognized

Area residents could stroll The Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights during late October where local businesses, in conjunction with the three grammar school PTAs, sponsored the 20th Annual Halloween Window Painting Contest.

Over 400 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade students painted a Halloween theme illustration on a space provided by Boulevard businesses on Wednesday, Oc-

tober 16, 2013.

Graphics were judged upon originality and artistic expression. Winners from each grade received 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place ribbons. All participants received ribbons.

On Wednesday, October 23, 2013, the winners gathered at **Bill O'Shea's Florist** for a group photo.

Parents commented, "On behalf of Corpus Christi, Eu-

clid and Lincoln Schools, we would like to thank all of the merchants who participated in our Annual Halloween Window Painting Contest.

This tradition is one that the children look forward to. It is wonderful to watch them as they create their masterpieces while bringing color and life to our Boulevard." This event is funded by the Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce. ###







On the evening of October 24, 2013, Carlstadt kids carved and displayed over 100 pumpkins in front of the Carlstadt Public School. Light refreshments were served. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr.* ###

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Following the Carlstadt Halloween Parade, revelers met at the Washington Street school playground for refreshments and goodie bags. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.* ###

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Moonachie Mystery 5K Run

The South Bergen Rotary Club held its 2nd Annual Moonachie Mystery Run on Saturday, October 26, 2013. Starting line was at the ball fields on Redneck Road. The race started at 9 a.m. and "Fun Run" started at 10 a.m.

Course was USATF Certified and Sanctioned with Compuscore bar-code scoring.

There were prizes for top male and female overall, and top three finishers in each age group. Also, prizes for best costumed male and female runner plus there were three prize winners for "Best Decorated House on the Course." There were "T" shirts, food, DJ and great goodie-bags.

Moonachie EMS and Rescue Squad was on hand for assistance.

Proceeds benefited Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy (www.parentprojectmd.org)and other local charities.

Details at compuscore. com, www.moonachiemysteryrun.com or southbergenrotary. org. ###

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Author Entertains Seniors with the History of Rosie the Riveter

Penny Colman, the author of a number of popular nonfiction books, was the guest speaker at the November 8, 2013 meeting of the Central Bergen Chapter #418, AARP. Ms. Colman's books include biographies of famous and notso-famous women of history; as well as kidwinning social histo-

Her subject for the meeting was "Rosie the Riveter." Her presentation was based on the book she wrote

"Rosie the Riveter: Women Working on the Home Front in World War II."

Rosie the Riveter was first mentioned in a song written by Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb. The Four Vagabonds recording of this song was released in 1942. The song caught on across America. As some of the lyrics state "She's a part of the assembly line; she's making history, working for victory Rosie, brrrrrrr, the riveter."

Saturday Evening Post cover artist, Norman Rockwell, is generally credited with creating one of the popular "Rosie the Riveter" images used to encourage women to become wartime workers. Rockwell's "Rosie," appeared on the cover of the May 29, 1943 edition of The Saturday Evening Post.



However, another image more commonly known as "Rosie the Riveter" was the Howard Miller's "We Can Do it!" poster.

Mr. Miller was commissioned by Westinghouse in February, 1942 to create a series of posters for the war effort.

The poster's intent was to help recruit women to join the work force. Even though it was not created for any other purpose and the name "Rosie" was not associated with their poster, it became famous as "Rosie the Riveter."

"Rosie the Riveter" is a cultural icon of the United States. She has been displayed on posters wearing overalls, a polka-dot bandana and a flexed bicep with a rolled-up sleeve. She is the name of a fictional character who came

to symbolize the millions of real women who filled America's factories, munitions plants, and shipyards during World War II.

Ms. Colman related how the lives of women changedduring World War II. She presented a fascinating account of the over 18 million American women who did essential civilian and oftentimes dangerous defense jobs during the war. They filled the void left by the

men who were fighting on the battlefields. Women were encouraged to work hard and they were needed.

After the war, as the men returned home, the women were not needed anymore. They were sent to the Human Services Department and were given severance pay and let go. Through a video she had prepared, Ms. Colman emphasized the contribution of women during the war.

Ms. Colman did an excellent job in describing the importance of these women at that time in history. She had a wealth of knowledge to share with her audience; and they enjoyed a look back at the history at the time many of them where children. Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###

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Seniors Enjoy Turkey Dinner with all the Trimmings

The 108 members of the Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights were treated like royalty on November 13, 2013. This pre-Thanksgiving Luncheon was prepared and served by Giresi's Caterers of Lodi. The full cost of the affair was paid for by the Costa Family/Costa Memorial Home.

Many seniors have been looking forward to this annual gathering. This is the time of the year when they have a chance to enjoy an afternoon surrounded by long-time friends, neighbors and feast on good food. It is the time to get out before the cold weather traps many of them indoors.

The meal itself was as close as one can get from a home cooked meal. The turkey was moist and tender; the mashed potatoes were light and fluffy; the sautéed green beans with mushrooms were outstanding; the yams were cooked to perfection; the stuffing was



perfect; the cranberry sauce, gravy, fresh rolls and salad were great compliments to the meal. Of course the meal could not have been complete without soda, coffee and an excellent dessert. There was plenty of food for all and much to take

Mrs. Vicky Costa was a perfect hostess. She greeted all, helped serve the beverages and

chit chatted with all who knew or met her for the first time.

On behalf of the Club, President Peter Gallo expressed appreciation to the Costa Family and specifically to Vicky and one of her sons, Vincent, who was also present. Many of the members personally thanked Vicky for her family's generosity. Photo and Story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###

Carlstadt Women's Club Enjoys Christmas Show

On November 16, 2013, the Carlstadt Women's Club attended a great Christmas Show. No there was not a chorus line of 36 high kicking dancers.

No there was not a 100 piece orchestra. No there was not seating for 5,933 spectators; and no they did not perform on a stage that measures 66.6 by 144 feet.

In fact the women did not leave the state of New Jersey. So if it wasn't the Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular what was it?

It was the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in Hampton, New Jersey. This premier dining showplace offers the ultimate dinner theatre experience. This year's Annual Christmas Show had a cast of ten (four men and six women), a six piece orchestra, and an audience of about 500 spectators.

The trip to Hampton took one hour. Upon arriving, the 36 members of the Women's Club and their friends enjoyed a great luncheon which included the famous dessert buffet.

The show started at 1 p.m. and ended at 3 p.m. which included a fifteen minute intermission. The singers, dancers and orchestra were first class.

Their performance included the dance of the Wooden Soldiers, the singing of traditional Christmas Season songs from the spiritual "Go Tell it on the Mountain," to Schubert's "Ave Maria."

They danced with precision and sang in perfect harmony. Two highlights of the show were the comical pantomime spoof of a husband and wife looking for a pine tree to cut down and an older couple trying to remember who sang the song "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." Was it Elvis Presley, Beverly Stills, Patsy Cline or a rapper?

Dolores McGuire, president of the Carlstadt Women's Club, made all the arrangements for the day out. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr.* ###

Veterans Honored by the Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

The Carlstadt Senior Club enjoyed a lunch celebration at their first meeting in November. Veterans, both members and non-members, were invited and many did attend.

This was a wonderful opportunity for all to honor former members of our Armed Forces and to thank them for their service. There were Veterans there from World War II,

Wallington AARP Chapter #4115 Welcomes Members

AARP Chapter #4115 meets on the third Tuesday of the month at the Civic Center at 24 Union Boulevard in Wallington at 1:30 p.m.

An informative meeting is held, followed by coffee and refreshments, after which Bingo will be played. They are looking for current members to attend as well as new members from the surrounding towns to join. They look forward to greeting you. Story by Eleanor Costa. ###

Candy canes began as straight white sticks of sugar candy used to decorated the Christmas trees. A choirmaster at Cologne Cathedral decided have the ends bent to depict a shepherd's crook and he would pass them out to the children to keep them quiet during the services. It wasn't until about the 20th century that candy canes acquired their red stripes.

Friendship Club
Korea and Vietnam and many

country during peace time.

who served and protected our

The hall was decorated with flags and emblems and many of the seniors showed their patriotism by wearing red, white and blue. Background music ranging from the Andrew Sisters and big band music to fife and drum music of the US Marine Band added a festive note.

Lots of laughter and stories from way back when were enjoyed. It was indeed a very special meeting. ###



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Older is Better

December 2013 Programs for the Older is Better Club at Felician College are held in Obal Hall on the Lodi Campus, 262 South Main Street, Lodi. For more information contact Mary at 201-559-6072.

- December 6, "Dickens and a Christmas Carol"
 - December 13, TBA

The Older is Better is an open membership program designed for men and women 55 and older.

The program meets Friday afternoons at Felician College. Members and their guests celebrate Mass at 11:30 a.m. and attend an informational program at 1 p.m. followed by coffee and conversation in the Goya dining hall.

There is a \$3 fee to attend each program or ask about annual membership dues. ###

Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. All Carlstadt seniors are invited to join for good information, refreshments and meeting new friends.

The Christmas party is scheduled for December 10 at the Graycliff in Moonachie. Call Eileen 201- 933-6949.

Mark your calendars for April 8, 2014 for a trip to Sight & Sound to see "Moses." Full details are not yet available. ###

Vic Hoofers

The Vic Hoofers is a ladies social club that meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Civic Center in Carlstadt at 7 p.m. Ladies from the surrounding towns are invited to join them for an evening of fun and games, refreshments and camaraderie.

On December 5, 2013, they will hold their Christmas party at Dolce Novita in Moonachie. Call Dolores 201-939-5163.

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Monday, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Games, cards & coffee 11:00 a.m. Mahjong

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

Tuesday, December 3, 10, 17, 24*, 31*

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, December 4, 11, 18

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, December 5, 12, 19, 26

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, December 13, 27

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

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

Friday, December 6, 20

10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all *Check Center Bulletin Board for any changes*

The Center will be closed on

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Wednesday, January 1, 2014 - New Year

The Center will be open until noon Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

No Executive Board meeting in December No Regular Leisure Club meeting in December

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Christmas Party Monday, December 2

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Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

Christmas on Arnot Street

Let me be among the first to wish you a Merry Christmas. That's right folks, ready or not, the season to be jolly has arrived right on time. Don't act surprised!

I told you as far back as early August that the holidays would be here before you knew it and that you had ample time to get all your gift shopping done before the mad rush.

I've got a sneaky suspicion that some of you didn't take my advice and, even as you read this, haven't even started. Well what are you waiting for? Your deserving friends and family members are depending on you. Climb aboard your one horse sled and circulate that hard earned Christmas cash.

Speaking of sleds (how's that for a segue?) when I was a kid growing up on Lodi's Arnot Street hill during the Christmas of 1961, I was the lucky recipient of a brand spanking new Flexible Flyer.

There was snow on the ground that magical morning and I could not wait to get out doors and pilot my sled on its maiden voyage.

So anxious was I to hit the street that I was still unwrapping it as I ran out the door. The kids from nearby Westervelt Place were already making their way to the top of the hill with sleds...some old and some new...of their own.

By the time I got out there most of them were waiting for me up on Farnham Avenue hoping to catch a glimpse of that red white and blue Flexible Flyer of mine.

My cousin Anthony and I made that first downhill trip together since his sled had been commandeered by his older brother John.

Cars didn't pose much of a threat back then since there weren't many around to begin with.

At best there was one car per family and the few that happened to be on the road that morning wouldn't even attempt to make it up the snow covered Arnot Street hill. Not so for the dreaded DPW snow plow. The sight of it clawing its way up the hill with headlights piercing the blinding snow looked like Godzilla rising from the abyss breathing fire. Our once pristine snow scape was fast becoming a grimy mixture of ash, dirt and slush.

The plow, as it grunted and snarled its way up the hill, was met with a salvo of ice packed snow balls coming at it from all directions. There was no stopping this dream shattering onslaught. Godzilla had scorched the landscape but not before I managed to speed down that Arnot Street hill a few times on my Flexible Flyer.

The following is a poem I wrote about that Christmas morning in 1961. It is taken from my book of poetry called the "Poetry of Westervelt Place."

Sleigh ride down Arnot Street

The snowfall was fresh
On the Arnot street hill
Each one of us braving
The deep winter chill.
Our Flexible Flyers
Polished and new
Boasted the colors
Of red,white and blue.
From Farnham Avenue
downward

How quickly we sped Some of us racing down Three on a sled. The head wind was fierce As it whipped up the snow Coating the faces Of the kids down below. Frozen and weary We'd get up and then Drudge back to the top And start over again. Fini

Of course half the fun of Christmas was getting there.

My friends from Westervelt Place and I spent many of those days on the road to Christmas sitting in the corner store telling one another what gifts we were expecting to find under the tree.

We'd try to outdo each other meanwhile knowing that failure to find those elaborate gifts under the tree would surely find us up that same tree come Christmas morning.

When the holiday was over the question "what did you get for Christmas?" never came up. The answer was better left unsaid.

Christmas for my parents, Vito and Lena, was a day of mixed emotions and for good reason.

Their eldest son John who was born on Christmas Eve in 1939, succumbed to the polio epidemic in 1945... he was six years old.

His death broke my parent's heart and the pain dug so deep into their being that they never really recovered.

In my home a day did not go by without embracing John's memory. My older brother Eugene, who was too young to remember with any clarity of John's passing and me, who didn't enter the world until 1948, felt close to our departed brother throughout our lives on Arnot Street and beyond.

The grief my parents must have experienced at Christmas time must have been unimaginable, yet even in heartache Vito and Lena made certain that the holiday was, for me and my brother, a joyous occasion. Folks, let me tell you Christmas at 131 Arnot Street was that and more.

I was a happy kid come Christmas time. True I didn't always get what I wanted like a horse or a house at the beach... you know small stuff.

What I did get made up for it big time. A Huffy Convertible two wheeler with training wheels that stayed on for a short week or two depending on how many wheels the kids from Westervelt place were riding around on.

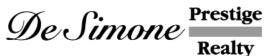
Next to the Flexible Flyer that Huffy, was the nicest gift my parents ever gave me second only to the love that they gave unceasingly and unconditionally. Now that's the gift that truly keeps on giving.

Well folks, thanks for letting me share a few of my holiday memories with you.

I hope that in some small way I added a pinch of Christmas spirit into your holiday eggnog along with whatever else you're adding to it. So... now that you have finished reading this column there's only one thing left to do...Finish Your Christmas Shopping!

Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all. ###

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Veterans Today

By Thomas Marshall

Kean University is starting a program to help our lady Veterans. Women Veterans don't always ask for help.

Sometimes they are only comfortable talking to other women when they are troubled. So a ladies only program was created by the University to help them. The Program is called "Vets Chat and Chew."

It is six, 90 minute sessions, one time a week. It will teach them how to reduce stress, anxiety and depression through the shared activity of creating and sharing a meal together.

Healthy, simple recipes and food lifestyle changes will be introduced by a nutrition consultant who will be monitoring the diets of each participant, every week for depression, stress and anxiety.

Weight loss is a side effect of the program. Acupressure and relaxation techniques will be introduced as a way to alleviate depression and anxiety.

Counselors will also be on hand. A \$20 travel expense will be paid for each session attended. If you know a Woman Vet that would like to take part please contact Anne Burns at 201-592-1130 or e-mail her at anneburns@earthlink.net. Sessions begin on January 27, 2014, at 6 p.m. Let's help our ladies that have served.

Korea

General Douglas MacArthur was pleased. October 1950 had the UN forces in North Korea on the verge of winning the Korean War.

The U.S. 8th Army had advanced North on the western side of Korea while, the South Korean Army and the X Corps moved north on the eastern side.

MacArthur wanted them to push all the way to the Yalu River, the natural border between Korea and China, and destroy the North Korea forces and end the war.

Chairman Mao Tse-Tong, the communist leader of China wanted the UN out of Korea.

He secretly moved Chinese Armies into the North Korean Mountains and ordered them to destroy the UN forces under General MacArthur.

They moved at night and off the roads to escape detection. Mao's mistake and our good fortune, was that he sent them without proper winter clothing and many of them froze to death in the Korean winter with temperatures dropping to -35 degrees below 0.

MacArthur ordered the final assault. The 8th Army

would drive north, while the X Corps would move up the eastern side.

The X Corps was now at the Reservoir known as Chosin. The Corps was told to attack to the west and cut off the supplies of the North Koreans to aid the 8th Army in its attack.

In a surprise attack, out of the mountains poured the soldiers of the Chinese 9th Army. They cut off the road to the sea and the Chinese 79th, 80th and 89th attacked from the north.

The X Corps was now surrounded at the Chosin Reservoir. On the west side and the east side of the reservoir the Marines and Soldiers of the X Corps are heavily pressed.

Yundam-ni on the Western side of the reservoir was surrounded by the 79th and 89th Chinese divisions.

The 5th, 7th and 11th Marines fought for their lives. The Marines dug in on the ridges of the hills and the Chinese charged up to capture the heights.

Hand-to-hand combat and close in fighting soon followed. The Chinese were repulsed with heavy casualties and their attack was called off.

On the eastern side the 31st Regimental Combat Team of the 7th Infantry Division, guarding the Marines advance north, was attacked and separated into three elements before the attack ended.

When the Chinese attacked the next night, the anti-aircraft guns of the 57th field artillery was turned down to mow them down. The 80th Chinese division was cut to ribbons.

Meanwhile in the west the 8th Army began to retreat after the battle of Ch'ongch'on River. General MacArthur ordered the X Corps to fall back to the Port of Hungnam. This is easier said than done when surrounded by 67,000 Chinese troops.

East of Chosin the order came to breakout and the RCT-31 came under renewed attacks as they moved south down the eastern side of the reservoir.

The 1st Marine Air Wing flew to their aid. They dropped napalm on the Chinese and the RCT-31, engaged in hand-to hand combat suffered casualties from this as well.

The napalm cleared the way out and the RCT-31 and Marines moved down the road under heavy small arms fire and grenades. When they reached the village of Hagaru-ri, at the southern tip of the Reservoir, only 385 survivors out of 2,500 remained able to fight.

Hagaru-ri was a vital supply depot with an airfield. It

came under attack on November 28.

The Chinese overran the position but they were driven back with counter attacks from the defenders. Airplanes drove off the Chinese the following day.

Realizing that Hagaru-ri needed aid, General Smith ordered the road opened from Koto-ri to Hagaru-ri. The 41st Royal Marine Commandos, G Company of the 1st Marine Division and B Company of the 31st Infantry Division were sent north to open it up.

They were under constant attacks from the 60th Chinese Division. The Task force was faced with constant small arms and grenades all the way to Hagaru-ri.

Their column was split in two. The front of the column made it through with 300 men able to help the garrison. The back end of the column ceased to exist. From then on the road from Hagaru-ri to Koto-ri was known as "Hell Fire Valley."

Winter in Korea added its' own hell to war. Frostbite and gangrene set in on the wounded men. Plasma froze in the bags making them useless to the wounded. Gun oil froze in the guns causing them to malfunction. Grenades exploded early or didn't explode at all.

The Marines at Yundamni in the western side fought their way through and on Dec 4, 1950, what was left of the X Corps could now push down "Hell Fire Valley" to the port of Hungnam.

On December 6, 1950, the break out began. The 7th Marines lead the column and the 5th Marines covered the rear.

The 77th Chinese Division went to the peaks and fired down upon them. To be a driver of the trucks was considered suicide because they were shot first. Bullets and grenades rained down and the Marines charged up. Driving the Chinese back. The dead and wounded were loaded in the trucks as they moved.

The Chinese suffered for the attacks. The dead and wounded piled up on the frozen landscape.

What was left of the 58th and 60th Divisions was sent to block the column at the Funchilin Pass.

They destroyed a bridge to stop the column but the US 314 Troop Carrier Wing flew in sections of a new bridge and the engineers built a new one on the fly.

The 1st Marines attacked hill 1081 to prepare a spot for the new bridge and the Chinese fought to the last man. The Marines took the Hill.

The RCT-31 attacked the

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Chinese at the Funchilian Pass only to find many frozen in their foxholes.

The Column reached Hungnam on December 11. The Navy took them onboard and the port was blown to cinders.

The evacuation of North Korea meant 3 more years of war due to the Chinese intervention.

The UN casualties at Chosin were 1,030 dead with another 4,800 missing. The Chinese numbers are hard to count. The UN had an estimate of 30,000 battle casualties.

A story came out while researching this battle. An American soldier came to the medical tents during the battle.

He had his lower jaw shot off and spent the night in the woods. The blood froze into a large red "beard." When he walked into the tent for treatment the doctor grabbed him and pushed him back outside.

The doctor told him that there was nothing they could do for him, when the wound thaws he will bleed to death. The doctor went back inside and came out with a pencil and a piece of paper. So the soldier sat down outside and wrote his last letter home.

People call the Korean War the forgotten war, but I know the survivors of the Chosin Reservoir, known as the Chosin Few, will never forget it and nor should we. ###

During World War II it was necessary for Americans to mail Christmas gifts early for the troops in Europe to receive them in time. Merchants joined in the effort to remind the public to shop and mail early and the protracted shopping season was born.

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People with flu can spread it to others up to about 6 feet away. Most experts think that flu viruses are spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk.

These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Less often, a person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth or nose.

To avoid this, people should wash their hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. Linens, eating utensils, and dishes belonging to those who are sick should not be shared without washing thoroughly first. Eating utensils can be washed either in a dishwasher or by hand with water and soap and do not need to be cleaned separately.

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That means that you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. Some persons can be infected with the flu virus but have no symptoms. During this time, those persons may still spread the virus to others.

What Should I Do If I Get Sick?

If you get sick with flu-like symptoms, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people except to get medical care. Most people with the flu have mild illness and do not need medical care or antiviral drugs. However, some people are more likely to get flu complications and they should talk to a health care provider about whether they need to be examined if they get flu symptoms. Source: www.cdc.gov ###

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A Sore Subject

Mouth sores—they can be painful and irritating when you eat certain foods, when you bump them with your tongue or teeth, or even when you try to smile.

They can be caused by ill-fitting dentures, braces, the sharp edge of a broken tooth, bacteria, a fungal or viral infection, or they can be a symptom of a disease or disorder.

What are mouth sores?

Mouth sores are swollen spots or sores in your mouth, on your lips, on your tongue, or on the skin surrounding your mouth. There are several types of mouth sores, including:

Canker sores

Canker sores are small, white areas of swelling or soreness that are surrounded by redness. Canker sores are not contagious. The cause of canker sores is uncertain, but some research suggests that immune system deficiencies, bacteria, or viruses might be the culprits.

Smoking, stress, trauma, allergies, certain types of foods (chocolate, caffeine, or acidic foods), or vitamin deficiencies also may make you more susceptible to canker sores. Canker sores usually heal within one week, but they can recur. And, while there is no cure for canker sores, over-the-counter topical ointments or gels that provide temporary pain relief are available.

After "A Christmas Carol," Charles Dickens wrote several other Christmas stories, one each year, but none was as successful as the original. Antimicrobial mouth rinses also may help to relieve pain.

Cold sores

Often, people confuse canker sores with cold sores (also called fever blisters). Cold sores are groups of often-painful blisters filled with fluid that appear around the lips and sometimes under the nose. A person usually experiences his or her first cold sore infection in childhood. Once a person has had a cold sore, the virus stays in the body and can become active throughout the person's life. Cold sores are extremely contagious and usually are caused by herpes simplex virus. Infection may be brought on by decreased immune response, lack of sleep, stress, or trauma. Cold sore blisters usually heal within seven to 10 days. While there is no cure for cold sores, non-prescription topical anesthetics for temporary pain relief are available. Your dentist or physician also might prescribe an antiviral drug to reduce the infection.

Leukoplakia

Leukoplakia appears on the inner cheeks, gums, or tongue and often appears as a thick, white-colored patch. It is associated with smoking or smokeless tobacco use. Other causes can include poorly fitting dentures, broken teeth, and cheek chewing. It is extremely important to report any signs of leukoplakia to your dentist or physician because an estimated 5 percent of cases of leukoplakia lead to cancer.

Leukoplakia usually dissipates after the behavior causing the leukoplakia is ceased (stopping smoking or removing ill-fitting dentures, for example). Your dentist will check your

healing progress every few months depending on the type, area of your mouth, and size of the affected area.

Candidiasis.

Candidiasis is a fungal infection that also is called oral thrush. Candidiasis appears as yellow-white or red patches in your mouth. Oral thrush is most common in newborns or in people whose immune systems are not functioning properly. People who have dry mouth or who are taking antibiotics also may be susceptible.

It is found in people who wear dentures, as well. Candidiasis may form at the corners of the mouth with poor-fitting dentures. In these individuals, outbreaks of oral thrush can be prevented by cleaning the dentures and by removing them at night, if recommended by their dentist.

If antibiotics cause the condition, your physician may consider reducing the dosage or changing the treatment.

For those with dry mouth, saliva substitutes are available.

Antifungal medications also are available.

Oral cancer

Oral cancer often starts as a tiny white or red spot or sore. Sometimes oral cancer presents itself as a sore that bleeds easily or does not heal. Or, it can be a lump or a thick or rough spot. It can affect any area of the mouth, including the lips, gums, tongue, and hard or soft palate.

If you have pain, tenderness, or numbness anywhere in the mouth or on the lips that does not go away after a week, talk to your dentist. Oral cancer most often affects people who use tobacco.

If you use tobacco, talk to your dentist or physician about tobacco cessation treatment plans. Also, your dentist can check your mouth (and probably does) for oral cancer very easily and quickly during your routine cleaning and exam.

Ask your dentist if he or she performs oral cancer screenings to be sure.

Should I be concerned?

Mouth sores are common and rarely cause complications. Most go away in about a week, but it's important to monitor any mouth sores you develop. If you are concerned, or if the sore doesn't seem to be healing, contact your dentist or other medical professional for an examination.

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Assumption Parish Community Celebrates the Ordination of Father Paul Keenan, OFM

On Saturday, November 9, 2013, Assumption Church was blessed to host the Ordination Ceremony of Father Paul Keenan, OFM.

This joyful celebration was attended by Friars of The Order of the Friars Minor of Holy Name Province and members of the Archdiocese of Newark.

The Assumption parish community and surrounding parishes were also present during this once in a lifetime experience.

The Principal Celebrant was the Most Reverend John Walter Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Vested Celebrants were Fr. Richard Mucowski, OFM, PhD, Pastor of Assumption Parish along with Deacon Frank Materia serving as Deacon of the ceremony.

Additional celebrants included the Very Rev. John F. O'Connor, OFM, Rev. Dominic V. Monti, OFM, Rev. Joseph Nangle, OFM.

The Lectors for this ceremony were Miss Donna Materia and Mr. Ryan Morano, members of the Assumption Parish Lector Ministry.

Altar Ministry was served by Brother Friars from the Holy Name Province. The Master of Ceremonies was Rev. Br. Christopher Coccia, OFM, assisted by Br. Jeffrey Jordan, OFM.

Led by Director of Music, Kristen Dziuba, the music

Christmas Decorations

Originally, Christmas decorations were homemade paper flowers, or apples, biscuits, and sweets. The earliest decorations to be bought came from Nuremburg in Germany, a city famous for the manufacture of toys.

Lauscha, in Germany is famous for its glass ornaments. In 1880, America discovered Lauscha and F.W. Woolworth went there and bought a few glass Christmas tree ornaments. Within a day he had sold out, so the next year he bought more and within a week they, too, had sold out.

The year after that he bought 200,000 Lauscha ornaments. During the First World War, supplies of ornaments from Lauscha ceased, so American manufacturers began to make their own ornaments, developing new techniques that allowed them to turn out as many ornaments in a minute as could be made in a whole day at Lauscha. ###

program was both spiritually reverent and spectacular. In a most personable tribute to this ordination, Ms. Dziuba composed musical pieces specifically for the event in honor of Father Paul.

The Rosary Altar Society coordinated and hosted a wonderful reception gathering following the Mass in Father Patrick Morris Hall. This great effort was assisted by parish volunteers and members of the Knights of Columbus St. Anthony Council 11585.

The following day at the 11 a.m. Mass, Father Paul was Celebrant for the first time. He expressed his deep gratitude to the entire parish community, staff and volunteers for their support of the event.

The entire parish was filled with faith, joy and true happiness for Father Paul in this new chapter of his life. He will continue to serve in his ministry and remain at Assumption Parish. Story by Rose Lepore.

Corpus Christi Rosary Society

Rosary Society members and friends will share the joy of Christmas at their annual Christmas Gathering at The Graycliff in Moonachie on Wednesday, December 5, 2013, at 6 p.m.

Their Christmas Stocking project for the benefit of local children is complete, and they thank the membership for their generous support. There are no business meetings scheduled for December and January.

They encourage the women of the parish to join the Rosary Society in prayer and service to the parish. Members are required to say one decade of the Rosary daily, attend monthly meetings, pray the Rosary for deceased members, and participate whenever possible in various service projects.

Simply come to a General Meeting or call Membership Chairperson Maria DeFedele at 201-727-0820 for further information. Story by Carol Viceconte. ###

Bible Baptist Church Christmas Events

- Sunday, December 15 6 7 p.m. "Children's Cantata and Peanuts Christmas Play," followed by a time of fellowship with friends and family. Desserts and refreshments will be served.
- Tuesday, December 24 Candlelight Service at 7:30 p.m. ###

From the Porch A Message to Our Communities

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hasbrouck Heights, thanks everyone for their continued support of our "From the Porch" ministries throughout the year.

With your help, we have been able to provide assistance to those whose needs are greater than our own. Easter baskets were prepared for children in the social service systems and diapers and baby clothes were given to new mothers in celebration of Mother's Day.

We helped to brighten the lives of soldiers overseas with dvd movies and phone cards and provided Christmas gifts for more than a dozen Seafarers who will be alone at sea for the holidays.

As in past years, for the winter months, we are asking everyone to contribute as much as possible to any of the food bank sites in the area.

Whether it be through the grocery store, your Church or place of employment, or directly to one of the distribution sites, it will be most appreciated.

Our box will also remain on the porch at 92 Burton Avenue throughout the winter for donations. The months after the holidays are particularly difficult and food stocks tend to be sparse. So, please watch for specials as you shop for your family – just a few items from each shopping trip can make a difference.

If you are one of the many who walk regularly on Burton Avenue, consider bringing one item from your pantry each day to add to the box on our porch.

Together, we truly make a difference. God's work... our hands! And, as always, we invite you to see what else is going on at Holy Trinity on our website, holytrinityhasbrouckheights.com. ###

The Christmas season begins at sundown on 24th December and lasts through sundown on 5th January. For that reason, this season is also known as the Twelve Days of Christmas.





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Indeed, what can a home buyer expect from the housing market at the end of the year? Let's look at the advantages and disadvantage of purchasing a home during a time when most everybody else is focused on buying and wrapping holiday

Shopping for a home at the outset of winter might be somewhat less than ideal for the fact that there are fewer homes to choose from and not as many open houses to peruse in the season's cold, wet weather.

But a couple of factors can work very well to your advantage.

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Real Estate Insight

Prices are typically - according to Realtor.com - at a 12-month low in December. Additionally, research has shown that sellers willing or forced to sell in the winter months are generally more flexible in either negotiating the terms of an offer or in extending the time to close or in agreeing to other concessions.

Also (bonus!), you're likely to get more of your agent's time and attention as the year winds down. But, of course, the downside to end-of-theyear shopping is diminished selection.

I've read where the number of listings that come on the market in the spring is 65% higher than what we see in October, November and December. This is because other buyers and sellers have literally begun hibernating.

And, understandably, many people just don't want to think about showings during the holidays.

However, if you do see something you like, it's cer-

tainly a good time to pull the trigger. With rates still at near record lows, you might be able to afford more house than you would be able to in the spring when rates are expected to edge up. Moreover, lenders may be more willing to shave down fees at this off-peak time to gain your business.

If you're going from renting to buying, and therefore have a deadline to make a move into a new home, you should take into account the fact that closings take time, and in the winter they seem to take longer. I think this is because – before, during and after the holidays – a lot of people take off for vacation. Therefore, it's always wise to allow extra closing time during the holiday season.

So, don't let winter deter your interest in buying a home. The cold months are definitely less competitive; delay for even a few months and you might find yourself enmeshed in last spring's common Bergen County real estate imbroglio: numerous and hectic multibidding situations. (We've seen it all!)

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Holiday "Road Trip" Tips

Suggestions for Safe Holiday Travel

- Before leaving, be sure to secure your house. Lock all doors and windows, and don't forget to set the alarm.
- Also, give your home that lived-in look to repel potential burglars by having a friend collect your mail, setting lights on timers and not leaving details of your trip on the answering machine.
- Don't leave valuables in your car. Pack all items, especially brightly wrapped packages, in the trunk. If afraid of squashed bows, wait until you arrive to wrap the gifts.
- One tip for packing lighter is to ship your gifts to your destination ahead of time. Allow at least two to three weeks for your package to arrive, for the holidays are hectic times for courier services like UPS and Federal Express.

Plan Ahead

Holiday travelers are at a higher risk for accidents. Avoid peak travel days.

People leave on long trips on the last workday before the holiday to visit family and friends in what can be a stressful time - increasing the potential for fatigue.

- Plan enough travel time for your trip to include breaks.
- Plan your route before you leave and take along a map or GPS so you are prepared if you need to take a detour

or alternate route due to road conditions or accidents.

- Travel information Web sites and 5-1-1 telephone services provide estimated travel times, road and weather conditions, accident reports and other helpful information.
- Don't leave on a long trip after eating a large meal. Never drink and drive.

Drive Safely

- Buckle up and use child safety seats properly.
- Once on the road, drive carefully, patiently and stifle road rage. Indicate lane changes and give everyone plenty of room. Be forgiving when someone drives recklessly.
- Don't text or use your cell phone when driving.
 - Obey speed limits.
 - Don't tailgate. Be patient.
- Stay alert and minimize distractions.
- Avoid sudden stops and starts. Slow down when driving on snowy or icy roads where stopping distances are much longer. Leave more distance between your vehicle and the one ahead.
- Overall, try to make driving fun, and view it as part of the holiday, not as a chore. If traveling with children, get everyone involved by singing or reminiscing about favorite past holidays. The ride will be over before you know it, and you'll actually look forward to the drive back home. ###

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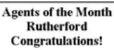
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Voluntary Organizations Help Residents Recover

Since Superstorm Sandy struck on October 29, 2012, the Bergen County VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), under leadership of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County, has provided significant assistance to residents impacted by the storm.

To date, the Bergen County VOAD has assessed 715 cases and assigned 432 to case man-

Mold has been removed from 198 homes, and the undersides of 173 mobile homes have been re-insulated.

Minor home repairs (less than \$8,000) have been completed on 48 homes and are under way in another 23.

Major home repairs (more than \$8,000) have been completed in 44 homes with major repairs in progress on 44.

An additional 164 homes have been referred to nonprofit partner building organizations such as Rebuilding Together Bergen County, Bergen Habitat for Humanity, and Greater Bergen Community Action.

Volunteers to help **Elderly, Sandy-Affected Residents**

Saturday, November 23, 2013, was National Family Volunteering Day, and in Bergen County, they celebrated by having dozens of volunteers of all ages do much-needed yardwork for elderly residents living in Moonachie and Little Ferry.

Over 60 kids and their parents signed up to help. They were sporting Muppet themed t-shirts because the event was sponsored by Disney Friends For Change!

This is a much-needed service for residents who experienced significant flooding during Hurricane Sandy. Many residents lost their entire tool collections in the flood and if they were stored in sheds or detached garages, those items are often not covered by FEMA or insurance.

After paying for home rebuilding costs, residents often don't have the resources to replace a lifetime collection of tools like rakes, shovels, lawn mowers, etc.

Volunteering families helped ease that burden on Saturday by performing seasonal yard work.

National Family Volunteer Day, a Points of Light signature day of service, is held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving to "kick off" the holiday season with giving and service. ###

RECYCLE

Shortly after the storm, the VOAD formed a Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC) comprised of approximately 50 local nonprofit organizations eager to band together to help neighbors impacted by the storm, primarily in the towns of Moonachie and Little Ferry, but also in Hackensack, Ridgefield Park, Lyndhurst and other areas of Bergen County.

The VOAD set up a Recovery Information Center in March at First Presbyterian Church, in Moonachie, which now boasts a full-time staff of eight.

Staff members provide information about State grants and community resources, do intake assessments on residents seeking help, and – after verifying income and assistance already provided by FEMA, insurance and other grants -present requests for assistance to the LTRC's Unmet Needs Committee.

The Unmet Needs Committee, which includes LTRC committee chairs plus representatives of communities most severely impacted, meets bi-weekly to review cases and allocate resources.

To date, this committee has allocated \$973,214 in private funds to help residents repair homes; replace appliances, contents and clothing; and provide rent/mortgage payments and other essentials.

Grants awarded to the VOAD/LTRC include \$600,000 from the Hurricane Sandy NJ Relief Fund, \$500,000 from the Robin Hood Relief Fund; \$400,000 from the Red Cross; \$99,000 from Points of Light; and \$110,000 in smaller grants from a variety of funders.

In addition to the staff, scores of community volunteers are serving as Field Contacts, expanding outreach to encourage those impacted by the storm to sign up at the Recovery Information Center. Teams of AmeriCorps members have provided thousands of hours of home repair assistance, and volunteers from local colleges, civic organizations and corporations – as well as from across the country - have provided invaluable assistance in repairing homes and facilities, such as firehouses.

A hub of activity, the Recovery Information Center also hosts workshops for residents and small businesses on legal issues, insurance, financial assistance, grants and other topics relevant to the recovery process.

Complete information about VOAD finances and activities is found at www. bergenvoad.org ###













Fun Restored in Moonachie

On Saturday, November ing within walking distance to those who need it, helped organize this event. They stated "Today's kids spend less time"

The Sandy-ravaged park was worn out and in need of replacement. It's a small lot, situated in a cluster of four blocks, south of Teterboro Airport and Berry's Creek Restaurant.

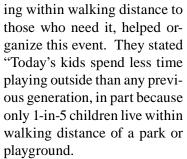
It is expected to provide more than 250 children with a state-of-the-art recreational area.

The facility includes new play equipment, mulch flooring, decorations, picnic tables, benches, etc.

The new playground was designed based on drawings created by children who participated in a Design Day in October.

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The Snowflake Youth Foundation, BD, and United Water contributed funding. ###











On November 4, 2013, Congressman Bill Pascrell visted the Wood-Ridge Fire Department and explained the recent grant presentation. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.* ###



WRFD Calendar Drive

In November 2013, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department delivered 2014 calendars to residents as their annual fund drive. This year's calendar includes town recycling dates, along with important Borough functions.

The package was delivered along with a postage paid envelope to mail in contributions. There will not be a door-to-door pick up.

Contributions should be sent to: Wood-Ridge Fire Department, 85 Humboldt Street, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075.

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HHFD Joins Tunnel 5K

On September 29, 2013 volunteer firefighters from the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department participated in the 12th annual 5k Tunnels to Towers Run in Lower Manhattan in full turn out gear to honor fallen firefighters from 9/11.

Firefighter Dave Cassiere, Lieutenant Firefighter Jeff Rubino, Firefighter Greg Rubino, Firefighter Jeff Grubb, and Firefighter John Grubb honored the 343 fallen firefighters from September 11, 2001 by following in the footsteps of fallen firefighter Stephen Siller.

Stephen Siller was an FDNY career firefighter from Staten Island, NY. On that tragic day, Stephen Siller was on his way home from an overnight shift to play golf with his 3 brothers.

When Stephen heard the news of the towers being struck he immediately returned to his firehouse in Red Hook, Brooklyn only to find it empty. The entire department was already dispatched to One World Trade.

He grabbed his turnout gear and attempted to drive

through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel but was unsuccessful as it was closed due to the unfolding events. Stephen then donned his turn out gear and proceeded to run through the Tunnel to meet up with his department at One World Trade.

This was the last place Stephen was seen alive as a few moments later the tower collapsed. Stephen was a devoted husband and a father of 5 young children. His story is one of many that exemplifies the courage, dedication, and ultimate sacrifice the first responders made that day. Each year over 25,000 participants retrace those courageous footsteps of Stephen Siller from Red Hook, Brooklyn to the current site of the Freedom Tower.

Proceeds from the event go to building "smart homes" for quadriplegic Veterans and several burn centers around the country. So far, the Stephen Siller Foundation has raised more than 3.5 million dollars and built over 300 smart homes. Story and photos provided by Dave Cassiere. ###



On October 20, 2013, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department held a breakfast fundraiser at Fire Headquarters. Over 200 enjoyed a menu that included eggs, sausage, potatoes, rolls, etc. *Above, cooks taking a photo break for Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*

Carlstadt FD Calendar Drive

On December 6, 2013, the Carlstadt Fire Department delivers 2014 calendars to residents as their annual fund drive. This year's calendar includes town recycling dates, along with important Borough functions.

The package is delivered along with an envelope to mail in contributions. There will not be a door-to-door pick up.

Contributions should be sent to: Carlstadt Fire Department, 500 Madison Avenue, Carlstadt, NJ 07075. If you did not receive your calendar, email: firechief@carlstadtnj.us ###















Heights House Fire Draws Mutual Aid

Shortly after 5 p.m., on Wednesday, October 29, 2013, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department responded to a working house fire on Springfield Avenue.

A resident was home watching television when alerted by a neighbor that smoke was pouring out of the second floor.

The heavy fire was confined to the second floor with extension into the finished attic of a 2.5 story home.

Upon arrival, Command called for a second and third alarm.

HHFD Engine 1 was first on the scene, followed by W-R Engine 905. Both trucks connected to hydrants, then dropped hose line into the scene.

Several attack lines entered the front door as Heights Ladder Company approached.

Ground ladders were raised as heavy smoke poured from the roof and fire ravaged the second and third floors.

Firefighters shot water from the ground into the second floor window. Attic windows were broken to vent the smoke. Heights raised its aerial ladder as fire and smoke emanated from the attic window. Lodi raised its Tower T-1. Using saws, firefighters cut holes in the roof to vent. The blaze was extinguished in about 45 minutes.

Mutual aid departments from Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Lodi, Little Ferry, Moonachie, South Hackensack, Wallington and Wood-Ridge assisted. No injuries were reported. *Photos by Dennis Kro*nyak Sr. ###





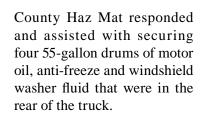


Box Truck Fire

At 20:01 hours, the W-R Fire Department was dispatched to Reddy Raw, Ethel Boulevard, for a reported truck fire. Chief Scott Russo arrived on the scene and found a truck service vehicle well involved in fire.

Firefighters stretched two handlines and extinguished the fire without incident. Bergen

No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is under investigation. All units were back in service at 21:40 hours. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.*





Hazardous Condition at Gas Station

At 14:47 hours, the W-R Fire Department was dispatched to the Enrite gas station, 290 Valley Boulevard, for a hazardous condition.

Chief Scott Russo arrived on the scene and found gasoline was being stored in improper containers at the site.

This condition was discovered by a NJDEP inspector who

was conducting a complaint investigation by a citizen complaint about bad gasoline being sold there.

The Bergen County Office of Weights and Measures noticed the station had pumped the contents of its underground tanks into 55-gallon steel drums and about 20 gallons of fuel into a 30-gallon plastic

trash container.

The WRFD stretched precautionary handlines and stood by as the Bergen County Haz Mat Unit transferred the gasoline to an appropriate container for disposal.

All W-R units were available at 17:00 hours. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.* ###







The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department assisted in a roof rescue on Route 17 South at about noon on November 5, 2013.

A worker was injured on a roof and required the Ladder Truck Company to bring the victim to ground level. *Photos* provided by HHFD. ###



The Wood-Ridge Fire Department responded to a two vehicle accident at the corner of Fritsch and 4th Street on October 15, 2013 at about 3:15 p.m.

One injury was reported. The victim was removed from the vehicle and transported to Hackensack University Medical Center. The WRFD applied speedy-dry material to absorb fluids. No other injuries were reported. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.* ###



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The Carlstadt Fire Department responded to a rollover on Hoboken Road on November 11, 2013 at about 8 p.m. No injuries were reported. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.* ###



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