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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 Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School Glee Club, under the direction of Melissa Ayvas Manolakakis, at the “Regional Salute to Veterans” ceremony held November 9, 2014 at the NJ Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum at Teterboro Airport. *Photos of this event on page 20. Photos of area Veterans Day services on pages 18-19.*

## Salute to Vets

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Breakfast  
With Santa  
December 13

The Hasbrouck Heights Junior Women's Club, in partnership with VFW Post 4591, is sponsoring Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 13, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Hasbrouck Heights VFW.

Pancake breakfast will be served between 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The event includes entertainment, holiday crafts, goody bag and photo opportunity with Santa (*don't forget to bring your cameras. Kids are welcome to wear pajamas.*)

Tickets are \$10 per person and available at [hhjuniors.org](http://hhjuniors.org) No tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds benefit local charities and scholarships.

Bring a new, unwrapped toy for the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

They will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry. ###

Hasbrouck Heights  
Holiday Decoration  
And Display Contest

Ho. Ho. Ho. Hop in your sleigh and join the fun. Check out Hasbrouck Heights' festive displays on The Boulevard and in your neighborhood with yards, homes, lamp posts and doors seasonally dressed for the holidays.

Judging is Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 19, 20 and 21, 2014, from 6 to 10 p.m., with final review on December 22, 2014 at 7 p.m. This annual tradition is sponsored by the Mayor's Celebrations Committee. ###

W-R School  
Holiday Concert

The Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School Holiday Concert is Thursday, December 18, 2014, at 7 p.m. and is open to the public with free admission and open seating!

All are welcome to hear the joyous sounds of the Holidays.

Performances by: Concert Choir, Glee Club (*Select Choir*), NJPAC - Hip Hop, Concert Band, Beginner Band and Drum Line.

Vocal ensembles are under the direction of Mrs. Melissa Ayvas Manolakakis and instrumental ensembles are under the direction of Mrs. Toni Baumgartner.

They are very excited for their combination of Grades 7th - 12th performance! Please come out and support the performing arts at Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School. ###

Felician Sisters  
Christmas Concert  
January 4

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

The Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, January 4, 2015, 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 goodwill 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. ###

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### St. Joseph's Church Christmas Concert

The St. Joseph's Church Christmas Concert will be on Sunday, December 14, 2014, at 4 p.m. in the Church, 120 Hoboken Road, East Rutherford. The St. Joseph's Choir is well renowned in the area, with professionals from the Broadway and NY opera community as members and soloists.

Diana Belkowski, Music Director, and Carl and Dan Tramon have written and produced a Broadway-bound musical, Rocket Boys, and are an amazingly talented family.

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### St. Mary HS Holiday Craft Fair

Please join the annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 29, 2014, 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 admission. Free Gift Bag to first 100 shoppers! Vendor opportunities are still available. Contact Joanie at 201-394-8676. ###

*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.*

### Free Christmas Concert Dec. 14

First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford invites the community to their annual Christmas Concert, on Sunday, December 14, 2014, at 3 p.m.

Christmas anthems and carols for choir and congregation will focus on the theme, The Spirit of Christmas: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love. The Christmas Choir of 25 voices will be accompanied by Kristi Shade, harpist, Anna Urrey, flautist, and Peggy Hsiao, the Church's Organist and Director of Music.

The music includes traditional and folk carols, arrangements by classical and contemporary composers.

The concert will be held in the Church's beautiful sanctuary, dating from 1888, with its recently restored Möller pipe organ.

There is no charge for admission. A freewill offering will be taken and a reception will follow the concert. All are warmly welcome to attend. The Church is located on the triangle in downtown Rutherford, at Park Avenue and Ridge Road.

For more information visit the Church website [www.fpcrutherford.org](http://www.fpcrutherford.org) or call 201-438-3569. ###

### Living Nativity

The First Presbyterian Church will again host a Living Nativity on November 30, 2014, with performances at 6 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

The Sunday School children perform the reenactment of the Christmas Story. The Church has been presenting this event for the past 8-10 years.

For more information contact: First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt, 457 Division Avenue (corner of Division and Third Street), Carlstadt. Call 201-438-5526 or go to: [www.cfpchurch.org](http://www.cfpchurch.org) ###



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# 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 6, 2014 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 and gifts 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, and 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. ###

## 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 20, 2014. For more information call 201-288-9600. ###



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## Radio City Christmas Spectacular

The Rutherford Recreation Department has tickets to see the Rockettes on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 8 p.m. The fee is \$65 (2nd Mezzanine seating) and includes coach bus.

The showtime is 8 p.m. and the bus departs at 5:30 p.m. from Memorial Park Parking Lot. Tickets are sold on a first come basis.

Please call the Rutherford Recreation Department at 201-460-3015 if you have any questions. *Barbara Bennett. ###*

December Birthstone  
**Turquoise**

## W-R School Glee Club to Appear on News 12

The Wood-Ridge Glee Club (Select Choir), under the direction of Mrs. Melissa Ayvas Manolakakis, was asked to perform on New Jersey News 12 "Sounds of the Season."

Filming will take place on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at The Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank, NJ.

The segment will be aired on NJ News 12 during the end of December. Please see your local listings and the Wood-Ridge Jr/Sr High School website for air time (TBA). *###*

December Flower  
**Narcissus**

## Christmas Excursion to the Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre Dec. 5

This Christmas Season, treat yourself or your loved ones to dinner and a very special holiday show Christmas Excursion to the Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre on Friday, December 5, 2014.

"It Happened One Christmas Eve" is a heart-warming musical about an infant left on a Brooklyn doorstep one Christmas Eve and the magic she brings to the lives of those who find her.

It captures the Christmas message of Love, Forgiveness, Understanding, Loyalty and Perverseance in a nostalgic blend of joy and sadness.

This show is filled with favorite Christmas carols and popular Seasonal songs and is sure to please the entire family.

The price of \$120 includes bus transportation, and your dinner and show package, including entrée of your choice, salad, vegetable, potato or pasta, fresh rolls and corn muffins, Chef's Choice dessert, coffee, decaffeinated coffee or regular tea prior to the performance.

The bus will leave from in front of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church (Wallington) promptly at 4 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., with show time at 8 p.m.

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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 7, 2014, at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost per photo is \$7. All pets are welcome. Pets should be up-to-date on all shots and ap-

propriately 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. ###

Festival of Trees and Wreaths

55 Kip Center, a senior activity center in Rutherford, is preparing for its 20th Annual Festival of Trees and Wreaths. Each year, individuals, organizations, Church groups, school classes and clubs decorate trees and wreaths with a theme of their choice. Entries are judged and ribbons are awarded for Most Beautiful, Most Creative and

Best Use of Theme. Trees, Wreaths, and Centerpieces will be displayed at the Center until Saturday, December 13, 2014, at which time they will be raffled off to support programs, services and activities at the Center. Tickets will be 10 for \$5 or 25 for \$10. The community is invited to come in and visit the display Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 201-460-1600 for further information. ###

Holiday Classic Movie Nights

The First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford invites the community to four Holiday Classic Movie Nights on Saturday evenings during Advent. All movies begin at 5:45 p.m. and there is no charge for the event. Pizza and popcorn will be served. The schedule of movies is as follows:

- November 29: “A Christmas Story”
- December 6: “The Polar Express”
- December 13: “Miracle on 34th Street”
- December 20: “It’s a Wonderful Life”

The Sunday morning 10 a.m. worship services will tie in the theme of the movies shown the previous night and will focus on the theme of hope, peace, joy and love.

For more information visit [www.fpcrutherford.org](http://www.fpcrutherford.org) or call 201-438-3569. ###

Send a Special Christmas Card

The Petersilge-Velock V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary 809 is asking everyone when they begin to write out their Christmas cards--please send one to “A Recovering American Soldier” C/O Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20037-5001. Thank you, and don’t forget to thank them! ###

**Cold Weather Tip**  
Be sure to turn off your exterior water faucet.

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. ###

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 at the Wood-Ridge Intermediate School Cafeteria in Wood-Ridge on Sunday, December 14, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Santa will be their guest of honor. 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. ###

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# Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

## A Christmas Miracle (Part Two)

*Part one ended with my brother and father returning without the dog saying that he was nowhere to be found.*

I could not believe what I was hearing. I ran to the door to see for myself. Dusty was out there lost in a blizzard unable to find his way home.

That grim reality reduced me to tears and the weight of it sent me collapsing onto the cold floor.

My father picked me up and attempted to console me, but nothing he could do or say could keep me from lashing out in anger and in sorrow for my lost companion.

“Why did you do it dad?” I cried “How could you forget him out there? How could you forget about our friend, our dog Dusty?”

My poor father was heart-broken. Of course the last thing on earth Vito would ever do was hurt me in any way shape or form. Yeah, he’d chase me all over the place, but when he finally caught me he didn’t have it in his heart to follow through. He’d walk away huffing and puffing punching a wall or a tree along the way.

Ten minutes later I’d be tapping him on his beautiful, bald head asking him for a quarter and getting it. Anyway my poor father was speechless and had all to do to keep from shedding a tear himself. He took of his coat placed it on the empty rocking chair and walked into the living room, My brother disappeared into the bedroom and closed the door behind him. “He’ll find his way home.” Insisted my mother “You’ll see...he’ll make his way home.” Having said that my mother placed Dusty’s food in the oven and said that she was keeping it warm for when he returns home.

“See?” She said “I’m saving his food. He’ll be hungry when he comes home.”

Just then my brother walked out of the bedroom which was just off the kitchen. He was fully dressed in his winter clothes.

“I’m going back out there!” he said “I’ll find that dog!”

“You see!” said Lena “Eugene is going out again to find Dusty. When you wake up tomorrow morning Dusty will be on his chair waiting for you.”

I went into the bedroom, which, by the way, I shared with my brother, and asked God to bring my dog home safe and sound. In the distance could be heard the strains of my brother’s voice as he called out in the storm the name Dusty.

The next morning I jumped out of bed and darted into the kitchen to see if God had answered my prayer.

The rocking chair was still empty and with it the hopes of ever seeing my dog again. The good news was that school had been canceled because of the weather, which meant that I could search for my dog in the friendly light of day.

Sunlight has a way of brightening even the darkest hours and in its life giving rays hope is born. There was a knock at the side door. Much to my pleasant surprise it was my friends from Westervelt Place; my cousin Anthony, Johnny Rannou, Rocco and Bruce.

They heard about my missing dog and had come to help me look for him. Rocco suggested that we explore the hills of Farnham Avenue along the dirt road.

It made sense since, during the summer months, we saw a few stray dogs roaming the wooded area beneath old man Cottone’s abandoned barn. “Maybe your dog teamed up with them.” Rocco suggested.

The journey, not necessarily a long one, was arduous due to the bitter cold and knee deep snow.

My cousin Anthony had the good sense to bring along his dad’s WWII canteen filled to the brim with hot chocolate which we consumed, much to our regrets, only minutes into our search.

A half hour later, cold and weather beaten, we looked to Anthony who took the last sip from the canteen, turned it upside down and shook it like an empty bottle of ketchup.

By then we had combed

every inch of the mountainous terrain which was becoming unfriendlier by the minute. We stood at the bottom of the hill looking up at the barn when, in the distance, we heard the barking of a dog.

“It’s coming from that barn.” Said Johnny Rannou “Let’s take a look.”

“We’ll never make it up there.” Rocco insisted “the footing is too treacherous.”

Since none of us knew what the word “treacherous” meant we decided to take our chances and see if that bark belonged to my dog Dusty.

The temperature dropped or maybe it just felt colder having been exposed to the elements for so long.

Half way up the hill the snow drifts were so high that we had to tunnel through them like termites through the trunk of an oak tree. “I told you guys,” said Rocco “It’s treacherous!” We still didn’t know what the word meant but given the conditions we kind of guessed that it wasn’t good.

Again we heard it...the barking of a dog only now it was louder and angrier. Then Johnny Rannou saw the dog traipsing through the drifts headed straight for us. “

“Look” shouted Rannou “here he comes.” We looked up to witness a large, ferocious looking beast coming toward us. It looked like a cross between a grizzly bear and a werewolf.

“Is that your dog?” Shouted Rannou. “No!” I exclaimed. “Then let’s get the heck out of here!” replied Rannou.

We ran frantically down the hill bulldozing our way through snow drifts, rocks, and ditches along the way.

Luckily for us, the mad dog was unable to make it through the snow drifts and had soon given up the chase. We made it to the dirt road frightened, cold and exhausted.

The snow began to fall again and came at us in violent bursts forcing us to hunch over as we marched headlong into the storm. By the time we made it home we all knew only too well the meaning of the word “treacherous.”

That afternoon found me sitting in my dog’s rocking chair looking out of the kitchen window wondering if I’d ever see him again.

The thought of him bravely yet another night alone in the bitter cold was heartbreaking. Vito looked so sad that I couldn’t help but to snuggle up to him while he was lying on the couch and tell him that it

wasn’t his fault and that I still loved him...which I did with all my heart...yes even more than Dusty.

“Are we still buddies?” he asked in a whisper.

“Yup” I replied “We’re still buddies.”

I remained his buddy till his dying day which, happily, was still a long way off.

Thanksgiving had come and gone without my dog wagging his tail with his bowl at his feet begging for a piece of turkey. To make matters worse, we were hit with another storm almost as bad as the last one.

My mom was forever trying to console me with words of hope of better days to come.

But even as I listened to her I could not shake this melancholy cloud that had settled over me since my dog went away.

Christmas had arrived and with it came the peace and good tidings of the season. I was still upset over my dog, but the new Huffy convertible bike standing under the tree eased the pain somewhat.

It could have been worse...it could have been a pair of argyle socks disguised as a hockey game.

Just then we heard the faint voices of Christmas carolers singing “Silent Night.” I felt that melancholy cloud descending upon me again. I retreated into the bedroom to have a one on one talk with God who was waiting for me there.

“Merry Christmas God” I said sarcastically “It’s not so merry for me...my dog is dead God...you hear me God? Why didn’t you help my poor dog find his way home?”

At that moment my brother Eugene walked in and sat next to me on the bed. “Who are you talking to?” he asked.

“God!” I angrily replied

“What were you talking about?” He asked.

“Why he let Dusty freeze to death?” I replied.

“What makes you think he’s dead?” he asked “God wouldn’t do a thing like that, especially when he knows how much joy he gives us. He’s probably curled up somewhere next to a warm radiator, well fed and fast asleep.”

“Do you think that since it’s Christmas if I ask God for even a small miracle He’d bring Dusty home?” I asked

“There are no small miracles,” said my brother Eugene who was seven years my senior. “They come in all shapes and sizes but none of them are small...especially for the one whose asking.”

“Like me?” I asked “Like you” he replied.

I slid off the bed and knelt down in front of the window.

The moonlight made a luminous path on the snow that

reflected off of the icy crust and disappeared into the night sky.

“Dear God” I prayed, “My dog has been gone for such a long time in such cold and snowy weather. I’m afraid that he’s dead God...He got lost and couldn’t find his way home.

He was wandering around in the bitter cold, God, looking for me...looking for the ones who love him. Please don’t make him be dead God. Please bring my poor dog home. Help him to find his way...Help him to find his way home. Amen”

With my prayer having been said, my brother and I closed our eyes and went to sleep. The last thing I saw as I drifted off was the light of the moon as it danced across the frosted window like a heavenly ballerina.

I’m not sure what time it was...it had to be well past midnight since both the television and the Christmas tree lights were out, which meant that my father shut them off before he retired for the night.

The house, except for the night light in the kitchen, was dark. I noticed all of this when my brother and I stumbled out of bed after being awakened by the sound of my mother’s voice coming from the hallway.

Now get ready for this folks, for you’re about to see Gods work in action.

“I don’t believe it!” I heard my mother exclaim as she held the side door open, “Look who came home.” She later told us that she heard something whining and scratching at the door and got up to see who or what it was.

I thought I was dreaming...still tucked away under the covers fast asleep. But this was no dream, for we were watching a true Christmas miracle unfold.

There before our sleepy eyes walked in our dog Dusty. With his tail between his legs, skin and bone, and with a broken leg he limped into the kitchen and climbed onto his rocking chair.

Seeing him there with my mother, father and brother Eugene huddled around him was a sight that, let me tell you folks, stays with me till this very day. Santa himself had to be awe struck for this was a gift that only God could deliver.

There’s a side bar to this story. The veterinarian strongly suggested that our dog be put to sleep. My brother would have no part of it and insisted that a cast be put on Dusty’s leg and to leave the rest of the doctoring to he and our mother.

Dusty lived another 9 happy and healthy years never to leave the safety of his home again. We all made sure of that!

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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 201-288-0082.

Holiday Dance  
Performance

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is pleased to present a holiday dance performance put on by Edie's Dance Factory.  
Students of the school will perform a variety program to the music of the Rockettes' famous "March of the Wooden Soldiers," "Jingle Bells," "Frosty," and more.  
The dances will include a little bit of everything including tap, ballet, jazz, and hip hop. The performers range in age from 7 years old to adult.  
The whole family is invited to come and enjoy the spirit of the holidays. The goal, at Edie's Dance Factory is "to pass along to future generations the joy of doing something you truly love."  
This free performance will be held in the Senior Center, located at 320 Boulevard from 2 to 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, December 20, 2014.  
To register, call 201-288-0488 or log on to <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org> and go to our calendar. ###

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**Carlstadt FD  
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On Saturday, December 13, 2014, 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 20, 2014, 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. ###

**Little Ferry FD  
Santa Around Town**  
On Saturday, December 20, 2014, starting at noon. Please wait on the street corners. Be patient, Santa has lots of boys and girls to visit. ###

**Lodi FD  
Santa Around Town**  
On Sunday, December 21, 2014, 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 21, 2014, 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 20, 2014, 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. ###

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

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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.

Chimney Safety Tips

Chimney maintenance is vital to your family's safety. The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department offers these tips:  
• Have your chimney inspected and cleaned on a regular basis.  
• When possible, burn seasoned woods (*dryness of the wood is more important than hard wood versus soft wood*).  
• Smaller, hotter fires will

burn more completely and produce less smoke than larger fires.  
• Do not burn cardboard boxes or trash, as they can spark a chimney fire.  
• Install stovepipe thermometers, which help monitor flue temperatures where wood stoves are in use, then adjust burning practices as needed. ###

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## Community Tree Lightings

**Carlstadt** will hold their Tree Lighting at Borough Hall on Thursday, December 4, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. ###

**East Rutherford** will hold their Tree Lighting at Borough Hall 7 p.m., Friday, December 5, 2014 at Borough Hall Park. Bring your camera for photos with Santa. Refreshments will be served. ###

The **Hasbrouck Heights** Annual Tree Lighting at The Circle will be held immediately after the Annual Holiday Parade on November 28, 2014. There will be plenty of hot cocoa and snacks. Santa will be available in the TD Bank lobby. Bring your camera. ###

**Little Ferry** will hold their Tree Lighting on Friday, December 5, 2014, 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 5, 2014, (rain or shine), 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 6, 2014, at 7 p.m., at Borough Hall. R. L. Craig students will sing Christmas

## Chopin Singing Society Christmas Concert

The Chopin Singing Society (*men's chorus*) presents its Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 3 p.m. at the Polish Peoples' Home, 1-3 Monroe Street, Passaic.

The Chorus is under the direction of Anthony Tabish. The Chopin Chorus has been singing for 104 years.

Tickets are \$25 pp and include hot buffet. For info and tickets, call John at 973-779-4310. ###

## W-R School Band and Glee Club Go On Tour

The Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School Concert Band and Glee Club (*Select Choir*) are going on Tour this Holiday Season to Moonachie's R.L. Craig, W-R Intermediate and C.E. Doyle schools on Monday, December 22, 2014. The Concert Band and Glee Club will perform 3 - 1 hour assemblies for all the schools to spread the Holiday Cheer and recruit members for the future! ###

Carols. Refreshments and photos with Santa will follow at the Firehouse. ###

**Rutherford** will hold their Annual Tree Lighting on Saturday, November 29, 2014 at 5 p.m. at The Library, following the Holiday Parade up Park Avenue. Entertainment by the Rutherford Community Band.

**Wood-Ridge** Annual Tree Lighting is on November 28, 2014, 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. ###

## 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 Annual Holiday Open House from December 4 through 7, 2014.

Skylands Manor, a 45-room 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 look.

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 4-7, 2014, 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 baby-sitters. Group tours are available. Call 973-962-9534.

• **Champagne and Candle-light Tours** will be available Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost \$40 pp.

The Manor will be yours for a leisurely stroll with champagne, light refreshments and valet parking. By reservation and subject to availability. Call the NJBG office at 973-962-9534.

For more information go to: [www.njbg.org](http://www.njbg.org) ###

## Christmas in the Ballantine House

Each year, the 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 home-based secular holiday in the 19th century.

The exhibit opens Friday, November 28, 2014 and runs through January 4, 2015. Newark Museum is located at 49 Washington Street, Newark.

Suggested Museum admission is as follows: adults: \$12, Veterans and their families with valid ID -- \$7 and children, seniors and students with valid ID -- \$7.

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 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (*actual crossing at 1 p.m.*). For more information go to: [www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing/](http://www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing/) ###

Re/Max Winter Clothing Drive

Re/Max Trading Places is collecting gently used blankets, men’s clothing, winter hats, scarves and gloves, etc. for the benefit of The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal of Our Lady Queen of Angels in East Harlem. Items will go to men who are living life without a roof over their heads.

John Tamborini; Broker/Owner of Re/Max Trading Places said, “This is what the Lord calls us to do in (Matthew Chapter 25) ‘I was naked and you clothed me.’ We are called to see Christ in those who are in need. Please be generous.”

Donations may be dropped off at the Re/Max Trading Places office at 345 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday until Wednesday, December 5, 2014. ###

Although many believe the Friday after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year, it is not. It is the fifth to tenth busiest day. The Friday and Saturday before Christmas are the two busiest shopping days of the year.

Shop Locally. Save Money. Win Prizes. Holiday Fest Returns for 2-weeks

The Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce is happy to announce the return of Holiday Fest! Holiday Fest is a 2-week shopping event put together by the local businesses in town designed to add some fun and excitement to the holiday shopping experience.

The premise is simple: Shop Locally, Save Money, Win Prizes.

Here’s how it works: From Friday, November 28, 2014 through Sunday, December 14, 2014, shop at any of the 41 businesses participating in Holiday Fest.

Each of the businesses will be offering a significant discount on their products and services during this period.

With each purchase made at a participating retailer, shoppers will be given a ticket into a special prize drawing.

At the end of the 2-week event, winners will be chosen from the tickets and prizes will be awarded.

Prizes include items such as a large screen TV, a diamond ring, an iPad mini, a pair of

Broadway tickets, to name a few.

A complete list of retailers and their promotions can be found in the official 32-page Holiday Fest program, which will be mailed to all Hasbrouck Heights residents on or around November 22.

Non-residents can pick up a free program at any of the participating retailers or at the Boro Hall. For more information or for a list of participating retailers, visit [www.HeightsholidayFest.com](http://www.HeightsholidayFest.com) ###

Christmas Carol

On Wednesday, December 3, 2014, from 7-8 p.m., The Carlstadt Public Library will present “Christmas Carol.” This comedy play features local talent, Kathie Rizzo, and her stunning group of performers. The performance is sure to bring lots of laughs and get everyone in the holiday spirit.

Light refreshments are served. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call 201-438-8866 ext. 204 or email [carlref@bccls.org](mailto:carlref@bccls.org) ###

Food Drive

‘Tis the Season of Giving. The Hasbrouck Heights Junior Friends of The Library is collecting non-perishable food items and paper goods for its Holiday Food Drive taking place now through December 20, 2014.

All items collected will be given to the Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry to help feed hungry families and individuals in the community. Please drop off your donations at the Front Desk. The Library is located at 320 Boulevard, on the second floor of the Hasbrouck Heights Borough Hall. If you have questions, please call The Library for details at 201-288-0488. ###

Advent Christmas Concert Dec. 12

The Corpus Christi Choir will present their annual Advent/Christmas Concert on Friday, December 12, 2014, 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 freewill offering. ###

Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club

The HH Garden Club will be having their Holiday Celebration this month. There will be no meeting.

Their next meeting will be held on January 15, 2015. 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 p.m.

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 interested in meeting those who enjoy working with plants. For further information contact Judy at 201-288-2615. ###

Wreaths & Grave Blankets

The Moonachie First Aid and Rescue Squad is holding their Annual Christmas Wreath and Grave Blanket Sale.

Fully decorated wreaths 22” to 24” cost only \$15. Grave blankets from 2 1/2’ to 3’ are only \$25. Pre-orders are encouraged. Please call Joann at 201-927-9224. ###

Santa’s Reindeers are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen.

The four ghosts in Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” were the ghosts of Christmas Past, Christmas Present, Christmas Yet to Come, and the ghost of Jacob Marley.

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Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says “If you see it in The Sun it’s so.” Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

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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**Happy 120th**

The Wood-Ridge Historical Society will host a Birthday Party, and you are invited to attend! Come to the Bianchi House, 111 First Street, Wood-Ridge, on Sunday, December 7, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

The Borough of Wood-Ridge will be 120 years old, and the Society wants you to join the celebration!

Seasonal and Country Music will be provided by the Buckshot Band whose performance at past events has delighted attendees.

Refreshments will be served. There is no admission charge, but donations in support of the Society's activities will be gratefully accepted. *Provided by Dottie Dobek. ###*

**Trip to Mt.  
Airy Lodge &  
Casino Jan. 19**

Rosary Confraternity Trip is sponsoring a trip to Mt. Airy Lodge & Casino on Monday, January 19, 2015.

The bus will leave from in front of MSH Church at 9 a.m. sharp, returning at approximately 6 p.m. The price is \$35 and includes bus transportation, a \$20 free slots play, and a \$10 food voucher.

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

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

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

*"Rudolph" was actually created by Montgomery Ward in the late 1930's for a holiday promotion. The rest is history.*

**Annual Soup and  
Salad Luncheon**

The Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights will hold its Annual Soup and Salad Luncheon on Monday, January 19, 2015, from 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 beat 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. ###

**Courage to Adopt**

If you're a mother of a child in the womb through Kindergarten age, you need MOPS! It's a place to let your hair down, relax and get refreshed with women who get you. Who doesn't need a few good laughs every month??

Hasbrouck Heights MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) invites all moms from any town to "Courage to Adopt" Thursday, December 18, 2014, from 7-9 p.m. Event is held at Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Ave, Hasbrouck Heights. Free MOPPETS childcare provided by reservation only. For more info call 862-239-MOPS; hasbrouckhtsmops.blogspot.com ###

**Collaborative  
Parents Committee  
Meets January 20**

The next Collaborative Parents Committee (CPC) meeting will be Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the Media Center in the Hasbrouck Heights High School, 365 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ. Resource table available. Refreshments served.

The CPC is a parent organized group that provides support, advocacy and education for parents of children with special needs in the Hasbrouck Heights school district.

For more information go to: <http://www.hhschools.org/SpecialServices/SitePages/Home.aspx> ###

**Pancake Breakfast  
December 14**

The St. Michael's Council of the Knights of Columbus are having their monthly buffet-style Family Breakfast on Sunday, December 14, 2014, 8:30 a.m. to noon at 39 Washington Street, Lodi.

Menu includes: all-you-can-eat fresh scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast (*to order*), sausage, hash browns, fresh rolls, orange juice, fresh hot coffee, and tea.

Adults: \$6; children over 6: \$4; children 6 and under: free. Profits to benefit local charities. ###

**Pancake Breakfast  
December 21**

Rochelle Park American Legion Post 170 and Lodi American Legion Post 136 will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 21, 2014, at the Rochelle Park Post at 33 W. Passaic Street, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, coffee, tea, crumb cake (*while it lasts*) and fruit cocktail for \$4. Children under 10 free. Proceeds to benefit Autism. ###

**Pancake Breakfast  
January 11**

The Lodi Fire Department Honor Guard is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 11, 2015 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Lodi Moose Lodge #1971, 215 Charles Street, Hackensack.

Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, coffee, tea, etc. There will be a 50/50. Donation: \$8 Adults and \$5 for children under 12. For tickets call Mike at 973-868-0976 or Anthony at 862-247-5777. ###

**Rutherford  
Community Chest  
Seeks Donations**

The 69th Annual Drive of the Community Chest of Rutherford is underway. Voluntary contributions are supplemented with activities such as the Annual Postcard Show in March. This popular event may lead to a local Postcard Club for collectors in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Passaic Counties. For information contact Virginia Marass at 201-939-8782

Local non profits receiving support from the chest include Boy and Girl Scout units, Bridge Builders, Meadowlands Museum, Rutherford Community Food Pantry, Rutherford Social Services and Starfish of Rutherford. Send donations to: The Community Chest of Rutherford, Inc., PO Box 263, Rutherford, NJ 07070. ###

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## Basic ESL Classes

The Rutherford Public Library has ongoing Basic English as a Second Language classes taught by a certified ESL instructor. The classes are intended for beginner to intermediate level students and will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 – 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 – 11:30 a.m. Students may register at the Reference Desk. For more information, please call 201-939-8600, ext. 7. ###

## English Conversation Group

English language learners are invited to attend the English Conversation Group at The Rutherford Public Library.

The group will meet on Mondays from 10-11:30 a.m. on all following Mondays; and on Thursdays from 1-2:30 p.m.

The group provides a good opportunity to practice spoken English in an informal setting. This is a free program and all are welcome. No registration is required. For information, call 201-939-8600, ext. 7. ###

## ESL Classes

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library holds ESL classes three times a week, every Monday, Friday and Saturday morning at 10:15 a.m. No registration is required. ###

## December Computer Classes at Lodi Library

Lodi Library offers free, small group computer classes for Lodi residents on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and 2:30 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. December 2014 classes are:

- Computer Basics - December 2 and 6
- Internet Basics - December 9 and 13
- Introduction to Microsoft Word 2010 - December 16 and 20
- Email Basics - December 23
- Facebook Basics - December 27 and 30

Registration and a \$5 refundable deposit per class is required. For more information, call 973-365-4044. ###

## The Book Thief

On Tuesday, December 30, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., The Friends of The Library of Rutherford will present a free screening of “The Book Thief,” starring Sophie Nelisse, Geoffrey Rush and Emily Watson. The film will be shown in The Library Auditorium. ###

## ShopRite Dietitian Offers Tips

The JFK Memorial Library in Wallington is pleased to host Ms. Julie Harrington, RD, who works as a dietitian for ShopRite.

On Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at 6 p.m., Julie will offer some healthier and lighter recipes to help keep off those extra holiday pounds.

She will also have tips and advice on lots of subjects and will be glad to answer questions you may have about health, diet, cooking and eating.

All are welcome! Dessert and coffee will be served. Registration required. Call 973-471-1692 with your name and phone number to register. JFK Memorial Library, 92 Hathaway Street, Wallington. ###

## Yoga Classes

Yoga classes will resume at The Carlstadt Library. Class 2 will begin December 6, 2014 and run until February 14, 2015.

Call 201-438-8866 ext. 204 to register. Anyone with a valid library card is welcome to register, though priority is given to Carlstadt residents. The Carlstadt Public Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street. ###

## Chilton Auto Repair Manuals

Winter is coming! Need tips on winterizing your car? Looking to do your own car repairs? For help or how-to's, check out Rutherford Public Library's new resource, Chilton Auto Repair Manuals, a free database for Rutherford Library card holders.

Chilton Repair Manuals are well known to do-it-yourself automotive enthusiasts and professionals. Now get the detailed information you need to tackle vehicle maintenance and repairs from the database any time of day or night. Log on to [rutherfordlibrary.org](http://rutherfordlibrary.org), scroll down to the bottom of the home page, click on Chilton Auto Repair and type in your Library card number.

Chilton's also includes ASE test prep quizzes for the most popular certification exams. ###

## Free Movies

On Wednesdays, starting at 1:30 p.m., free movies will be shown at The Lodi Memorial Library. For more information, call 973-365-4044. ###

## Knit, Read and Discuss

The Knit One, Read Two knitting/book discussion group at The Rutherford Public Library will meet on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss “Jane Eyre” by Charlotte Brontë.

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, please e-mail Peg Mellett at [mellett@bccls.org](mailto:mellett@bccls.org) ###

## The Round House

On Friday, December 5, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., the Daytime Reading Group will meet at The Rutherford Public Library to discuss “The Round House” by Louise Erdrich. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. ###

## The Things They Carried

On Monday, December 15, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., the Monday Evening Reading Group will meet at The Rutherford Public Library to discuss “The Things They Carried” by Tim O'Brien. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. ###

## The Center of Everything

On Wednesday, December 10, 2014, from 7-8 p.m., The Carlstadt Public Library will hold their monthly Book Discussion Group meeting and will discuss “The Center of Everything” by Laura Moriarty. Refreshments will be served,

Call 201-438-8866 for more information. The Carlstadt Public Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt. ###



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## What's Cooking?

On Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 11 a.m. in the Wood-Ridge Senior Center, The Museum of Early Trades will present their program for seniors called What's Cooking. Participants will handle museum artifacts dealing with cooking, figure out what the objects are and how they were used in the past. Some of the objects may have been in the participants' homes when they were young children.

Registration required. For more information call 201-438-2455. ###

## Holiday Craft Event for Teens/Adults

To celebrate the start of the holiday season, The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights will sponsor a fun-filled afternoon for teens and adults to create their own symbol of the season, a snowman, for a table or mantle to be enjoyed by the whole family.

It will be held on Wednesday afternoon, December 17, 2014, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. All supplies will be provided to create your own unique snowman. But, you must bring some imagination. Prizes will be awarded. Judges will be selected from the participants. To register, call 201-288-0488 or log on to <http://hasbrouck-heights.bccls.org> and go to calendar. ###

## Chess Club – Children and Beginner Adults

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library hosts a free Chess Club every Wednesday, from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. for children and 4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. for adult beginners only (*adults must register*).

Designed for children of all ages and ability levels, the Chess Club is led by a coach who can teach new chess players the basics, and help experienced children sharpen their skills. For more information, call 201-438-2455. ###

## Stitch & Knit

Every Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., children, First Grade and up, along with their families, learn to knit and crochet. We supply the yarn. Beginners welcome. For more information, call 973-365-4044. ###

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Planes: Fire and Rescue Friday Matinee

On Friday, December 12, 2014, at 3:45 p.m. all children ages 5 and up are invited to a free movie screening of “Planes: Fire and Rescue” at The Rutherford Public Library. The movie is rated PG. No advance registration is required. An adult caregiver must remain with any child under the age of seven for the duration of the film. For more information, call the Children’s Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

Movie After Homework

The Lodi Memorial Library offers children’s movies for K age and up every Tuesday from 5:15 to 7:30. For more info, call 973-365-4044. ###

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Little Cool Music School

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Guitar Bob will play original and also favorite familiar children’s songs for dancing and fun. No advance registration is required. This program is funded by The Friends of The Library of Rutherford. ###

Carlstadt YA Club

The Carlstadt Public Library YA Club is back in full swing! Grades 5 and up meet on the second Tuesday of every month. For future events and times, please check calendar of events on their website! ###

Teen Cafe

On Wednesdays, starting at 3.45 p.m., The Lodi Memorial Library offers teens (*age 12 to 18*) an opportunity to meet and talk about technology, fashion, movies, music and books. For more information, call 973-365-4044. ###

Afternoon Storytime

The Rutherford Public Library will host an afternoon storytime on Thursday, December 18, 2014, at 3:45 p.m. Children ages 4 and up are invited for stories and a craft. Registration is required. To register, please call the Children’s Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

Drop-In Storytime

The Rutherford Public Library will host a morning and afternoon drop-in storytime program on Wednesdays, December 3, 10, and 17, 2014, from 10:30 – 11 a.m. and repeated from 2 – 2:30 p.m.

Storytime will also be held in the morning only on Thursday, December 4, 11, and 18 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. ###

ABC, Read to Me! Storytime!

Join Miss Kate at The Carlstadt Public Library every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. for stories, rhymes and wiggles! Children of all abilities up to age 4 and their caregivers are encouraged to sing and play along. Story time is a wonderful, interactive way for caregivers to learn about Library services and how to interest children in books. ###

Lodi Storytime

The Lodi Memorial Library offers Connected Storytime on Mondays starting at 3:30 p.m. and Digital Storytime on Thursdays starting at 5:30 (*except Christmas Day*).

Children, ages two to six and their parents, are invited to move, stretch, listen to music and enjoy interactive stories. Older brothers and sisters are welcome to participate. For more information, call 973-365-4044. ###

Legos Build

The Lodi Memorial Library invites future architects and engineers Kindergarten age and up for a Legos Build on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination. For more information, call 973-365-4044. ###

Children’s Crafty Kids

On Tuesday, December 2, 2014, at 3:45 p.m., children ages 6 and older are invited to create a Sweet Treats Wreath art project at The Rutherford Public Library. Registration is required. To register, please call the Children’s Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

Children’s Preschool Craft Corner

Children ages 3, 4, and 5 may register to make a candy cane mouse at The Rutherford Public Library on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 3:45 p.m.

Registration is required and a parent or guardian will need to attend with their child to assist with the making of the project. To register, please call the Children’s Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

Craft, Story, Santa

On Thursday, December 18, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the Wood-Ridge Senior Center, there will be a Holiday Celebration with Special Guest, Santa Claus!

Join for a craft, a story, light refreshments, and a special visit from the one and only Santa! This event is intended for children under 9.

Registration is required. Call 201-438-2455. ###

Create! Art Class for Kids

Learn about an artist or type of art and recreate a famous work or make your own masterpiece at The Carlstadt Public Library. No experience necessary, there are no mistakes in art! Ages: Kindergarten and up. Held the third Thursday of every month! ###

Creative Crafts

At The Carlstadt Public Library, make a unique craft from things found at home or from a local craft supply center. Create a gift or make something just for you!

Children 4 and up are welcome. Younger children will need assistance from a caregiver.

Supplies and space are limited on a first come, first serve basis. Crafts are held most Wednesdays at 3:30 pm. Check website for more details. ###

*Hallmark introduced its first Christmas cards in 1915, five years after the founding of the company.*

Lodi Crafts and Science Mondays

On Mondays, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., The Lodi Memorial Library offers parents and children to share and make crafts together, as a fun “pastime and educational tool for kids by extending a child’s fine motor skills, developing concepts like color or numbers, etc.”

On Science Days, learn new things about the world with an experiment where you observe, hypothesize, test and draw conclusions.

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

Lodi Library Gaming Days

Children from Kindergarten age and up can play a variety of games.

Minecraft, Tuesdays from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m., children learn a little bit of geology, geometry and electrical circuits while socializing and team building.

On Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m., it’s Wii Gaming.

Fun Friday Board Games, children with their families have an opportunity to play and try out different board games together. For more information, call 973-365-4044. ###

Reader’s Theatre

Every Thursday from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. for First Grade and up, The Lodi Memorial Library offers children’s movies for K age and up every Tuesday from 5:15 to 7:30.

Enjoy the fun of acting and performing without the pressure of memorizing. Older children welcome. Develop reading skills quickly through repetition in a fun, safe reading environment. For more information, call 973-365-4044. ###

Paws for Reading

Young Readers Wanted! On December 1 and 15, 2014, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., come to The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library and sharpen your reading skills by reading to the wonderful therapy dogs, Rodney and Teddy!

Children ages 5 and older sign up for a 15-minute session to read to a friendly dog.

Dogs are certified through the Delta Society and Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs Inc. Therapy dogs provide a safe, nurturing experience for beginning and struggling readers to practice their reading skills. All readers are invited.

A variety of books will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Registration is required. Call 201-438-2455. ###

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## Open a Cockpit and Fly!

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This new exhibit features cockpit lighting, re-upholstered First Class seats, and a custom display case full of period memorabilia.

Additionally, visitors could sit in the cockpits of a one-of-a-kind 1950 Martin 202 air-

liner, a rare Lockheed-designed Bush Plane, a Cobra gunship helicopter, An HH-52A Coast Guard helicopter, an OV-1A Mohawk close support aircraft, “Little-Cut-Up” aircraft control demonstrator, and the control cab of an Airport Rescue and Fire-Fighting truck. People, young and old, learned how the flight systems work. Qualified pilots helped guests understand the instruments and controls of these special aircraft.

For more information go to: [www.njahof.org](http://www.njahof.org) or call 201-288-6344. ###



### Girl Scouts of Northern NJ Brownie Troop Takes the Journey

Brownie Troop 95524 jumped right in to the Girl Scout year starting with a trip to Abma’s Farm in Wyck-off. The Brownies enjoyed a hayride to the pumpkin patch where they picked pumpkins then enjoyed cider, donuts and juice.

The girls discussed where pumpkins come from, different pumpkin recipes, pumpkin carving, roasting the pumpkin seeds, different ways to decorate them, how to grow your own, etc.

The Brownie Troop also did a collection for Operation Shoebox NJ. The girls decorated cards for the soldiers as well as collected, sorted, and bagged the items received.

They collected things such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, hand sanitizer, deodorant, lotion, socks, cereal, granola bars, snacks, chocolate, candy and more.

The items were dropped off to the Operation Shoebox headquarters where the collection will be shipped off to service men and women deployed overseas. *Provided by Kim Lange. ###*



The Rutherford High School Bulldog Marching Band which is led by band director Jonathan Kinne. ###

## RHS Band Wins Tournament Championship

The Rutherford High School Marching Band has won all five of the Tournament of Bands competitions they have entered in this season. The Bulldog Band’s final Chapter performance on October 19 at the 2014 Tournament of Bands Chapter 10 Championship held at West Essex High School earned the hardworking band

their first TOB Championship with high score of 88.4 and special award for Best Music.

The RHS Bulldog Band will travel to West Shore Stadium in Camp Hill, PA in November to compete nationally in the Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Championships where they will face off with

twenty-two other bands from six states. Rutherford enters the ACC Championship ranked #2 in all of TOB Class 1A.

Rutherford High School’s 2014 field show is titled “Journey from Platform 9 & 3/4” and features the music from the Harry Potter movies. *Provided by JoAnn Hughes. ###*



The Rutherford Seniors (12-14 year olds) beat Wood-Ridge 28-0, to win the Meadowlands Football League Super Bowl on November 18, 2014. A Rutherford parade is planned for the success of the 2014 RJF&C program. *Photo by Andrew Godsil. ###*



## Strikers are 2014 Spring Northern Counties Division Champions

On October 21, 2014, the Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council recognized the U11 Girls Wood-Ridge Strikers who were the 2014 Spring Northern Counties Division Champions, posting a 9-0 record.

1st row (l-r) Ava Picheo,

Stephanie Turi, Angela Picheo, Deanna Paladino, Michelle Murray, Daphne McDermott, Madison Macalintal, Jenn Kemple, Alessia Guerriero, Emily Gardella, Samantha Eckert, Victoria Drotos, Gia Cannarozzi, Natalie Cala, Mi-

randa Avila.

2nd row (l-r) Councilman Ezio Altamura, Mayor Paul Sarlo, Head Coach Jerry Cala, Assistant Coaches, Bart Picheo, Ken Gardella, and Dan Eckert. *Photo by Dennis Kromyak Sr. ###*



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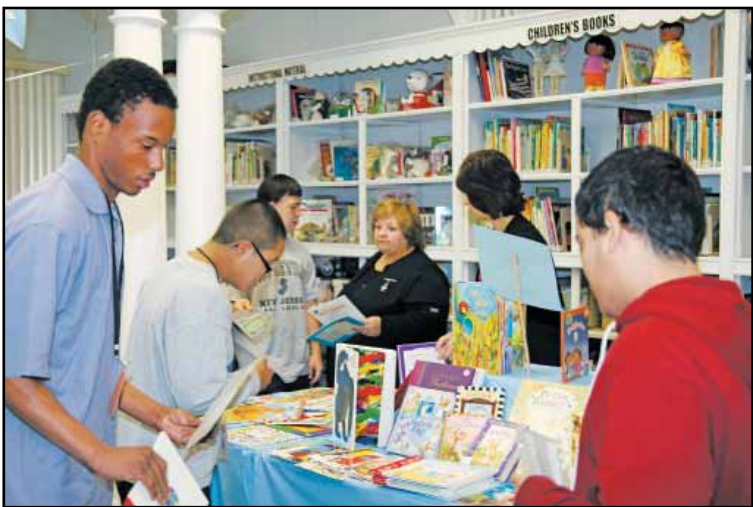
25th Lego Night

On Friday, November 14, 2014, over 120 participated in The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights' 25th year celebration of Lego Night, a building contest for families.

In honor of this special anniversary, there was a theme for Lego Night. The theme is "Hasbrouck Heights: Past, Present, and Future."

There were professional architects and local "celebrities" on hand to judge the contest by several age groups. All entries must have been original and built in The Library on Lego Night. Some participants worked in groups. Participants brought their own Lego bricks.

Entertainment, refreshments, and prizes were provided by The Friends of The Hasbrouck Heights Library. ###



On Friday, November 7, 2014, the Felician School for Exceptional Children students held their annual book fair with a "Frozen" theme.

Special guests, Elsa (Felician student Angelika Kolodziej) and Olaf (Jackie Grace, a student from ICHS), delighted the students.

Prizes, book marks and cupcakes were distributed. Students purchased books with Felician Dollars earned in class. The fair was coordinated by Mary Anne Protzo. Books were donated by The Totowa Library. For more information call 973-777-5355. ###



**Bible Baptist Church** held a Harvest Festival and 11th Annual “Trunk or Treat” on Saturday, November 1, 2014. The Harvest Festival included face and pumpkin painting, arts and crafts, food, snacks, prizes, etc. A homemade chili and homemade pies contest was held. Trunk or Treat at the closed parking lot and hay ride were not held due to the rain. ###



On October 31, 2014, the Lodi Recreation Department and the Boys & Girls Club of Lodi co-hosted a “Trunk or Treat” from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club parking lot. Costumed ragamuffins lined up along the Club, then paraded, collecting treats along the way. ###

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AGENTS OF THE MONTH!  
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## Rutherford Ragamuffins

On October 25, 2014, the Rutherford Recreation Department held their Annual “Ragamuffin” Parade.

The parade began outside the Rutherford High School Auditorium and proceeded along Mortimer Avenue to Franklin Place to Park Avenue to Lincoln Park. Costume judging, prizes and treats were distributed.

Costume winners included: Peyton Scurti - Bunny with carrot; Giavanna Caroprese- Pink Poodle; Lorlei Zito - Jewelry box; Julia Kubs - Lobster; Benjamin Evans-Munoz - Wolf; Teddy Recine - Lego Ninja; Oliver Trask - Country singer; and Firemen - Ethan and Brayden Corradino.

The Rutherford Recreation Department thanked the Felician College Ladies’ Basketball Team, Councilman Ray Tetro, Alyssa Gumbman, Rob Romano and Rutherford High School Future Business Leaders Club for assisting. *Provided by Barbara Bennett. ###*



## Rutherford Halloween Fun

There was lots of fun at Tryon Field in Rutherford on Thursday, October 30, 2014.

There were Hay Rides for Preschoolers, followed by “Spooky Hay Rides” after dark, giant bounce house maze, entertainment and costume contest.

At 7 p.m., “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown,” followed by “Hocus Pocus.” The activities were sponsored by the Rutherford Recreation Department. ###



On the evening of October 30, 2014, Carlstadt kids displayed over 100 carved pumpkins in front of the Carlstadt Public School. Light refreshments were served. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



## Haunting the Hallways

The Art Club, which has 55 members, was extremely busy preparing for the Haunted Hallways event held on Thursday, October 30, 2014, during the 1st Annual “Trunk or Treat” for the Wood-Ridge students Grades pre-K to Six.

The Art Club met four times during the month of October. Preliminary sketches, creating and building decorations, and finally, decorating

the hallways were all important steps the students experienced in the art making process. The young artists created frightening masterpieces!

Art Club students were split into Grade level teams to create “spooktacular” decorations for the hallways.

The students sparked into their imagination and turned WRIS hallways into a frightening

ing treat for all the students and family members to enjoy.

The 4th Grade Art Club team was voted the winners of the “Haunted Hallways.” The 4th Grade hallway won first place and the entire grade will receive a pizza party.

A very special thank you goes out to the PTA and Wood-Ridge PBA for sponsoring this event. *Story by Betty Carroll, Advisor. ###*

# Saluting Those Veterans V



Photo by Dennis Kromyak Sr.



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Photo by MaryEllen Lyons

# Who Served Our Country





# Salute to Veterans

Beneath a huge 12' x 18' American Flag suspended from the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Ladder Truck, at 11 a.m., on Sunday, November 9, 2014, the NJ Aviation Hall of Fame held its 5th Annual Regional Salute to Veterans program.

The program began with the presentation of Colors by Honor Guards from the US Navy, Bergen County Sheriffs Department, 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.

Patriotic songs were sung by the 20 member Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School Glee Club. Their repertoire included: "Star Spangled Banner," "My Country 'Tis of Thee," "Amazing Grace" and "God Bless America," 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 Assemblyman Gary S. Schaer, Bergen County Freeholder Maura DeNicola, Hasbrouck Heights Mayor Rose Heck.

The keynote speaker was George Berger, who discussed the transition from the Army Air Corps to the U. S. Air Force.

Retired West Milford Fire Department Firefighter/Fire Department Chaplain Ralph Villecca , along with Moonachie Police Chief Mike McGuire, dedicated a 9-11 Memorial.

Additionally, FF Villecca, provided the Invocation and Benediction.

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.

Over 200 attended the event. Teterboro Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, USAF Auxiliary assisted. ###



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## Sandy: 2nd Anniversary

On October 29, 2014, a forum was held at the Moonachie Civic Center to review lessons from Sandy: Response, Recovery and Resiliency.

The presentation was sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Bergen County and led by Janet Sharma, Bergen County VOAD/LTRC.

Each speaker presented their perspective of the event. They included BC Executive Kathleen Donovan, Congressman Bill Pascrell, Moonachie Mayor Dennis Vaccaro, Little Ferry Mayor Mauro Raguseo,

Meadowlands Commission (flooding) Dr. Francisco Artigas, and Community Resiliency - MaryEllen Lyons, Moonachie DPW Superintendent.

*BC/VOAD Long Term Recovery Committee's mission is to identify, access, facilitate and provide resources to help meet the unmet needs of impacted victims.*

Meanwhile, Rebuilding Together BC was repairing two Little Ferry homes when Governor Chris Christie paid a visit and held a press conference. ###

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**St. Joseph  
Altar Society  
100th Anniversary**

The St. Joseph Altar Society (*East Rutherford*) celebrated its 100th Anniversary on Friday, October 24, 2014. It began with a 6 p.m. Mass celebrated by Coadjutor Archbishop of Newark Bernard Anthony Hebda. A dinner-dance at the Fiesta followed. The Rosarians pray the Rosary and are devoted to the Blessed Mother. *Photo provided by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



**WCCR Celebrates 100th Anniversary**

This year the Woman’s College Club of Rutherford (WCCR) celebrated its 100th Anniversary with a Gala on October 9, 2014 at The Gray-cliff in Moonachie, NJ. The highlight of the evening was the gathering of many former presidents of the Woman’s College Club of Rutherford. As seen in the accompanying photograph and identified as (l-r) Margot Carey, who accepted the tribute for her sister, Karen Drake, Kathleen Kohler, Maryann Mayerczak, current president Valerie Schroder, Sharon McNish, Jacky Waldron and Mary Kotsopulos. Remarks were made by many attending including Rutherford Historian William Neumann on the history of higher education for American women and some surprising insights into the WCCR prominence in New Jersey history. The night featured entertainment by Anthony Tabish and The 3 Po’ Tenors. Dozens of raffle baskets and a 50/50 door prize were awarded. The Rutherford Woman’s

College Club was begun by a group of women in the early 1900s to promote the Woman’s Progressive Movement. The Club’s goal is to fund and award annual scholarships to local women and men. The Club is the earliest and most enduring Women’s College Club in New Jersey. If interested in becoming a member, please contact Membership Chairwoman Barbara DeGregorio at 201-933-5645. *Provided by Billy Neumann. ###*



**HHHS Class of 1964 Reunion**

On October, 18, 2014 the H.H.H.S. Class of 1964 celebrated their 50th Class Reunion. The weekend festivities included participating in the High School Pep Rally, attending a Friday night football game, the Saturday evening banquet at the Stony Hill Inn and a Sunday farewell breakfast at Fisher’s Cafe. *Provided by Dan Vecchio. ###*



*The Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club presented the “Garden of the Season Award” to Bill and Kathy Wallace of Roosevelt Avenue on Saturday, November 15, 2014, at 10 a.m. ###*



**Rotary Donates Recycling Containers**

The Rotary Club of Mid-Bergen County formally donated four (4) trash and recyclable containers to the Town of Moonachie for their newly renovated Concord Park, on Wednesday, October 29, 2014. (l-r) Carl Hassett, John Panarello, Y-Von Hassett, and Mayor Dennis Vaccaro. ###

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# Area Seniors Take Magical Mystery Tour

Thirty-eight seniors from Carlstadt, Hasbrouck Heights, Wood-Ridge, Little Ferry, Garfield and Teaneck left on October 21, 2014 for a four day Mystery Trip.

A Mystery Trip is a short stay travel experience to an unknown destination. It offers an exciting way to enjoy a short break with a pleasant element of surprise.

You may go somewhere you've been before, or have never been to; that didn't matter to the seniors because this trip was at a different time in their lives with different people with whom they would share new experiences.

All the arrangements and the location were set up by Senior Tours. The escort, Susan, and the bus driver, Richard, were tight lipped about what the plans were for the four days.

Before the bus took off, Susan asked all to hand in a slip of paper indicating where each senior thought they were going.

Thirty-seven of them selected places in the New England States. They based their selections on the fall season – foliage, Halloween, etc.

However, as the bus made its way to the Garden State Parkway it became evident that it was going south not north. In the long run this was good because the four days that the group was away there was heavy rain in New Jersey and throughout the New England States.

The first stop was at Hershey's Chocolate World in Pennsylvania. There they took the Hershey's Great American Chocolate Tour Ride. They followed the cocoa beans on their journey from the tropical rainforest to Hershey, Pa.

Then the group took part in Hershey's Chocolate Tasting Adventure. At Hershey's University they learned the origins of chocolates as well as experienced the sweet, delicious art of chocolate tasting. For this they received a diploma.

The trip next took them to Carlisle, Pa., where at the Comfort Suites, they would be lodging for the next three nights.

Carlisle is conveniently located near Hershey, Harrisburg, Gettysburg, Lancaster and York. It is the home of

Dickinson College and Penn State Dickinson School of Law. U.S. President James Buchanan is one of the alumni of Dickinson College.

Carlisle is also the home of the U. S. Army War College. This college provides graduate level instruction to senior military officers and civilians. A great deal of emphasis is placed on research, however, students are also instructed in leadership, strategy, and joint-service/international operations.

The first evening of the trip the seniors dined at Hoss's Family Steak & Sea Restaurant.

In the morning of the second day, the bus took the seniors to Adams County Winery. They took a tour of the winery, learned how wine was made and then had an opportunity to taste three red and three white wines.

From there the motor coach took them to Gettysburg. They went to the visitor center museum, viewed a film which provided an in-depth history of the Civil War and visited the Cyclorama which is a 360 degree painting of what hap-

pened at Gettysburg. Then the coach took them on a tour of the park and battlefields with an excellent guide to provide all the information.

That evening they dined at the historic 1776 Dobbin House Tavern; the oldest most historic house in Gettysburg.

On the morning of the third day the seniors visited the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, which is the U.S. Army preeminent museum, archive, academic library and research complex. It is an internationally recognized center for the preservation and interpretation of U.S. Army Heritage.

In the afternoon the group went to the Meadowbrooke Gourds. The gourd is a crop like the pumpkin, squash and melon; but it can't be eaten. They are hollowed-out and

dried. At the Meadowbrooke the seniors toured the factory where they followed the gourds from when they are planted, grown, harvested, cleaned, cut and finally painted to create unique home décor.

In the evening the seniors ate at the Allenberry Resort Inn after which they were escorted to the Allenberry Playhouse where they viewed the smash off-Broadway musical comedy, "The Marvelous Wonderettes."

The play, set in the 50s, followed four girls (*the singing group*) from their Senior Prom to their class reunion 10 years later. Many of the hits from the 50s and 60s are used to follow their lives and loves. This musical was a comical trip down memory lane.

After checking out of their

hotel, the seniors were off to their final destination before home. They spent two hours at the "AACA" the Antique Automobile Club of America Museum.

Here the seniors had the opportunity to cruise through time from the 1890s to the 1980s viewing original and restored cars, buses, trucks, motorcycles and other memorabilia in unique themed scenes.

Richard carefully drove the deluxe motor coach through the narrow streets and countryside. Susan provided complimentary cocktails, soft drinks, snacks, and fun games throughout the trip. The seniors had a great time, learned a lot and made new friends.

P.S. The weather was perfect. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

## Seniors Enjoy Turkey Dinner with Friends

One hundred and eight members of the Leisure Club kicked off the 2014 holiday season with a full course turkey luncheon on November 12, 2014.

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.

The guest of honor was 106-year-old Betty Kress.

Mayor Rose Heck and Vicky Costa welcomed her as did most of the members who know her. One member commented that he couldn't believe what she remembered about him.

The afternoon was planned to provide a relaxed atmosphere where the members could enjoy good food, have an opportunity to win prizes and have a chance to socialize with long-time friends and neighbors.

Aside from having a chance to win one of the door prizes, all who wanted could participate in any or all ten contests; such as guessing the number of bottle caps in a jar, or the number of beaded necklaces in a jar.

There also were contests testing knowledge on such subjects as Major League Baseball, sizes of US States, US Presidents, movies, big bandleaders, household pets, and more.



The meal itself was as close as one can get to a home cooked meal. The turkey was moist and tender; the mashed potatoes, the sautéed green beans with mushrooms were outstanding; the yams were cooked to perfection; the stuffing; the cranberry sauce, gravy, fresh rolls and salad were great complements 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 home.

Vicky Costa was a perfect hostess. She greeted all, helped serve the dessert and chit chatted with everyone.

President Peter Gallo expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Costa Family as well as the members of the Leisure Club Board for their efforts in making the afternoon a success.

A special thank you went out to John and Joan Nesbitt for the distribution of the tickets. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

## Moonachie Seniors Rock

The Moonachie Seniors and seniors from various towns have had a very successful year of one-day trips to a number of places, enjoying wonderful shows, fine food, with friends and neighbors.

They are closing out the year with December 10, at 9:30 a.m., by going to the beautiful Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see a festive holiday musical review entitled, "A Playhouse Christmas 2014." The cost is \$62 per person.

The cost of the trip includes gratuities and taxes.

The bus leaves from the Moonachie Senior Center on Moonachie Road, behind the First Aid Squad.

This is a great opportunity to get away with friends for entertainment, amusement, pleasure and relaxation and a chance to win some prizes.

Call group leader Audrey Evers at 201-641-4334. *Story by Charles Pallas ###*

## Kevin Woyce Entertains AARP Members

All who attended the Central Bergen Chapter #418, AARP meeting on November 14, 2014 were treated to an outstanding presentation about “The Paterson Falls.”

Author, photographer and lecturer Kevin Woyce presented a historical slide show to explain how the history of the Falls was interwoven with the history of Paterson.

Kevin explained how Alexander Hamilton was so impressed by the Falls that he

pushed hard to establish the city of Paterson. Hamilton believed that the falls would become the center of manufacturing on the northeast coast; Paterson was known as “Lyon” of America. Lyon, France was the center of silk manufacturing industry worldwide.

The slide show included many original photographs as well as a wealth of information about Paterson, the Lambert Castle and historical facts about people, places, and events.

Kevin Woyce is a well known author, historian and lecturer. Some of the books he has written and programs he has presented are “The History of the Jersey Shore,” “New Jersey State Parks,” “Lighthouses of the Jersey Shore,” “The Palisades,” “The Statue of Liberty,” “The Paterson Falls,” and “Hudson River Lighthouses and History.” He is currently writing about “The Manhattan Bridges.” *Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

## Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

At the first meeting in November, the Club again honored Veterans with a delicious catered lunch. All Carlstadt Veterans were invited and many from the VFW and the American Legion did attend. Women from the Ladies Auxiliaries were also recognized.

This year they added a guest appearance by Joe McGonigal, a well known and accomplished bagpiper.

Joe performed some tunes, but the real highlight came when he played the military set consisting of songs from each branch of the armed services.

The Vets were asked to stand when they heard the

song from their own branch for a moment of recognition. Joe finished off this patriotic tribute by piping “God Bless America.”

The hall was decorated with flags and emblems and many seniors dressed in red, white and blue.

One of the members honored her father’s service by wearing his original sailor’s hat. She also brought with her a banner with his picture from his days as a chief petty officer in the US Navy. *Provided by Joanne Kearney. ###*

## Creatures and Covens

This October, many of the members of the Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club decided to dress in costumes for their Halloween celebration. It was the first time and it turned out to be a lot of fun. There were many, many witches (*is there a coven in Carlstadt?*), some scary creatures of the night, a scarecrow, a wife of the Sheik of Araby, some cowpokes, even a doctor. Treats were enjoyed by all. *JK.###*

## December 2014 Heights Senior Calendar

*Open to All Hasbrouck Heights Seniors*

### SENIOR ACTIVITIES

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

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 2, 9, 16, 23**

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 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

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 4, 11, 18**

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

11:00 a.m. Mahjong

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

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

**Friday, December 5, 19**

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Games, cards & coffee

12 p.m. Zumba Gold \$1.00

**Friday, December 12**

10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo

12 p.m. Zumba Gold \$1.00

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Games, cards & coffee

*Check Center Bulletin Board for any changes*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, December 10 at 1 p.m.**

All seniors are invited to a complimentary performance of the Hasbrouck Heights Middle School Musical “Golly Gee Whiz!” which will be held in the Kiefer Auditorium.

The musical was the winner of the National Youth Theatre Award for Outstanding New Musical. It is a loving tribute to the terrific Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland Hollywood film musicals of the 1930s and 40s that portrayed the “can do” attitude of the younger generation.

**Wednesday, March 18, 2015**

Enjoy the Feast of St. Joseph. Cost is \$60. More information will be available at the January meeting.

**No Leisure Club Meeting or  
Executive Board Meeting in December**

**The Municipal Building will be closed on:**  
Christmas Day and the day after Christmas  
Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26.

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# About the Flu

### How Flu Spreads

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.

### The Flu Is Contagious

Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days

after becoming sick. Children may pass the virus for longer than 7 days. Symptoms start 1 to 4 days after the virus enters the body. 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](http://www.cdc.gov) ###

## Discussing Mental Illness

The First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford presents Mental Health Clinician, Ms. Ashley Cali, on Sunday, December 21, 2014, at 11:30 a.m. for the second in a series of programs designed to raise mental health awareness and help end the stigma associated with mental illness.

The program, entitled “Recognizing the Subtle Signs and Starting the Conversation,” is offered to help participants understand some of the early warning signs of mental illness that can include changes in mood, personality, motivation, personal habits, concentration and social interactions while introducing tools to help friends and family members start the delicate conversation with their loved ones. There is no charge. For more information call 201-438-3569. ###

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

### Periodontal Disease and Pregnancy

If you’re planning to become pregnant or suspect you’re already pregnant, it’s important that you see a dentist right away.

Pregnancy may cause unexpected oral health changes due to hormones—particularly an increase in estrogen and progesterone—which can exaggerate the way in which gum tissues react to plaque.

Research continues to show that overall health and oral health coincide, so it’s especially important for you to maintain good oral hygiene throughout your pregnancy.

Visiting your dentist will allow him or her to assess your oral condition and map out a dental plan for the remainder of your pregnancy.

### How does plaque build-up affect me?

When plaque isn’t removed, it can cause gingivitis—red, swollen, tender gums that are more likely to bleed. So-called “pregnancy gingivitis” affects most pregnant women to some degree and generally begins to surface as early as the second month of pregnancy.

If you already have gingivitis, the condition is likely to worsen during pregnancy.

Untreated gingivitis can lead to periodontitis, a more serious form of gum disease that includes bone loss.

### How does gingivitis affect my baby’s health?

Research suggests a link between pre-term delivery, low birthweight babies, and gingivitis. Excessive bacteria can enter the bloodstream through your gums; the bacteria can travel to the uterus, triggering the production of chemicals called prostaglandins, which are suspected to induce premature labor.

### How can I prevent gingivitis?

You can prevent gingivitis by keeping your teeth clean, especially near the gumline.

You should brush with fluoride toothpaste at least twice a day and after each meal when possible. You also should floss each day. Good nutrition keeps the oral cavity healthy and strong; in particular, you should get plenty of vitamins C and B12. More frequent cleanings from the dentist also will help control plaque and prevent gingivitis.

### What are pregnancy tumors?

Pregnant women are at risk for developing pregnancy tumors—inflammatory, non-cancerous growths that develop between the teeth or when swollen gums become irritated.

These localized growths or swellings are believed to be related to excess plaque. Normally, the tumors are left alone and will usually shrink on their own after the baby’s birth; however, if a tumor is uncomfortable and interferes with chewing, brushing, or other oral hygiene procedures, your dentist may decide to remove it.

### Are there any dental procedures I should avoid?

Routine exams and cleanings can be performed throughout pregnancy; however, non-emergency procedures should only be performed during the second trimester of pregnancy. Dental emergencies that create severe pain can be treated during any trimester, but your obstetrician should be consulted during any emergency that requires anesthesia or whenever medication is prescribed. X-rays should only be taken for emergency situations.

Lastly, elective and cosmetic procedures should be postponed until after the baby’s birth.

Because every woman is different, it’s best to discuss and determine a treatment plan with your dentist.

Reference: Academy of General Dentistry 2014

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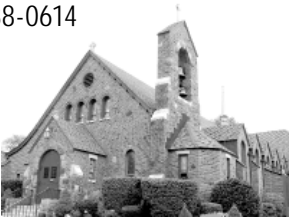
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## Reflections

### Lighting the Way

*Rev. Donald Pitches, Pastor  
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At this time of year the daylight diminishes and darkness comes earlier every day until December 21, the winter solstice.

But, I love this time of year as the holidays approach and people begin to decorate and light their homes. I wait and watch for the first neighbors to decorate their house with colored lights.

Who, I wonder, will be the first with Christmas decorations after Thanksgiving? Who will have their Christmas tree visible through the window by December 1? Soon, I too will unpack my lights and decorations.

Light is an important part of many religious celebrations.

The ancient Zoroastrian religion used fire as a central symbol of their faith. Some believe that the Magi of the Christmas story were Zoroastrian priests.

Hindu families celebrate Diwali, a Festival of Lights at this time of year celebrating the victory of light over darkness and good over evil.

For Jewish families this is the season of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights. Each night, for eight nights, a candle is lit to commemorate the victory of the Maccabees, the cleansing of the Temple, and the miracle of a small, one day supply of holy oil for the sacred lamp lasting eight days.

The symbol of light is important for Christians too.

During this season Christians celebrate advent. Many churches place Advent Wreaths in their sanctuaries with 4 or 5 candles, three dark blue or purple, one pink and one large central candle - white.

Each Sunday for four weeks a candle will be lit. The candles are given various names.

The first is called, by some, the candle of Hope, the second, Love, the third (*usually a pink candle*) is Joy and the fourth, Peace. As each candle is lit a part of the Christmas story is commemorated.

Advent concludes the Sunday before Christmas Day. On this day, or on Christmas Eve, the final and central white candle is lit, The Christ Candle.

It is the custom in my Church to read a portion of the Gospel of John when we light this candle - John 1: 3-5 "Everything was created through him; nothing—not one thing!—came into being without him.

What came into existence was Life,

and the Life was Light to live by.

The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out."

As the Christ Candle is lit the sanctuary is darkened and a small candle is lit from the Christ Candle flame.

This light is then passed from person to person, each holding a small candle, until the whole Church is filled with the lovely light of dozens of individual candles. For some it is the most sacred moment of the year. As we Christians light Advent Candles and decorate our homes with colorful lights, we join with all people of good faith to celebrate the power of love made a reality in our lives. *###*

*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.*



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## Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



### Year End Homeowner Tax Tips

This is the time of year most real estate agents dread – even more so than mid-June, September and January when quarterly tax payments are due.

April's tax returns determine what those quarterly payments will be, so naturally, right now we agents are wondering about ways to turn our expenses into tax deductions.

In real estate, we know – and constantly tell our customers – that procrastination doesn't pay. Most tax-smart strategies take time to implement and come with a December 31 deadline, so starting early can save you money and stress.

It's better, after all, to be celebrating the late December holiday season than scrambling to meet the IRS deadline....

Which brings us to one of the core tenets of applied Real Estate 101: the fact that a home represents one of the best ways – if not the best – to keep your money in your bank account and not in Uncle Sam's.

But the IRS isn't exactly hanging bells around its neck to help you find these tax breaks. You have to look for them.

Fortunately, some breaks are so significant that they are hard to miss – such as mortgage interest deduction, whereby home owners can deduct from their income the interest they pay on their mortgages.

Many other tax breaks, however, are frequently overlooked, which is a shame because they're often a simple matter of planning and timing.

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I did a little online research for suggestions of what homeowners can do right now to lighten their tax bills come April, 2015. I was looking for tips applicable to the amateur real estate investor who might be interested in the tax benefits he can gain from his primary house. Here are just a few...

- **Prepay Mortgage Interest.** As mentioned earlier, you as a homeowner know that your mortgage interest is tax-deductible. You receive your 1099 interest form from your lender and hand it over to your tax service at the end of the year. But maybe you would want to bump that figure up a little with having a higher interest rate? All you have to do is pay your January mortgage late in December. That way you'll be able to claim that month's interest a year in advance.

- **The 2 Out of 5 Rule.** A huge advantage of owning a home is the tax exemption on profits up to \$250,000 for singles and \$500,000 for married couples. Most people think about this profit as retirement income when they downsize in 20 or 30 years. But by that time the rules could change or, if they haven't, your profit might exceed the exemption.

If you have either the money to pay a contractor or the time for some do-it-yourself projects, you could profit from that exemption every couple of years. What other investment allows you to earn money tax-free!? The tax rules allow this exemption to every homeowner who has lived in his house and keep the first one as an investment property for a few months before selling.

- **Year End Improvements.** If you're a real estate investor, you know you have both straight business expenses and depreciation. Depreciation spreads the cost of significant improvements over a long period of time and begins the day the improvement goes into service. Making a capital improvement in December is only

going to get you one month's worth of depreciation during that tax year.

But expenses for maintenance – for things like painting, floor refinishing and replacing window blinds – can be fully claimed in the year they are expended. So, if you know you will be doing some major expense category work during the coming year, consider bumping it up to December of the current year. You can fully claim the expense the next month in your tax return.

- **Early tax planning** is smart tax planning and can save you a good chunk of money. And money saved is money earned....until, of course, the IRS makes another grab for it the following year.

*Mary Ellen Courtney is owner of Real Living Gateway Realtors, 201-288-0004. www.GatewayToHomes.com ###*

### Rutherford Taxpayers Meet December 3

The Rutherford Taxpayers Association will meet 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at the Rutherford Borough Hall.

Invitation have been sent to the two successful candidates for Rutherford Borough council, Stephanie McGowan and Carolyn Smith, to address the group at that time.

Members are reminded that dues of \$10 are now due for the 2014-2015 year.

Prospective members are always welcome as the RTA presents information to local citizens in a non-political form. This is done through the regular monthly meetings, open forums on a particular topic as well as newsletters mailed to members.

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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

In America, the weeks leading up to Christmas are the biggest shopping weeks of the year. Many retailers make up to 70% of their annual revenue in the month preceding Christmas.

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

The proud winner from the Wood-Ridge Intermediate School is Nicole Flores, an 11 year old, and from the Robert L. Craig School, Katelyn Spadavecchia, a 13 year old.

These young artists' use of color, texture and dimension and bold imagination made them contest winners and each

was awarded a check for \$100 for their talents.

The Wood-Ridge Lions want to thank all the students for their earnest participation in this contest. Special thanks to Mr. Robert Recchione, the principal at the Wood-Ridge Intermediate School and his art teacher as well as to Mr. Frank Scarafile, superintendent of Moonachie's Craig School and the patient guidance of his art teacher, Ms. Lee Ten-Hoeve, who never fails to inspire her students.

These two winners will advance to compete in the local Lions district-wide contest. *Provided by Rich McCullough. ###*

# 9/12 Generation Project

Since being sponsored by the NY Giants to join the 9/12 Generation Project, the students at Alfred S. Faust School in East Rutherford, NJ have made a commitment to volunteer. Throughout the school year, the students will be participating in special programs and school-wide projects to benefit the community and people in need around the world.

The educational division of the New York Says Thank You Foundation teaches students about 9/11 through the kind acts of 9/12. The program supports Character Education and emphasizes the core values of compassion, citizenship, kindness, diversity, overcoming tragedy through hope, and volunteerism.

Every month, our students will focus on a different community service organization to help raise awareness of

its cause. In the month of October, Faust joined forces with the Donate A Toothbrush organization. Our students and staff collected over 900 toothbrushes for children and adults in third-world countries. In the month of November, the school worked with the G.I. GO fund to raise funds and awareness for Veterans. As the holiday season draws near, the December project will be to help collect gifts through Toys for Tots and participate in the train pick up.

One of the biggest rewards in life is to be able to do something for someone who will never be able to pay you back. This project is teaching our students the art of giving. Please visit the East Rutherford Schools website, [www.erboe.net](http://www.erboe.net), for information, contact school counselor, Mrs. Algarin, if you are interesting in helping. *Provided by Rebecca Hersh. ###*

# W-R Lions News

The Wood-Ridge Lions Club has had a very busy fall season and successful beginning to their 2014-2015 year.

The Club celebrated their 75th Anniversary with a huge gala at the Fiesta on Friday October 17, 2014.

The Club again participated in the Lions International Peace Poster contest. Under the direction of Lion Rich McCullough, students from the 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 Club has continued their annual Thanksgiving food drive. Under the leadership of Chairman Joe Solda, the Club has over the past 16 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 8 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 via 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 30th Annual Beefsteak Dinner/Sports Night. Tickets (\$60.00 each) for the January 30, 2015 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 7:00 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 Grand Door 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. We will also have a number of other top door prizes including 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. You can also count on a couple of people getting "hosed."

Reminder, the entire building is "Smoke Free" and bringing in liquor from outside is prohibited! Note the 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 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](mailto:janpro911@aol.com) ###

# W-R Lions Celebrate 75 Years of Service

A Grand Gala was held on Friday, October 17, 2014, at the Fiesta, as the Wood-Ridge Lions Club celebrated a milestone of 75 years of service to the community and supporting blind charities, as well as honoring the 19 original members who founded the Club in 1939. The Wood-Ridge Lions Club was chartered by Lions Clubs International on June 23, 1939. Today there are 53 members.

Event Chairman and Past President Jack Nagel emceed the festivities, which included Keynote Speaker, Former Governor The Honorable Richard J. Codey, a Proclamation from Bergen County Executive Kathleen A. Donovan, and remarks of appreciation from the community by State Senator/Mayor Paul Sarlo, also a Wood-Ridge Lion.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of two Melvin Jones Fellowships, which is the highest honor for a Lion to receive. This award is named for the Lions Clubs Founder and is a significant emblem of the organization's humanitarian projects throughout the world.

The first honoree, Jim Love Sr., was recognized in memoriam, with the Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque presented to the family with many members in attendance. Lion Jim was longtime Club Secretary, and a special guiding figure. Although he did not wish to be a King Lion, the Board of Directors made him an Honorary President in 2003.

Recognized for his efforts in expanding one of the Club's annual service projects, Past President Joe Solda Jr. received his award for single-handedly taking over the Thanksgiving food drive, and through his leadership the Club's donation increased from 5 to 10 dinners in earlier years to serving 100 turkeys and Thanksgiving dinners to needy families of Bergen County since 2009. He plans to reach a goal of 1,000 dinners delivered to the Bergen County Food Bank this Thanksgiving.

In his address, Governor Codey spoke about his concerns for those facing mental challenges. Jack Nagel announced the Club was donating \$1,000 in Governor Codey's name to the Hoene Fienman Center for Retarded Citizens (ARC). Music was provided by the Alan Quinn Orchestra. They started the first set with music from the Big Band Era to commemorate the music that would have been familiar to the Charter members. *Story provided by Dennis Brubaker. ###*

# W-R Memorial Foundation To Honor Six

Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation President, Paul Calocino, is pleased to announce that the Foundation will honor six from the community and the education field at the annual Foundation spring dinner dance.

Tony Albro, the current principal at the C.E. Doyle School, Robin Woods, long time teacher in the Wood-Ridge School system, Paul Clemente, two time WRFD Chief, Ed Garrett, along with Sandy and Angelo Urato, for their community service, have been selected as the honorees.

The dinner dance is scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2015 at the Fiesta. A full course dinner will be served. Entertainment will be provided by the Alan Quinn Band.

Please reserve the date for this important fund raising event for the Foundation. Additional information and tickets will be available in the early part of 2015. ###


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# Veterans Today

By Thomas Marshall

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### Christmas Truce

Christmas time has come again. No doubt, you will once again sit and watch the seasonal movies that have been played for years.

Why do we do that? Watch a movie we can quote because we saw it so many times? Some are comedies, but we know the jokes by now.

Some are serious but we know the presented message after so many viewings. Maybe it is recalling a memory from a long gone forgotten childhood.

A piece of Christmas Joy in a world that sometimes, isn't so joyful. As for me, I always thought the greatest Christmas story told never made it to a movie screen. You're not likely to find it on your TV set, and it has nothing to do with Santa. To find it, you must look in the most unlikely place of all, the trenches of World War I.

When the war started in 1914 the German Army pushed through France and Belgium. The advance ground to a halt after heavy fighting, both sides dug tremendous amounts of trenches to protect themselves from machine gun fire and artillery shells.

Things ground to a stalemate and both sides, Allies and Germans, found themselves in some places no more than 40 yards apart. The trenches were a miserable place to be. They would fill up with water and rats ran around everywhere. Dead men had to be buried, not to mention there is someone not far away looking to kill you.

How is all this possible to deal with? How can a soldier make this more livable? The Allies at the time, French and British troops, had one other group there sharing their misery, the Germans.

You are never supposed to fraternize with the enemy. (*That means make any contact with enemy without orders from above.*) The Generals sometimes miss some of the small things in life. Maybe if we let the Germans come out to bury their dead, it wouldn't smell so bad. So, small things become a kind of unwritten rule in some parts of the Western Front. Burial details in many parts were not shot at.

Witnesses reported that groups of soldiers would come out and exercise in full view of the enemy just to escape the

wet trench and would not be shot at.

Of course, this was against everything the Generals wanted and anyone caught letting the Germans dry out would face courts martial but in most cases, no one said a word. We know of this from letters written home from the Western Front.

Fraternization not stopped would of course get larger. There are many cases recorded that it wasn't soon thereafter that soldiers met in no man's land (*the area in between the front lines*) and began exchanging gifts of cigarettes and beef and vegetables that could not be readily gotten.

As this went on so did the war. Men from both sides killed one another every day in staggering numbers.

Pope Benedict XV asked that the warring sides stop the killing and slaughter for at least the day the Angels Sing. Neither side paid any attention to him. The killing continued.

As December came in 1914, many of those on the front line had seen men killed and of course, done some of the killing. For most of them, being young men, it was their first time away from home. Many were homesick and sick of the war.

On the Western Front in Belgium an odd turn of events would happen on Christmas Eve. A group of Germans in the trench began singing Christmas carols.

They lit candles and decorated little Christmas trees. Marking a trench with candles was either foolish or insane. The artillery could zero in on the trench but amazingly enough, the guns fell silent, rifles and artillery.

The Christmas Spirit became infectious and soon the British soldiers were singing carols as well. Not too long

## DAV Meets

The Disabled American Veterans, Bergen County Chapter 15 invites Veterans who have incurred disabilities as a result of their service in the Armed Forces to attend monthly meetings 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (*except July and August*) at VFW Post 809, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry, NJ.

Chapter Service Officers are available to file claims for compensation on your behalf.

For additional information call Commander Ignazio Valente at 201-421-5922 or email: [davchap15@yahoo.com](mailto:davchap15@yahoo.com) ###

after they actually began greeting one another across no man's land and exchanged gifts with one another.

Letters show that souvenir buttons and tobacco were widely traded, along with hats and alcohol as well.

Christmas Day saw more of the same. One British soldier, a witness to the incredible sight saw one of his machine gunners giving haircuts to German soldiers. A letter home had the story of English, Scots, and Germans singing Auld Lang Syne. You can sing this song in any language no one really knows the words to it.

There are many stories of there being soccer games between the Germans and British. Many historians doubt it, in part to the terrain, but I myself believe there were some games. The number of letters that claim games were played make me think so.

One story had the Germans win 3 to 2. While looking this up, I found that some Belgian troops whose towns were now in German territory, actually passed mail to the Germans to deliver to their families. The next day the fighting started anew.

It is not possible to get a complete count, but it is estimated that over 100,000 British, French, Belgian and German soldiers took part in the Christmas Truce.

It wasn't allowed by any government, not sanctioned or ordered by any headquarters, just soldiers sick and tired of killing and destroying and deciding to put the war off for another day and bring Christmas to the most unlikely place on earth.

The war would continue of course, for another 4 years. Millions would die and the world map would change and new boundaries drawn, but out of all the carnage and horror no

one forgot the 1914 Christmas Truce.

It's hard to believe that this year marks 100 years since that Christmas Day, when mortal enemies became friends. Anything can happen, on the Day Angels sing.

So, you already know, little Timmy will walk and Ebenezer Scrooge will find his soul but this to me is the greatest Christmas Story ever told. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah. ###

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## Pearl Harbor Attack Memorial Service

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2014, at 1 p.m. at the USS Ling New Jersey Naval Museum in 78 River Street, Hackensack.

The program will honor the memory of the 2,402 Americans lost, 1,282 injured, five of eight battleships that were sunk or sinking with the rest damaged, several other ships and Hawaii-based combat planes that were knocked out by the Japanese "sneak attack" of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. All Veterans and the public are especially welcome to attend. ###

## Author Dedicates Book to Post 106

Most Post commanders are happy to get a letter thanking them for donations. Mike Cahill of Post 106 Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, got a lot more than a letter.

Aimee McCarthy, a new young author, dedicated her first e-book to Post 106. Title of the book, "36 Week Jam Session" is available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Smashwords, free for a limited time.

The dedication reads: "I would like to dedicate this book to American Legion Post 106 of Hasbrouck Heights, NJ for helping me with my education."

Nice to know that investments in children's education can come back in unexpected ways. ###

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## Pearl Harbor Service: Dinner Dance Follows December 6

On Saturday, December 6, 2014, The Bergen County American Legion is having a Pearl Harbor Day Reemergence Ceremony at Elmwood Park Post 147, 1 Legion Place, Elmwood Park, starting at 4 p.m. Attendance is free. If anyone knows or is a Pearl Harbor Survivor, please contact Bob Salvini (bobsalvini@att.net) so that they can recognize you/ them at the ceremony.

A dinner dance follows from 5 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$25 pp and includes a hot buffet, beer, soda and cash bar. Swing and oldies music will be provided by DJ Jim Cava.

All proceeds benefit NJ Mission of Honor for the remains of American Veterans (www.njsmissionofhonor.org)

For tickets call Bob at 201-368-3453, Francis at 201-906-1592, Bob at 201-370-1648 or email bobsalvini@att.net ###



## Fenton Memorialized

On Saturday, November 15, 2014, Gold Star Mother Diane Fenton unveiled a street sign "Matt Fenton Drive," off Main Street in Little Ferry, NJ.

The Borough of Little Ferry held a dedication service. VFW Post 809 member, Thomas Marshall, was the MC. Father Kevin Carter of St. Margaret Church provided the opening and closing prayers.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the "Star Spangled Banner," Ms. Maureen Emich, the developer who created the roadway, made comments and presented Mrs. Fenton with a bouquet of flowers.

Joshua Valentin, representing the family, reminisced about their shared youth. LF Councilman Steve Lanum, Mayor Mauro Raguseo and Assemblywoman Marlene Caride made comments.

Mrs. Fenton and Mayor Raguseo uncovered the street sign, while "God Bless America" was played.

Following "Taps," Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 800 rifle squad, shot a salute.

Sgt. Matthew Fenton, 24, died May 5, 2006, from wounds received April 26, while conducting combat operations in Anbar Province, Iraq. ###



(l to r) Nathaniel Onorato, Richard Newmann, Andrew Kalmowitz, Patrick Hughes, David Terreri, David Sembrano, and Anthony Stefanelli.

## 2014 Boys State Delegates Honored

On October 28, 2014, Patrick Hughes, Andrew Kalmowitz, Richard Newmann, Nathaniel Onorato, David Sembrano, Anthony Stefanelli, and David Terreri, all seniors at Hasbrouck Heights High School, received a "Certificate of Appreciation and Participation" for attending the American Legion Boys State in June, 2014. The seven boys were delegates sponsored by the Capt. James B. Scarr American Legion Post 106. Local Boys State chairman Peter J. Gallo presented the certificates to the seniors.

American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS) is a mythical

cal fifty-first state organized and administered for citizenship training purposes under the auspices of the American Legion Department of New Jersey. A session of Jersey Boys State has been held annually since the first session in 1946. Held at Rider University every year beginning on Father's Day, ALJBS has a strong tradition of education, patriotism and excellence in the development of tomorrow's leaders at our weeklong hands-on program.

Only high school juniors are eligible for the program. American Legion Posts throughout the state of New Jersey sponsor each delegate. They expect about 1,000 del-

egates to attend the 70th Session of New Jersey Boys State at Rider University in June 2015. More information can be obtained on line by going to <http://www.aljbs.org>.

Guidance counselors stress that college admissions officers are impressed with applicants who have special achievements such as being a Boys State Delegate, an Eagle Scout, etc.

Mr. Gallo stated that the American Legion is presently looking for 11th Grade boys who reside in Hasbrouck Heights and have a desire to attend Boys State 2015. Interested boys should contact him at 201-288-0276. *Story and photo by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

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3rd Annual Moonachie Mystery 5K Run

The South Bergen Rotary Club held its 3rd Annual Moonachie Mystery Run on Saturday, October 25, 2014. 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.

The top male finisher was Borris Gavilanes, 48, Hack-

ensack with 18:58.12. The top female finisher was Samantha Tritt, 24, Wood-Ridge with 23:37.01.

The youngest runner was Brandon Palumbo, 12, Little Ferry with 33:57.41 and the oldest was Bill Welsh, 85, Staten Island with 52:27.07

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 assisted.

Proceeds benefited Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy ([www.parentprojectmd.org](http://www.parentprojectmd.org)) and other local charities. Results at [compuscore.com](http://compuscore.com) ###

# Storm Preparedness

## Why prepare for winter storms?

Last year here in the Northeast, we faced some of the harshest winter weather we have endured in a long time.

Each year several dozen people in the U.S. die due to cold exposure. In addition, many more people are severely injured because of storm related motor vehicle accidents, hypothermia, and frostbite.

Power and other utility outages during winter storms can leave you in the dark for several days with no heat, light, refrigeration, or electrical power to re-charge all of those precious cell phones and other electronic devices we have come to cherish and depend on so much.

## So, what can we do?

There are several things you can do to protect yourself and your family.

- First, create a Family Disaster Plan. Meet with your family and discuss and practice your plan. Pick two locations to meet and gather together should an emergency occur.

One spot outside your home or business for such emergencies as a fire and one spot away from your neighborhood in case you cannot return home.

Designate an out of state

relative or friend as your “family check-in contact” for everyone to call if you get separated. Also, discuss what you will do if you have to evacuate.

Teach young children how to call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

You should also have a Disaster Supplies Kit and/or a Go-Bag. These should include a 3 day supply of water (1 gal./per person/per day), food that will not spoil such as granola bars, one change of clothes and shoes per person, one blanket or sleeping bag per person, a first aid kit, all prescription medications, emergency tools, a battery powered NOAA Weather Radio, flashlight with extra batteries, an extra set of car keys, cash and a credit card, and any specialty items needed for any infant, elderly or disabled members of your family.

For further information please check these most valuable online resources:

- National Weather Service: [www.weather.gov/okx](http://www.weather.gov/okx)
- FEMA: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
- American Red Cross: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

*By Dr. Roger J. Szanto, R.E.M.T., C.E.M.; Deputy Coordinator, Office of Emergency Management; NOAA Storm-Ready Coordinator; Borough of Hasbrouck Heights*



On October 26, 2014, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department held a breakfast at Fire Headquarters. Menu included eggs, sausage, rolls, juice, coffee, etc. Photo of the kitchen crew by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###

## WRFD Calendar Drive

In November 2014, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department delivered 2015 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.

If you did not receive your calendar, call 201-939-2387. ###



## Cold Moon

The December full moon appears on Saturday, December 6, 2014, at 7:27 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. ###

## MVA with Extrication

On October 27, 2014, at about 17:19 hours, the WRFD was dispatched to Hackensack Street, for a motor vehicle crash with a car into the building. Firefighters and EMTs arrived and found two cars had collided, sending one car into the stairs of 287 Hackensack Street.

The driver of this vehicle was trapped in the car and needed to be extricated. Firefighters and EMTs stabilized the vehicles and patients, then began the process of extricating the trapped driver. Firefighters removed both driver’s side doors to assist in removing the injured driver. The drivers of both vehicles were transported to HUMC with moderate injuries by EMS906 and Moonachie EMS. Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



On October 21, 2014, the WRFD responded to a kitchen fire on Wood-Ridge Avenue which was quickly extinguished. No injuries reported. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



Wood-Ridge Firefighter Stephen Sarracino was recognized for forty years of service during a Mayor and Council Meeting on October 21, 2014. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###

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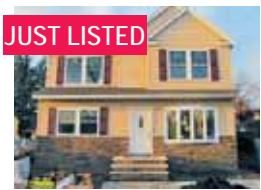


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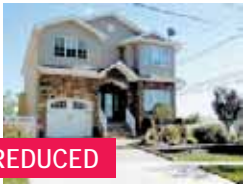
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