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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 the “Regional Salute to Veterans” ceremony held November 8, 2015 at the NJ Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum at Teterboro Airport. *Photos of this event on page 22.*
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Salute to Vets

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On October 24, 2015, Hasbrouck Heights hosted its 14th Shred-it event at the Central Avenue parking lot. About 7,520 pounds of paper was collected - the third highest total collected. ###

Heights Satellite Recycling Drop-off

The Hasbrouck Heights Recycling Program coordinator reminds residents of the Satellite Recycling drop-off located at the The Boulevard and Central Avenue parking lot. It is available the first Saturday of every month from 7 a.m. to noon.

This disposal site collects the following items for recycling: bottles, cans, plastic bottles, newspapers, cardboard, magazines, junk mail, and E-waste such as computer equipment and TVs. For more information, call 201-288-1072. ###

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Holiday “Road Trip” Tips

Suggestions for Safe Holiday Travel.

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

Plan Ahead

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

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

- Plan enough travel time for your trip to include breaks.
- Plan your route before you leave and take along a map or GPS so you are prepared if you need to take a detour or alternate route due to road conditions or accidents.
- Don’t leave on a long trip after eating a large meal. Never drink and drive. ###



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Boulevard Stroll

On October 15, 2015, area residents strolled along The Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights, met up with friends and neighbors, and savored some fun activities.

On October 14, about 400 youngsters created Halloween-themed paintings on Boulevard business windows for strollers to enjoy.

• **Chip Dee Academy of Music** provided continuous live entertainment at several sidewalk locations.

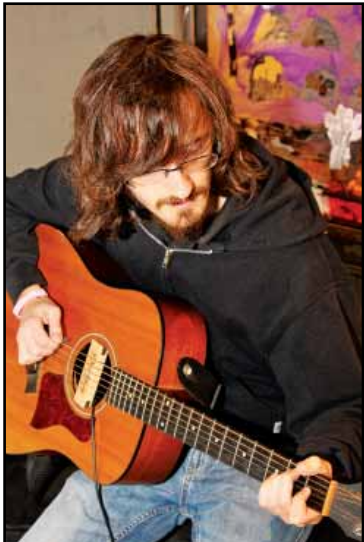
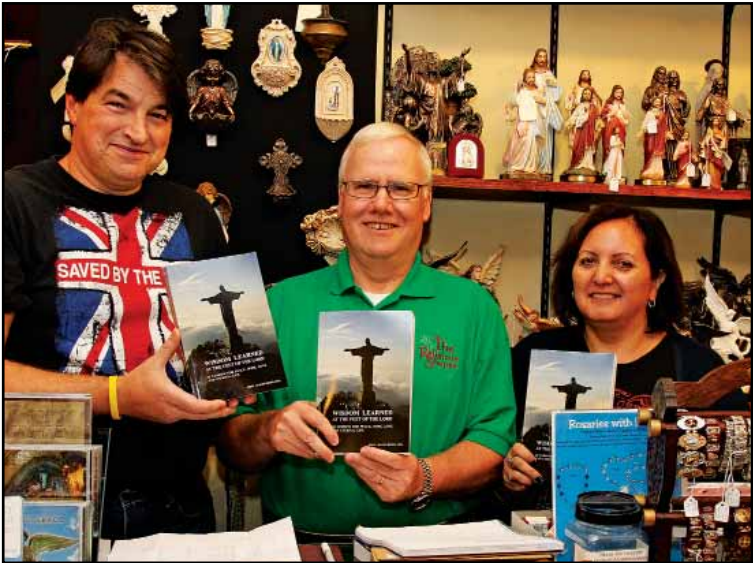
• The Junior Friends of The Library hosted a Scavenger Hunt with gift card prizes.

• **The Friends of The Hasbrouck Heights Library** ran a first-run double feature at 5 p.m., “Hotel Transylvania” and at 7 p.m., “Avengers: Age of Ultron.”

• **Xcel Tae Kwon Do** held martial arts demonstrations.

• Several restaurants offered evening specials.

The event was organized by The Hasbrouck Heights Friends of The Library and the Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce. ###





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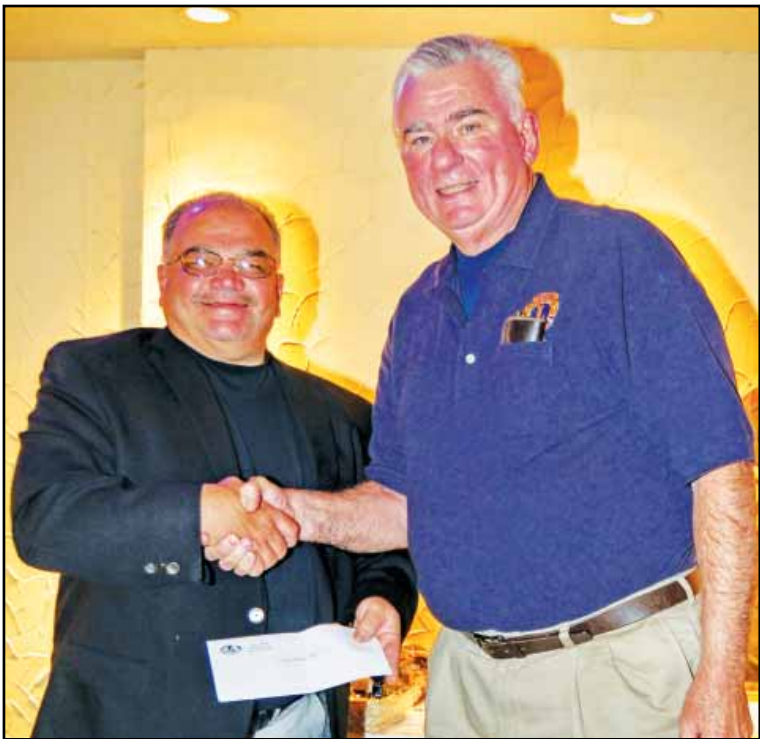


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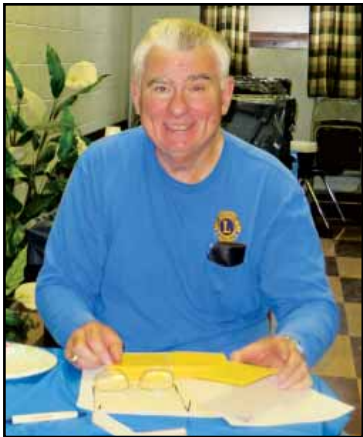
Wood-Ridge Police Chief Joe Rutigliano accepts a check from Wood-Ridge Lions Club Board of Directors Member, Jack Nagel. The check was presented at the dinner held at The Fiesta following the annual golf outing. This check for \$1,000 brings the total the Club has donated to the Wood-Ridge PBA Vest Fund to \$16,000 since the fund drive began 16 years ago. The Club is proud to support this worthy cause! *Photo by Peter O'Brien. ###*

Church Fundraiser a Success

The annual Church picnic of the Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge was held in the Father Patrick Morris Hall on October 25, 2015. At that time the drawing of the Church's 50/50 raffle took place.

Before the drawing, raffle chairman, Jack Nagel, presented Pastor Rev. Richard Mucowski a check for over \$6,100, the Church's income from the raffle. Three lucky winners shared the remaining revenue.

Jack has been in charge of the Parish's major fundraiser for the past 24 years. Whenever the Church runs a raffle, Jack can be seen outside the Church after and before every Mass selling tickets. He is active in his community and very active in the local Lions Club.



Father Richard thanked John Podesta, owner of the Kohler Funeral Home in Wood-Ridge for providing the refreshments for the picnic. He also thanked the many parishioners who brought the dessert. Finally, Fr. Richard recognized the efforts of Jack Nagel. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

Three years later and still rebuilding...



Stash the Trash was held on school property. Approximately 2 cubic yards of materials were picked up. Ms. Kenny, a Robert L. Craig teacher, with parents, DPW employees and students, organized the approximately 40 people in the event. Bergen County Clean Communities supplied the materials for the clean-up as part of the Moonachie Community Day, October 24, 2015.



Following the Race2Rebuild Moonachie 5K, a community breakfast was held with a brief program commemorating the third anniversary of Sandy. Volunteers went to the Moonachie Community Center to work on the South Bergen Rotary Club Foundation's Snack Pack Program. About 600 packs were assembled for distribution in Moonachie and Little Ferry schools. The funds were generated by a recently held tricky tray. ###



Following the Race2Rebuild Moonachie 5K, Bergen County VOAD led kids in a "Zombie Ready Family Disaster Preparedness Game." This included several stations: Fire (low and go and drop and roll), Dracula cough -(cough in your arm), make a plan, first aid for victims, etc. Participants received a ready to go emergency "Bug Out Bag." ###



KC 4524 Supports FSEC

Each year the Knights of Collumbus Council 4524 takes to the streets in their yellow vests to raise money for organizations that support the intellectually and physically challenged. This year they were able to present Felician School for Exceptional Children with a check for \$2,287.10. They were able to make this donation thanks to the generosity of many compassionate drivers.

In further support of the Felician School, their Council presented a check for an additional \$1,000 by means of a golf outing in memorial of deceased brother Sir Knight Robert Slamiak.

Presenting these checks are Grand Knight James Doyle, Joseph Egan, Sister Mary Ramona, Pat Brislin and a few members of the student body which will benefit these endeavors. *Provided by KC 4524. ###*

Go to page 34 for more about the 3rd Sandy Anniversary activities 5K Run, program and home rebuilding project.

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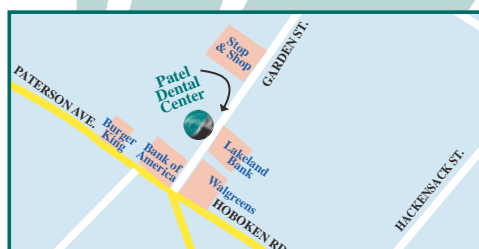
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*From our family to yours, wishing you
a happy and healthy Holiday Season.*

-- Dr. Patel & Staff



On the afternoon of October 22, 2015, The Boulevard Window Painting winners assembled for a group photo with program sponsor, John Kosakowski, of **Bill O’Shea’s Florist**. ###



Pierrepont Hosts New Families

On the morning of October 5, 2015, Pierrepont School in Rutherford, NJ held their annual New Family Welcome Breakfast for all new Pierrepont families for the 2015-2016 school year. Each family was invited to meet various staff members while being provided a complimentary breakfast. Families received information about local community opportunities available near the Rutherford School District. Additionally, new students were paired with student mentors who were new students from previous school years. (l-r) Student mentor, Giselle Concepcion, and new student, Mahogany Venson, enjoying their tasty breakfast. *Provided by JoAnn Hughes. ###*

Rutherford Students Welcome Magic Jim

On October 22, 2015, the Fourth and Fifth Graders at Pierrepont School attended an assembly featuring Magic Jim. Magic Jim has performed his craft since a young age and now uses his magic to teach students to be people of good character to help “bully-proof” schools. Students and staff were invited on stage to help Magic Jim perform his tricks, learn about respect, responsibility, and caring, and to have a little fun as well. Students and staff both participated in Magic Jim’s performance as helpers and junior magicians to help spread the word about bullying. *Provided by JoAnn Hughes. ###*



Daisy Girl Scouts Learn Healthy Habits

Girl Scouts of Northern NJ, Daisy Troop 95994 of Wood-Ridge, visited with Miss Sami, the Dietician at the Shop Rite in Wallington, on November 1, 2015, where they learned about food groups and nutrition. The girls went on a healthy food scavenger hunt and received stickers for answering questions. What a fun way learn about eating nutritionally and staying healthy, while earning another petal. *Provided by Sandra O’Byrne ###*



With guidance from their teacher, Miss Nicole Zayatz, Union School’s 8th Grade Math Lab students are building a strong foundation for their school year, while having fun learning about architecture! Miss Zayatz received a Rutherford Education Foundation grant that allows her students the opportunity to analyze the structures of famous buildings around the world and reproduce them in Lego form. Pictured above are models of the White House, Big Ben, and Space Needle, to name a few. By the end of the school year, they aspire to build a model of Union School in Lego blocks! *Provided by JoAnn Hughes. ###*

Photo: Front Row (left to right): Chloe van der Laak, Noah Fernandez, Sarah Scotti, Matt Salehi. Back Row (left to right): Steven Cisneros, Brian Inguanti, Emily Muller, Ben Crowley. ###

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Rutherford Students “Go Purple”

Under the supervision of Mr. Siskas (*guidance counselor*) and Miss Truncellito, Mrs. Collins, and Miss Bertrand (teacher advisors), Union School’s Friends of Rachel Club organized a school-wide Purple Day on Thursday, October 15, 2015. Students and faculty were encouraged to “Go Purple!” in a stand against bullying, specifically showing support for LGBT youth. Observed annually since 2010, individuals, schools, organizations, corporations, and public figures wear purple, which symbolizes spirit on the rainbow flag. Pictured from left to right in the top row are 8th Graders Alexis Kidchob, Seojeong Yoo, and Junga Shin. In the middle row, from left to right, are 7th Graders Harsith Panneerselvan, Evan Ward, and Stefanie Rettenberger. In the front row, left to right are 6th Graders Olivia Smith, Lauren Hayes, Jordyn Buckley, and Kimberly Vosbrink. *Provided by JoAnn Hughes. ###*



Wood-Ridge Girl Scouts Wishing Everyone a Happy Harvest

Girl Scouts of Northern NJ Cadette Troop 94037, are seen here with their harvest of festive pumpkin centerpieces created to decorate the Wood-Ridge Senior Center. The pumpkins added an autumnal flair to the Annual Senior Citizens Halloween Party and Fall Activities. The Girls wished the seniors and all an abundant harvest season and a Blessed Thanksgiving. *Provided by Sandra O’Byrne. ###*

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WR Students Assist Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of Paterson is an organization that my students work with often. They always have an extremely rewarding experience.

The work is not always easy and Wood-Ridge Junior Senior High School National Honor Society are always learning something new. The students never cease to amaze

in their willingness to work hard and give back to the community through Habitat for Humanity.

On October 16, 2015 they worked with Habitat of Paterson raking, clearing and digging the backyard all day long in the effort to level it off and prepare for sod to be put down.

Habitat for Humanity of

Paterson is wonderful due to their incredible staff who ensure the students are always working, having fun, and learning about both the process of building a home and the function of Habitat for Humanity, in providing homes for those that are unable to afford a home otherwise. *Provided by Mal-lory Garvin. ###*



Fourth Grade students from Mrs. Feldman's class at McKenzie School in East Rutherford at S.T.E.A.M. (*Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics*) field trip at the South Bergen Jointure Commission in Maywood. Students are featured collaborating to create 3D models of ecosystems on continents throughout the world. *Provided by Karen Dey. ###*



Kindergarten students from Mrs. Narkiewicz's class at McKenzie School in East Rutherford are all ready to listen on the story steps in the Media Center. *Provided by Karen Dey. ###*



Enjoy Meeting People? Become a Docent!

The Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum at Teterboro Airport is seeking volunteer tour guides (docents) who enjoy meeting people.

Volunteer docents lead informative museum tours of displays, punctuated with brief historical accounts of New Jersey's aviation pioneers, heroes and events.

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For additional information, call Roger at 201-967-0419, or Shea at 201-288-6344. *###*



Oktoberfest Celebration

The International Foods classes of the Family & Consumer Sciences Department at Rutherford High School held an Oktoberfest on Friday, October 9, 2015. Students in the classes of Mr. Williams and Ms. Cafiero prepared and sampled a variety of German foods including wursts, apple sauce and potato salad. Fine, Practical & Performing Arts Supervisor, Mr. Mullins, performed a variety of authentic Oktoberfest songs on the accordion. All enjoyed this seasonal tradition and were certainly well fed! *Provided by JoAnn Hughes.*

Caption: Rutherford High School students Megan Rahim (on left) and Ryeung Kyeung Kim preparing an Oktoberfest meal. *###*



The PTA at McKenzie School in East Rutherford sponsored an anti-bullying education assembly, presented by Steven Woyce. He and Mr. Barrow, Principal, are pictured with members of the Second Grade, who are wearing yellow for respect, one of the Pillars of Character. Mr. Woyce attended McKenzie when he was an elementary school student. *Provided by Karen Dey. ###*



Mrs. Ferrell's Kindergarten students at McKenzie School in East Rutherford show they all care for each other by wearing red which represents the anti-bullying color in the Pillars of Character. *Provided by Karen Dey. ###*

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The 13th Gift

On Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 7:15 p.m., The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will discuss “The 13th Gift” by Joanne Huist Smith. All are welcome. ###

Love in the Time of Cholera

On Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 7 p.m. The Carlstadt Evening Book Club will be discussing “Love in the Time of Cholera” by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Light refreshments will be served. New members are always welcome!

Please call Rebecca at 201-438-8866 ex. 204 for further information. ###

W-R ESL Classes

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

Toastmasters Meet Monday Evenings

Looking to develop speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career?

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Questions? Contact Diane Rose of Toastmasters at 201-396-0532. ###

Toastmasters Meet Saturday Mornings

Learning to speak in public has now been made easy! The Toastmasters Club, which meets in Rutherford, has weekly programs which provide "hands on" public speaking and leadership training to anyone interested in improving themselves.

The Fairleigh Early Birds Toastmasters Club meets every Saturday morning at 9:30 to 11 a.m. at The Rutherford Library downstairs auditorium. All are invited to attend. Stop in as a guest! For details: <http://4229.toastmastersclubs.org> ###

Food for Fines

Join Carlstadt Library throughout the month of December as they participate in the Food For Fines campaign.

Your generous contribution will benefit the St. Joseph’s food pantry, which distributes food to families in need in the towns of Carlstadt and Rutherford.

The Food for Fines Program will allow people to pay up to \$ 20 of outstanding fines on each Library card.

For each can or package of non-perishable food that is donated, The Library will deduct \$1 from a person’s fine. To participate, simply bring in your non-perishable or toiletry items to the front desk.

This offer is valid only for Carlstadt patrons and does not apply to lost books or other BCCLS libraries.

Patrons who don’t have fines are still welcome to join in the fight against hunger.

For more information please call Miss Erin at 201-438-8866 ex. 203. ###

Carlstadt Movie Tuesday!

Let Carlstadt “take” you to the movies every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. for a feature film.

Popcorn and beverages will be provided. No registration required for this free event! Call 201-438-8866 ex. 204 for more information about this month’s selections. The Carlstadt Library is located 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt. ###

W-R Storytime for Preschool Pals and Toddler Time

• Preschool Pals: Every Tuesday, at 12:00 p.m., children ages 4-5 can enjoy weekly themed storytime, songs, and a craft.

• Toddler Time: Every Thursday, at 10:30 a.m., children ages 3 and under can come in for weekly themed storytime, songs, and a craft. Registration is required; space is limited. Call 201-438-2455 to register. ###

Free Movies

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

Cookie Swap

On Wednesday, December 2, 2015, join the Carlstadt Library for their first annual cookie exchange. Sign up at the reference desk with the recipe of your favorite cookie or cookie bar.

Bring at least 2 dozen of your favorite homemade cookies, enough to swap and snack! Each person will go home with a selection of cookies and a recipe book.

Don’t forget to bring a container with you to transport your cookies home. Mmmm... YUM!

This event is limited to 10 people, so sign up today and be a part of the cookie fun!

Please call Rebecca at 201-438-8866 ex. 204 for further information. ###

Unwind and Color

On December 9, at 7 p.m. and December 11, 2015 at 11 a.m., come the The Carlstadt Library and de-stress before the holidays with this two day special adult only coloring program.

Experience the latest trend in relaxation, adult coloring books! Studies show coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and helps promote overall wellness. Coloring pages from books designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils, gel pens and markers will be provided.

Please call Rebecca at 201-438-8866 ex. 204 for further information. ###

Paws for Reading

Young Readers Wanted! On Monday, December 7 and 21, 2015, 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 certified therapy dogs, Rodney and Teddy.

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

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

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

W-R Chess Club

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. ###

ThyCa Meetings

Thyroid Cancer Survivors’ Association, Inc. meets the first Thursday of every month from 6 to 8 p.m. at the W-R Memorial Library. All are welcome. No registration required. Call Kerrie at 860-938-6996 for more information. ###

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Seniors' Mystery Trip Travels to Virginia

Forty-six seniors from Carlstadt, Wood-Ridge, Hasbrouck Heights, Little Ferry, Teaneck, Lodi, and Garfield met at 8 a.m. in Carlstadt on October 26, 2015. They were all there to share in a four-day trip to an unknown destination. The only people who knew where the group would be going were the bus driver and escort from Senior Tours.

A Mystery Trip is a short stay travel experience to an unknown destination. It offers all an exciting way to enjoy a short break, along with a pleasant element of surprise and shared with group of people from their generation. 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.

They left Carlstadt, traveled south on the New Jersey Turnpike, into Delaware, then Maryland, through Baltimore, past Washington, DC and finally at the Country Inn & Suites in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Of course, there were rest stops on the way as well as a stop for lunch.

Harrisonburg is a city whose total area is 17.4 square miles and has a population of over 40,000 residents. It is located in the Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia and is the county seat of Rockingham County. It is the home to James Madison University and Eastern Mennonite University.

After the seniors had unpacked their luggage, they boarded the bus again to go out to dinner. The dinner was at the Wood Grill Buffet. The food there was great with a huge variety to select from.

After dinner they returned to the Inn for an evening of socializing and finally resting in preparation for the long day ahead.

Next morning, after breakfast, they went to Shenandoah National Park. The Park covers the crest of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains for over seventy-five miles. This was the perfect time to catch peak foliage in the park.

A guide traveled with the



group explaining the history of the park. Almost 40% of the land area 79,579 acres (124,342 sq. mi) has been designated as wilderness and is protected as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. This area is the safe home to reindeer, bears and many species of birds. The tour visited the park museum where the group viewed a short video about the history of the park.

For lunch the group was treated to a meal at the Big Meadows Lodge in the park. The dessert was blackberry ice cream, which everyone enjoyed.

After lunch the bus took the seniors to the Shenandoah Heritage Market. This is the area's largest enclosed country market. Seniors wandered through the twenty plus locally owned and operated shops which included shops for homemade fudge, jams and pie fillings, bulk foods, cheeses, candy, kitchenware, furniture, quilts, antiques etc. The market provided all a hassle-free atmosphere with its many park benches and rocking chairs to relax on.

After returning to their lodgings and resting, they were driven to a Cracker Barrel Restaurant for dinner. The weather during that day was damp, with rain showers throughout the day.

The third day of the trip had even more prolonged rain showers throughout the day. However, the group continued their journey by visiting Lexington, VA. The city was named after Lexington, Massachusetts which was the place where the first shot was fired in the American Revolution. There are 32 cities in the United

States with the names. Lexington, Virginia was the first of the many cities to take that name.

In Lexington, the group picked up another guide who explained the history of Lexington. They visited the Virginia Military Institute Museum and Chapel; traveled past the campus of Washington and Lee University (*Robert E. Lee's grave site is in the Lee Chapel on the campus*); viewed Stonewall Jackson's House; and viewed the Stonewall Jackson gravesite located in the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery. Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson died at the age of 39.

After the tour the seniors had free time to visit the many stores in Lexington as well as having their lunch there. After lunch they traveled to one of the oldest travel destinations in the United States, which has earned a place on many "Seven Natural Wonders of the World" lists, the Natural Bridge.

Thomas Jefferson once owned the bridge. It was surveyed by a young George Washington and later traveled by battle-worn soldiers of the Civil War. The bridge is a geological formation in which Cedar Creek has carved out a gorge in the mountainous limestone terrain, forming a natural arch 215 feet high with a span of 90 feet. The guide at this location gave an excellent presentation of history of the bridge and the area surrounding it.

Before dinner the group took a tour of Harrisonburg. A guide joined them to relate experiences of haunting tales of the ghost in many of the city's buildings. After that they ate dinner at O'Charley's Restaurant where all who ate the ribs, and had the apple pie a la mode, could not stop talking about them.

Next morning the seniors left for home. They thanked Susan from Senior Tours and bus driver, Jeff, for a well planned trip. The trip home traveled from Virginia to West Virginia to Maryland then Pennsylvania and finally New Jersey. *Provided by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

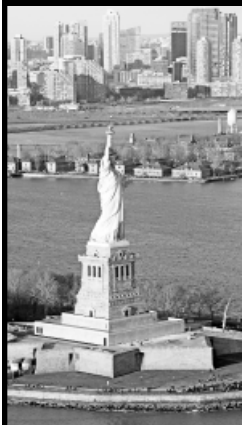
Some members of the Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club were on a mystery trip with Senior Tours and visited the Shenandoah Valley National Park. Additionally, they visited Lexington, VA and the Virginia Military Institute and its museum which contains Stonewall Jackson's horse and the uniform he wore when he was shot, showing the bullet hole in his arm which was eventually amputated. Formerly a school for young men, women are now students in this military school similar to West Point. *Story and photo provided by Dolores McGuire. ###*



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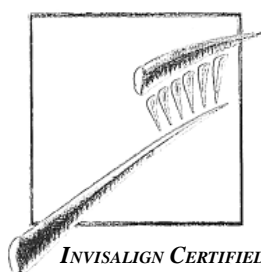
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Annual Soup and Salad Luncheon

The Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights will hold its Annual Soup and Salad Luncheon on Monday, January 18, 2016, from noon until 1:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

Tickets are \$8 per person. Take-outs available. Come and beat the winter blues with some warm soup, friendship and conversation. Contact Marge at 201-288-8933 or Pat 201-288-0495 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. ###

Tricky Tray January 17

The First Presbyterian Church in Carlstadt is hosting a Tricky Tray on Sunday, January 17, 2016, starting at 1 p.m. at The Graycliff.

Donation is \$45 per person and includes dinner, soda and a sheet of tickets for regular level prizes. Cash bar. Must be 18 and over. Reserved seating. For tickets call Sue or Harold at 201-438-2273. ###

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

Pancake Breakfast January 10

The Lodi Fire Department Honor Guard is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 10, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 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. ###

Family Breakfast Sunday, Dec. 13

The St. Michael's Council of the Knights of Columbus is having its monthly buffet-style Family Breakfast on Sunday, December 13, 2015, 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.

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The Hasbrouck Heights Elks Lodge #1962 will host a New Year's Eve Dinner catered by the Brownstone. Live music will be provided by "The Troublemakers." The cost is \$65 per person. For reservations, call Linda at 973-980-4773.

The Elks Lodge is located at: 128 Baldwin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. ###

Free Lunch Saturday

Everyone is invited to the First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie for the "Free Lunch Saturday" program, which will be held on December 5, 2015, at 11:30 a.m. This hot lunch features "ham dinner."

This program is an expansion of the Church's ministry of feeding hungry bodies and hungry hearts, and continues on the first Saturday of every month. If the economy's got you down, or you want to share a meal with others, come and be a part of this celebration of the Moonachie community. There is no charge and there are no strings attached! ###

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

Sensitive Teeth

• What is dentin hypersensitivity?

Dentin hypersensitivity, more commonly referred to as sensitive teeth, can be defined as short, sharp pains that come from exposed dentin (*the layer of tissue found beneath the hard enamel that contains the inner pulp*).

Individuals with sensitive teeth may find that the pain can be triggered by hot, cold, sour, or sweet beverages or foods, forceful brushing or flossing, or even by cold air.

• What causes the sensitivity?

Tooth sensitivity is caused by the movement of fluid within tiny tubes (pores) located in the dentin, which results in nerve irritation. When the hard enamel of a tooth is worn down or gums have receded, the surfaces of these tiny tubes can become exposed, resulting in pain while eating or drinking certain foods, such as ice cream or hot coffee.

• How common is this condition?

Dentin hypersensitivity is one of the most common complaints among dental patients. One in five people in the United States experience dentin hypersensitivity at some point in his or her life.

• How can I avoid dentin

hypersensitivity?

Excessive consumption of acidic beverages, such as orange juice or cola, can wear down hard enamel and put you at risk for dentin hypersensitivity. Limiting your consumption of acidic foods and beverages can prevent the erosion of hard enamel. Conditions such as bulimia nervosa and acid reflux also can have similar erosive effects on tooth enamel.

Abrasion of the enamel from aggressive use of a toothbrush also can lead to dentin hypersensitivity. Notify your dentist if you experience tooth sensitivity. He or she can monitor the condition and can help remedy the sensitivity.

• I have dentin hypersensitivity. What can I do to prevent pain?

Using a soft-bristled toothbrush and brushing in a circular motion will minimize enamel abrasion and thus reduce sensitivity. Using toothpaste containing a desensitizing agent that protects exposed dentin by blocking the tubes connected to nerves can alleviate pain. In-office treatments, such as topical agents or sealants, can be applied by a dentist to help reduce sensitivity. Of course, limiting your intake of acidic foods and beverages is always recommended.

Reference: Academy of General Dentistry 2013

Dr. Jeffrey Mason is a cosmetic and general dentist at 232 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ. 201-288-4447, www.DrJeffreyMason.com

Spring Reading Improvement Program

The Felician Reading Center will offer a Spring Reading Improvement Program for students in Grades 2 - 3 and 4.

The program will begin on January 25, 2016 and end on April 28, 2016. The classes are held twice a week - Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

The program will aim to increase Reading Speed with primary emphasis on the improvement of Phonics, Comprehension and Vocabulary Skills.

There will be a weekly fee for services rendered.

The Felician Reading Center is located at 260 South Main Street in Lodi, New Jersey.

For further information, call Sister Mary Andrew at 973-473-7447, extension 123. ###

Extreme Dot-to-Dot Coloring

Remember those carefree days when you were a child coloring and doing dot-to-dot for hours on end? Adults, come to The East Rutherford Library for a Christmas edition of extreme dot-to-dot and coloring Monday, December 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. and enjoy light refreshments. Any questions call 201-939-3930 or visit eastutherford.bccls.org ###

Stories With Santa

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library invites children to "Stories with Santa" at the beautifully restored Bianchi House at 111 First Street in Wood-Ridge on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Santa in front of the fireplace, where he will share some of his favorite holiday stories. Registration is required. Call 201-438-2455. ###

December Birthstone
Turquoise

Art Association of Rutherford

The Art Association of Rutherford will have a show in The Nutley Public Library until the end of December. Free admission.

On November 28, 2015 they will hold a children's art day from 10-2, to have children use professional materials to create art projects for themselves. Everyone is welcome!

The Club meetings will be on winter hiatus from December until the March meeting.

Contact lissanneart@gmail.com for more details. ###

Mothers of Pre-schoolers

Hey moms of kids ages 0-6! Do you need an escape, a space to rejuvenate, some moments of inspiration and a little mom sugar?

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For more info: hasbrouckhtsmops@gmail.com; 862-239-MOPS; Fb - Hasbrouck Heights Mothers of Preschoolers ###

Rutherford Community Pantry

The Pantry is located in the basement of Rutherford Borough Hall. It is a volunteer non-profit which is a joint effort of community faith congregations, organizations and concerned citizens. Call 201-460-3000 x3168 to volunteer. Food donations are welcome during hours of service. Recipient eligibility is determined by local pastors, social services and other designated organizations. A completed and approved referral is required. Limitations apply. For more information go to: www.rutherford-nj.com/pantry ###

Elks Craft Fair November 29

Enjoy Christmas shopping, browsing or have a bite to eat at The Hasbrouck Heights Elks on Sunday, November 29, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a large variety of vendors. For more information, call Linda at 973-980-4773. The Elks Lodge is located at: 128 Baldwin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. ###

St. Mary Craft Fair Nov. 28

St. Mary High School will hold their Christmas Craft Fair on November 28, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the School Auditorium. Tables available. contact: smhspto@stmaryhs.org ###

Casino Bus Trip

The HH VFW Post 4591 sponsors Casino Bus Trips on the last Wednesday of each month. Bus departs at 10 a.m. The cost is \$35 paid in advance; includes a continental breakfast from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., a casino voucher and a goody bag on your trip home. Games, prizes and a movie make the travel time pass quickly. Call Mel at 201-933-9937 or the Post for details at 201-288-1112. ###

Rutherford Community Chest Seeks Donations

The 69th Annual Drive of the Community Chest of Rutherford which supports local non-profit organizations began in October.

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

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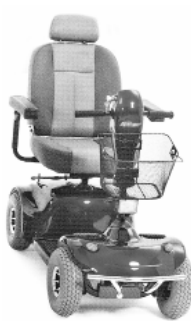
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During daytime hours, the Holiday Shop and Café in the Carriage House will be open. Evening Receptions - December 4 and 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Evening admission is \$45 and reservations are required. Information and reservations at njbg.org or call 973-962-9534. Arrangements can be made for daytime group tours. *Dorothy Dobek. ###*

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 noon 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. This is a free event.

Those who cannot attend on Christmas can watch a full dress rehearsal on December 13, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (*actual crossing at 1 p.m.*).

The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age five to 11, and free for those under five (*proceeds support future park programs*).

During the first crossing event, hundreds of troops row across the river in uniform just as they do on Christmas Day. In addition, special Colonial-era activities and demonstrations throughout the historic village provide your family with a full day of fun and learning. A great way to see the reenactment if you can't make it on December 25!

For more information go to: www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing/ ###

Yield to Pedestrians

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 13, 2015, 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.

The Council will also continue its project of decorating Valley Boulevard in Wood-Ridge with beautiful red ribbons provided by **Bruce's Florist**.

Residents who make a donation of \$10 will have their names put on a ribbon. Their ribbon will be placed on either a tree or telephone pole along Valley Boulevard. All moneys collected from this project will be used to purchase food for the local food pantry.

The Council will again be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets in the shape of the Nativity Scene. The magnet can be purchased at \$5 each or 5 for \$20. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

Friendly Neighbors
Kicks Off Annual
Fund Drive

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

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

This year they are helping 15 families with a total of 23 children. Their assistance includes food, cleaning supplies, and emergency help.

All funds go toward helping Hasbrouck Heights residents.

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

Donations can be mailed to Ginny Isler, Treasurer, 105 Cleveland Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. ###

Breakfast
With Santa
December 12

The Hasbrouck Heights Junior Women's Club, in partnership with VFW Post 4591, is sponsoring Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 12, 2015, 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 magician, 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 or hhjwcsanta@gmail.com 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 who will distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. ###

Meet Santa
Enjoy Pancakes

Santa will be in the house with presents for kids 13 and under at the American Legion, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park during their Holiday Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 20, 2015 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Menu is pancakes, scrambles eggs, sausage, juice, coffee, tea, homemade crumb cake (while it lasts). There will be a 50/50 and Tricky Tray.

Cost is \$4 per person; children under 6 free.

Proceeds will be donated to The Autism Speaks Northern NJ Walk. The event is sponsored by The American Legion Posts 170 of Rochelle Park and 136 of Lodi. ###

Advent Buffet
Breakfast
November 22

The Men's Club of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will host an Advent Buffet Breakfast on Sunday, November, 22, 2015 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. in the Community Hall.

Menu includes eggs, french toast, pancakes, sausage, bacon, toast, OJ, coffee, tea, milk.

Cost is adults \$10. Children under 12 free. For tickets call 201-438-5526 or see a Club member. ###

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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 5, 2015 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. ###

Heights Food
Bank Seeks
Donations

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

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

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

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

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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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The Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, January 3, 2016, 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 poor.

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

Holiday Dance with
Peter Lieberman
December 13

Come dressed in your holiday best on Sunday, December 13, 2015, when The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 4591 in Hasbrouck Heights will host a Holiday Dance with Peter Lieberman from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Admission includes a hot lunch, dessert, coffee/tea. There will be a mini-Tricky Tray and 50/50.

Call Debbie at 201-866-4854 for more information, reserve a seat or table. Event is open to the public. Come dressed in your Holiday best! ###

Christmas
Concert
December 6

The Chopin Singing Society (*Men's Chorus*) presents its annual Christmas Concert in Memory of Past Presidents John A. Budzinski and Stanley A. Kobylarz at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, 2015, at the Polish Peoples Home, 1-3 Monroe Street, Passaic.

The Chorus is under the direction of Anthony Tabash.

Included in the ticket price of \$30 is a hot buffet, guest choir and guest artists.

The Chopin Chorus has been singing for 105 years.

For tickets and information, call President Brent Iskra at 973-546-3568. ###

Festival of Lessons
and Carols Dec. 13

St. Margaret of Cortona Parish in Little Ferry will host their Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 3 p.m.

With anticipation of the Christ Child during the season of Advent, the Parish Choirs will present songs of the season, along with audience participation of traditional Christmas Carols, the event will spotlight other choral selections.

The Church is located at the corner of Liberty Street and Chamberlain Avenue in Little Ferry.

For more information call Eileen at 201-843-1097. ###

W-R School
Holiday Concert

The Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School Holiday Concert is Thursday, December 17, 2015, 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, and Concert Band.

Vocal ensembles are under the direction of Ms. Jenna Ravenda and instrumental ensemble is 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. ###

St. Joseph's Church
Christmas Concert

The St. Joseph's Church Christmas Concert will be on Sunday, December 20, 2015, 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 Belkowsky, Music Director, and Carl and Dan Tramon have written and produced a Broadway-bound musical, Rocket Boys, and are an amazingly talented family.

Come and enjoy an uplifting afternoon that will help you to appreciate the Christmas Season more, and will open a space for God in our busy lives. Freewill offering. For more information call 201-939-0457. ###

Corpus Christi
Advent Concert
December 11

Mark your calendar for the 6th Annual Advent Concert at Corpus Christi Parish in Hasbrouck Heights by the Adult Choir and guest musicians.

The concert will be held on Friday, December 11, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Corpus Christi School Chapel, 215 Kipp Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights.

It promises once again to be a wonderful evening of song and prayer during the Advent preparation awaiting the birth of Jesus! Take time from the "hustle and bustle" to reflect, pray and sing during this special season of hope.

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Families, experience this adventure together, discover more about Jesus’ life on earth in a way you’ll never forget - complete with keepsake crafts you’ll treasure.

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Community Tree Lightings

Carlstadt will hold their Tree lighting at Borough Hall on Thursday, December 3, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. ###

East Rutherford will hold their Tree Lighting at Borough Hall 7 p.m., Friday, December 4, 2015 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 27, 2015. 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 4, 2015, 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 4, 2015, 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 5, 2015, at 7 p.m., at Borough Hall. R. L. Craig students will sing Christmas Carols. Refreshments and photos with Santa will follow. ###

Rutherford will hold their Annual Tree Lighting on Saturday, November 28, 2015 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 27, 2015, 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. ###

HH Men's Association Christmas Tree Sale

The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association will be selling Christmas Trees this Holiday Season beginning Saturday, November 28, 2015, 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. ###

Festival of Trees and Wreaths

55 Kip Center, an older activity center in Rutherford, is preparing for its 21st 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 from Tuesday, November 17, until Saturday, December 12, 2015, 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. ###

Poinsettias, Wreaths & Grave Blankets

Starting November 28, 2015, The Moonachie First Aid and Rescue Squad is holding their Annual Christmas Wreath, Grave Blanket and Poinsettia Sale.

Fully decorated wreaths 22" to 24" cost only \$15. Grave blankets from 2 1/2' to 3' are only \$25. Poinsettias in 6" pot are \$5. Pre-orders are encouraged. Please call Joann at 201-927-9224. ###

Holiday Dinner Dance Dec. 5

The First Presbyterian Church in Carlstadt is hosting their Annual Holiday Dinner Dance of December 5, 2015, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Church on 500 3rd Street. Cost is \$25 per person for great food, music and dancing. Open to the public. For tickets call 201-438-5526. ###

Don't leave lit candles or fireplaces unattended.



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To Take Santa
Around Heights**

Santa's Schedule for December 20, 2015
Collins & Baldwin 4:00 to 4:20 p.m.
Hasbrouck & Ottawa 4:30 to 4:50 p.m.
Paterson & Burton 5:00 to 5:20 p.m.
Oak Grove & La Salle 5:30 to 5:55 p.m.
Oak Grove & Jefferson 6:05 to 6:25 p.m.
Oldfield & Division 6:35 to 6:55 p.m.
Cleveland & Summit 7:05 to 7:20 p.m.
Cleveland & Woodland 7:45 p.m.
Any parent who cannot get a child to a Santa stop due to illness or handicap can make special arrangements by calling the Fire Chief at 201-288-0082.

Toys for Tots

American Legion Lodi Post 136, 41 Union Street, Lodi or Rochelle Park Post 170, 33 W. Passaic Street, are collection points for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program as well as accepting food donations for the food pantry.
Donations can be dropped at either Post any day from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m. ###

Join the Fire Department

**Carlstadt FD
Open House Party**
On Saturday, December 12, 2015, 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 19, 2015, 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 19, 2015, 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 20, 2015, 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 Saturday, December 19, 2015, 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 19, 2015, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department will have pictures with Santa at the firehouse from noon to 2 p.m.
Starting at about 4 p.m., they will randomly escort Santa up and down every street in the Borough. Just listen for the sirens. 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.

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 6, 2015, at the American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost per photo is \$8. 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!
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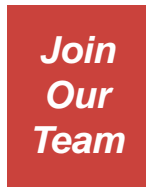
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Multiple categories will be judged. The Committee asks that all residents keep their decorations lit and aptly shown from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. on those evenings so that all displays may be properly evaluated. It is also requested that your address be made visible to the judging members.

Winners will be posted at The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library and will appear in a future issue of The Observer. Any new inductees into the Hall of Fame will also be announced at that time. ###

Old Time Broadcasts on Local Community FM Radio

WSBP-LP (94.3 FM) is planning to rebroadcast old-time radio shows for Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 2015 at the same time slot.

Due to their location in Wood-Ridge, it would be best to review their coverage area online at <http://www.wsbp943.org> ###



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A Christmas Event For Families Dec. 19

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Families experience this adventure together, discovering more about Jesus' miraculous life on earth in a way they'll never forget - complete with keepsake crafts they'll treasure.

Miracle of Jesus will have two presentations - 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., each approximately 90 minutes long. For more information, call 201-288-4139 ext. 12. ###

Living Nativity

The First Presbyterian Church in Carlstadt, will again host a Living Nativity on November 29, 2015, with performances at 6 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. in the Third Street Courtyard.

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

A donation for the animal shelter would be appreciated. There will be live animals for petting.

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 ###

Toiletries for the Troops

Andrew Rojas, Boy Scout Troop 181, Eagle Scout Project is collecting toiletries for deployed U.S. Troops throughout November and December. The program is called "Operation Gratitude."

Collection boxes are located at the W-R Civic Center, 495 Highland Avenue, W-R Borough Hall, 85 Humboldt Street.

For more information or for a pick-up, call 201-460-4449. ###

Grand Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Party

Starting at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 13, 2015, the Eighth Night of Chanukah, The Congregation Beth El of Rutherford will hold their Second Annual Grand Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Party.

Bring along family and friends to enjoy activities for all ages, latkes and jelly donuts, draidel games, guess the gelt, etc.

Program will honor the police forces of South Bergen. For more information call 201-438-4931 or go to: JewishRutherford.org ###

Wallington FD Holiday Parade

On Saturday, November 28, 2015, Wallington Fire Department will present its 14th Annual Holiday Parade.

The largest gathering of lighted and decorated fire trucks and floats in the nation will participate in Wallington Fire Department's 14th Annual Holiday Parade. This nighttime parade of over 2,500 participants starts at 6 p.m., and includes fire departments and organizations throughout the tri-state area.

Thousands of spectators line the 2-mile parade route featuring 250 lighted and decorated fire trucks and floats beginning on Mt. Pleasant and Roehrs Drive, concluding at Centennial Field. Participants will enjoy entertainment, refreshments and the presentation of various parade trophies. Visit www.wallingtonfdholidayparade.webs.com or call 973-473-7612 for more information. ###

Holiday Show With Lunch

AARP #4115 and the VFW of Wallington will host a Holiday Show with lunch and an afternoon of entertainment and music by Joe Zisa and his band at the Stony Hill Inn on December 16, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$47. The public is invited. Call Eleanor or Whitey to join the fun at 201-935-2541. ###

Holiday Open House

55 Kip Center in Rutherford will host its annual Open House, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., on Saturday, November 28, 2015 with a craft fair, holiday boutique, bake shop, raffle sales for their Festival of Trees and Wreaths, and raffle sales for a handmade quilt. Refreshments available. For more info call 201-460-1600. ###

Heights Seniors Holiday Party

The Annual Holiday Party, sponsored by the Leisure Club, open to all Heights seniors, is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at the Fiesta, from noon to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$35 pp for members and \$40 pp for non-members.

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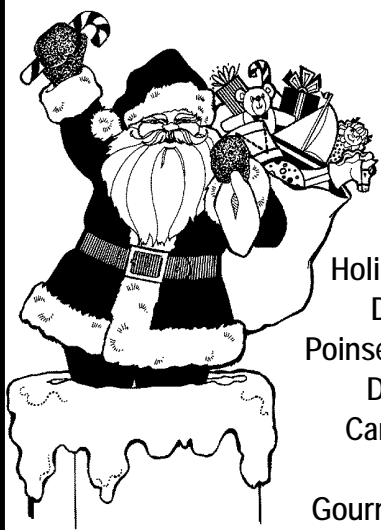
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Artful Thinking

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Every year around this time I gravitate to a cozy place and while away the hefty nights remembering the Christmases of my glorious youth. I recall those cherished Christmas Eves shared with my loved ones who have since departed, i.e., my mom, dad, brother, Eugene, and the memory of my brother, John, who was born on Christmas Eve 1939 and passed away during the polio epidemic in 1945. Though I never knew my brother John, my parents made sure that, especially at Christmas, he was not forgotten.

The cast of holiday characters is lengthy, yet each in their own way meaningful. They were friends and relatives who brought with them the true spirit of the season and shared it at those sacred gatherings.

Not having a family of my own, I yearn for those heart-warming days of yore. I long to re-live the feeling of peace and joy as it filled the room and sweetened, like a candy cane, the air that I breathed.

Like the ghost of Christmas past, I pass by unnoticed even by myself. There I am folks that wide eyed kid frolicking around the Christmas tree with my cousins Johnny,

Anthony, Philip and Richie.

I watch with mixed emotions as we absorb each precious moment before time changes them into memories.

I visit the cellar at my Grandma Pesenti's house packed tightly with happy relatives. They were lined up like Christmas stockings hung neatly along the fire place filled generously with blessings of good will.

It is then, folks, that your Artful Thinker breaks down and drifts off into dream. Hey, but hold on a minute folks, you'll be pleased to know that I awaken on Christmas morning happy as an elf.

Like Mr. Scrooge, I find myself rejoicing over the second chance I had been given to create new memories... *Yes this about the 10th second chance I have been given in as many years*, so I'm not going to mess up this time around.

If you happen to be in the same frame of mind that I'm in, I want you to know that it is not too late to make Christmas 2015 a merry one.

I have learned, of late, that in order to receive the joy of the season, we have to first spread it around like peanut butter on a Ritz cracker...don't you agree? I know what you're saying "how do we begin?"

Well friends I KNOW WHAT I'M GONNA DO come Christmas morning. I'm gonna open up my kitchen window and shout out loud to the universe "Merry Christmas!" The rest will take care of itself.

Once you awaken the Christmas Spirit then peace and good will immediately rush to your side. Go ahead folks try it "Merry Christmas." I'll be waiting for you in the next paragraph. Didn't that feel good? They heard you as far away as Garfield. Now go and decorate the tree.

Speaking of Christmas Trees (*thank you very much*), my cousin, Maria, recalls a tree that sat on a T.V. stand in her living room when she was but a child. It was a 5 foot tall artificial tree that her then, newlywed parents, Louis and Ann Pesenti, purchased at Tom's Florist on South Main Street in Lodi in 1952.

Don't go running there to buy a holiday tree folks...they are no longer in business. According to Maria that 5 footer set her folks back fifty dollars, which was pretty steep for 1952 even if it was as Tom's Florist insisted "The first of its kind." Now Tom isn't here to elaborate on that but what I'm sure he meant that the Christmas tree

was the first of its kind to wind up in someone's living room which in this case happened to be Maria's.

Maria remembers the tree with its cobalt blue lights and cascading tinsel towering over she and her younger siblings, Lu Ann and Johnny.

As the years passed the "first of its kind" tree began to succumb to the ravages of time. It appeared thinner, undernourished and feeble.

As Maria grew taller the tree grew smaller...which isn't unusual unless it was the other way around Ho Ho Ho!

Anyway...oh...it wasn't long before the beloved Christmas tree lost its luster.

There wasn't enough tinsel in Bergen County to fill in the holes that were visible due to the missing branches. The cobalt blue lights were growing dimmer by the hour and it wasn't long before, as Maria put it, the plugged in tree looked like a chest x-ray minus a few ribs.

To make the tree appear taller Maria's dad placed it on a T.V. stand. It worked for one more season before winding up in a trash heap, T.V. stand and all. The first of its kind tree became the last of its kind and had gone the way of other decorations that had outgrown their usefulness.

The following December, on a frigid Tuesday evening, Maria's mom, along with my mom and dad, were off to enjoy their favorite pastime...Bingo. It was then that Ann made a promise to her children. If she won at Bingo, which she often did much to the chagrin of my dad with whom the opposite was true, she'd come home with a new Christmas tree.

Well talk about a Christmas miracle folks that same night the kitchen door flew open and in walked my aunt Ann followed by Lena and Vito carrying a brand new, 6 foot tall, artificial Christmas Tree as well as the decorations. Maria's mom won \$125 and, as promised, made her children's wish come true.

Maria remembers clearly the words that her mother spoke on the cold December night. "You see kids God will always listen and will give you what you need."

Nice story huh folks? Since then, my Aunt Ann's Christmas message has reached the hearts of all who knew her. The message is this...The greatest gift of all is the one we give.

• Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to all of my readers, to our men and women serving in the Armed Forces near and far and to our Veterans, God Bless America.

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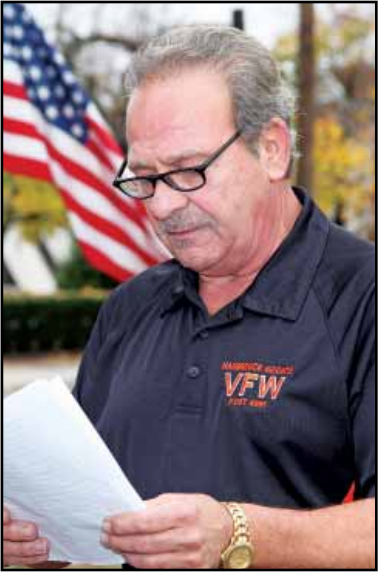
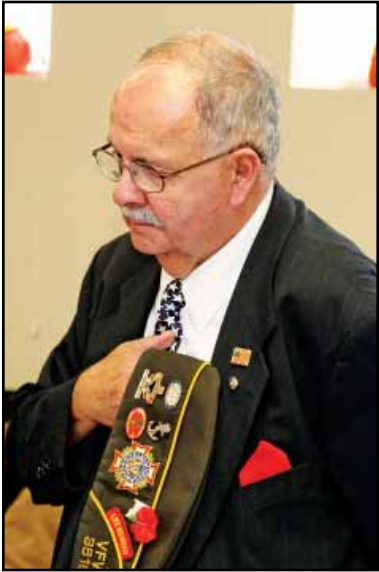
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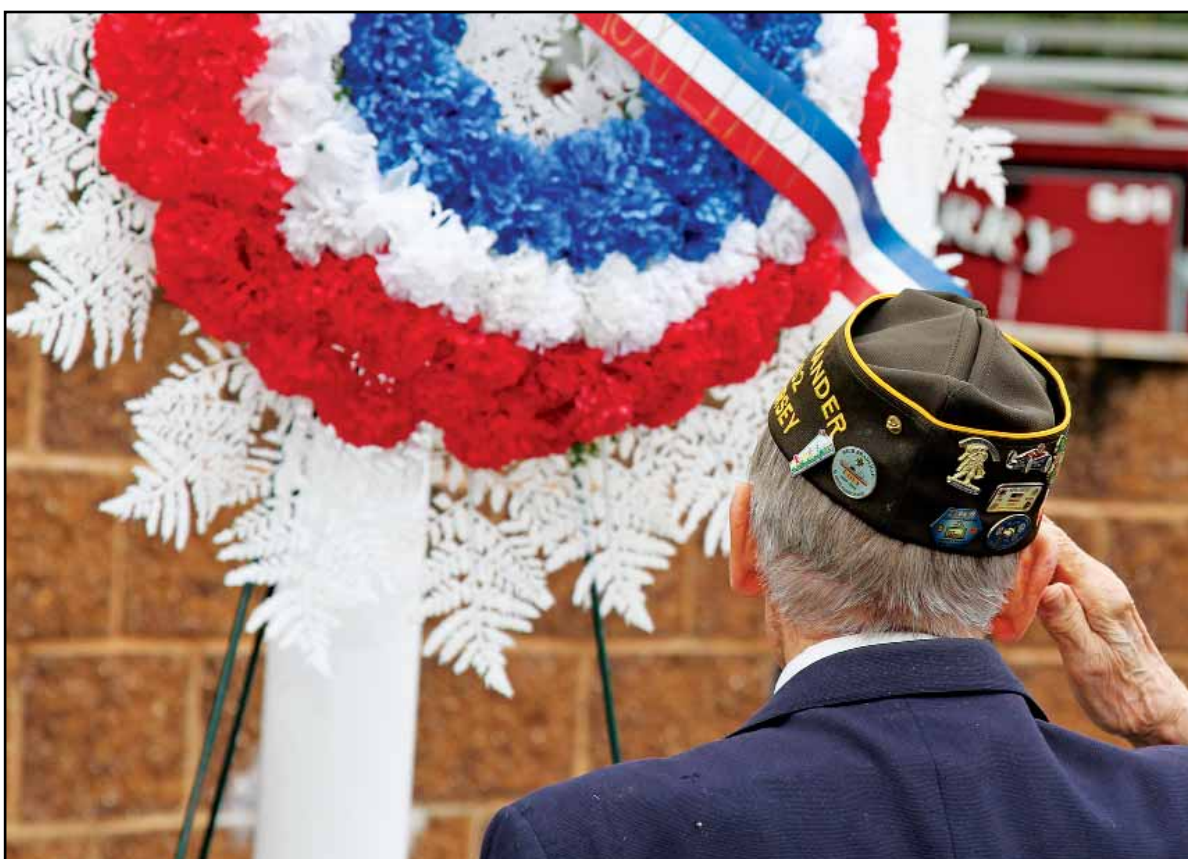
On Saturday, November 7, 2015, **Wood-Ridge** Veterans attended a Mass at Assumption Church at 7:30 a.m., followed by a light breakfast at the Senior Center. The Veterans Service was held in the Center at about

10 a.m. Speaker was NJ State Senator Paul Sarlo. On Sunday, November 8, 2015, **The NJ Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum** held a regional "Salute To Veterans" program. See page 22.

Carlstadt held their service on November 11 at 11 a.m. at Memorial Park, at Hackensack and Division. **East Rutherford, Hasbrouck Heights, Lodi, and Moonachie** each held brief Vet-

erans Day services on Wednesday, November 11, at 11 a.m., at their respective monuments. **Little Ferry** held brief Veterans Day services on Wednesday, November 11, at 11 a.m., at the Veterans Memorial, Main

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and Pickens. Students from Memorial School attended. Mayor Raguseo and Council members welcomed Assemblyman Gary Schaer, Freeholders Joan Voss, John Felice, Maura DeNicola and Tracy Zur.

Refreshments followed at the VFW. **Rutherford** held services on Wednesday, November 11 at 11 a.m. at the WWI Monument on Park Avenue, across from Lincoln Park. ###



Salute to Veterans

In honor of Veterans Day, the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum conducted a regional ceremony recognizing and thanking all Veterans for their service and dedication to our country. The event was held Sunday, November 8, 2015.

Under a 12' x 18' American Flag suspended from the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Ladder Truck, the program began and concluded with Wood-Ridge bagpiper, Ronald Phillips Jr.

With a Drum Line from the Hasbrouck Heights High School Band providing cadence, Honor Guards from the Lodi Fire Department, Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department, US Navy, Bergen County Sheriffs Department, Civil Air Patrol and Boy Scouts from Troop 17, marched onto the field.

Patriotic songs were sung by the members of the Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School Glee Club. Their repertoire included: "Star Spangled Banner," "My Country 'Tis of Thee," "Amaz-

ing Grace" and "God Bless America."

Wood-Ridge Firefighter Elizabeth Ferry played "Taps." The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 800 provided the 21 Gun Salute.

The keynote speaker was Stew Golding, who flew 50 combat missions in the European Theater as a flight engineer in a B-26 Marauder Medium Bomber. He spoke about the Battle of the Bulge.

Speakers also included AHOF President Joe Lennox, Assemblywoman Marlene Caride, Assemblyman Gary Schaer, BC Freeholder Maura DeNicola and Moonachie Mayor Dennis Vaccarro.

Retired West Milford Fire Department Firefighter/Fire Department Chaplain Ralph Villecca provided the Invocation and Benediction. Additionally, FF Villecca provided a 9-11 Memorial Remembrance.

The MC was AHOF Trustee and VFW Post 4592 member Fritz Rethage. ###





Veterans Enjoy Luncheon

On Wednesday, November 4, 2015, the Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club invited Veterans to a luncheon at the Carlstadt Civic Center. Bruce Young led all in the Salute to the Flag. All were welcomed and then proceeded to enjoy a very enjoyable lunch. *Story and photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*

HH Seniors Enjoy Halloween Party

Maybe the Hasbrouck Heights Seniors don't go out and trick or treat in their neighborhood; but they do get dressed up and enjoy a good old-fashioned Halloween Party. The party was given by the Borough Recreation Department on October 22, 2015. It wasn't just a party, it was ca-

tered by Mucci's Italian Market located in Saddle Brook. The luncheon menu included manicotti, chicken, an eggplant dish and macaroni salad. Of course, there was cake, soda, coffee, tea and water; also a disc jockey for dancing. Many seniors were dressed in creative costumes and others

were clad in orange and black Halloween colors. Even Mayor Rose Heck wore a costume; she was an angel. All who attended enjoyed an afternoon with friends. *Photos and story provided by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

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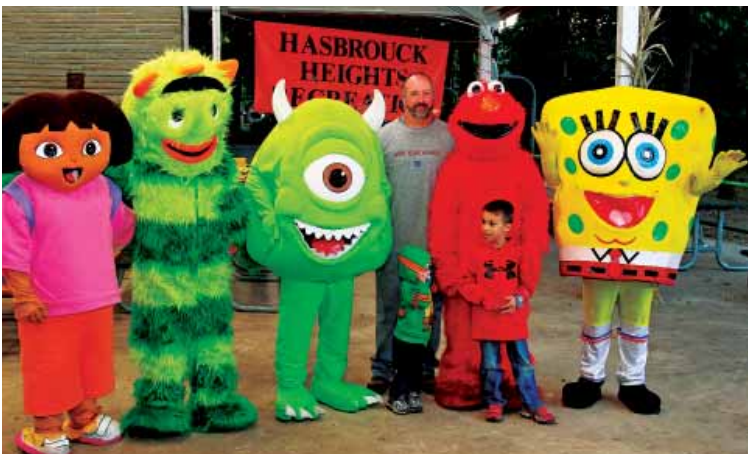
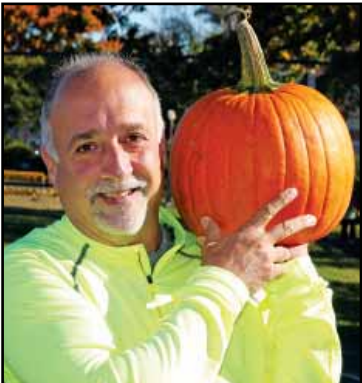
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Pumpkin Pick

On October 17, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Little Ferry children up to Grade 4 picked, painted and took home a pump-kin at the Memorial School basketball court. Event was free for Little Ferry residents and included a candy apple. The event was sponsored by the Mayor and Council. The Little Ferry CERT Team worked the event. The Little Ferry DPW placed the several hundred pumpkins. ###



Halloween In Woodland Park

Woodland Park was invaded by ghosts, goblins, aliens and assorted scary characters on the evening of Tuesday, October 20, 2015. Over 600 participated as two hayride trailers took turns collecting riders at the Harrison Avenue end of

the pavilion and went around to the back section of the park where they were frightened by a variety of terrifying citizens of the night. Youngsters signed up for the earlier time slots as the fright station tableaux were less

scary. After the horrific experience ride, they escaped at the Roosevelt Avenue end of the pavilion — where they were treated to cider and cookies. The event was sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Recreation Department. ###





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Bible Baptist Church invited the community to its Harvest Festival on Saturday, afternoon, October 31, 2015. Costumes were encouraged. The Harvest Festival included face and pumpkin painting, arts and crafts, food, snacks, games of skill, prizes, bounce house, etc. There were several contests with prizes such as home-made chili and pies. For more information please call 201-288-4139 x12. The Bible Baptist Church is located at 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. ###



Sr. Ramona Gets Flocked

On October 23, 2015, The Felician School for Exceptional Children celebrated their founder, Sister Mary Ramona's 70th Anniversary. The celebration was the official kick-off of "A Year of Service." Sister Ramona has dedicated much of her life to education of students with special needs, nearly 45 years with The Felician School. The celebration included students Pumpkin Picking, musical performances, followed by a luncheon. The highlight of the celebration was Sister Ramona being "Flocked by Flamingos." After the Pumpkin Pick, the students decorated a large pumpkin for each classroom. All of the pumpkins were unique. ###



Carlstadt Carvings

On October 29, 2015, Carlstadt kids and parents presented their carved and lit pumpkins. Carlstadt Fire Department E701 provided hot dogs. Students served drinks and goody bags. Photos by Dennis Kromyak Sr. ###



ZombieFest 2015

The undead took over The East Rutherford Library, Wednesday October 28, 2015 during ZombieFest 2015! The event, hosted by The Library, included zombie face painting, ghoulish cupcake crafts, a donut eating contest and charades. Approximately 40 teens and children came to the event. It was great fun and a great success! Provided by Maria Russo. ###



Scott, Elizabeth and Catherine Bardzell of Rutherford are holding a basket of gifts presented by The Friends of The Library of Rutherford. The family visited 75 libraries of the Bergen County Cooperative Library System this summer. *Provided by Linda Rynd. ###*



On Thursday, October 22, 2015, The Friends of The Lodi Memorial Library kicked off the 2015-2016 year with a celebration of the 150th anniversary of Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland.

Miss New Jersey 2015, Lindsey Giannini, joined the celebration and read an excerpt from the classic tale. She is an amateur magician and entertained the patrons with two magic tricks, answered questions from the audience and took photos and signed autographs.

Afterward, The Library showed the original 8 minute black and white film and, of course, the Disney classic, Alice in Wonderland.

The Friends organization raises funds to support The

Library's many children's and adult programs through membership drives and fundraisers throughout the year.

This year they have transformed their semi-annual book sales into a continuous "Used Book Sale" in The Library with all books \$.50. Please check out the sampling of hard cover, paperback, children's books and cook books available for purchase.

The Friends meet at 1:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in The Library conference room. Anyone interested in participating can contact The Library at 973-365-4044 or check out the Friends page on The Library website at www.Lodi.BCCLS.org *Story by Marilyn De Molli. Photo provided by Justin Watrel. ###*

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Guild Roast Beef Dinner a Success

The beef was cooked; the potatoes were mashed; and the carrots were ready to serve, as the Women's Guild of the First Reformed Church in Hasbrouck Heights welcomed the public to their annual roast beef dinner on November 7, 2015. The only thing left was a final "OK" from the local health inspector and this came at 5:45 p.m.

The Guild's annual dinner is one of the many fundraisers they hold to raise funds for their Church and other local and national charities. It served not only as a fundraiser, but also as a way to bring people together to enjoy a home cooked meal out.

More than 100 people enjoyed a roast beef dinner complete with an excellent crumb cake dessert with whipped cream on top. Of course, there was plenty of food for seconds and even thirds.

The Women's Guild of the First Reformed Church is an asset to their Church. They are a dedicated group of women of faith, who work cooperatively together for long hours and seek no rewards but the satisfaction of helping their Church. *Photo and Story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



Forty-seven life-sharing people registered to give blood at the November 2, 2015 drawing sponsored by the Rutherford Community Blood Bank. Its directors took a moment to celebrate the successful drive. Standing: Judy Calviello, Jean Rogers, Peggy Letsche, Karla Mazza (vice-president), Joan Tidona, JoAnn Bartlett, Frank Tidona (secretary-treasurer) and Kathleen Mathieu. Sitting: Andy Bertone (Chairman) Not pictured: Dolores Gennaro, Carol Hsu and Al Anderson. *Photo courtesy Rutherford Community Blood Bank. ###*

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Cold Moon

The December full moon appears on Friday, December 25, 2015, at 6:11 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. ###

HH Garden Club News

The Garden Club will not be having a December meeting. They are preparing their agenda for 2016! They had a very exciting and interesting past year and hope to acquire more new members this coming year. The programs were very interesting, the Boulevard in Bloom project was once again a success and the “Garden of the Season Award” was well received. The Club was also involved in the Street Fair and Town Day.

They appreciate everyone who attends their meetings as guests and those who donate

money towards the planting of the Flower Pots that are placed on the Boulevard in the Spring through the Fall. A special thank you to the Chamber of Commerce and the DPW for always helping and supporting with this project.

The winners of the Garden of the Season Award for the Fall are Karen and Anthony Della Fave of 38 Central Avenue.

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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



Hey! Let's Buy Together!

Many first-time home buyers, struggling to save a sizeable deposit or wanting to buy a house that's out of their price range, might want to consider the option of purchasing with a friend or relative.

Sometimes it's the only practical way of getting onto the first rung of the property ladder. "Buying with a buddy" is becoming increasingly popular today, especially as home prices increase.

This new breed of home buyer (known as "mingles" in some circles) consists of the widowed, the separated, the divorced, and the never married. And they're lately catching a lot of interest with us who do retail real estate. Banks and financial institutions also are paying notice to this trend, providing new "property share loans" to two or more friends who agree to purchase a property together.

Housing between friends has many benefits, namely...

- Easier Home Loan Qualification
- Shared Monthly Expenses
- Home Equity Gains
- Mortgage Interest Deduc-

tion Advantages...

But it is not the sort of commitment that can be taken casually. When it comes to day-to-day living, we all have our own quirks, priorities and skill-sets. And while this can be positive in some cases, like divvying up household chores, it can also lead to irreconcilable differences among housemates.

So before partners make a joint investment, they should think far and wide on the following considerations...

1. Is the friendship cut out for this next step? Does it have prior experience living together; can it co-habit with the added burden of mortgage payments?

2. Are you and your co-purchaser on a relatively equal footing, income-wise? Partners of vastly different wage-earning status can sometimes feel strain, especially with maintenance problems like sharing equally the costs of replacing a furnace.

3. Are your lifestyles compatible? It can obviously be bad if one of you likes throwing wild house parties while the other prefers the quiet life.

4. Do you and your friend have similar standards? Some people become much more "house proud" when they move from rented accommodations to their own home. Different levels of cleanliness can cause a rift.

5. For non-intimate friends: are the bedrooms of similar size? It's tricky to find a typical first-time buyer property with equally weighted

rooms and yet this can cause long-term resentment.

6. The need to set house rules regarding guests, relationships, serious partners and other pals. You bought the house with your friend, not your friend's boyfriend/girlfriend and their chums.

7. The need for honest communication - maybe even a regular "date night" together. It's important to make time for each other.

The danger is you'll take each other for granted as you now live together and spend your week socializing with other people. If the relationship goes from friendship to financial convenience it soon will fall apart.

8. The need to enlist the services of an attorney - preferably an independent one who has no attachment to either side. Before signing any agreement, there are key items that must be settled in writing.

The advice of a lawyer is indispensable to choosing the form of ownership and in drafting a legal document to meet specific requirements.

A good lawyer will make sure to document the proportionate amount of each person's financial interest in the property; division of maintenance costs; who pays the bills and when; methods of dealing with a partner who fails to pay at the required time; and how the household will operate and detailed procedures for the equitable dissolution of the partnership.

Buying with friends can be a very successful way of getting onto the property ladder, however the pitfalls can be considerable if proper care is not taken to ensure that all parties are happy and agreements are watertight. This requires open, honest communication about a myriad of small matters that, if not dealt with correctly, can quickly escalate into much larger issues. But the upside is an investment that increases in value as well as a home to live in and friends to enjoy it with.

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Por Deborah Cabrera y Yanires Marine de la Cruz

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Assumption of Our Blessed Lady Church, in Wood-Ridge, a Franciscan Community, invites you to join during Advent to journey to a place of peace on Thursday, December 3, 10, and 17, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Please consider attending one or more of the Taizé Prayer Services, where you'll participate in silence during this service designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song and silence.

There is no cost. All are welcome. ###

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed.-- General Dwight D. Eisenhower

Pray for Peace

A Blue Christmas Service

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died; it may be a time that has always been difficult.

The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation - all these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating and spending.

Come out, and join with us in a service of reflection and hope for the longest night of the year. The service seeks to comfort people by reminding them of the real reason for the season – that we are not alone, and that light will come again.

Everyone, regardless of Church background (or lack of it) is welcome.

This service is sponsored by: the Episcopal Churches of Christ Church, Hackensack, St. Cyprian's, Hackensack, St. John the Divine, Hasbrouck Heights, St. Martin's, Maywood.

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Veterans Today

By Thomas Marshall

Last month, the college, Ole Miss, took down the Mississippi State Flag from its campus.

Apparently the Confederate Battle Flag within the emblem was offensive to students. It reminded people of slavery so down it came.

Odd as it sounds it triggered a memory from long ago in my own past. I was talking to my father about Gettysburg and the battle that took place there.

I told him exactly what I had been told in school. The war and the battle were over slavery.

He looked at me and asked how is it that a poor southern soldier would sign up to fight in a war for slaves they never had?

He said most southerners didn't own slaves. Many had no money for it. Why did they fight? Why did a poor man with no slaves join the Southern Army? He then told me your teacher left a piece out. I asked what? He looked at me and

said find it. His way was not just to tell me everything. He wanted me to find the answer for myself. You don't forget something if you look it up yourself.

Slavery had existed in America since the beginning. It was inherited from England which allowed it to exist in the Colonies. When America won the War for Independence many of the founders wanted to get rid of slavery but the Southern States were depended upon it for their economy.

This caused a problem because many of the Southern States would not agree to sign the Constitution if they were forced to abolish slavery.

Slavery had basically died out in the Northern States so the founders figured it would eventually die out in the South as well. Provisions were made in the Constitution to try and kill slavery.

The Constitution states in Article 1 section 9 that no one may be imported as a slave after 1808. Also and probably the most wrongly cited piece inside the Constitution is Article 1 section 2 which decides how many Representatives may be elected from each state. Each state gets 1 representative for every 30,000 people. The South wanted all their slaves counted. This would give them more representatives.

John Adams argued not to allow this. He was anti-slavery and he stated that the Southerners count slaves as property not people or citizens so they should not get benefit of their counting.

A compromise was reached after a long argument. Excluding Indians not taxed, the South would be allowed to count 3/5th of the total population of slaves when considering representation in the Congress. Many people even today misinterpreted John Adams meaning and thought that the founders considered blacks to be worth 3/5ths of a white man, never giving Adams the credit for his antislavery stance so early in our nation's history.

America was now under the Constitution and all was well. Cotton was the main money crop grown in the South and by 1860 the U.S. exported \$191,000,000 worth of cotton. This was reported to be 57 percent of all exports to Europe.

Abolitionists in the North wanted slavery gone. This was easy for them to say because it would cost them nothing. To the Southerner with a plantation it was how he made money. He may have not liked slavery but he needed it to survive.

Trouble begins in the west where new land was being formed into new states. Will these new states be Free States or allow slavery within their borders?

Both the North and the South were concerned with control in Congress. Southerners worried that more free states in the Union would allow them to be out voted in all matters. The Northern States thought the same way.

When Missouri was admitted into the Union, it was brought in as a slave state but the compromise was that no new slave state be allowed north of the southern boundary of Missouri.

The argument between North and South continued after the war with Mexico.

The new land acquired, argued Congressman David Wilmot, will not be slave territory. Back and forth the fight in Congress continued. Wilmot lost and his measure was not adopted.

Henry Clay produced the compromise. California was to be a free state while New Mexico and Utah were created without reference to Wilmot's provision and slavery was also to be abolished in the District of Columbia.

The Fugitive Slave Act was adopted, which by law was an agreement to return slaves that ran away to their Southern owners. Clay's plan was taken up, but it didn't stop the argument for long. Many in the South realized that the North had a lot of immigration into their States and eventually would control all the Legislation and it was believed they would ruin the South.

In the middle of all this Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote

Uncle Tom's cabin and this book lit a fire under Northern Abolitionist like no other book. Three hundred thousand copies were sold in the first year it was available in print. Many people converted to the abolitionist side of the argument by this book.

Along with the book, Northerners were helping escaped slaves reach Northern territory by a system of tunnels and safe houses to reach freedom. This is known today as the Underground Railroad.

Into all this steps Senator Stephen Douglas. He was made famous by his debates with Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln was antislavery but Douglas could care less about it.

He wanted a transcontinental railroad and he wanted it to travel through the North while many Southerners wanted it to go through the South. He wanted his home state of Illinois to be the starting point west. Specifically, Chicago was to be the Eastern end of the railroad.

To get the Southerners to agree he introduced the Kansas-Nebraska Act. In the Act Kansas and Nebraska would be states and the people that lived there would decide whether the States would be Free States or Slave States.

The Act was introduced into law. Northerners and Southerners moved into the area and to the horror of everyone for the first time Yankee and Southerners killed one another for control of the new States.

Patrols made by both sides clashed and killed. Rifles were shipped in from the North and Southerners sent in settlers. John Brown and his followers murdered 5 Southern settlers to free the slaves they had. It became an unfixable mess.

To add fuel to the fire the Supreme Court in 1857 made its decision on a case in which Dred Scott, a slave residing in a Free State at the time was suing for his freedom. The Chief Justice declared he was not a citizen so he could not sue anyone. They also declared that the Constitution had provided for the rights of slave holders to keep their slaves so therefore the act in which Congress declared Northern Territories to be free states was null and void.

John Brown came back into the news when he organized a slave uprising in the South. He raided Harpers Ferry Virginia in October of 1859. Harpers Ferry had an arsenal of weapons he planned to use to arm slaves. The slaves didn't up rise like he thought they would and he was captured and put on trial for treason and soon he was hanged.

In South Carolina, they had been taking notes. They noted

that when the Revolution ended each state was recognized as free and independent.

They noted that when any government becomes ruinous to the people of the state, the state had a right to abolish it, as had been done in the Revolution.

They noted that 14 of the states did not comply with the Fugitive Slave Act as was agreed to. That also the Underground Railroad was stealing slaves from the South. Slaves that the Southerners had paid for. Southerners also paid the tax on 3/5th of the slaves they owned.

They took note of the fact that Northerners were entering into their borders for the purpose of starting insurrection and revolts, even though the Constitution protected their rights to own slaves.

They stated that when the Constitution was agreed to 11 of the original 13 states signed it. The other two states waited several years to agree to it. They were considered separate and independent states until they signed.

They also noted Abraham Lincoln, who won the 1860 Presidential election, had stated that a house divided against itself cannot stand. That meant to South Carolina that he was not going to uphold the Constitution. They noted that the Constitution states in the Tenth Amendment that powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

They stated that the Constitution was a contract and when one side or the other does not abide by the agreement then it is the right of the other to declare it abolished.

On December 20, 1860, citing these reasons South Carolina seceded from the Union to take her place among the nations of the Earth. Soon the rest of the Southern States joined her.

Does a state have a right to secede from the Union? Nowhere is it written in the Constitution that a state can't secede. Slavery was a catalyst but it was the breach of the Constitution that ultimately caused the South to drop out of the Union.

Southerners felt they had a right to leave the Union and they joined the Southern Army to defend that right. That is why a poor Southerner would risk his life in the Southern Army.

They were proud to defend that right. That is why Mississippi put the Confederate Battle Flag in its State Flag. That's what happened but I don't think you'd learn that at Ole Miss. ###

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Moonachie Senior Trips

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• On Wednesday, December 9, the Club is going to the elegant Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to enjoy “The Christmas Musical.” The cost is \$62 per person. The bus leaves at 9:45 a.m.

The price for this trip includes taxes and gratuities. The buses leave from the Moonachie Center on Moonachie Road, behind the First Aid Squad.

Join your friends for a day filled with entertainment, fun, feasting and have a chance to win some prizes. For more information and meal selections, contact group leader, Audrey, at 201-641-4334. *Provided by Charles R. Pallas. ###*

W-R Holiday Pasta Dinner

Wood-Ridge Mayor Paul Sarlo invites all Wood-Ridge senior citizens and senior club members to the Borough’s sixteenth annual Holiday Pasta Dinner. The event will take place on Friday, December 11, 2015, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and is being held at the Senior Citizens building located on the corner of Highland Avenue and Hackensack Street.

Come join your neighbors for a night filled with fun, singing provided by local Girl Scout and Brownie troops, entertainment provided by Mr. Frank Mottola, One Man Band and Vocal Entertainer, holiday gift raffles and more!

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Dues are \$10 per year. For information on membership contact Stan at 973-779-8544.

The next meeting date is Tuesday, December 15, 2015. Entertainment will be provided by the Lodi High School Choir.

The Lodi AARP has scheduled a “Winter Wonderland” Dinner Dance at the Venetian on Friday, January 15, 2016, from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

The meal includes hot and cold hor d’oeuvres, salad, pasta, a choice of entrée, dessert, beverages and a one-hour open bar. Cost \$45 for LODI AARP members and \$50 for non-members. For information call Kathy at 973-779-8544. ###

Lodi Senior Club News

The Lodi Senior Citizens Club has meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month for members only. New members are welcome. Any Lodi resident over the age of 55 is welcome. The cost of membership is \$10 per year.

Every Thursday, the Club opens at 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and non-members are welcome.

Programs include: Senior exercise at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.; line dancing 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Bingo, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

They also have a pool table, a 16 foot shuffleboard,

Learn About the Kip Center

New members and those who wish to learn about the Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford, and various programs for older adults in Rutherford and surrounding communities are invited to stop in to tour the center, meet the staff and learn about the many programs and services.

Hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. For more info call Cathy 201-460-1600. ##

Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club/ Vic Hoofers News

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club will meet at the civic center again after necessary renovations have been completed.

A reminder that the Christmas party will be held at the Fiesta from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on December 8, 2015. Transportation will be by private cars.

A meeting is scheduled for December 2, commencing at 1 p.m. with refreshments followed by the regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. and Bingo.

The Vic Hoofers, a ladies’ social club, will hold their Christmas celebration at Café Capri in East Rutherford at 6:30 p.m. on December 3. Please call Joan Gastelu or Ann Marten. *Provided by Eleanor Costa. ###*

card playing, a small library, games, chit-chat and bocce (*in season*). Refreshments are served. For information, call the Club during the times it is open at 973-472-6994. A senior bus is available for those requiring transportation. For bus information call Kim at 973-332-1331 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. **Scheduled event: December 4: Christmas at the Venetian. ###**

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Tuesday, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
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 2, 9***, 16, 23, 30**
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 3, 10, 17, 24*
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 4, 11, 18
12 p.m. Zumba Gold \$1.00
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Friday, December 4, 18
10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo

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*** Leisure Club Christmas Party at the Fiesta

Thursday, December 3, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Bingo for seniors at the Senior Center hosted by Girl Scout Troops 4308 & 4417. Refreshments, entertainment and prizes.

Thursday, December 10, Noon
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Race2Rebuild and Rotary Join Forces

Race2Rebuild and the South Bergen Rotary Club organized the 4th Annual Moonachie 5K Mystery Run held on October 24, 2015, with an 8 a.m. start at the ballfields on Redneck Road. As part of the third Sandy Anniversary, runners ran past 14 rebuilt Sandy-devastated homes.

The flat and fast course was USATF Certified. Runners and volunteers received a “T” shirt, goody bag and breakfast. The top male finisher was Nick Joanoidis, 46, Fair Lawn, with 18:14.83. The top female finisher was Anne Thilbes, 49, New York City, with 21:57.73. The youngest male runner was Ralph RJ Marinas, 12, Little Ferry, at 25:14.30 and youngest female was Madison Maguire, 11, Sparta, at 32:00.08. The oldest male runner was Sam Lafata, 76, New York City, at 32:31.64 and the oldest female runner was Patricia Demmie, 59, Clifton, at 27:11.00. Results posted at Compuscore.com There were prizes for the top finishers. The Moonachie EMS and Rescue Squad and the Moonachie Fire Department assisted. ###



At the Community Breakfast, awards were presented to top finishers. Sarah Hartmann, Race2Rebuild president led a program commemorating the third anniversary of Superstorm Sandy.

Speakers included: Moonachie Mayor Dennis Vaccaro, Bergen County Executive James Tedesco, Freeholder Maura DeNicola, Teterboro Mayor John Watt, Executive Director Rebuilding Together BC Gretchen Viggiano, South Bergen Rotary Club President Bob Olson, Assemblywoman Marlene Caride, etc.

Volunteers then participated in service projects including the rebuilding of a Sandy-damaged home (see left). A Volunteer After-Party was held at 4 p.m. ###



Rebuilding Continues

The home at the end of Daniel Street, behind Robert L. Craig School, was flooded with two feet of water and vacant since Sandy. It was starting to become a nuisance, with some vandalism.

The home was made liveable once again, thanks to the work of non-profits and volunteers and the staff of Rebuilding Together Bergen. They organized efforts to remove mold, sheetrock, installed new wiring, plumbing, waste line, new kitchen and bathroom. On October 24, 2015, professionals installed a new roof, installed insulation and volunteers raked, etc.

With the help of volunteers and lowered prices offered by local businesses, organizers say the cost of the project was about \$59,000. The project did receive \$20,000 from Race2Rebuild.

Gretchen Viggiano, Executive Director of Rebuilding Together Bergen County, said that this house is the 81st such project the group has led since Sandy. ###

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Rutherford PBA 300 Halloween Foot Pursuit

On Sunday, October 18, 2015, the Rutherford PBA 300 held their 4th Annual 5K/1Mile Walk beginning at Memorial Park. Costumes were encouraged. The course was sanctioned and certified by USATF-NJ. Timing and scoring was done by www.rockracetiming.com

Immediately before the race there was a Zumba warm-up, followed by a child and adult costume contest.

Under a start banner suspended from Rutherford fire trucks, runners lined up for the "fire-horn" blast, starting the 5K runners followed by the

1K walkers.

The top male finishers were Kevin D'Emic, 25, Rockaway Point, NY, at 16:30, John Gaffney, 25, Rutherford, at 17:25 and Jimmy Arnold, 20, Rutherford, at 17:56.

The top female finishers were Elizabeth Szambel, 13, Rutherford, at 21:22.4, Jenny Sing, 46, Rutherford, at 21:33.8 and Jenna Haiken, 25, Broomall, PA at 22:08.7.

The youngest males were Rutherford 9 year olds Adian Allshouse at 26:28.9 and Matt Della Torre at 27:16.2. The youngest females were Cameron Romano, 6, Kearny, at

42:08.2 and Reese Frank, 7, Rutherford, at 25:56.4.

Oldest male finisher was August Licameli, 76, Fairview, NJ, at 54:19.8 and oldest female finisher was Carolyn Cornell, 76, North Bergen, at 42:05.1.

Amenities included "T" shirts, race packets, post-race BBQ, face painting, balloon artist and DJ. About 50 volunteers assisted. Awards were presented for the top finishers and age division gift certificates and team awards.

Proceeds benefited the Rutherford PBA Local 300, Rutherford Ambulance Corps and Fire Department. ###



HHFD Open House

On the afternoon of October 25, 2015, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department held an Open House for the community at Fire Headquarters.

Inside a fire safety trailer, children and parents were presented with practical information about fire safety, experienced a smoky room, and escape through a window. Children met with a firefighter in full turnout gear – “although scary, he is there to save you.” There was a demonstration on sprinkler systems. Families watched a firefighter climb the ladder.

Children and parents then inspected the firefighting, rescue and EMS equipment. Refreshments were served. ###





ER Touch-A-Truck Program

The East Rutherford Memorial Library teamed up with the East Rutherford Police and Fire Departments, as well as Emergency Services, for the second annual “Touch-A-Truck” program. The event, which drew in more than 50 children and families, was

held at the East Rutherford Police Department parking lot, 117 Stanley St., on Saturday, October 17, 2015, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. There were four different types of police vehicles, two fire engines, an EMS truck and an Emergency Management vehicle. There

was even a motorcycle police officer providing a demonstration. The children got up close to these vehicles, as well as speaking to police officers, fire fighters and EMS workers.

Provided by Maria Russo. ###





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Outstanding Job

On November 11, 2015, at about 2:45 p.m., Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department responded to a report of a house fire on Williams Avenue. Upon arrival, the chiefs discovered that the address did not exist. Assistant Chief Rob Knobloch noticed a light smoke condition nearby, so fire companies were on the scene when the fire was discovered. Firefighters' rapid response had the blaze under control quickly, with line stretched to the second floor to knock down the main body of the fire.

A very aggressive attack kept the fire in only two rooms and from spreading. The two alarm blaze broke out on the second floor in the back of the house. No one was home at the time. Two dogs were rescued. No injuries were reported. The fire appears to have originated from an overloaded electrical power strip. Mutual aid fire departments responding included Little Ferry, Lodi, Moonachie, Wallington and Wood-Ridge. *Photos by Damien Danis. ###*



Above and below photos by Damien Danis. ###



Above and below photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



Wood-Ridge House Fire

On Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at 19:07 hours, the WRFD was dispatched to Union Avenue for the reported structure fire. Chief Phillips arrived on the scene and confirmed the working house fire. The fire had started in the below grade garage, and was extending into the house.

The fire was knocked down with a Blitzfire master stream and two handlines. W-R firefighters were assisted on the scene by the Wallington RIC, a Moonachie ladder company, engine companies from Carlstadt, Little Ferry, Hasbrouck Heights and Moonachie EMS.

The WRFD Ladies Auxiliary was also called to the scene for firefighter rehab. The empty W-R firehouse was covered by Rutherford and East Rutherford engine companies, a Rutherford ladder company and the Lyndhurst rescue company.

There were no injuries reported and the fire was investigated by W-R Fire Official Cauceglia and the WRPD. All WR units were back in service at 22:25 hours. ###

WRFD Calendar Drive

In November 2015, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department delivered 2016 calendars to residents as their annual fund drive. The calendar includes town recycling dates, along with important Borough functions.

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

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

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Early Morning Fire Displaces Families

At about 4 a.m. on October 20, 2015, Lodi Fire Department was dispatched to a brick multi-family River Street home.

Fire Chief Ron Cannici and Assistant Chief Mike Varrechia arrived on the heavy fire scene with flames shooting out of the second floor bedroom windows on the left side of the house and on the top third floor windows.

Within several minutes, flames jumped to the neighboring multifamily home, which then caught fire.

The 3rd alarm fire was declared under control at about 5:20 a.m.

Because there was extensive fire damage and the roof collapsed, the initial home was torn down.

The second home had serious damage on the roof and second floor.

The fire displaced about 10 to 12 people. No injuries were reported.

Lodi Fire Marshal Paul W. Wanco was at the scene to determine the cause. He stated the brick house was so badly damaged with its stairwell destroyed, that he was not able to get upstairs to investigate. Tenants of the home where the fire started said they noticed smoke coming from a wall outlet before the fire started.

Mutual aid departments assisting included: Garfield, Hackensack, Hasbrouck Heights, Maywood, Rochelle Park, Saddle Brook and Wallington. Photo by Rob Knobloch. ###

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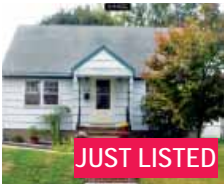
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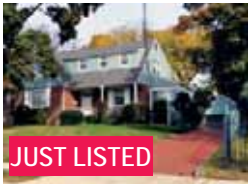
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