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The magnificent, heavenly sounds of earthly angels enveloped us. The sweetness and clarity of melodic singing enriched us. The rapid strum of the acoustic guitar energized us. The richness of the pipe organ, the delicate strings of the violin and the simplicity of a lone chime filled our soul. While spirits danced lightly, we were *blessed within* at the Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel. On Sunday, January 8, 2012, the Felician Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Province of Lodi, presented The Glory of Christmas Concert -- Feast of the Epiphany.
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On Friday, January 13, 2012, the Junior Women’s Club of Hasbrouck Heights held its 19th Annual Spelling Bee at Kiefer Auditorium in the Hasbrouck Heights Middle/High School. Thirty top spellers from the 4th and 5th Grade classes of Corpus Christi, Euclid and Lincoln Schools competed to be the best. The top three spellers from this event were invited to participate in the Regional Spelling Bee on March 3, 2012 in Park Ridge. Awards were given to the top six spellers. Judges were Assemblywoman Connie Wagner (38th District), Mark Nazzaro, Trustee, Hasbrouck Heights BOE, and Mimi Hui, Director, Hasbrouck Heights Library. The Pronouncer was Past President JWC and former Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education Trustee, Joyce Powell. The Moderator was Cindy Capozzi, Past President JWC. ###

Zoo Seeks Volunteers for “Animal Encounters” Program

The Bergen County Zoo Education Department is looking for friendly, dedicated adults (age 18 and older) to volunteer as a part of its "Animal Encounters" program.

Volunteers in this program support the Bergen County Zoo’s mission by bringing a small zoo animal on a monthly visit to a local nursing home/ long-term care facility.

Visits occur on weekday mornings or afternoons.

Give back to the community and bring smiles to many faces by becoming an "Animal Encounters" volunteer.

No experience is necessary—full training will be provided. Training will take place Friday mornings throughout February and March.

Volunteers must be able to attend all training sessions and commit to a monthly visit of approximately 3 hours.

If you have any questions, please email Liz Carletta at lcarletta@co.bergen.nj.us ###

2012 Street Fair Sponsors Invited

The Hasbrouck Heights Mayor’s Business Community Committee announced the 4th Annual Street Fair is scheduled for Sunday, May 20, 2012.

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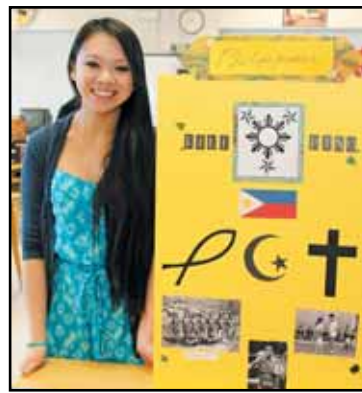
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Celebrating Diversity

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Multicultural Club at the Hasbrouck Heights High School, celebrated "Living the Dream" by presenting 14 cultural displays in the Egglow Media Center on January 16, 2012.

Displays were created on the evening of Friday, January 13 during a multicultural pot luck dinner in the Media Center.

This was the inaugural presentation. Led by seniors Meron Aberha and Patricia Angeles, project planning started in October 2011. The 60 member club represents all grades.

About 600 high school students viewed the exhibition in lieu of gym class. Students took notes of each display and were given credits in their social studies or similar class.

Laura Czekaj, advisor to the club, said the goal is to promote more understanding among various cultures.

During the year, "Change the World" "T" shirts were sold as a fund-raiser. ###



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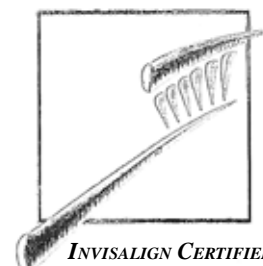


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Lodi Library Children's Programs

• Club Penguin Fans Get-together, Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

On the last Tuesday of the month, gather in The Library meeting room to share tips, favorite stories and use the computers to go online to Disney's Club Penguin. Ages 10+ and must have Club Penguin account already. Adult supervision required for children in 5th Grade and younger.

• Lego Building, Wednesday, February 1, 3:30-5 p.m.

Come to The Library and build with Legos! Legos provided by Library. All structures created will be put on display at The Library. Adult supervision required for children in 5th Grade and younger.

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• Saturday Matinee Movie, February 18, 2:30-4 p.m.

"Up" (2009, PG, 96 mins.) - The story of 78-year-old would-be explorer Carl, who flies to South America by tying thousands of balloons to his house and Russell, a young Wilderness Explorer and accidental stowaway. Snacks will be provided. No advance registration needed. Adult supervision is required for children in 5th Grade and younger.

• Pajama Story Time, Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, and 28, from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Come to The Library in your pajamas and snuggle up with your favorite stuffed toy while listening to stories. No registration required. Adult supervision is required for children in 5th Grade and younger.

• Valentine's Day Craft, Monday, February 6, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Come to The Library and create a Valentine's Day themed craft. Adult supervision is required for children in 5th Grade and younger. Grade K-8.

• Handprint Wreath Craft, Monday, February 27, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Create a wreath out of multicolored handprints. Adult supervision is required for children in 5th Grade and younger. Grade K-8.

• Wednesday Board Game Bash, Wednesdays, February 8, 15, 22, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Play against your friends in games like Trouble, Battleship and Chess. No registration required. Adult supervision is required for children in 5th Grade and younger. Grade K and up.

• Thursday Story Time, Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Join for stories, music and coloring. Adult supervision required. Ages 2-5.

• Friday Playgroup, Fridays, February 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Join for some fun at The Library! Children will have an opportunity for free play and a chance to work on socialization skills, followed by coloring. Adult supervision required. Ages 2-5.

For more information call Heather at 973-365-4044. ###

Libraries Are Fun



(l-r) Barbara Hauck-Mah and Patricia Brady-Danzig

Storytelling with Italian Soprano/Author

On Saturday, January 7, 2012, internationally known soprano, Patricia Brady-Danzig, read her new picture book, "Fabrizio's Fable." The story about a brave little Italian mouse was told in English and Italian featuring the music of Fabrizio's Song. Autographed books were available for purchase after the program. All ages were welcomed. ###



Traditional Chinese Culture

On January 5, 2012, attendees from the surrounding communities of Hasbrouck Heights came to The Library to learn about Chinese culture.

This program was presented by the outreach division of

the famous Shen Yun Performing Arts Company.

The presentation focused on Chinese history, including a brief overview of key dynasties, classical stories, fascinating characters from Chinese literature, classical Chinese dance and musical instruments, and legends. Each dynasty has its own unique culture.

The speaker, Mr. Heng He, was born in China and displayed an impressive knowledge of over 5,000 years of diverse Chinese culture.

There were people in the audience who had been to China and shared some of their experiences with others in a casual discussion after the presentation.

Based in New York, the Shen Yun Performing Arts was established with the mission of reviving and sharing inspired Chinese culture, which had been suppressed especially during the Cultural Revolution in China.

For the past several years, the Shen Yun Performing Arts have performed at Lincoln Center and plans on returning to this area in April 2012. ###

Coaching Sessions for eReaders

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is prepared to help you get started with your eReader tech gadgets.

If the holidays brought an eReader to your home and would like some general tips and hands-on help on downloading The Library's e-collection, drop in for one of these free sessions. Registration is not required.

A Library staff member will be available to help you on Monday afternoons, February 6, February 13, and February 27, 2012, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Please bring your new Kindle, Nook, iPad, or other device.

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Tai Chi Workshops

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights will sponsor three introductory level workshops focused on Tai Chi Short Form. These three workshops are free and people of all ages are encouraged to attend. They will be held in the Library from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, February 4, March 3, and March 31, 2012. You may attend any one or all three workshops.

Tai Chi has been referred to as “yoga in motion.” It is an exercise system that combines slow, graceful movement with calm regular breathing. Tai Chi has many styles and has become very popular as a means of maintaining good health and feelings of relaxation. Originally developed in ancient China for self-defense, Tai Chi evolved into a graceful form of exercise. It is now used for stress reduction, balance and coordination, and to help with a variety of other health conditions. These workshops will teach you what Tai Chi is, how to perform the basic movements, and how you benefit from it.

The instructor, Paul Barcia, has been practicing Tai Chi for over 15 years. He is a local businessman with a passion for Tai Chi and desire to spread his knowledge and experience. He studied under a well-recognized teacher, B. P. Chan. Class size is limited so registration is required. To register, please call 201 288-0488 or log on to <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org> and go to our calendar. ###

Free Computer Workshops

Lodi Memorial Library is offering free computer workshops for beginner computer users in February. Each workshop is a one-time class that teaches students basic computer skills. Please call the Reference Librarian at 973-365-4044 ext. 5 to register. The following is The Library's upcoming workshop schedule:

- Computer Basics: Thursday, February 2 and Tuesday, February 7, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Internet Computer Skills Basics: Thursday, February 9, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Email Computer Skills Basics: Tuesday, February 14, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Microsoft Word 2007 Basics: Thursday, February 16, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Microsoft Word 2007 Intermediate: Thursday, February 23, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Microsoft Word Excel 2007 Basics: Tuesday, February 21, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. ###

How to Download ebooks

On Monday February 6, 2012, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Lodi Library will demonstrate how to download free ebooks from The Library catalog onto an Amazon Kindle device.

On Wednesday February 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Lodi Library will demonstrate the process for an iPad.

The workshops are free, open to ages 18+ and no registration is required. Please bring your device if you have one. A valid library card and email address are needed to access Library ebooks. For more information, call 973-365-4044. Lodi Library is located at One Memorial Drive in Lodi.

The snow date for the Kindle program is February 13 at 6:30 p.m. and February 29 for the iPad program. ###

Winter Children's Programs

Join in on the weekly fun at the Hasbrouck Heights Public Library!

- TINY TOTS for ages Birth to 2½ and their parent or guardian 15 minutes of circle time and one half hour of play Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10:30-11:15 a.m.
 - MOM & ME for ages 2½ to 3½ and their parent or guardian. Stories, songs, games, and a craft Wednesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.
 - BUILDING BLOCKS for ages 3 ½ to 5 (*parents must remain in building*). Books, group storytelling, and a craft Tuesdays or Thursdays from 1:15-2:00 p.m.
- Registration is required. First preference is given to residents and students of Hasbrouck Heights. Register in person, online at <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org/>, or by calling 201-288-0485. ###

Attention Gamers

The Carlstadt Library's collection has recently been expanded to include Xbox 360 and Wii games, as well as several games for Xbox 360 Kinect.

These games will circulate for one week and will be available to anyone with a valid library card who walks in the door. This collection is not currently listed in their online catalog, so come in and check out their growing game selection!

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

Herbs and the Good Cook

Want to learn more about herbs? Come to the Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club Meeting on February 16, 2012.

The speaker for the evening is Patricia O'Brien Libutti, a lifelong herb enthusiast who has taught about culinary herbs to both adults and children.

Pat will share her knowledge on how to identify herbs through taste and aroma and the use of them in recipes.

She is a member of the Master Gardener Class of 2012, a former university librarian, educational psychologist and art teacher.

Join them at 6:45 p.m. at 320 Boulevard on the second floor in The Library Meeting Room. They welcome everyone in the area to join them. Refreshments will be served before the meeting. For further information contact Judy at 201-288-2615. ###

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Friends of Lodi Library Book Sale February 18 & 25

On Saturday, February 18 and February 25, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., The Friends of Lodi Memorial Library host a special winter book sale.

The sale offers a large selection of gently used books, DVDs, CDs and video games for all ages. Lodi Library is located at One Memorial Drive in Lodi.

Proceeds from the sale support Library programs and services such as public computers for computer classes, summer reading events, and a scholarship for a Lodi High School graduate.

The Friends of Lodi Memorial Library welcome donations of new and gently used books, CDs, DVDs and video games for adults and children for their winter book sale. Donations may be brought until Wednesday, February 16 to the front desk at The Library.

For more information or to become a Friend, call 973-365-4044 x7 or go to <http://lodi.bccls.org> ###

The Power of Food Education

Now is the time to become proactive about the health of your family by learning some simple tips on how to make better choices at the supermarket and prepare easy and nutritious meals.

We are in the midst of a health crisis in which the majority of adults are facing serious health issues derived from poor nutrition and a lack of physical activity. The current generation is the first who may not live as long as their parents if they don't start to change their eating habits.

If you're feeding your family hamburgers, chips and soda or even full-fat cheese, white bread and popular cereals, you are putting yourself and them at risk for obesity, heart disease and high-cholesterol.

By attending this free workshop, you will learn that eating healthy is no more expensive and can add to your life expectancy, so let's start taking the health of your family seriously. You wouldn't offer your children cigarettes - so why feed them empty-calorie, fat-

causing, processed foods that are just as toxic to their health?

It's never too late to change your eating habits and with the advice given in this workshop, you'll be on your way in no time and will feel supported throughout the transition. Pick up quick and easy tips on how to cut the junk out of your diet and feed your kids foods that taste great and have nutritional value.

Think of the lessons learned in this workshop as the best gifts you can give to your family.

The workshop will be held on February 20, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library. Registration is required. Please call: 201-438-2455, or e-mail: wrkgc@bccls.org ###

Movie Matinee

Lodi Memorial Library will be running the Wednesday Movie Matinee for Adults every week in February 2012. Free popcorn and soda will be provided. The movie schedule is as follows:

- February 1, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.: "Thomas Crown Affair" (1999), rated R.
- February 8, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.: "Drive," rated R.
- February 15, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.: "Margin Call," rated R.
- February 22, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.: "Ides of March," rated R. ###

Communicate With Your Hands

On Monday nights, starting February 27, 2012, Care on the Corner will be offering an intermediate sign language course, "Communicating with Your Hands." Classes will be held in the sanctuary of St. John's Episcopal Church, 229 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

Classes will be held each Monday night, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., for ten weeks. The final class is scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2012.

Students will learn fundamentals of sign language in Signed Exact English (EE).

Video Games at Lodi Library

Lodi Memorial Library now offers 45 fun and fitness video games for the Wii and Xbox 360 (E and T levels) which can be borrowed for one week with an adult BCCLS-library card.

Patrons must have their own system to use the games.

Details and the games list are at <http://lodi.bccls.org/videogames-to-check-out.html>

The Library welcomes donations of new or gently used Wii and Xbox 360 games to expand their collection, with an IRS receipt provided. For more information, contact The Library at 973-365-4044 or lodilibrary@bccls.org ###

There is a non-refundable materials/registration fee of \$50. This includes a manual, created by the instructor and weekly handouts.

For more information call the Care Center 201-288-9460. A registration form, accompanied by the fee, must be completed for each student by Friday, February 24, 2012. ###

Citizenship Preparation Classes Registration February 8 and 15

Preparatory classes for U.S. Citizenship will start on Monday, February 27, 2012, and continue for six weeks from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Classes will be held at Care on the Corner, 333 Franklin Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.

Registration and Testing will take place on Wednesdays, February 8 and 15, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall, at 229 Terrace Avenue (corner of Terrace and Jefferson Avenues) in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

Students must bring their green card at the time of registration. Level 3 or Level 4 English required.

For more information call the Care on the Corner office, at 201-288-9460. Each student must complete a registration form, accompanied with a non-refundable \$15 registration fee. Financial assistance is available. ###

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Wildcats Kick Off Season

Carlstadt East Rutherford Wildcat competition cheerleaders opened their season at Fair Lawn High School Cutter Classic on December 4, 2011.

The Junior team which is comprised of 7th Grade and under girls won first place and grand champions for the third year in a row.

This is quite an accomplishment! Grand Champion is awarded to the team that has the highest score of all the teams competing in that session.

The Junior team coaches are Jennifer Henkleman, Taylor Henkleman and Linette Farina.

The brand new Mini team, which includes seven 2nd Graders and two Kindergartners, took home first place in

their division.

The Mini coaches are Emily Kronyak, Erin Esposito, Anna Dato, Kirsten Kennedy and main coach Alex Frontin.

The Seniors and Mini's moved on to Hackensack where both teams took home first place trophies for their divisions and the Seniors captured the Grand Champion award.

The Seniors are a 12th Grade and under team. The coaches are Catherine DuHaime and Brittany Rood. Go Wildcats! *Photos and story provided by Dennis Kronyak Jr. ###*

Registration for Adult ESL Classes February 8 and 15

At 7 p.m., on Wednesdays, February 8 and 15, 2012, students will register and be tested for the Spring session of Adult ESL Classes at Care on the Corner, 229 Terrace Avenue (corner of Jefferson and Terrace Avenues) in Hasbrouck Heights.

All new and returning students must be registered to take the classes. All students must take a language assessment evaluation.

Classes start Wednesday, February 29, 2012, from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. and will continue each Wednesday, until May 9.

The ESL classes will provide English language instruction at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels, as well as one-to-one instruction, to people from other countries and other language backgrounds.

For more information about the adult ESL program or to register a student, please call the office at 201-288-9460. A registration form, accompanied with a non-refundable \$15 registration fee, must be completed for each student. Books will be available for purchase at the time of registration. Financial assistance is available. ###

Performing Arts Program

Care on the Corner announces Kids on the Corner, a performing arts program for Grades 2 – 5.

Under the direction of Cindy Summers and choreographer, Joan Columbo, participants will tell the stories of “The Emperor’s New Clothes.”

The group meets on Fridays from 3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. beginning March 23. Everyone is invited to the performance of these stories on Friday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. The group meets at the Parish Hall of St. John the Divine at 229 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

Call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 to register. There is a \$25 registration fee. Scholarships are available. ###

Corpus Christi School Warms up February with Activities for Hearts and Minds

The excitement of the recent Catholic High School acceptance envelopes for Corpus Christi School’s 8th Grade is now replaced with the reality of actually registering at one of their school choices. On February 4, 2012, high school registration will take place for the Class of 2017 at the local Catholic high schools.

Spirit Day will take place on February 14. This month the color is red and the donation

collected will be donated to the American Heart Association.

On the evening of February 17, Corpus Christi School will be having a Beefsteak and Tricky Tray at the Hasbrouck Heights VFW. Guests will be treated to a deejay, great food and drinks, and chances to win amazing prizes. Tickets need to be purchased in advance. This event promises to be a lot of fun for all who attend.

The week of February 20 starts out with a day off from school in observance of Presidents’ Day and continues with a 9 a.m. Mass for Ash Wednesday on February 22, the start of the Lenten season.

The month ends with the annual Book Fair on the February 29 and March 1. Every year Corpus Christi School hosts a book fair to support the school’s reading efforts. Students, parents, and teachers love the book fair because it provides the students with easy access to a wide assortment of books. It also gives the kids an opportunity to choose their own reading material which inspires them to read more and demonstrates to kids that reading is important.

Registration for the 2012/2013 school year for PreK3 through 8th Grade is ongoing. Please call 201-288-0614 for additional information on any of these events or for class availability and enrollment information. *Story by Maria Grace Billings. ###*



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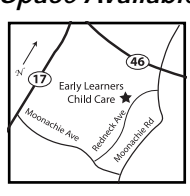
Carlstadt YA Programs

The Carlstadt Public Library YA (Young Adult) Events for 6th Grade and up: February 14, 2012, (*Valentine's Day*) friendship bracelets are on the agenda. Make a few for yourself or for someone special. All activities are at 7 p.m. Bring a friend if you'd like. Questions? Please call Miss Nina at 201-438-8866 x203. ###



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Fish & Chips February 22

The Rosary Altar Society of St. Joseph's Church, East Rutherford, is sponsoring a Fish and Chips dinner to be held on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the St. Joseph's Auditorium (*entrance on Hoboken Road by Friary*).

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$9 for children under 12 years of age. Take out is available. Tickets will be on sale from February 5 to 19 in the Church lobby after all weekend Masses. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information or tickets please call Dolores at 201-939-5163 or Marge at 201-933-2796. ###

Fish & Chips March 10

Saint Margaret of Cortona's Parish Social Life Committee is sponsoring their 9th annual Fish and Chips Dinner on Saturday, March 10, 2012.

Cooking will be done by Tastefully British. Dinner will be served from 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. in Marnell Hall in the Parish Center at the corner of Liberty St. and Chamberlain Ave., Little Ferry.

Cost is \$15 per meal, and includes Fish, Chips, Cake, Coffee and Tea. No tickets will be sold at the door. Take-out orders are available. For information, call Ellie at 201-641-0883. ###

Lasagna Dinner & Tricky Tray

The Rosary Society of Corpus Christi Church is hosting a Lasagna Dinner on Friday, March 2, 2012, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the Corpus Christi School cafeteria.

A delicious dinner of meatless lasagna (*to observe Friday abstinence during Lent*), salad, bread, tea/coffee, soft drinks, and dessert will be served.

To make the menu family friendly, ziti with sauce will be prepared for the children. It is asked that you make this request when purchasing tickets. Take-out is available.

The evening will include a 50/50 drawing. The dinner donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under (*toddlers free*). To purchase tickets, please call Karen at 201-288-5738. ###

IHOP Flips for Charity -- Gives Away Free Pancakes

IHOP in Hasbrouck Heights will offer guests a free short stack of buttermilk pancakes in an effort to raise awareness and funds for "Children's Miracle Network" on National Pancake Day, Tuesday, February 28, 2012, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For every delicious short stack of pancakes served on National Pancake Day, IHOP guests are invited to make a donation to the "Children's Miracle Network."

National Pancake Day, also known as Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday, has been celebrated for centuries in England, with a tradition and lore all its own.

The English have "flipped" for pancakes in celebration of Shrove Tuesday, which heralds the beginning of fasting during Lent.

Long ago, strict rules prohibited the eating of all dairy products during Lent, so pancakes were made to use up the supply of eggs, milk, butter and other dairy products ... hence the name Pancake Day.

This is IHOP's 7th National Pancake Day Celebration. The program benefits "Children's Miracle Network," a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children's hospitals throughout the United States.

Proceeds from IHOP in Hasbrouck Heights will benefit

Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, NJ and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

IHOP's goal is \$10 million in 10 years. Since starting its National Pancake Day celebration in 2006, IHOP has raised more than \$8 million to support local charities. ###

Share The Love

Would you like to remember a special someone this Valentine's Day?

The Guild of Reformed Church Women invite you to share your feelings and at the same time show your caring by signing our special Valentine and making a donation to the Friendly Neighbors.

This is a good time for sharing love for our own loved ones, as well as sending a message of love and caring to others who need to feel that others care.

The card is posted in Hoffman Hall of First Reformed Church through February 13.

If you cannot make it to the Church, you may mail your message (*which will be added to the card*) and donation payable to Women's Guild of the First Reformed Church, P. O. Box 66, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604, by February 9. First Reformed is located at Burton Avenue and Washington Place. For further information, call the Church at 201-288-1122 or Estella at 201-288-0378. ###

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For reservations call 201-652-0968 or 201-909-0808. ###

Pasta Night at W-R High School

The St. Anthony Council 11585 Knights of Columbus is hosting a Pasta Night on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012 in the Wood-Ridge High School cafeteria.

There are three seatings: 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$5 and children under 5 are free.

Tickets are available for advance purchase by contacting Peter, 201-288-0276, or at the door. Take out is available. All proceeds to benefit council activities. PG ###

3 Ways to Get a Small-Business Loan

The rough economic environment has made it difficult for small businesses to obtain loans. Overall lending plunged 7.5% in the past two years, the largest decline since 1942, according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

However, companies with sound business strategies still can borrow. Options include loans from traditional banks and institutions affiliated with the Small Business Administration, as well as financing from Internet-based lenders.

Bank Loans: The best place to get a small-business loan is still a bank. Banks typically offer the lowest interest rates and many have established reputations as trustworthy lenders.

But today, small businesses must expand their search to find a bank willing to lend. A more persistent approach has better odds of success.

The key to success with banks today is to show past profitability, and to describe a well thought-out plan for future

profits. If you aren't making a profit now, you must be able to tell the bank how you will change that in the short term, or you really won't be able to get a loan.

Remember to start small in your loan requests. The bigger the loan request, the harder it is to get it approved.

SBA Loans: Another way to find a bank loan is through the Small Business Administration, or SBA. The SBA can direct you to banks that offer loans guaranteed by the agency. This way, you'll have the advantage of approaching banks specifically interested in lending to small businesses.

Interested businesses should contact the SBA office nearest to them, which can be found on the agency's Web site. Businesses should seek a bank that is an experienced SBA lender.

Banks granting SBA loans are placing increased emphasis on business plans, cash flow and profit forecasts in deciding whether to lend. The SBA can

also refer businesses to free counseling centers to improve their performance.

Online Opportunities: The internet is another great source for loans. There are several sites where businesses can seek alternative lenders such as individuals and small companies.

Loans made on such sites range from \$10,000 to \$2 million. Interest rates range from 8 percent to 15 percent. While that's generally more than a bank will charge, it's much less than what you'll have to pay on many credit cards.

Companies that use these internet sites usually pay a one-time fee while other sites are free, although their costs are likely to be reflected in loan rates.

If you're going to list your company on one of these sites, describe your business in clear and concise language. You can't have typos or that will turn off whoever is looking. Make sure you don't give away any proprietary information and consider using pictures or videos. ###

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About Leap Year

Who is a Leapling?

A person born on February 29 may be called a "leapling" or a "leaper."

Technically, a leapling will have fewer birthday anniversaries than their age in years.

This phenomenon is exploited when a person claims to be only a quarter of their actual age, by counting their leap-year birthday anniversaries only.

When is the birthday party? If you are born on a Leap Year, do you get your driver's license on February 28 or March 1?

It is an ambiguous question. In common years they usually celebrate their birthdays on February 28 or March 1. In some situations, March 1 is used as the birthday in a non-leap year since it is the day following February 28.

For legal purposes, legal birthdays depend on how local laws count time intervals.

Most states, however, consider March 1st the official day. For instance, the Michigan Vehicle Code states that people born on February 29th "are deemed to have been born on March 1st."

The Civil Code of the Republic of China, since October 10, 1929, implies that the legal birthday of a leapling is February 28 in common years:

Since 1990 non-retroactively, Hong Kong considers the legal birthday of a leapling March 1 in common years.

The chances of having a leap year birthday are 1 in 1,461.

There are about 4 million people in the world who have been born on February 29.

About Leap Year

A leap year is a year containing one extra day in order to keep the calendar year synchronized with the astronomical or seasonal year.

Because seasons and astronomical events do not repeat in a whole number of days, a calendar that had the same number of days in each year would, over time, drift with respect to the event it was supposed to track.

By occasionally inserting an additional day or month into the year, the drift can be corrected. A year that is not a leap

year is called a common year.

Why do we need leap year?

The Gregorian calendar, which now serves as the standard calendar for civil use throughout the world, has both common years and leap years. A common year has 365 days and a leap year 366 days, with the extra, or intercalary, day designated as February 29. A leap year occurs every four years to help synchronize the calendar year with the solar year, or the length of time it takes the earth to complete its orbit about the sun, which is about 365¼ days.

The length of the solar year, however, is slightly less than 365¼ days—by about 11 minutes. To compensate for this discrepancy, the leap year is omitted three times every four hundred years.

In other words, a century year cannot be a leap year unless it is divisible by 400. Thus 1700, 1800, and 1900 were not leap years, but 1600, 2000, and 2400 are leap years.

Leap years facts

- The Gregorian calendar has a 400-year cycle until it repeats the same weekdays for every year—February 29, 2008, is a Friday and February 29, 2408, is a Friday.

- The Gregorian calendar has 97 leap years during those 400 years.

- The longest time between two leap years is eight years. The last time that occurred was between 1896 and 1904. The next time will be between 2096 and 2104.

Special Leap Years

Leap years that share the same day of week for each date repeat only every 28 years between the years 1904 and 2096.

The year 2008 was a leap year. If you look at a 2008 calendar, you will see that February has five Fridays—the month begins and ends on a Friday. February comprised five Fridays in 1980 as well, and the next occurrence will be in 2036. February 29, the leap day, has been associated with age-old traditions, superstitions and folklore

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A \$50 donation includes cocktail hour, dinner, dessert, beer, wine and soda. Cash bar. Reservations due by February 15. For more information call Bill at 201-803-0449. Event benefits the two scholarships that will be awarded to high school seniors. ###

HHJWC
St. Pat's Party!

Kick off St. Patrick's Day with the Junior Women's Club of Hasbrouck Heights annual party at the Hasbrouck Heights Elks Club, on March 10, 2012, at 7 p.m. Come on your own or make our party your party and reserve a table. Tickets are \$45 per person. Ticket includes Irish dinner (corned beef or chicken) and dessert, beer, wine, Step dancing, DJ, and door prize. There is also a Tricky Tray and 50/50. Must be 21 or older to attend. Proceeds to benefit Junior Women's charities and local scholarships.

For tickets please call Cara: 201-288-0479. ###

W-R Knights Corned
Beef Dinner March 17

The St. Anthony Council 11585, Knights of Columbus invites all to celebrate with them on Saturday, March 17, 2012 (St. Patrick's Day). The Knights will host their 4th Annual Corned Beef Dinner, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the Father Patrick Morris Hall, located in the basement of the Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge.

The dinner will be catered by Jahn's Delicatessen and the admission is \$15 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any member of the Knights of Columbus. PG ###

Karaoke Fun Night

Start tuning up those pipes! The South Bergen Rotary Club is hosting Karaoke Fun Night on Friday, February 3, 2012, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Ridgefield Park Elks Club (corner of Cedar and Spruce Streets). Cost is \$20 per person and includes admission and food. Cash bar available. Event benefits YCS Children. Space is limited. Advance ticket sales only. RSVP Maria at 201-261-2925, or email Maria@BergenHouses.com ###

Beefsteak
Tricky Tray

Wood-Ridge PBA Local #313 is hosting a Beefsteak Dinner and Tricky Tray on Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 6:30 to 11 p.m., at the Fiesta.

There will be comedians, prizes and 50/50. Cost is \$50 per person. No tickets will be sold at the door. For tickets call 201-939-0476. ###

Comedy Night at
The Brownstone

The Lodi Chapter of UNICO will host their 12th Annual Comedy Night on February 24, 2012. Tickets for this fun filled evening are \$75 per person and include cocktail hour, dinner, open bar and lots of laughs.

For more information and tickets, call Tom at 973-517-2436 or Michael at 973-747-6234. ###

Broadway

Amira Mor Performing Arts Center is hosting a benefit for the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department on March 25, 2012, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Michele's & Milan, 32 Passaic Street in Garfield.

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Saint Joseph Church (Lodi) is hosting a trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA, on Saturday, February 4, 2012. The bus will leave the Church promptly at 9 a.m.

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(l-r) Borough Administrator Anthony Ciannamea, Councilman Robert Bauer, Councilwoman Maureen Flynn, Councilwoman Kathleen Kinsella, Mayor Dennis Vaccaro, Councilman Manuel Martinez, Councilwoman Lucille Millar and Councilman Bruce Surak.

Moonachie 2012 Reorganization Meeting

On January 2, 2012, at noon, the Borough of Moonachie held a brief reorganization meeting in Council Chambers.

Councilwoman Maureen Flynn, Manuel Martinez and Councilwoman Lucille Millar took the Oath of Office.

The reorganization meeting was called to order, fol-

lowed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Victor Migliorino was sworn in as Moonachie Fire Chief and Franklin Smith as Fire 2nd Assistant Chief. (Other Department Officers took their Oath during the installation dinner held on January 20, 2012.)

State Senator Paul A. Sarlo

and Assemblywoman Marlene Caride made remarks.

Resolutions for appointments were made to include Frank Migliorino as Borough Attorney, Kevin Boswell as Borough Engineer, Paul Lerch as Borough Auditor, Helene Herbert as Special Tax Counsel.

The Council adopted existing By-laws of the Mayor and

Council and set the schedule of 2012 meetings.

DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole was appointed for services in connection with the issuance of bonds and notes and Gail Fitzgerald for services as Financial Consultant.

Mayor Vaccaro made appointments with confirmation by the Council to include: Borough Administrator An-

thony Ciannamea, Prosecutor Gregg Padovano, Public Defender Mark Musella, Property Maintenance Official Buddy Evers, etc.

A complete list is available at the Borough Clerk's Office. Consent resolutions and payment of bills were passed. Council Committees were assigned. ###



Heights Library Board Reorganizes for 2012

The Board of Trustees of The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights held its reorganization meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012. Lisa Traina was elected Board President along with Patricia Link as Secretary and Dr. Burnett Eglow as Treasurer. The Board meets on the third Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., to conduct Library business. Photo (l-r) Dr. Burnett Eglow, Mayor's Alternate Thomas Verraastro, Council Liaison Sonya Buckman, Lisa Traina, BOE Alternate Edwinna Carroll, Library Director Mimi Hui, Mayor Rose Heck, Patricia Link, and John Baratta. Not shown: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Porto, Rose Ellen Lorber-Termaat. ###

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l-r: Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Mayor Rose Heck, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman John Dingertopadre and Councilman Russell A. Lipari.

Hasbrouck Heights 2012 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2012, at 11:45 a.m., a Sine Die Meeting was held to conclude 2011 business.

The year 2012 began with Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees administering the Oath of Office to Mayor Rose Heck. Robert DiPisa, Esq., adminis-

tered the Oath of Office to his father, Justin DiPisa and Mayor Heck then administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Pamela J. Link. Upon the seating of the council members, Mayor Rose Heck declared the 2012 Reorganization Meeting in session.

There was a Salute to

the Flag. Conchita Parker led the singing of "God Bless America," and an Invocation was given by Deacon Vincent DeFedele of Corpus Christi Church.

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to the 2012 Fire Department Chiefs and Officers (*see page 30*).

There was an announcement of council assignments, consent agenda, and Council naming Russell Lipari as Council President and representative to the Planning Board.

Mayor Heck made her appointments and delivered her Annual Address.

Deacon Vincent DeFedele provided the concluding Benediction. The meeting was adjourned. Refreshments were served in the Senior Center.

For a complete list of all appointments and Mayor's address, go to: www.hasbrouck-heights.nj.us ###



l-r: Borough Attorney John J. Fahy, Councilman Councilman Dennis C. Ritchie, Borough Clerk Claire Foy, Councilman Richard Bartlett, Mayor William Roseman, Councilman David Stoltz, Councilman Robert J. Zimmermann, Councilman Craig Lahullier, and Councilman James Lenoy.

Carlstadt 2012 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2012, at 1 p.m., the Carlstadt Mayor and Council held their 2012 Reorganization meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made followed by the Invocation by Rev. John Pra of the Cornerstone Church.

The Oath of Office was

administered to Councilmen James Lenoy and Robert J. Zimmermann and badges were presented to elected officials. The Mayor gave his annual message. Consent agenda was approved. The Mayor made appointments and selection of

standing committees. There was a resolution on 2012 salaries followed by hearing of citizens. Presentations and comments were made followed

by Benediction by Rev. Donald Pitches, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church. The meeting was adjourned. A complete list of

all appointments is available at the Borough Clerk's Office. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.* ###

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(l-r) Councilman Dominick Azzolini, Councilman Joseph DiMarco, Councilman Thomas C. Gonnella, Mayor Paul A. Sarlo, Councilwoman Catherine Cassidy, Councilman Ezio I. Altamura, Councilman Edward Marino.

Wood-Ridge 2012 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2012, at 3 p.m., the Borough of Wood-Ridge held a reorganization meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the attending children, with an Invocation by Father Mucowski, O.F.M., Assumption Church.

The results of the November 8, 2011 election were announced by Bergen County

Clerk John S. Hogan. The Oath of Office was administered by Hon. Peter Doyne, A.J.S.C. to Mayor Paul A. Sarlo. Mayor Sarlo administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Thomas C. Gonnella and Jonathan Bruno, Esq. administered the Oath of Office to Dominick Azzolini.

Dominick Azzolini was

elected as Council President.

Congressman Steve Rothman made remarks as did Assemblyman Gary S. Schaer and Assemblywoman Marlene Caride.

Gonnella received recognition for being the longest serving Councilman in Wood-Ridge.

Appointments for Bor-

ough positions were made to include Borough Administrator Christopher W. Eilert, Borough Attorney Paul S. Barbire, Borough Engineer Michael J. Neglia. There was an adoption of the By-Laws for 2012.

Mayor and Council standing committees and liaison to Boards and Commissions were made. The Mayor made his

appointments to include: Planning Board, Recreation, Shade Tree, Veterans, and Events Commissions.

The Mayor gave his Annual Address. The meeting was open to the public before it was adjourned. A complete list of all appointments is available at the Borough Clerk's Office.

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(l-r) Councilwoman Peggy Steinhilber, Councilman Thomas Sarlo, Councilman George Muller, Mayor Mauro D. Raguseo, Councilman Ronald Anzalone, Councilwoman Sue Schuck and Councilwoman Roberta Henriquez.

Little Ferry 2012 Reorganization Meeting

Following a Sine Die meeting on January 6, 2012, at 7 p.m., the Borough of Little Ferry held a reorganization meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance

was followed by an Invocation by Fr. Arthur Humphrey, St. Margaret of Cortona Church.

The results of the November 8, 2011 election were an-

nounced by Bergen County Clerk John S. Hogan.

Mayor Mauro D. Raguseo was sworn in for his second term. The Oath of Office was administered to Councilwoman Roberta Henriquez and Peggy Steinhilber. The 2012 By-Laws were adopted and the Council President was elected.

The state of the Borough Address was given by Mayor Raguseo, followed by comments from the Council.

Appointments for Borough positions were read with confirmation given where required.

They included Borough Attorney Joseph Monaghan, Borough Engineer Job & Job, Borough Auditor Dieter Lerch, Bonding Attorney McManimon & Scotland, Code Enforcement Officer Gino Tessaro, etc. A complete list is available at the Borough Clerk's Office.

The Mayor made Council committee assignments. There was a presentation of the Badge to the Police Commissioner.

Consent Agenda resolutions were voted on and ordinances for introduction made.

There were comments from the Council.

The highlight of the meeting was the Mayor giving the Oath of Office to three new Police Officers (*see story on page 29*).

All those who were appointed to the Boards or other positions in the Borough were sworn in by the Borough Attorney.

Benediction was given Reverend Veronica Pearson and the meeting was adjourned. Refreshments were served.

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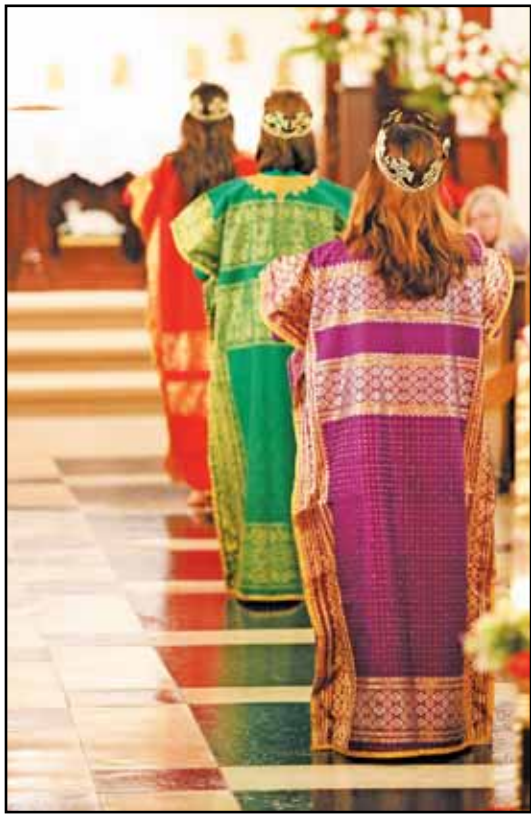
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On Sunday, January 8, 2012, the Felician Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Province of Lodi, NJ, presented a sacred concert entitled The Glory of Christmas -- Feast of the Epiphany, in the Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel.

The Sisters hope that their gift of music deepens the spirit of Christmas for all who attended to celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, known as "Little Christmas" in many countries.

Joining the Felician Sisters' Choir, under the direction of Sister Marilyn Marie Minter, CSSF, (guitarist) and accompanied by Sister Mary Virginia Tomasiak CSSF, on the organ/piano, were several guest artists: violinist Nicole DiMaria; pianist Maryann DiMaria; pianist/singer Robert Williams with Ugochi Oguh, trumpeter David DiRienzo,

percussionist Bobby Reilly and accordionist Sal Torino.

Soloists included Sister Maria Magdalena, and Georgine DiMaria. Sacred dancers Linda Telesco, Kelly Reilly and Mary Kasakove of the troupe "Spirit Dance," an inter-faith dance ministry, performed at the altar during several chorales.

Sister Mary Antonelle, provided opening and closing remarks.

Beginning with a "Surely the Presence" prelude, the 90 minute concert began with "We Three Kings" and the Spirit Dancers, "O, Come All Ye Faithful," accordion solo "Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle," "Angels We Have Heard On High," "O Holy Night" solo by Robert Williams with Ugochi Oguh, "Who has Seen," "O Gesu Bambino," Proclamation of God's Word Gospel

Acclamation was followed by "Alleluia."

"Silent Night" was sung in English, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Spanish, Polish and was signed by Sister Mary Timothy.

The Felician Sisters' Choir sang the Polish Carol "Dzisiaj w Betlejem, Sister Theresa, student from Vietnam, sang "Noel Vê," and Sister Veronica and Sister Yovitha sang a traditional Hymn from Tanzania, "Amezaliwa Yesu Timbe Aleluya."

Irma Nazare and Irma Yvonne sang a traditional song from Brazil "Chegou a hora de Sanhar de Novo."

"Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head," was sung by Noelle Staudt, from St. Anthony High School, Jersey City, and "I wonder as I Wander," sung by Miriam Steinberg, Felician College 2011.

Additional music included "Ave Maria," "Peace," "Lullaby Medley," 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime, Yuron Crol," and "The Beautiful Mother." After closing remarks by Sister Mary Antonelle, the program concluded with everyone performing "Joy to the World."

Good will offerings were accepted with the proceeds given to the poor.

The Felician Sisters' Choir has presented The Glory of Christmas Concert almost annually for the last decade. CDs of the Felician Sisters' Choir are available by calling 973-473-7447.

The Immaculate Conception Province of the Felician Sisters was established in Lodi in 1913. For more information, go to www.felicianslodi.org ###



Tractor Fires December 31

At about 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve 2011, The Carlstadt Fire Department responded to three tractors ablaze at General Trading on 16th Street in Carlstadt. The fire appeared to have started with faulty electrical wiring in one tractor and spread to two others. It took the Department about 20 minutes to extinguish the intense fires. They were on the scene for about an hour addressing hot spots. The tractors were completely destroyed. No injuries were reported. The incident is under investigation. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



United Wire Fire Draws Mutual Aid

A sprinkler system kept a fire in check at United Wire Hanger warehouse, located on Plant Road in Hasbrouck Heights, on December 29, 2011. The fire started at about 6:30 a.m. Upon arrival of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department, employees let the firefighters into the building. Although there were no flames outside the building, firefighters fought through thick smoke to locate the source. The area was packed with pallets of plastic hangers and some of the pallets were stacked close to a heater which caused the fire. With Heights Ladder Truck out of service, Little Ferry

Tower 307 was used to handle roof venting. It took about 45 minutes to extinguish the fire. According to Fire Chief Kevin Todd, only a few pallets of plastic hangers were afire. There was minimal damage to the warehouse, with only a couple of vent holes on the roof. Mutual aid departments responding included Carlstadt, Little Ferry, Lodi, Moonachie, Rochelle Park, Wallington, and Wood-Ridge. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*

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(l-r) Jack Stathis of Maywood, CAA Jr. Volunteer; Alastair McIndoe of the Maywood Fire Police and Companion Animal Advocates Advisory Board; Dr. Lauren LaPorta of Maywood (donor); Captain Edmund Carter III, Engine Company 1, with his dog, Yoshi; and Chief Richard Giarratana of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department.

HHFD Gets Pet Oxygen Masks

Dr. Lauren LaPorta, a resident of Maywood who grew up in Hasbrouck Heights, recently donated a set of pet oxygen masks to the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department on behalf of Companion Animal Advocates (CAA). The masks come in three sizes for large, medium and small dogs/cats. These specially sized masks will enable firefighters or EMTs to deliver oxygen to pets in need and in some cases save their lives.

If you are interested in donating a set of pet oxy-

gen masks to your community, please contact Christine at CAA at 201-706-7666 or at Christine@companionanimaladvocates.org.

One of the goals of Companion Animal Advocates' humane education program is to make sure that every town in Bergen County is equipped with a kit so that pets are protected in case of an emergency.

So far, more than 25 sets of pet oxygen masks have been donated throughout Bergen County since January 2011. ###



On January 5, 2012, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department responded to a smoke condition in the basement of a Moonachie Avenue home. They located the fire when they removed the siding. The fire apparently started in the corner. Wallington Fire Department assisted. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



Tractor Trailer Fires January 2, 2012

Six tractors and trailers were ablaze on January 2, 2012, when the Carlstadt Fire Department arrived on Commercial Road in Carlstadt at about 4 p.m. The fire started with one trailer and extended to the four adjoining tractors and six empty trailers. The fire appeared to have started with faulty wiring.

It took the Department

about 40 minutes to get the intense blaze under control. They were on the scene for four hours due to the investigation.

The tractors and trailers were completely destroyed.

HAZMAT responded because three tractors had exposed fuel and the refrigerator trailers had foam insulation.

These fires were around the corner from the December

31, 2011 fire that destroyed four tractors, so Bergen County Arson Squad was on the scene. These fires appear to be independent. The incident is under investigation.

No injuries were reported. East Rutherford and Wallington Fire Departments were on standby at Fire Headquarters. Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



Mutual Aid Response: Wood-Ridge garage/house fire December 23, 2010. Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr.

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A two vehicle T-Bone crash happened on Terrace Avenue near the Hilton at about 1300 hours on December 24, 2011. HHFD responded with their Rescue company and EMS unit and were assisted by Moonachie EMS. There were three injuries that were transported to Hackensack Medical Center. Photo by Erik N. Velez. ###



Photo by Fritz Rethage with aerial support from Jim Miller of NJ Chopper.

PA Installs 2nd Arrestor Bed at TEB



The second EMAS (*Engineered Material Arresting Systems*), known as an arrestor bed, was installed at the south end of Teterboro Airport's 7,200 foot runway 1-19, facing Moonachie Avenue and Redneck Avenue.

Prior to installation, Redneck Avenue had to be relocated. See related story.

The 160' x 350' arrestor bed is set on a 3' gravel and asphalt pad, similar to a typical road bed.

The arrestor bed slopes from 5" up to 17". The actual work began in September 2011 and was completed by December 31, 2011.

Work was done during the day to be sensitive to noise abatement, and to also allow for the repaving of Runway 1-19.

The project was supervised by Port Authority engineers. Blocks were supplied by ESCO.

The cost to install the second arrestor bed was \$8,245,000 and partially funded by the FAA.

Because there is a 1,000

over-run area, Runway 1-19 will not have an EMAS at the north end..

A third arrestor bed is scheduled for installation at Runway 6-24 south end in 2012-2013.

Concurrent Work

- The dirt berm along Moonachie Avenue that was removed and replaced with a "Green Wall" (*a structured block system with plantings, 800 feet long, 12 feet deep at the base and six to 12 feet high*).

- East Riser Ditch at Redneck and Moonachie Avenues was rehabilitated to include boxed culverts through which the water flows under the

EMAS.

This included creating several flood retention areas. To minimize creating a "goose attraction," stakes with wires and yellow flags were installed.

(The wetlands space at the EMAS was mitigated in conjunction with the Redneck Avenue project.)

- Runway 1-19 was repaved, to include new lighting systems. (*Note that in 2009, Runway 6-24 was repaved and new lights were installed. Neither runway was lengthened, only rehabilitated.*)

- Two recessed fire hydrants were installed between the EMAS and end of the runway. ###



About EMAS Arrestor Bed Technology

EMAS arrestor beds are installed on the runway over-run/set-back to decelerate an aircraft in an emergency.

They are lightweight pre-cast concrete blocks that consist of crushable cellular cement material. Resistance provided by the crushed material decelerates the aircraft.

Each arrestor bed configuration is custom engineered in length, depth and strength to provide optimum performance for the aircraft mix used at the airport.

EMAS arrestor blocks are set on an asphalt bed (similar to a typical road) which is graded for drainage.

The arrestor bed technology, known as the Engineered Material Arresting System (*EMAS*), was pioneered by the Port Authority and the Federal Aviation Administration, and has proven effective at John F. Kennedy International Airport, where the world's first EMAS was installed in 1996.

Then Port Authority Executive Director, Kenneth J.

Ringler Jr., said, "The technology has proven effective in bringing aircraft to a safe and complete stop. It could be compared to driving a vehicle into gradually deepening snow."

The blocks are light enough to crush under a jet's landing gear, but heavy enough to slow or stop a jet. The beds can withstand the weight of rescue trucks responding to an accident.

A factory installed jet blast resistant block protection system is applied to raw blocks

to enhance durability and to protect against the effects of aircraft jet blasts.

Maintenance

Weekly drive-by inspections, as well as a monthly walk of the bed, are recommended.

Normal maintenance consists of maintaining the protective surface coating -- painting and caulking as needed.

Proper maintenance protects the underlying arrestor bed blocks from the environment, keeping excessive moisture out and prolonging the

life of the system. Repainting the entire bed may be required every three to five years.

Snow is not expected to have any substantial effect on performance. Excessive build up that may obscure approach lights or affect the ILS may be handled with a snow blower.

Vehicular traffic should be avoided. Site preparation includes paving around the perimeter to allow vehicles to drive around the bed for inspections and maintenance. Maintenance personnel can walk on the bed without damaging the surface. ###

Teterboro Airport EMAS History

In February 2005, twenty people were injured when a 20-ton corporate jet aborted take-off on Runway 6, crossed Route 46 about 300 feet and crashed into Strawberry Warehouse at the corner of Huyler Street and Route 46.

About eight months later, the Port Authority Board of Commissioners authorized the installation of an arrestor bed at the end of Runway 6 at Teterboro, near Route 46.

A change in federal law passed last year requires all commercial airports without a 1,000 foot buffer at the end of their runways to install arrestor beds.

The bed near Route 46 is designed to stop planes traveling between 57 mph and 80 mph.

First TEB Installation

The 170-foot-wide, 251-foot-long arrestor bed at the end of the 6,015 foot Runway 6 at Teterboro Airport, near Route 46 was installed

in October 2006 at a cost of \$8.5 million dollars. The FAA covered \$7.5 million of the cost.

Site preparation was completed in September 2006. Construction began on the evening of October 14 and took about two weeks to complete.

Blocks were installed using forklifts and placed tightly together on a chalked grid.

The blocks are stacked at the foot of the runway and gradually sloped up starting at 4-1/2" and ending at 18." The sides are stepped to facilitate ARFF vehicle access and passenger egress.

Once positioned, the block joints were caulked/taped and additional coats of water-resistant paint were applied to seal the bed and prevent weather damage.

The Port Authority contracted for the site preparation, ESCO provided the blocks and a contractor installed the blocks. The Port Authority supervised the installation.

The space used for this

arrestor bed was mitigated wetlands (*an equal space used will be restored to wetlands*).

Replaceable Panel System Allows for Quick Repairs

On the evening of Wednesday, October 25, 2006, a Challenger jet taxiing to a terminal, made a wrong turn onto the arrestor bed. About 15 panels were destroyed.

Damaged panels were removed with a front-end loader and discarded. New, pre-cast blocks were then installed and finish coats applied.

Repairs for this incident cost approximately \$15,000. Repair costs are normally paid for by the insurance of the party responsible for inflicting damage to the EMAS system.

Second Incident

On Friday, October 1, 2010, at 1:45 p.m., a Gulfstream 4 landed on Runway 6, over-ran the end of the runway and went 112 feet into the EMAS (*Engineered Material Arresting System*).

The aircraft was slowed to a stop by the EMAS. Seven passengers and three crew members exited the aircraft door safely onto the EMAS. There were no injuries. There was minor damage to the aircraft.

The incident crushed the EMAS materials into a powder. Damaged panels were removed with a front end loader that scooped up the debris to get rid of the loose materials.

The EMAS manufacturer came up over the weekend to assess the damage and determined that approximately 112 blocks needed to be replaced.

New, pre-cast blocks were then installed, block joints were caulked/taped and a water-resistant finish coat was applied to seal the bed and prevent water damage. The repair was completed within two weeks at a cost of under \$350,000. ###

Related Gazette Newspaper Articles

- PA Installs Arrestor Bed at Teterboro Airport, December 2006, page 28.
- Runway 6-24 Gets rehabilitated, November 2009, page 29.
- See Replaceable Arrestor Bed Panel System Allows for Quick Repairs, December 2010, page 31.
- Redneck Avenue Moved, January 2011, page 25.
- HHFD Responds to Teterboro Crash, March 2005, pages 12-13.



Damage done to the EMAS during the October 25, 2006 incident affected about 15 panels.



Damage done to the EMAS during the October 1, 2010 incident affected about 112 panels.



Photo by Fritz Rethage with aerial support from Jim Miller of NJ Chopper.

Preparation Work: Relocate Redneck

The installation of this arrestor bed project required relocating 1,200 feet of Redneck Avenue 300 feet to the east.

The scope of the initial project began in October 2005 and design work started in 2006. Once the drawings were fine tuned, and all permits set, the bid process began. The contract to relocate Redneck Avenue was awarded on November 13, 2009. The basic contract was \$10 to 11 million dollars and partially funded by the FAA.

In addition to the grading and prep work of the new Redneck Avenue, the movement of the road site work included:

- The relocation of a 36" gas main on old Redneck to under new Redneck Avenue.

The relocation of a 12" gas main to the south side of Moonachie Avenue.

The relocation of a 138 KV PSE&G transmission line and a 13KV PSE&G distribution line.

Verizon communication lines.

United Water line.

New traffic signals were installed at new Redneck Avenue and Moonachie Avenue.

With completion of the new roadway, old Redneck was taken out and replaced with grass.

New fencing was installed along new Redneck Avenue, incorporating The Instrument Landing System (ILS) which was installed in 1998-99.

This roadway realignment

project required a completely new drainage system; not moving East Riser Ditch, just modifying it.

This project affected only the East Riser Ditch section now under old Redneck Avenue.

The overall project included rehabilitation of East Riser Ditch, installation of culverts under the arrestor bed, developing flood retention, installing a green wall to replace the berm which was removed, etc.

The relocation of Redneck Avenue, utility work and Riser Ditch rehabilitation was completed in December 2010.

Once the Redneck Avenue project was completed, work began on the construction of the second arrestor bed. ###

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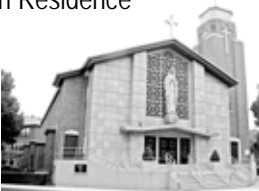
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The Jesus Story 2012

Passion Play Drama Ministries of Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, will be presenting the 23rd annual performance of The Jesus Story.

The presentation is a musical drama centered around the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This year's presentation will look at the life and ministry of Jesus through the eyes of Mary and her family.

A volunteer cast and technical crew of over 100 men, women and children, along with the assistance of the Cultural and Community Affairs Division of Felician College, come together to bring this life changing story to our community.

FREE admission is being offered with over 1,000 seats available on a first come basis. The ministry desires to make the play available to all who

would desire to attend. A free will offering will be taken.

Pastor Bill Hegedus, the director of the play, continues to insist that the purpose of the play is not to entertain, but to present the love of God for a lost and dying world. That love was manifested in God giving "His Beloved Son" as the perfect sacrifice for our sins that "Whosoever believes in Him who should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

The dates for the performances are Saturday and Sunday – March 24, 25 at 4 p.m.; Friday – March 30 at 8 p.m., Saturday – March 31 and Sunday – April 1 at 4 p.m.; and Thursday and Friday - April 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. at Felician College in the Breslin Theater located at 262 South Main Street, Lodi, NJ.

You may visit the web-site at www.biblebaptist.net for more information or call 201-288-4139 ext. 2. ###

AIDS Compassion Weekend

Assumption Parish Community will be observing AIDS Compassion Weekend at all the Sunday and anticipated Masses of February 18-19, 2012.

As part of the program leading up to the observance, Assumption AIDS Ministry at all the Masses during the weekend of February 4-5, 2012, will be collecting the diet supplement, Ensure, which is much needed for maintaining a healthy condition by those living with the virus.

The Ensure is to be donated to New Jersey Buddies in Hackensack. ###

AWAKENING 2K12

Evangel Christian Church will present "AWAKENING 2K12" meeting on the last Friday of each month, a new opportunity for young people to get together for worship, teaching and fellowship starting on January 27, 2012, at 7:30 p.m.

Music will be by the Nuisound Worship Group offering contemporary Christian music, with teaching by John Natale, a well-known Evangelist and Teacher on the East Coast.

Evangel Christian Church is located at 165 Main Street, Little Ferry. For more information call 201-440-0470. ###

Food Bank

The Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry is open Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for residents. Donations are always welcome. Call Borough Clerk's Office for more information at 201-288-0195. ###

February Flower Violet



Reflections

We All Matter

Br. Paul Keenan, OFM, MSW, MS, MDIV.

Franciscan Brother at Assumption RC Church in Wood-Ridge

Greetings, welcome to February, which is a month that can be filled with great memories or a month that can be a struggle to get through.

On February 14, 2012, we will be celebrating another Valentine's Day. This is a time for many to show an expression of their love for those that are an important part their lives.

Cards, flowers, candy and romantic dinners are many times part of this expression from one loved one to another on this day.

However, for many members of our community, Valentine's day can be a struggle to get through.

One may be separated from their loved ones because their loved ones live far away or one's loved one has died.

Sometimes, a relationship or friendship has ended and there may still may be feelings of unresolved hurt that one is struggling with.

In these tough situations, many times we internalize our own thoughts and feelings and concentrate only on the negative versus seeing the positive that is part of our lives.

I am reminded of a story that I once heard that I would like to share with you. I apologize that I do not know who the author of this story is despite my best efforts to find the source of this story.

The story goes like this: "There was once a elderly

woman who lived up in the woods where there was no running water.

Every day she walked down to the river with two buckets that were on a string attached to a pole she would carry.

She would fill her buckets with the fresh stream water and then walk back up the hill to her cabin.

One of the buckets had holes in it and this bucket felt very ashamed that it could not do as much as the other bucket which could carry a full bucket of water.

One day, this bucket that leaked got up the courage to speak to the elderly woman and said, "I am so ashamed of myself, for years I have leaked water from the stream all the back to your cabin. I am no good."

The elderly woman smiled gently at this bucket and said, "My little friend, do you not see the beautiful flowers and plants that are only on your side of the path that I take home from the stream?"

Each day you water these beautiful flowers and plants from the holes in your bucket and this makes my walk home very special. Thank you for being just who you are."

The lesson we can take from this story is that we are all gifted in some way, we all matter.

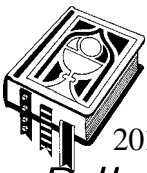
February can be a difficult month for many on so many levels from the expectations of Valentine's Day to just the shorter and colder days that make up this month and leave many people more isolated and cut off from others than usual.

My hope for all during this month is that we remember that we are blessed by a higher power of our own understanding and calling and that we each have gifts to offer one another here in the communities that we live in. Have a great month and Happy Valentine's Day to each of you.

Br. Paul is a Franciscan brother who is part of the pastoral team at Assumption RC Church in Wood-Ridge.

What most people need to learn in life is how to love people and use things instead of using people and loving things.

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On Tuesday, February 7 at 9:30 a.m., Rev. Chastain will begin a "Coffee Break Bible Study." Structured as a brief exploration of the Bible, it is primarily designed to give busy people an opportunity to spend a little time learning about the Bible and sharing their faith with others. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Everyone is welcome, whether you are a first-time explorer or a long-time believer. To help us plan, call 201-438-8966. ###

Ecumenical
World Day of
Prayer March 2

*"Let everything that has
breath praise God."*

On Friday, March 2, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Services will be held at First Methodist Church, Hasbrouck Heights. Light refreshments will follow. The facilities are handicapped accessible. For more information, contact Elsie at 201-288-0324.

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March -- to which all people are welcome.

Throughout the entire day, women in more than 170 countries and regions, collectively pray all over the world, beginning with the first sunrise and ending at the last sunset. These prayers follow the sun's path around the globe. WDP's motto is "Informed prayer leads to prayerful action."

Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. WDP brings together women of various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year, becoming aware of the whole world and no longer living in isolation. A different country is represented each year. For more information go to: www.wdpusa.org ###

New Mailing
Address for REACH
Contributions

The REACH Helpline will no longer have a Post Office box at the Hasbrouck Heights Post Office after January 31, 2012. After this date, donations and contributions to this service may be sent to REACH c/o Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604.

Residents who are in need of transportation to medical and dental appointments are asked to call REACH at 201-441-3350 early in the morning of the day on which they need this service.

Volunteers are badly needed so this program can continue. Anyone who can give one day a month to receive calls at home or drive residents to appointments can call Ethel Ball at 201-288-3611. ###

Bizik Memorial
Golf Tournament
May 23

The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association is sponsoring the 27th Annual Bizik Memorial Golf Tournament on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at the Minebrook Golf Club in Hackettstown, NJ.

Cost is \$125 and includes: a round of golf, cart, continental breakfast, gourmet luncheon and two hour open bar. There will be prizes for skill events, hole-in-one prize, etc..

Sponsorships are available. Contributions are welcome.

Proceeds benefit the Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are given to Hasbrouck Heights graduating students. Deadline is May 1. For more information, email Tom at TNTTwister@aol.com ###

AARP Safe
Driver Program

The Hasbrouck Heights Health Department will be sponsoring an AARP Safe Driver Program on February 21, 2012 and February 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 320 Boulevard, in the Community Room.

This program is open to drivers of all ages. Completion of the course, which is renewable every three years, will allow a two-point reduction from your driver's license and a five percent deduction on car insurance.

The cost of the program is \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members. Please make checks payable to AARP. Attendance is required at both sessions.

Pre-registration is required at the Hasbrouck Heights Health Department, 320 Boulevard, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have any questions please call 201-288-1636. ###

Jonah Musical
March 17, 2012

The Rosary Confraternity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Wallington is hosting a trip to the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see the new Biblical musical, "JONAH" on March 17, 2012.

The price of the trip includes bus transportation, theatre ticket and dinner at the famous "Good and Plenty" Amish Restaurant.

Ticket prices are \$140 for adults, \$120 for teens and \$85 for children.

For more information or ticket purchase, call Ginny at 201-715-2087. ###



Filling You In

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

Oral Cancer

How common and how serious is oral cancer?

Oral cancer, the sixth most common cancer, accounts for about 3.6 percent of all cancers diagnosed. The majority of oral cancers occur in people older than 45 years, with men being twice as likely as women to develop the disease.

The most frequent oral cancer sites are the tongue, the floor of the mouth, soft palate, lips, and gums. If not diagnosed and treated in its early stages, oral cancer can spread leading to pain, loss of function, disfigurement and even death.

Your dentist can perform a thorough screening for oral cancer.

What causes oral cancer?

Scientists aren't sure of the exact cause of oral cancer. However, the carcinogens in tobacco products, alcohol and certain foods, as well as excessive exposure to the sun have been found to increase your risk. Genetics may also be a factor.

What are the warning signs to look out for?

Red, white, or discolored lesions, patches or lumps in or around the mouth are typically painless in the early stages. Malignant cancer spreads and destroys healthy oral tissue and may become painful. Oral cancer may be very difficult to self diagnose so routine dental exams are recommended.

How does a dentist screen for oral cancer?

During an examination,

your dentist will feel for lumps or irregular tissue changes in your neck, head, cheeks and oral cavity. Also, he will examine for sores or discolored tissues.

How is oral cancer treated?

If your dentist suspects oral cancer, a biopsy may be indicated to confirm diagnosis.

Surgery to remove the tumor, chemotherapy and radiation are some of the possible treatments for the cancer.

Because oral cancer is often not diagnosed early, the prognosis can be less than good. Prevention measures should be encouraged. Avoiding smoking, other tobacco products, and excessive alcohol use will help prevent cancer tumors. Also, a healthy diet of fruits and vegetables may safeguard against oral cancer. Be sure to ask your dentist to perform an oral cancer examination at your next visit.

(ref: Academy of General Dentistry, American Cancer Society, et. al)

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 6, 13, 27

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

11:00 a.m. Mahjong

Tuesday, February 7, 14, 21, 28

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

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

6:00 p.m. Game Night

Wednesday, February 15, 22, 29

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

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

Thursday, February 2, 9, 16, 23

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

11:00 a.m. Mahjong

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

Friday, February 10, 24

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

Friday, February 3, 17

10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo

Check Center Bulletin Board for any changes

Senior Center will be closed:

Monday, February 20, 2012

There will be no garbage collection this day.

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 1

10:00 a.m. Leisure Club Executive meeting

Wednesday, February 8

1 p.m. Monthly meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Patrick's Day with the Leisure Club

Thursday, March 15 Trip to Platzl Brauhaus, Pomona, NY. Cost is \$60 and includes breakfast, lunch, late afternoon sandwiches, entertainment, transportation. Call Kathy at 201-288-6651. Non-members welcome.

AARP Learns About Bergen County United Way Services



Christine Incontro of Bergen County's United Way addressed the members of the AARP Central Bergen Chapter #418, on Friday, January 13, 2012.

She stated that the services provided by Bergen County's United Way are divided into four components.

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Second, they have a Compassion Fund. Through the Compassion Fund, they provide immediate and personalized support to the unique circumstances of the situation. They work one-on-one to turn things around - whether the struggle is personal, or the result of a

community-wide crisis.

Third, they work in partnership with Bergen County Community Development and the Housing Authority of Bergen County, to provide permanent housing subsidies for homeless individuals and families, as well as the wrap around supportive services necessary to insure their health and well-being.

Recently they completed an award winning project -- Orchard Commons in Allendale -- recipient of the Governor's Excellence in Housing Award - for individuals with developmental disabilities ranging from Down Syndrome to Autism. They are currently working on providing housing for individuals with Autism.

Finally, they have a Back to Work Program. Mrs. Incontro is the Director of Job Development for the Bergen County's United Way.

This program helps an individual write a resume, do a job search, use the internet to seek employment and how to make a positive impression on an interview.

Mrs. Incontro emphasized that all monies obtained for Bergen County's United Way are used in Bergen County.

During the AARP meeting, Estella reported that tickets are now on sale for a trip to Doolan's in Spring Lake. They are \$60 each and include transportation, lunch and entertainment. She can be contacted at 201-288-0378.

AARP Central Bergen Chapter #418 meets the second Friday of each month except for July and August.

They meet at 12:00 p.m. at the M&M Building, 116 Holt

Street, Hackensack. Membership is open to Seniors who are members of AARP and who reside in Hackensack, Hasbrouck Heights, Maywood, Rochelle Park, Little Ferry or South Hackensack. New members are always welcomed. Their next meeting is Friday, February 10 at which time Michael Dressler, Bergen County Surrogate, will discuss updated tax information and additional clarification on several matters related to probate. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

Lodi Seniors Club Seeks New Members

The Lodi Senior Citizens Club, located on Walnut Street, Lodi, New Jersey, has announced that the Club will be open every Thursday to anyone 55 or older who lives in Bergen County. Included are all neighboring towns.

The Club has many recreational choices on Thursdays which everyone will enjoy, including senior yoga from 11 a.m. to noon, followed by Bingo at 1:00. If you prefer not to play Bingo, line dancing also starts at 1 p.m.

If you prefer to play games, ping pong, billiards, cards, or bocce in season, these are also available. Or, you can just sit and chit chat for the afternoon. For members, the charge for a Thursday visit is 50 cents. The membership fee is only \$10 per year.

Refreshments are served during the course of the afternoon with coffee or tea available. The cost for the day is \$2 per person. You do not have to be a member. For more information call the club on Thursdays at 973-472-6994. ###

Vic Hoofers Auxiliary

The Vic Hoofers Auxiliary is a woman's social club who meets the first Thursday of the month at the Carlstadt Civic Center.

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. and an evening of fun and games are enjoyed. Refreshments are served and new members from Carlstadt, Wood-Ridge, East Rutherford, Wallington and surrounding towns are invited to join. Call Dolores 201-939-5163. ###

Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

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

Future trips for the Club are: February 7, 2012 -- Hunterdon Hills, March 16 -- The Staaten, April 10 -- Lakeside Manor, May 3 -- NJPAC -- West Side Story, with lunch at Iberia. Call Eileen at 201-933-6949 for details. ###

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Leisure Club Captivated by Mike Gintella

On Wednesday, January 11, 2012, Mike Gintella entertained the members of the Leisure Club at their first meeting of the New Year. This was the fourth time Mike has sung for the seniors at the first meeting of a New Year.

Mike is an excellent baritone singer. When he performs he makes it obvious to all that he enjoys singing. He charmed the group and involved them with his laidback seemingly effortless singing.

All the songs were familiar to the members of the Leisure Club. Many were popular in 1930's such as "On the Sunny Side of the Street," "Pennies from Heaven," "Bye Bye Blackbird," and "Just a Gigolo." Other songs he performed were



"It Had to be You," "You Make Me Feel So Young," "On the Road Again," "All Shook Up," "Sweet Caroline," "New York, New York," "See You Later,

Alligator," and "Sugartime" to name a few.

In 2008 Mike had a quintuple bypass operation. He is an excellent example still living a normal and active life after a serious operation.

During the meeting portion of the day, Kathy Murray reported that a trip has been scheduled for Thursday, March 15 to Platzl Brauhaus in Pomona, NY. Transportation, a continental breakfast, full course St. Patrick's Day luncheon, and sandwiches at 4 p.m. plus entertainment are all included in the \$60 ticket. Kathy is taking reservations (201-288-6651), with full payment to be made at the February 8 meeting. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

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Real Estate Insight

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2 1/2 years! That's second only to New York where the process averages 1,019 days (!!).

Early in 2011, many forecasters were predicting a wave of foreclosures due to resetting adjustable-rate mortgages, but low mortgage rates helped many borrowers refinance into more affordable loans, said RealtyTrac CEO Brandon Moore.

The government helped as well through efforts like the Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP) which made refinancing easier for borrowers who owe more on their mortgage than their homes are worth.

The listing firm anticipates that 2012's foreclosure rate will be higher than last year's but will remain below the peak in 2010.

That might not mean much to the 1.9 million property owners nationwide and the 17,460 here in New Jersey who received foreclosure filings in 2011. But it can still be seen as a sign that maybe – finally! – things are getting better....(?)

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

Foreclosure rate down -- Have we turned the corner?

We read recently where foreclosure filings and repossession fell last year to their lowest level since 2007.

According to Realty Trac, the online marketer of foreclosed properties, total filings, including default notices and bank repossessions were down 33% for 2011 to 2.7 million (1.9 of which entered the process).

One in every 69 homes last year received a foreclosure filing and 804,000 homes were repossessed – compared to 1.05 million homes that were repossessed during the foreclosure crisis peak in 2010, according to the website.

Foreclosures have plagued many communities putting downward pressure on overall home prices.

In the past five years, more than 4 million homes have been lost to foreclosure.

NorthJersey.com reported that around 1,200 Bergen County properties and 983 Passaic County properties had foreclosure filings last year.

That's a radical 73% plunge from 2010's figures: 4,558 filing in Bergen and 4,275 in Passaic.

So, is the worst finally over for the housing market?

Not yet, it appears. Banks took more time to process foreclosures last year, which, analysts note, explains some of the declines. In fact, the average process time for a foreclosure rose to 348 days in the fourth quarter, up from 305 days one year prior.

[Blazingly fast compared to the pace in this state: foreclosures in New Jersey – according to RealtyTrac, took an average 964 days, or more than

Full Snow Moon

The February full moon will appear on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 04:56. It is called the "Full Snow Moon."

The heaviest snow usually falls during February, according to the Farmer's Almanac. Some tribes also referred to this Moon as the "Full Hunger Moon," since harsh weather conditions made hunting difficult.

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. ###

Bergen County Police to Patrol Teterboro

Bergen County Executive Kathleen A. Donovan signed an executive order directing the Bergen County Police Department (BCPD) to provide patrol and ancillary police services at the request of the Borough of Teterboro. This Inter-local agreement will save the taxpayers of Teterboro over \$175,000 per year.

The Bergen County Police already have a significant presence in the Borough of Teterboro through the Bergen County Animal Shelter, the Teterboro Vocational School and the opening of the Bergen County Juvenile Detention Center. The Bergen County Police currently patrol Route 46 in the Borough of Teterboro and the BCPD Bomb Squad currently provides protective security measures for dignitaries arriving and departing

Teterboro Airport. "This is a logical progression for the County Police to expand their presence in Teterboro," said Donovan.

Teterboro Municipal Manager Nicholas Saros said, "There is already a Bergen County Police presence. This is the perfect interlocal agreement, a true-win-win for the county and Teterboro. We are looking forward to a great working relationship."

The Borough of Teterboro ratified this agreement at their December 28, 2011 meeting. The County of Bergen will be providing these services to Teterboro for \$100,000 per year. The contract went into effect beginning January 1, 2012.

Teterboro also renewed its contract for Moonachie Police coverage for 3 years, with the first year at \$301,000. ###

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Wood-Ridge Fire Department 2012 Installation Dinner



The Wood-Ridge Fire Department held their Annual Installation Dinner on January 14, 2012, at The Fiesta.

The Master of Ceremonies was Wood-Ridge Firefighter Philip Miuccio.

The Ceremony began with the introduction of Officers for 2012, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by First Assistant Chief Anthony Gentile and Invocation by WRFD Chaplain, Deacon Nick Valdez.

The Fire Department Officers were sworn in by NJ Senator and Wood-Ridge Mayor, Paul Sarlo, with the Bible held by Chief Paul Clemente's wife, Donna.

The 2012 Officers are: Chief of Department Paul Clemente, First Assistant Chief Anthony Gentile, Second Assistant Chief Scott Russo, Captain Ron Phillips Jr., Lieutenant Elizabeth Ferry (*the Department's first woman officer*), Lieutenant Michael Cribben, Lieutenant Steven Allegretta, Corresponding Secretary Gregory Gorab, Recording Secretary Thomas Bischoff and Treasurer Thomas Burniston.

The Emergency Squad Officers were sworn in by Mayor



Paul Sarlo, with the Bible held by Chief Clemente.

2012 WRFD Emergency Squad Officers - Captain Greg Gorab, Lieutenant Eric Yapple, Corresponding Secretary Corey Sherman, Recording Secretary Elizabeth Ferry and Treasurer Steve Sarracino.

Mayor Sarlo introduced Congressman Steve Rothman. Following were introductions of former Chiefs and guests. Remarks were made by Chief Paul Clemente.

A presentation was made to Thomas Burniston by Chiefs Clemente and Gentile.

Presentations were made by Mutual Aid Departments to Chief Clemente.

Mayor Sarlo and Fire Commissioner Gonnella spoke.

The traditional toast was given by Ex. Chief Damian Cauceglia. A very unique presentation was given to Philip Miuccio by Clemente and Gentile. The Department gave a special tribute to Ex-Chief Norman Pettersen who served the Department for almost 50 years.

Music was provided by Ultimate DJ (www.ultimate-dj.com). ###



On Tuesday, January 17, 2012, during a regular Lodi Mayor and Council meeting, the Lodi Fire Department Officers took their Oath of Office for 2012. The Fire Chiefs are: Chief Darren Yuhas, 1st Assistant Chief Matteo Lombardi, 2nd Assistant Chief Keith Bruining and 3rd Assistant Chief Adam Bene. The Captains are: Fire Company, Ryan Walters, Hose Company #2, Michael Varrecchia, Truck Company, Bart Giaconia and Hose Company #1, Brian Cappadonna. The Lieutenants are: Fire Company, Patrick Licata, Hose Company #2, Steven Cassiello, Truck Company, Joseph DeFalco and Hose Company #1, Louis Ruffel, Jr. ###

President Approves Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton Post Office

At his funeral, Sgt. Fenton was made an honorary Little Ferry Police Officer, the job which he was to hold upon his return to Little Ferry. ###



On December 23, 2011, Post 106 Commander Michael Cahill and Post Officers James White and Robert Burns joined with the Sisco Family and friends to welcome home U. S. Marine Lance Corporal Jordan Sisco after his return from deployment to Afghanistan. Mr. Sisco is a graduate of Hasbrouck Heights High School who enlisted shortly after graduation. He has been a member of Post 106 for four years. *(l-r) James White, Jordan Sisco, Michael Cahill and Robert Burns. Photo provided by Post 106.###*



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Little Ferry Fire Department 2012 Officers Take Oath

On Friday, December 16, 2011, the Little Ferry Mayor and Council held a special meeting for the annual reorganization of the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Robert Cordasco read the annual report of the Fire Department. Secretary Brian W. Busico, Secretary to the Board of Fire Officers advised the Mayor and Council of Officers for the year 2012, and

upon motion, was accepted.

Fire Commissioner Roberta Henriquez administered the Oath of Office and presented badges.

(l-r) Ex-Chief Robert Cordasco, Fire Chief Floyd Novak Jr., Deputy Chief John Ruff, Battalion Chief Marty A. Loesner, Captain, Hose Company, Walter Hurrell Jr., Captain Hook and Ladder, Anthony DiBlasio, Lieutenant,

Hose Company, Steven P. Iurato and Lieutenant, Hook and Ladder, Joseph P. Monteleone.

Henriquez presented a plaque and ex-Chief badge to Robert Cordasco, then presented the white helmet to new Fire Chief Novak.

Invocation and Benediction were provided by Rev. Veronica Pearson of Evangel Christian Church. ###

HHFD 2012 Officers Take Oath of Office

During the Hasbrouck Heights reorganization meeting on January 1, 2012, Mayor Rose Heck administered the Oath of Office to the Fire Department Officers. Mayor Heck individually swore in Fire Chief Richard Giarratana, First Assistant Chief Patrick

Hayes and Second Assistant Chief Angelo Roccamo, whose families held the Bible during the ceremony.

Mayor Heck then administered the Oath of Office to the Department officers as a group. The 2012 Officers are:

- Engine Company One:

Captain Edmund Carter III, Lt. Robert Pietz.

- Engine Company 2: Captain Michael Thomasey, Lt. Robert Knobloch.
- Hook and Ladder Company One: Captain Brian Morrow, Lt. Michael Christensen.
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Moonachie Fire Department 2012 Chiefs Take Oath of Office

During the Moonachie Mayor and Council Reorganization on January 2, 2012, Mayor Dennis Vaccaro gave the Oath of Office to Fire Chief

Victor Migliorino and Fire 2nd Assistant Chief Franklin Smith. Not present, but took his Oath later was Fire 1st Assistant Chief William D. Hunt. ###



Carlstadt Fire Department 2012 Officers Take Oath of Office

On January 6, 2012, the Carlstadt Fire Department officers were sworn in.

The Chiefs are:

Chief Daniel J. Eckert, Assistant Chief Jarrett Milligan, Deputy Chief Rob Popejoy, Battalion Chief Thomas Sabia.

The Board President is Robert Ruff.

Company officers are:

- Friendship Hook and Ladder Company: Captain Tony D'Amico, 1st Lt. Thomas Llewellyn and 2nd Lt. Daniel Delaney.

- Engine Company One: Captain Dennis Kronyak, 1st Lt. James Schmidt and 2nd Lt. Robert Recananti.
- Engine Company Two: Captain Mike Norling, 1st Lt. John Harr and 2nd Lt. Pat Grella.
- Engine Company Three: Captain Matt Moran, 1st Lt. Gene Popejoy and 2nd Lt. Craig Solmine.
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