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A single note touched our souls. Harmonious chorales filled our hearts. The Magic of "Little Christmas" gave us a moment to pause, rest our senses from the hectic holidays, to begin the New Year refreshed.

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## TEB Community Heeds SOS Holiday Call

On Thursday, December 20, 2012, hundreds of new, unwrapped gifts for children, teenagers and women were donated by the Teterboro Airport community, as part of their 19th Annual Toy Drive, to Shelter Our Sisters (*Hackensack*).

It was requested the children's gifts be unwrapped because "our moms" like to wrap the gifts for the children in anticipation of the "big opening." Additionally, wrapping paper, batteries for toys, personal care products, gift cards, clothing, etc., were also collected

for S.O.S.

Teterboro Airport participants included: Atlantic Aviation, Dassault Falcon Jet,

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## Corpus Christi Students Meet Liberty

During Spirit Day, on Friday, January 11, 2013, Michele Meli introduced Corpus Christi School students to certified Therapy/Spokesdog Liberty. The first assembly was Grades K through 3 and the second assembly was for Grades 4 through 8. Students learned how service dogs are used in hospitals for therapy and in schools to help with reading. ###

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## 5th Grade D.A.R.E Culmination

On January 10, 2013, 5th Grade students from Hasbrouck Heights Euclid and Lincoln Schools participated in a D.A.R.E. Culmination ceremony at the old gym at the Hasbrouck Heights High School.

Parents and family watched from the bleachers as the students marched into the gym, joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "God Bless America."

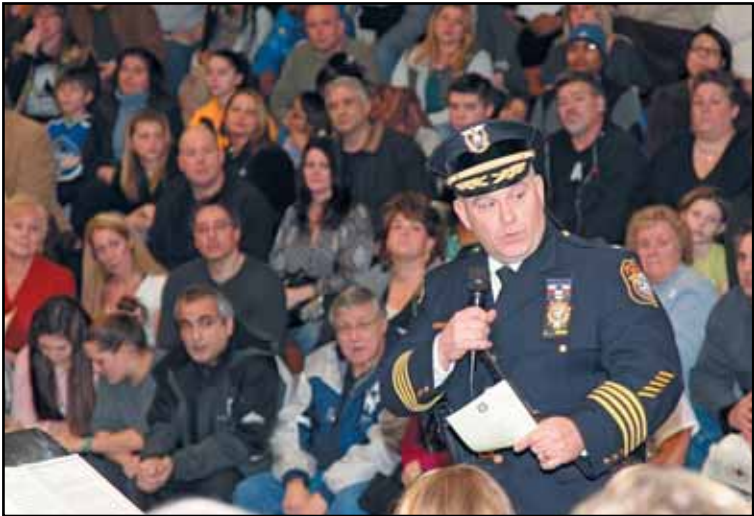
Co-Masters of Ceremony, Theodoros Motsios and Alexa Marinelli, made welcoming remarks. In unison, the 5th Graders spoke their rights. Comments were made by Mayor Rose Heck, HH Police Chief Michael Colaneri, school principals Mr. Colangelo and Mr. Sickels. Under the direction of Mrs. Cerasuolo, the 5th Grade students provided a musical presentation.

Certificates were presented to all students by the Mayor and Council.

Essay winners Nick Zarillo, Thomas Kasper, Eva Bellofatto, Ria Raman, Natalia Facchini and Lauren Mullins, were presented with gifts.

Sgt. Joseph Rinke provided concluding remarks.

Students were then treated to a party with refreshments and a DJ. ###



The Carlstadt/East-Rutherford Junior Competition Cheer Team came in First Place Saturday at Wayne Hills Winter Invitational. This Junior team, which consists of 13 girls, ages 8 to 12, will be competing for the next two months finishing off the season at the end of February at Nationals in Ocean City, Maryland. Photo and story provided by Laurie Koch. ###



The Academy for Culinary Arts and Hospitality Administration at the Bergen County Academies completed their annual gingerbread project "Christmas in Whoville." It was on display in their school lobby. Photo provided by John Branda. ###



## Heights Hires 2 New Officers

Two new probationary police patrolmen, Michael DeSimone and Nicholas Brunetti, were sworn in by Mayor Rose Heck during the Hasbrouck Heights 2013 reorganization meeting on January 1. They will be attending the academy in January and are expected to graduate in June and begin training in the Department. The hiring process for the new officers began late in 2012 with more than 50 local residents taking part in the police exam.

The addition of the two officers will keep the Department at 29 members. They replace officers who retired in 2012.

Officers that retired in 2012 include Lt. Thomas Archer after 26 years, Lt. Thomas Tozzi and Captain Jack DeLorenzo, both after 25 years. ###



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Registration for the 2013/2014 Kindergarten classes will be held at the Catherine E. Doyle School from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6 and Thursday, March 7, 2013, by appointment only.

Children must accompany parents for registration. Children are eligible if they turn five [5] years old on or before October 1, 2013. There are no exceptions to this policy.

The State Commissioner of Health Office requires parents of any child attending public or private school to provide proof of a current physical examination and immunizations.

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

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

Hasbrouck Heights  
Kindergarten  
Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2013/2014 school year will be held on Wednesday, January 30 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. and on Thursday, January 31, 2013, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Hasbrouck Heights MSHS Media Center (*entrance on LaSalle Avenue*).

Kindergarten is a full-day program from 8:30 a.m. to 3:08 p.m. A before and after school program (KEYS) will be available at an additional cost.

To complete registration you must download documents from: <http://hhschools.org> (documents) and bring the completed forms with you to registration.

If your child has any medication requirements or conditions such as allergies, additional forms are required.

Additionally, original documents of proof of residency, four proofs of attachment to address (*licenses, utility bills, etc.*), photo ID and student information such as birth certificate, immunization record, proof of physical and dental exam, previous school and recent school report card (if applicable), must be brought to registration.

Placement at Euclid or Lincoln School will be determined by multiple criteria and will not be finalized until August 2013.

For full details, call the Board of Education at 201-288-6150. ###

Registration for ESL  
Classes Feb. 20 and 27

At 7 p.m., on Wednesdays, February 20 and February 27, 2013, students will register and be tested for the Fall 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. New students must take a language assessment evaluation.

Classes start Wednesday, March 6, 2013, from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. and will continue each Wednesday, until May 15. No classes on March 27 and April 3.

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 Care Center office at 201-288-9460. A registration form, accompanied with a non-refundable \$10 registration fee, must be completed for each student. Books will be available for purchase at the time of registration. Financial assistance is available. ###

Citizenship Preparation  
Classes Registration  
February 8 and 15

Preparatory classes for U.S. Citizenship will start on Monday, March 4, 2013, 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 20 and 27, 2013 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 is a pre-requisite for these classes.

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HH BOE Ends Pre-Kindergarten Program

The Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education has decided to end the Pre-Kindergarten program at their elementary schools in 2013-2014.

The two classrooms used for Pre-Kindergarten, along with other reclaimed and reconfigured space in both schools will be used to offset the increasing enrollment at Euclid and Lincoln Elementary Schools.

The HH Board of Education stated that they may bring back the parent-paid Pre-Kindergarten program at either or both elementary schools in the future.

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Preliminary testing will be conducted at the Felician reading Center by appointment. Please call Sister Mary Andrew at 973-473-7447, extension 123.

Instructional classes do not exceed eight students. Students are grouped according to specific needs and levels of ability. This program aims to help each student advance at his/her own pace and to develop reading proficiency through a multi-sensory approach to reading.

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Collaborative Parents Committee Meeting February 26

The next Collaborative Parents Committee (CPC) meeting will be Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Media Center in the Hasbrouck Heights High School, 365 Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights NJ.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Bridget Taylor, director of the Alpine School in Paramus. She will be discussing "Pro-active Strategies to Address Challenging Behaviors," a topic suitable for all families, as well as families of children with special needs.

The CPC is a parent organized group that provides support, advocacy and education for parents of children with special needs in the Hasbrouck Heights school district. The next meeting will be March 19, 2013.

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

Homework Club

Care on the Corner announces the Homework Club for children in Grades Kindergarten – 5. Classes will be offered on Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m., beginning January 24, 2013, (Classes will not be held on school holidays.)

Students are asked to bring current Language Arts (Reading, Spelling and Phonics), Math, Social Studies and Science (other than experiments) homework assignments in which help is needed.

The group meets at the Care Center, at 333 Franklin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 to register. There is a \$15 registration fee. Scholarships are available. Jean R. Giarratana (NJ Certified Teacher) is the coordinator. ###



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

February at Corpus Christi School starts with the end of an always busy Catholic Schools Week. Catholic schools across the country celebrate the students, teachers, administration, parents and community that support their schools. On this last day, a prayer service, awards ceremony and a noon dismissal are scheduled.

Registration to the preferred high school of the 8th Graders takes place on Saturday, February 2, 2013.

This month's Spirit Day will take place on February 14. On that day the students are permitted to wear "street clothes" with a color theme, for a donation of \$1. This month the color is red and the donation collected will be donated to the American Heart Association.

On February 13, Corpus Christi students will attend a 9 a.m. Mass for Ash Wednesday to start the Lenten season.

President's Day is on the 18th. School will be closed.

The annual Corpus Christi Book Fair on February 27 and 28 supports the school's reading efforts. Students, parents, and teachers love the book fair because it sends a very real and very important message to kids, that reading is exciting and important. Reading is one of the most important aspects of a child's development and book fairs make reading fun by providing 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 a life-long pleasure that can be enjoyed by everyone.

Registration for the 2013/2014 school year for PreK3 through 8th Grade is on-going. 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. ###

2013 Ron Vellekamp Environmental Scholarship

Hackensack Riverkeeper is now accepting applications for the 2013 Ron Vellekamp Environmental Scholarship.

Now in its thirteenth year, the program was created in 2001 to support college-bound high school seniors who excel academically and who demonstrate a strong commitment to the environment.

Applicants must either live within the 210-square mile Hackensack River Watershed; or attend a school located within that area. Seniors at sixty-six

high schools in Bergen, Hudson and Rockland Counties are eligible to apply.

Teachers and guidance counselors are invited to submit applications. Each school may nominate one student. A panel of Hackensack Riverkeeper Trustees and staffers led by Captain Bill Sheehan will review each application. The panel will consider each applicant's academic achievements, environmental extra-curricular activities and future plans.

The \$1,000 Scholarship is unrestricted and can be used for any required purchases during the student's first year at college.

Full scholarship application criteria are available online at [www.hackensackriverkeeper.org](http://www.hackensackriverkeeper.org) or by calling 201-968-0808.

A list of all watershed municipalities is available on the Links page of the Website. Applications must be postmarked no later than Earth Day, April 22, 2013. The winner will be chosen no later than June 1.

The late Ronald Vellekamp was a science teacher in Ridgefield, New Jersey. During his life he also served as a Palisades Interstate Park ranger, Boy Scout leader, and trustee of Hackensack Riverkeeper. The scholarship that bears his name is fitting tribute to an educator whose life was lived in the service of others. ###

School's Out Have Fun

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

• On Thursday, February 21, 2013, The Library will show the movie "Hotel Transylvania" at 3:30 p.m. The movie is rated PG.

• On Friday, February 22, The Library will host a Just Dance competition at 3:30 p.m. Attendees will play the Wii game "Just Dance" in groups of 4. The winner of each round will receive a prize.

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

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The Fourth Annual “Super Bird Sunday” Nature Walk with the NJMC and BCAS will be held on Sunday, February 3, 2013, at 10 a.m.

This will be a free two-hour guided nature walk starting just outside DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst.

They will walk along the base of the remediated Kingsland Landfill, looking for wintering waterfowl and other birds of interest.

The walk is run by the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission and the Bergen County Audubon Society. Check meadowblog.net for last-minute weather updates.

You will have to sign a standard liability release that is good for NJMC/BCAS events throughout the year. To RSVP, contact Don Torino of the BCAS at greatauk4@aol.com or 201-230-4983. ###

HH Garden  
Club News

The Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club is into its 16th year. The meeting will be held on February 21, 2013, at 6:45 p.m. Meetings are held at the Borough Hall located at 320 Boulevard on the second floor in The Library meeting room. The speaker for the evening is Michael Mitchell, former President of the Garden State Rose Club.

If you want to have healthy and beautiful roses, this is a great way to gather helpful ideas.

Guests from the surrounding towns are always welcome to workshops. Refreshments will be served in the beginning followed by a short meeting. New members are always welcome. They hope to see you! For further information contact Judy at 201-288-2615. ###

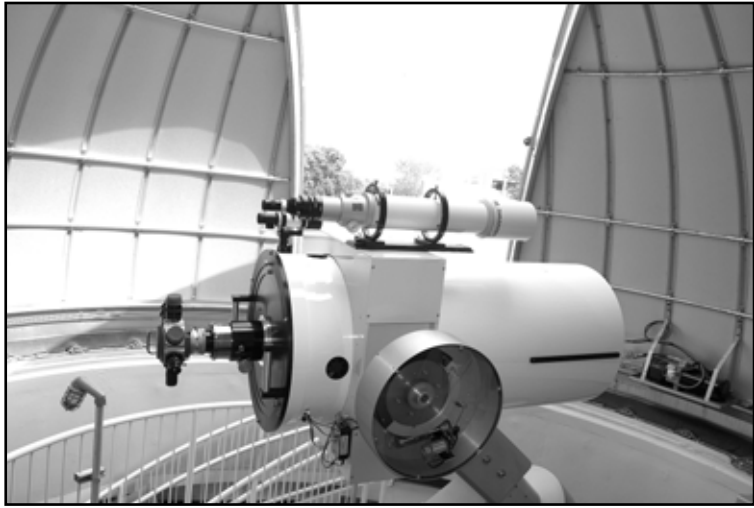
Full Snow Moon

The February full moon will appear on Monday, February 25, 2013, at 3:28 p.m. 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. ###

*“When the wind is out of the east, ‘Tis neither good for man nor beast.”*



Observatory Offers Free  
Stargazing Nights

The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission’s William D. McDowell Observatory is open to the public for free stargazing through its research-grade telescope on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. in February, weather permitting.

No registration required. The observatory is located in DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst. Visitors must be able to climb 25 steps. For information on the observatory, visit [www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec](http://www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec) or call 201-460-8300. ###

Animals and Their Environment

On Sunday, February 10, 2013, from 1-2 p.m., join Bergen County Zoological Park naturalist Carol Fusco as she introduces a variety of animals, including bunnies and hedgehogs, and learn how they make their way in the world.

The audience will have the opportunity to get up-close and

personal with some of our furry and not so furry friends. Cost is \$5, MEC members \$4.

The Meadowlands Environment Center is located at 2 DeKorte Park Plaza, Lyndhurst. For more information call 201-460-8300 or go to: [www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec](http://www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec) ###

Groundhog Day 2013  
Saturday, February 2

Thousands of years ago, when animalism and nature worship were prevalent, people in Germany believed that the badger had the power to make weather predictions relating to winter and spring according to superstition.

They studied the badger to know when to plant their crops. By the time the first German immigrants settled in Pennsylvania, they probably understood that this was not true, but the tradition continued.

There were not many badgers in Pennsylvania so the groundhog (*also known as the woodchuck*) was substituted.

According to folklore, if it is cloudy when a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day, then spring will come early; if it is sunny, the groundhog will supposedly see its shadow and retreat back into its burrow, and the winter weather will continue for six more weeks.

Although some states have adopted their own groundhogs, the official groundhog is Punxsutawney Phil. It is said that Punxsutawney Phil (*the groundhog*) was named after King Phillip.

Punxsutawney held its first Groundhog Day in the United States in the 1800s. The first

official trek to Gobbler's Knob near, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, was made on February 2, 1887.

The town has attracted thousands of visitors over the years to experience various Groundhog Day events and activities on February 2.

Modern customs of the holiday involve celebrations where early morning festivals are held to watch the groundhog emerging from its burrow.

Movies, advertisements, cartoons and other media have portrayed the legendary role of the groundhog in popular culture.

The term “Groundhog Day” is a phrase that is sometimes used to express if the same events or actions occur repetitively for a period of time.

Groundhog Day, already a widely recognized and popular tradition, received widespread attention as a result of the 1993 film “Groundhog Day.” ###

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The Hasbrouck Heights Health Department advises that all dog licenses must be renewed.

Fees are \$12 if dog is altered and \$15 if not altered. If payment is not received by January 31, 2013, a late fee of \$10 must be included with the renewal fee.

Proof of valid rabies immunization must be submitted with payment. Dogs with immunizations, which expire during 2013, will require a booster prior to obtaining license.

Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your check made payable to the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, and valid immunization records which will expire

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Office hours are 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Failure to renew your license will result in legal action. All licenses will be issued in the order they are received. Please advise the HH Health Department if you no longer have your pet.

For additional information call 201-288-1636. ###

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# Guild Assembles Health Kits

The Guild of Reformed Church Women will collect and assemble Health Kits as a Lenten project for Church World Service from February 17 to March 31, 2013.

These kits consist of wash-cloth, hand towel, bath-size soap, toothbrush (*in original packaging*), nail clipper, wide-tooth comb and 6 band-aids.

Donations of any of these products in any quantity would be appreciated. These items are assembled in zippered plastic bags and distributed by Church World Service. Cash donations to assist in the shipping and handling of these kits are always welcome. All items/kits may be brought to the Church Tuesday through Friday and Sunday morning. Call 201-288-1122 or Estella 201-288-0378 for more info. ###

# W-R Knights Corned Beef Dinner March 16

The St. Anthony Council 11585, Knights of Columbus invites all to celebrate with them on Saturday, March 16, 2013. The Knights will host their 5th 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 and the admission is \$15 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any member of the Knights of Columbus. PG ###

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# 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 10.

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. ###

# Skyliners Seek New Members

Skyliners Alumni Drum & Bugle Corps is a non-profit organization sponsored by Hasbrouck Heights VFW Post 4591, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

They practice at the VFW twice a month and welcome new candidates over 18 years old for brass, percussion, and color guard.

For more information contact Director: Rich at 201-935-6796 or visit their web site at: skylinersalumni.org ###

# Lasagna Dinner & Tricky Tray

The Rosary Society of Corpus Christi Church is hosting a Lasagna Dinner on Friday, March 1, 2013, 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 available. 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. ###

# HHJWC St. Pat's Party!

Kick off St. Patrick's Day with the Junior Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights annual party at the Hasbrouck Heights Elks Club, on March 9, 2013, at 7 p.m.

Come on your own or make their party your party and reserve a table. Tickets are \$45 per person. Ticket includes Irish dinner (*corned beef or chicken*), 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 Woman's charities and local scholarships.

For tickets please visit [www.hhjuniors.org](http://www.hhjuniors.org) and click on Events or call Cara: 201-288-0479. ###

# Beefsteak Tricky Tray

Wood-Ridge PBA Local #313 is hosting a Beefsteak Dinner and Tricky Tray on Saturday, March 2, 2013, 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. ###

# Super Bowl Party at HH VFW 4591

VFW Post 4591 is hosting a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 3, 2013.

Cost is \$25 pp and includes food, beer, wine and soda. Call the Post at 201-288-1112 for more information. ###

**February Flower  
Violet**

# Dinner and Fashion Show

Carlstadt Mixed Chorus presents the Annual Dinner and Fashion Show at the **Fiesta**, Rt. 17 South in Wood-Ridge, on March 4, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. Donation \$35. Fashions presented by "The Fig Leaf," Maywood, NJ.

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

# Fish & Chips March 9

Saint Margaret of Cortona's Parish Social Life Committee is sponsoring their 10th annual Fish and Chips Dinner on Saturday, March 9, 2013.

Cooking will be done by Tastefully British. Dinner will be served from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the VFW Post 809, 100 Main Street, 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. ###

# Meet Abigail Adams

The Woman's Club of Carlstadt will present an interesting program on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at 8:30 p.m. at their meeting at the 1st Presbyterian Church on Division Avenue, Carlstadt.

Kim Hanley will portray Abigail Adams who was a strong and influential woman deeply engaged in the politics of her time. Men like Thomas Jefferson and her husband, John, valued her support on political matters. Abigail's management of their family and farm when her husband was away left a legacy unlike any others.

This program is funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the NJ Council for the Humanities.

The public is invited to attend this admission-free event. Additionally, they welcome any prospective new members to the Woman's Club. Call Dolores at 201-939-5163. ###

# Afternoon with Peter Lieberman

VFW Post 4591 is hosting an afternoon with Peter Lieberman on Sunday, March 3, 2013, from 11:45 to 4 p.m., at the Post.

Cost is \$15 if paid in advance, and \$20 at the door. Hot meal, coffee and cake are included.

Call Pete at 201-638-4294 or the Post at 201-288-1112 for tickets and more information. ###

# Fish & Chips February 13

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 13, 2013, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the St. Joseph's School cafeteria.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$9 for children under 12 years of age. Take out is available. Dessert and a beverage is included.

For tickets please call Marge at 201-933-2796 or Janet at 201-438-5892. No tickets will be sold at the door. ###

# Chic Charity Presents It's a Chic World

On February 16, 2013, the Chic Charity Club will be hosting their 2nd Casino Night "It's a Chic World" at Il Villagio, Carlstadt, NJ from 7 to 11 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 and includes: casino style gambling, continuous cocktail hour, open bar, live music and entertainment, and fabulous prizes.

Proceeds will benefit 13 year old Brittany Santana of Wood-Ridge, NJ. Brittany was recently diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. For tickets call Donna at 201-618-9768, Maria at 201-566-4002, or email [info@thechiccharityclub.com](mailto:info@thechiccharityclub.com) ###

# Turkey Luncheon February 12

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will sponsor their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 in the community Hall, Third Street, Carlstadt.

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

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

# Comedy Night at The Brownstone

The Lodi Chapter of UNI-CO will host their 13th Annual Comedy Night on February 8, 2013. Tickets for this fun filled evening are \$85 per person and include cocktail hour, dinner, two-hour open bar and lots of laughs.

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# Five Tips for First-time Homebuyers

Buying a home can be thrilling and nerve-racking at the same time, especially for a first-time homebuyer. It's difficult to know exactly what to expect. The learning curve can be steep, but most of the issues can be resolved by doing a little financial homework. Take these five steps to help make the process go more smoothly.

## Check Your Credit

The credit score of the buyer may be the most important factor when it comes to qualifying for a loan these days. To get a sense of where your credit stands, go to AnnualCreditReport.com to get your free credit report from each of the three credit bureaus. Scour the reports for mistakes, unpaid accounts or collection accounts. Repairing damaged credit takes time and money if you owe more than lenders would prefer to see relative to your income. Remember to begin this process at least six months before shopping for a home.

## Evaluate Assets and Liabilities

So you don't owe too much money and your payments are up to date, but how do you spend your money? Do you have piles of money left over every month or are you on a shoestring budget? A first-time homebuyer should have a good idea of what is owed and what is coming in. Additionally, buyers should have an idea of how lenders will view their income, and that requires becoming familiar with the basics of mortgage lending. Concisely, how you receive and report income as well as how you write off expenses can make a difference to lenders.

## 2013 Street Fair Sponsors Invited

The Hasbrouck Heights Mayor's Business Community Committee announced the 5th Annual Street Fair is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2013. The committee welcomes sponsor commitments. Those seeking sponsorship to this spectacular regional street fair should call 201-288-0195. ###

## Organize Documents

The documents homebuyers must produce to be considered for a home mortgage, are those which authenticate their income and taxes. Typically, mortgage lenders will request two recent paystubs, the previous two years' W-2s, tax returns and the last two months of bank statements -- every page, even the blank ones.

## Qualify Yourself

Ideally, first-time homebuyers would know how much they can afford to spend before the mortgage lender tells them how much they qualify for. By calculating their debt-to-income ratio and factoring in a down payment, buyers should have a good idea of what they can afford to invest, both up-front and on a monthly basis, when it comes to their home. Though there's not a fixed debt-to-income ratio that lenders require, the old standard dictates that no more than 28 percent of your gross monthly income be devoted to housing costs, called the front-end ratio. Including all debts with housing costs is the back-end ratio, and lenders prefer this to be under 41 percent.

## Figure Out Your Down Payment

Scraping up that initial down payment takes some effort. Though FHA loans require a less substantial down payment than conventional loans, it can still be a huge chunk of money for a young person or couple. Some borrowers working with a state housing finance agency can use the tax credit for a down payment. However, not all state agencies are offering interest-free or low interest loans to be paid back with the tax credit funds. Other programs can assist buyers with qualifying incomes and situations. Speak with mortgage lenders when you're starting the process. Check with friends, co-workers and neighbors to find out which lenders they enjoyed working with and ask them questions about the process and what other steps first-time homebuyers should take.

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Computer Classes  
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Lodi Library offers free small group computer classes for Lodi residents on Thursdays from 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m. February 2013 classes are:

- Computer Basics: February 7.
- Internet Basics: February 14.
- Email Basics: individual sessions on February 21.
- Word 2010: February 28.

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

Free Movies  
at Lodi Library

Lodi Library presents free movies on Wednesdays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The February 2013 schedule is as follows:

- February 6: "Flight."
- February 13: "Walk the Line."
- February 20: "Argo."
- February 27: "Beast of the Southern Wild."

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

Teen Book  
Speed Dating

Want to fall in love... with a book? Come to The Hasbrouck Heights Public Library on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. for book "speed dating!"

Teens in Grades 6 through 12 are welcome to date, discover, and rate dozens of young adult novels.

It's harmless, fun, and hopefully you will walk away with a few books that you have fallen in love with! There will be snacks and prizes, so don't miss out!

Register online at <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org/> or contact Claire at 201-288-6653. ###

Computer Classes  
at Carlstadt Library

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

- Intro to the Internet: Monday, February 4, 2:30-4 p.m.; Tuesday, February 12, 2:30-4 p.m.
- Email Basics: Wednesday, February 20, 6:30-8 p.m.; Tuesday, February 26, 2:30-4 p.m.

- MS Word 2010 Pt 1: Monday, March 4, 2:30-4 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2:30-4 p.m.; Wednesday, March 20, 6:30-8 p.m.

- MS Word 2010 Pt 2: Tuesday, April 2, 2:30-4 p.m., Thursday, April 11, 2:30-4 p.m.; Wednesday, April 17, 6:30-8 p.m.

- MS Word 2010 Mail Merge: Wednesday, April 24, 6:30-8 p.m.; Monday, April 29, 2:30-4 p.m.

- MS Excel 2010 Pt 1: Monday, May 6, 2:30-4 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 2:30-4 p.m.; Wednesday, May 15, 6:30-8 p.m.

- MS Excel 2010 Pt 2: Thu, May 16, 2:30-4 p.m., Monday, May 20, 2:30-4 p.m.; Wednesday, May 22, 6:30-8 p.m.

- MS PowerPoint 2010 Pt 1: Wednesday, May 29, 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, June 4, 2:30-4 p.m.; Monday, Jun 10, 2:30-4 p.m.

- MS PowerPoint 2010 Pt 2: Thu, June 13, 2:30-4 p.m., Monday, June 17, 2:30-4 p.m.; Wednesday, June 19, 6:30-8 p.m.

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

*You may talk too much on the best of subjects. B.F.*

Computer Classes  
at HH Library

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

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

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

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

The 2013 Spring Schedule is as follows:

- January 26: Knowing More—MS Excel

- February 2 and 9: Introduction to MS PowerPoint

- February 16 and 23: Knowing More: MS PowerPoint

- March 2 and 9: Computer Basics

- March 16 and 23: Introduction to MS Word

- April 6 and 13: Introduction to MS Excel

- April 20 and 27: Knowing More: MS Excel

- May 4 and 11: Introduction to MS PowerPoint

- May 18 and 25: Knowing More: MS PowerPoint

- June 8 and 15: Computer Basics ###

Teen Readers Club

Calling all teens that are enrolled in Grades 7-12 and attend school in town!

You are invited to participate in the Teen Reader's Club at The Hasbrouck Heights Public Library! This Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. and provides teens with an opportunity to talk about books, eat snacks, play games, and make new friends. They will be reading the following titles:

- February 26- "The False Prince" by Jennifer A. Nielsen

- March 26 - "All These Things I've Done" by Gabrielle Zevin

- April 23 - "Dragon's Keep" by Janet Lee Carey

- May 28 - "Anya's Ghost" by Vera Brosgol

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

Learn to Play Go

On Thursday, February 7 and 28, 2013, from 3:30-4:30 p.m., Lodi Library will teach children from K-Grade 12 how to play Go, the internationally popular strategy game. The American Go Foundation has provided Go game sets and educational materials for this new program. For more information about Go, visit [agfgo.org](http://agfgo.org) or visit [lodi.bccls.org](http://lodi.bccls.org) ###

HH Library Teen  
Advisory Board

Are you a teen in Grades 6 thru 12, attend school in Hasbrouck Heights, and want to make a difference in your community? Come join the Library Teen Advisory Board. They meet on the second Thursday of each month from 3:15-4:30 p.m. Here's a great opportunity to have a voice and contribute in a meaningful way in helping your Library and community to grow.

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

National Puzzle Day

Come and celebrate National Puzzle Day on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, at The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library!

Test your puzzle skills with cross-words, Sudoku, word searchers, jigsaw puzzles, and more! Bring in your own puzzles if you'd like! There will be prizes and refreshments. Teens in Grades 6-12 are welcome to participate from 3:30-5 p.m.

Please register via the online calendar at <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org/> or contact Claire at 201-288-6653. ###

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The Rutherford Public Library will host morning and afternoon drop-in storytime programs on Wednesdays, February 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2013, from 10:30 – 11 a.m. and repeated from 2 – 2:30 p.m.

The same storytime will also be presented on Thursdays, February 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2013, from 10:30 – 11 a.m.

All children from infants to 5-year-olds and their caregivers are warmly invited to stop by for stories and fun. Make some new friends and get ready for reading! No advance registration required. ###

Libraries Are Fun

## Lodi Library Receives Adult Literacy Grant

Lodi Memorial Library is one of 44 US libraries to be awarded an "American Dream Starts at your Library" literacy grant from the American Library Association.

Lodi Library will be partnering with Spencer Bank in 2013 to provide financial literacy workshops, technology training and ESL classes.

Adults interested in adult English language learners classes should come to Lodi Library with an English-speaking family member or friend to register and for more information. English classes will begin March 4. For library hours and directions, visit [lodi.bccls.org](http://lodi.bccls.org) ###

## ESL Classes

The William E. Dermody Free Public Library, 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, is offering a new session of free ESL classes starting Monday, January 28, 2013.

Classes are on Monday and Wednesday morning, 10:30-12 or Tuesday and Thursday evening, 7-8:30 p.m. Registrants are expected to attend both morning or evening classes each week. Class size will be limited. For registration and further information, please call 201-438-8866. ###

## W-R Book Sale

The Friends of the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will once again be hosting their annual winter book sale at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center on February 2, 2013 from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

The selections will include both children's and adult materials consisting of fiction and non-fiction books, as well as a small number of CDs and DVD's.

Prices are friendly and so are the people, so come on over to the Senior Center and pick up a few items! ###

## Amélie

On Tuesday, February 26, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., The Friends of The Library of Rutherford will present a free screening of "Amélie," starring Audrey Tautou. The film will be shown in The Library Auditorium. ###



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# Bully

On Tuesday February 26, 2013, from 6:15 p.m.-8 p.m., Lodi Library hosts a special free presentation of "Bully" for parents and teachers.

This acclaimed film (2011, PG-13, 98 minutes) is the first feature documentary on peer to peer bullying in American schools.

Bullying resource handouts will be provided and no registration is needed. For more information visit, [lodi.bccls.org](http://lodi.bccls.org) or call 973-365-4044. Snow date Thursday, February 28 at 6:15 p.m. ###

## Valentine's Day Craft Corner

On Monday, February 11, 2013, at 3:45 p.m., children ages 6 and older are invited to create a love bug card in celebration of Valentine's Day at The Rutherford Public Library.

Six and seven year-olds are asked to bring a grown-up to assist with making the project. Registration is required and in progress. To register, please visit or call the Children's Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

## Hotel Transylvania

On Friday, February 22, 2013, at 3:45 p.m., all children ages 5 and up are invited to a screening of "Hotel Transylvania" at The Rutherford Public Library. The movie is rated PG. No advance registration required. An adult caregiver must remain with any child under the age of seven for the duration of the film. ###

## AC Bus Trip

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

## English Conversation

English language learners are invited to attend the English Conversation Group on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at The Rutherford Public Library. The group provides a good opportunity to practice spoken English in an informal setting. This is a free program and all are welcome. For information, please call 201-939-8600, ext. 7. ###

## Knit, Read and Discuss

The Knit One, Read Two knitting/book discussion group at The Rutherford Public Library will meet on Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., to discuss "Summer Rental" by Mary Kay Andrews. The meeting will be held in the Library Auditorium. All those who knit or crochet are warmly invited to bring their needlework and join the discussion. Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk. For more information, e-mail Peg Mellett at [mellett@bccls.org](mailto:mellett@bccls.org) ###

## Stoner

On Monday, February 11, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., the Monday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss "Stoner" by John Edward Williams. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk. The meeting will be held in the Rutherford Library Glass Room on the main floor. ###

## Still Alice

On Friday, February 22, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., the Kip Center Book Group will meet at the Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford, to discuss "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk of The Rutherford Public Library, 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford. ###

## Adoption Workshop

On Tuesday February 19, 2013, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Lodi Library hosts a workshop on foster care and adoption for prospective parents by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Refreshments provided. For more information, visit [lodi.bccls.org](http://lodi.bccls.org) or call 201-996-8900 ext 339. ###

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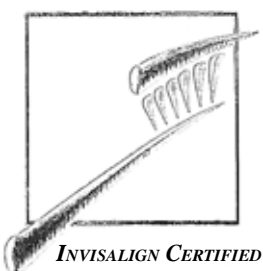
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## HH Junior Women's Club Installs New Board

Past and present members of the GFWC Hasbrouck Heights Junior Women's Club came together for the annual Holiday/Installation Dinner.

The evening began with presentation of awards to members who have shown true "Junior Spirit" in the past year. Lori Zorat was named Rookie of the Year for her work and enthusiasm from the first day she joined the Club, immediately taking on leadership roles. Jennifer Warren was awarded Unsung Hero for all of her work behind the scenes and willingness to help out at every opportunity. The prestigious Member of the Year award was presented to Eileen Oettinger in recognition of her efforts above and beyond expectations, even in the face of adversity.

It was also a time for good-byes to several graduating members, Nancy Goodman, Christine Mosher, Bo Nielsen, and Nancy Riordan. Special

recognition was made for Nancy and Bo who are past-presidents of the Club and have lead the group through many changes over the years. Outgoing President, Andrea Gaffney, was recognized for her two years of enthusiastic service and leadership as President.

The evening culminated with the installation of the 2013 Board: Mary Blanus, President; Tracey Bruton, 1st Vice President; Lori Zorat, 2nd Vice President; Andrea Gaffney, Federation Secretary; Cara Murray, Recording Secretary; Laura Shine, Corresponding Secretary; and Tara Eckert, Treasurer.

The Club welcomes new members. Information is available at [www.hhjuniors.org](http://www.hhjuniors.org). The Club meets at the First Reformed Church at 8 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, except July and August. *Story and photo provided by Mary K. Blanus. ##*



## Knights Donate to Felician School for Exceptional Children

Each year the KofC Council 4524 from East Rutherford, NJ, holds its annual drive to raise money. They presented a check to the Felician School for Exception Children in Lodi, NJ for \$2,820.

This year they also held their first annual Robert Slamiak Golf Outing, in memory of their brother, Sir Knight Robert Slamiak. Bob was their Financial Secretary and a very active member of their order. He will be greatly missed.

From this outing and from donations from brother Knights, they raised \$815 to also donate to the school. Pictured above from left to right are Joe Egan, Sister Mary Romona Berkowski, Rich Volpitta and Pat Brislin. *Photo provided by Council 4524. ###*

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

## Hasbrouck Heights 2013 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2013, at 11:45 a.m., a Sine Die Meeting was held to conclude 2012 business.

The year 2013 began with Mayor Rose Heck administering the Oath of Office to Christian Semenez. Bergen County Executive Kathleen Donovan

administered the Oath of Office to Russell Lipari. Upon the seating of the council members, Mayor Rose Heck declared the 2013 Reorganization Meeting in session.

There was a Salute to the Flag. Conchita Parker led the singing of “God Bless Amer-

ica,” and an Invocation was given by Rev. Msgr. Lewis V. Papera, Pastor of Corpus Christi Church.

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to the 2013 Fire Department Chiefs and Officers (*see page 35*).

There was an announce-

ment of council assignments, consent agenda, and Council naming Pamela Link as Council President and representative to the Planning Board.

Mayor Heck made her appointments and delivered her Annual Address.

Deacon Paul Carris provid-

ed 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](http://www.hasbrouck-heights.nj.us) ###



## Heights Library Board Reorganizes for 2013

The Board of Trustees of The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights held its reorganization meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2013. Lisa Traina was elected Board President along with Patricia Link as Secretary and Dr. Burnett Eglow as Treasurer. The Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., to conduct Library business. *Photo (l-r) John Baratta, Lisa Traina, Library Director Mimi Hui, Mayor's Alternate Thomas Verrastro, Mayor Rose Heck, Council Liaison Sonya Buckman, Rose Ellen Lorber-Termaat, and Dr. Burnett Eglow. Not shown: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Porto, BOE Alternate Edwinna Carroll, Patricia Link. ##*

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

## Wood-Ridge 2013 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2013, 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 6, 2012 election were an-

nounced. The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Paul A. Sarlo to Councilman Ezio Altamura, Councilman Edward Marino and Councilman Philip Romero. Catherine Cassidy was elected as Council President. Assemblywoman Marlene Caride made remarks.

Appointments for Borough 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 2013. 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. Presentations were given to former Councilman Thomas C. Gonnella. Council members made statements. The Mayor gave his Annual Ad-

dress. There was a swearing in of newly appointed Members of Boards and Commissions. The meeting was open to the public. The Benediction was given by Rev. Manoj Mathew Zacharia, Episcopal Church of St. Paul. A complete list of all appointments is available at the Borough Clerk's Office. ###



(l-r) Councilman Thomas Sarlo, Councilman George Muller, Mayor Mauro D. Raguseo, Councilman Ronald Anzalone, Councilwoman Sue Schuck and Councilwoman Roberta Henriquez. Not shown: Councilwoman Peggy Steinhilber.

## Little Ferry 2013 Reorganization Meeting

Following a Sine Die meeting on January 4, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., the Borough of Little Ferry held a reorganization meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The results of the November 6, 2012 election were announced. The Oath of Office was administered to Councilman Ronald Anzalone and George Muller. The 2013 By-Laws were adopted and Ronald Anzalone was elected as Council President.

Appointments for Borough Engineer Job & Job, Borough Auditor Dieter Lerch, Bonding Attorney McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, 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 upon.

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

The state of the Borough Address was given by Mayor Raguseo, followed by comments from the Council. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served. ###

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# Moonachie 2013 Reorganization Meeting

Consent resolutions and payment of bills were passed. Council Committees were assigned. ###



# Carlstadt 2013 Reorganization Meeting

by Benediction by Thomas  
(Buddy) Davis. The meeting  
was adjourned. A complete list  
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# Angelic Voices Sing In 2



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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 Mary Virginia Tomasiak CSSF, on the organ/piano, and vocalist Sister Maria Magdalena Vallellanes, were several guest artists: violinist Nicole

DiMaria; pianist MaryAnn DiMaria; trumpeter Dave DiRienzo, percussionist Bobby Reilly, chimes by Sr. Mary Angelica Smialowicz and accordionist Sal Torino.

Soloists included Sister Maria Magdalena, and Georgine DiMaria. Sacred dancer Linda Telesco, 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 "Gesù Bambino" prelude, the 90 minute concert began with "We Three Kings," "O, Come All Ye Faithful," accordion solo

"Christmas Medley," "Angels We Have Heard On High," "O Holy Night," "Carol of the Star," "Birthday of a King," Proclamation of God's Word Acclamation was followed by "Alleluia."

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

The Felician Sisters Choir sang the Polish Carol "Dzisiaj w Betlejem."

"Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head, was sung by Noelle Staudt, a student from St. Anthony High School, Jersey City, and "Away in a Manger" was sung by Miriam Steinbery, Felician College, 2011.

Sister Maria Magdalena

sang "Ave Maria," accompanied by Linda Telesco performing a Spirit Dance.

Accordionist Sal Torino performed a traditional lullaby medley.

"Twas in the Moon of Wintertime," Yuron Carol was performed by MaryAnn DiMaria, piano, Nicole DiMaria, violin and Georgine DiMaria, soloist.

"The Beautiful Mother" was sung by the Felician Sisters Choir with Nicole DiMaria playing the violin.

After closing remarks by Sister Mary Antonelle, the program concluded with everyone performing "Joy to the World."

Good will offerings were ac-

cepted with the proceeds given to their Felician Mission in Haiti.

Sister Marilyn Marie Minter who organized "The Glory of Christmas Concert" several years ago is now ministering to the people of Haiti, along with Sister Mary Inga Borko.

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](http://www.felicianslodi.org) ###



# The Glory of Christmas





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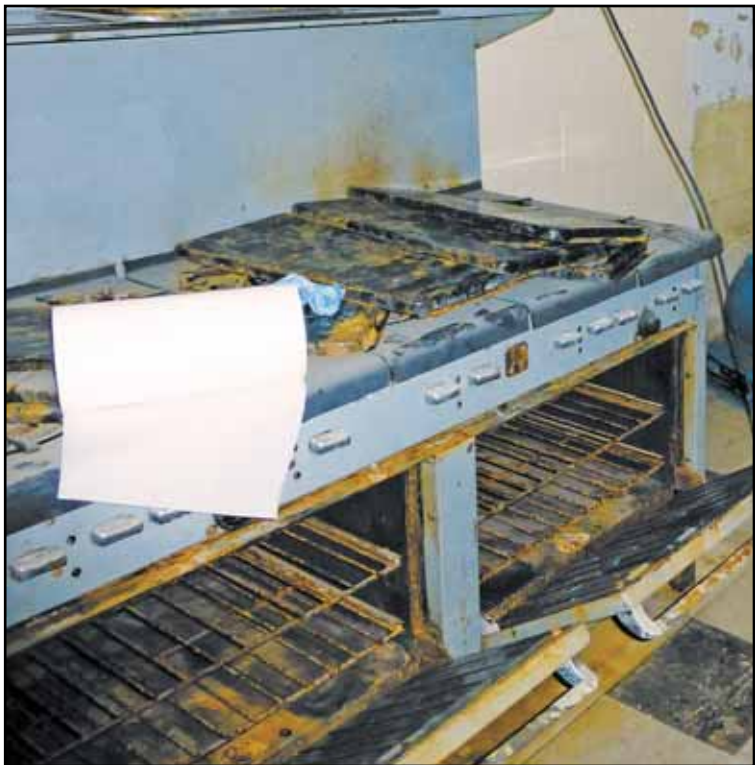
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## Moonachie Residents: Important Information

- **Dog Licenses** must be purchased by February 16, 2013. Please pay by check made out to the Borough of Moonachie. Must have current rabies documentation. \$10.00 per dog for neutered and \$13.00 for non-neutered.
- **Taxes** are due on February 1, 2013. There are no extensions. Please pay by check made out to the Borough of Moonachie.
- **Garbage collection** will be on Monday and Thursday through Labor Day. Garbage will be picked up on President's Day, Monday, February 18, 2013.
- **Yard waste and Christmas trees** will be picked up by the DPW on Wednesdays.
- **Recycling** is collected on Tuesdays. Commingled materials: February 5, 19, March 5, and March 19. Paper and cardboard: January 29, February 12, 26, March 12 and 26.
- **The Municipal Building** will resume operations by January 29, 2013, at 70 Moonachie Road. Phone numbers for Borough business remain the same.
- **The Police Department** will resume operations by January 29, 2013, at 70 Moonachie Road. Phone numbers for Police business will remain the same. Accident reports need to be picked up at the Police Department.
- **The Moonachie Borough Court** will be held in Teterboro. The Court Administrator's phone number is 201-641-5589. Tickets need to be paid in Teterboro; 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.



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## Jersey Strong: *The Beginning of the Comeback*

On Monday, January 7, 2013, with a banner announcement stating: "Destroyed by Sandy, rebuilt by friends and family," **Bazzarelli's Restaurant and Pizzeria** held their grand re-opening.

They were closed since October 29, after suffering extensive flood damage as a result of Superstorm Sandy.

The family estimates the damages to the restaurant have been around \$300,000. They received no large-scale aid: They had no flood insurance. They say they were turned down for assistance from FEMA (*which has given most of its storm aid to residences*) and are still waiting to hear from the U.S. Small Business Administration. They say they had to pay at least \$200,000 out of pocket for renovations.

Attending the celebration were: United States Senator Robert Menendez, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, NJ Senator Paul Sarlo, Bergen County Executive Kathleen Donovan, Moonachie Mayor Dennis Vaccaro, Moonachie Police Chief Michael McGuire, along with many family, friends and well wishers.

Owned by Aldo Bazzarelli, the 42-year-old restaurant was able to open ahead of schedule thanks to support from local businesses and Bazzarelli's own employees, who responded quickly to help the restaurant recover.

"Bazzarelli's was determined to reopen its doors despite the devastating damage the restaurant suffered during

the worst storm in New Jersey's history," said Lt. Governor Guadagno.

"For Moonachie, Little Ferry and other area towns, losing Bazzarelli's, which has been an active part of the community since opening in 1971, would have been a real blow.

Today's reopening is a testament to the resiliency and strength of Bazzarelli's as well as how New Jerseyans came together to help a respected and cherished local business in its time of need."

"Some people say we've forgotten Little Ferry and Moonachie," Guadagno told the crowd gathered outside the restaurant. "Let me tell you — you are the victory story of the day, and we are never going to forget what happened up here in Little Ferry and Moonachie, we are never going to forget how we need to support them every day."

Bazzarelli's didn't think it would be able to reopen so soon, but the restaurant was able to get back on its feet thanks to the help and generosity of other local businesses and Bazzarelli's own employees.

"That goes to show you what kind of roots they have in Moonachie," said Mayor Dennis Vaccaro, who says the landmark restaurant is "my second kitchen" and notes the Bazzarellis' generosity to many local groups. "All those people have reached out to help them rebuild, because they are a part of this community."

All the result of four decades of donating to local fund-

raisers, treating employees like part of the family, and simply offering customers good food and a warm greeting.

"We worked about every day and received from some wonderful donations," said Denise Bazzarelli, Aldo's daughter.

"M. Teixeira Soapstone of Hackensack donated new counter tops, our bar, baseboard, shelves, and bathroom and installed everything before their paying customers. Our paint was donated by Palmar ACE Hardware in River Edge. They also arranged to have a designer come in to help us make the best color selections.

Our staff called in soon after the storm and came down to help clean up. This is when cell phones weren't working and gas was in short supply. It was so amazing how many people come out to help you and how many people are there for you in times like this."

"It just shows the indomitable spirit of this family and, by virtue of that, of New Jerseyans," said Senator Menendez. "But Mr. and Mrs. Bazzarelli had to go through a lifetime of savings and encumber debt.

In reference to the supplemental emergency appropriations bill: "...to pass it as quickly as possible so we can look a

terrible storm in the eye and say you can't beat us here in New Jersey."

"Throughout the state, we've seen countless examples of neighbors, friends and strangers helping each other," continued the Lt. Governor. "Hurricane Sandy caused great destruction and pain for thousands of New Jerseyans, but it has also brought out wonderful examples of caring and compassion. Long after the damage from Hurricane Sandy has been repaired, what people will remember is how New Jerseyans came to the aid of their neighbors in a time of great need."



The above flood photo was taken about 8 a.m. on Tuesday, October 30, 2012, from the vantage point of Moonachie EMS/Rescue building. At this time, the water was receding quickly from the night's high levels. Photo by Frank Smith. ###





At the Moonachie Fire House on January 12, 2013, the Lodi and Wallington organizers of South Bergen Strong, presented four checks of \$6,875 each, to representatives of Little Ferry EMS, Little Ferry Fire Department, Moonachie EMS/Rescue and Moonachie Fire Department.

# South Bergen Strong

On December 29, 2012, over 500 attended the Lodi and Wallington Fire Departments sponsored beefsteak to benefit Little Ferry and Moonachie first responders.

Special guests included the Honor Guard of the Pipes and

Drums of Bergen County.

The event called "South Bergen Strong" was held at the Lodi Boys & Girls Club. Admission was \$40 pp. Beefsteak was catered by Giresi Caterers. Music was provided by TNT DJ Entertainment.

The South Bergen Strong Committee Co-Chairmen were Ex-Chief Anthony Maiolo, Lodi FD, and Ex-Chief Matt Palmer, Wallington FD.

Lodi FD Members: Chief Keith Bruining, Chief Adam Bene, Ex-Chief Lou Avola, Ed

DiGiorgio, Thomas LoPiccolo, and Moses Owen.

Wallington FD Members: Chief Brian Truslow, Ex-Chief Ray Volosin, Brian Batchelor, Joseph Fehl, Dave Kaczor, and Chris Sinisi. ###

## MFD Receives Equipment Donation

Tempest Technology Corp. recently donated ventilation equipment; 2 VentMaster Fire Rescue Chainsaws, a 16" smoke ejector and an 18" positive pressure fan (*Tempest VSX Power Blower*) to the Moonachie Fire Department, after their station was almost entirely destroyed by Superstorm Sandy flood waters.

The Moonachie Fire Department Headquarters was destroyed by water and sewage after the storm surge from the Atlantic Ocean forced its way over the berms of the nearby Hackensack River. The flood swept through, submerging nearly the entire town.

Since the disaster, many have come through to donate food, water, clothing and more necessities to The Department.

However, much of their firefighting tools and equipment, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, were lost.

"Donating equipment is one way we're able to do just that," says Johan Gidstedt, the



(l-r) Ex-Chief Bill Hunt Sr., Chief Victor Migliorino, Ex-Chief/President Justin Derevyani, Tempest Regional Manager Eric Lohse, Ronnie Viola – Eagle Fire Equipment, Assistant Chief Bill Hunt.

President of Tempest. "We encourage other manufacturers to do the same, especially after such a wide-spread disaster like Hurricane Sandy."

Tempest Northeastern Regional Manager Eric Lohse was greeted by Chief Victor Migliorino, President Justin Derevyani and others when

he delivered the equipment just one week before the Christmas Holiday.

There are many tools that make up a firefighter's toolbox, and much of those still need to be replaced. *Photo provided by Moonachie Fire Department.* ###

## Ryan Ward's Toy Drive for Little Ferry Recognized

Eleven year old Northvale resident, Ryan Ward, wanted to help after hearing about the devastation in Moonachie and Little Ferry. He took it upon himself to go door to door on Thanksgiving with flyers he made requesting toy donations. He went to Northvale area Churches and requested they help in his quest.

He wanted to make sure Little Ferry children had a Merry Christmas. He was an extreme success! Ryan was able to collect a full rescue truck full of toys that he brought to the Little Ferry Hose Co. #1. The toys were then given to Little Ferry Board of Education to



(l-r) LF Mayor Mauro Raguseo, Ryan Ward, his father, Brian Ward, his mother, Kathleen Ward and Hose Co. president Leo Morolla. Taken after Ryan received an award of excellence from LFFD and a commendation from the Boro of LF.

assist in finding area children in need. He was honored at the last Boro Council Meeting for

his hard work. *Story by Tina Cappadonna. Photo by Eric Velez.* ###



## Carlstadt DPW Workers Recognized

On the evening of January 4, 2013, at the Carlstadt Fire Department Installation of 2013 officers, the Carlstadt Fire Department, along with the Borough's Mayor and Council, made a special presentation to two members of the town's DPW in recognition and with grateful appreciation for their selfless actions during Hurricane Sandy on October 30, 2012.

Around midnight of October 29, the Carlstadt Fire Department requested the services of the town's DPW in the form of a dump truck which could be used to get through high water in an effort to gain access to the lower portion of town and assist with the evacuation of firefighters who were stationed at the firehouse in that part of town threatened by flood waters.

While in route to the lower portion of town, the Carlstadt Fire Department was notified that the neighboring towns of Moonachie and Little Ferry had become flooded due to the failure of protective flood prevention beams and that the Moonachie Fire Department had relocated its apparatus to a parking lot in Carlstadt. Carlstadt Chiefs Dan Eckert and Jarrett Milligan responded to the Moonachie staging area to see what resources the neighboring towns needed and were

informed by Moonachie Chiefs that their town was under about 5 feet of water and they had numerous citizens trapped in their homes.

At this time, at the request of the Carlstadt Fire Chiefs, Jimmy Wilkinson and Paul Squeo of the Carlstadt DPW were requested to use the dump truck to assist in transporting members of the Moonachie Fire Department back into their town to begin evacuation of citizens. These two men then found themselves as part of the rescue team and worked throughout the night and early morning assisting in the evacuation of the citizens of the Borough of Moonachie.

Therefore, for the actions by these two men in going above and beyond what they were called to do, they were each presented a plaque in recognition of their heroic actions. *Story by Daniel J. Eckert. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.* ###



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Members from the New Jersey Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board, Sprinkler Fitters Local 696, and contractors with American Legion Post 136 members in front of the Post on Saturday, January 12, 2013. ###

## Stepping Up to the Plate...

The Lodi American Legion Post 136 has worked more than seven years to recover from a fire that destroyed their building on December 14, 2005.

They were under insured and held many fund raisers and secured loans to get the money to rebuild.

The Post (located at 41 Union Street, Lodi,) has since made extensive efforts to rebuild which have been long, hard and expensive.

Their new building was nearly completed; however, one of the most frustrating difficulties they were facing was the completion of their fire sprinkler system.

A dispute with a contractor left the Post with an unfinished and inadequate sprinkler sys-

tem, they said.

The contractor that they hired did not fulfill his contract upon receiving final payment.

Without a fire sprinkler system, the Post wasn't able to get a certificate of occupancy -- further halting their dreams of re-establishing their home.

Members from the New Jersey Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board (NJFSAB) and Sprinkler Fitters Local 696 Union jumped into action once they learned of the injustice taking place against the Legion.

They rallied and secured materials and volunteers to properly install the sprinkler system according to approved fire codes and regulations.

The partially installed "wet" system was dismantled

and a completely new "dry" system was installed. (No water in the pipes. When sensors are activated at the control panel, water then goes through the system.)

The installation was performed free of charge to the Legion with labor and materials donated by NJFSAB members.

Many contractors and union members also wanted to help because they themselves are Veterans, noted David Kurasz, executive director of the New Jersey Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board.

Work has been under way, Bellew said. The job will take another few weeks to complete, because workers are waiting to get special-order sprinkler heads to finish the project, he said.

Kurasz valued the labor and supplies for the fire-prevention system at about \$30,000 to \$40,000. He said between eight to ten companies donated supplies, with the bulk coming from American Atlantic.

On Saturday, January 12, 2013, members of NJFSAB were on-site working in the lobby, first floor and attic.



(l-r) Post 136 Finance Officer/Adjutant Vincent C. Martorano being briefed on the new fire sprinkler system by Local 696 Training Director Gary Koenig. ###

### Continuing Generosity

According to Vince Martorano, the Post Finance Officer/Adjutant, donations towards rebuilding the Post were received from:

- United Association of NJ Plumbers Local 24, West Caldwell, donated all the labor for the installation of plumbing including kitchen and bath-

rooms.

- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 164 Paramus, donated all electrical labor for the entire building including exterior and interior lighting. A group of volunteer workers built the bar on their own time.

- Allied Building (located on Rt. 17) donated the plaster-board for the entire building.

- Weir Welding (located on Rt. 17) donated all the design work, steel and labor necessary to raise the building above the 100-year flood plain.

- Saddle Brook VFW donated \$25,000 to their rebuilding fund, and American Legion Post 170, Rochelle Park, has been running monthly pancake breakfasts to their benefit.

- Many other contractors and individuals have also made donations.

Martorano stated that their final obstacle before re-opening the Post is completing the parking lot which is in a flood zone and standards must be met.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to: American Legion Post 136 Rebuilding Fund, PO Box 36, Lodi, NJ 07644-0036. ###

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# Veterans Today

By Thomas Marshall

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 800 is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on February 24, 2013, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Applebees in Paramus. Walk-ins welcome or if you would like more info or tickets please call Colin at 201-741-0398. Come out and support our Vietnam Veterans.

Do you know of a Veteran that served in Vietnam, Iraq or Afghanistan that has questions about the Veterans administration? Have them contact VFW Post 809 at 201-641-9740. We will get them the help they need. That's why we are here.

These days of winter and the past couple of months have been hard on our communities.

Many people are struggling with trying to put their homes back together and continuing the endless fights with insurance companies and contractors trying to make things right again.

Then when all hope seems lost you find yourself staring outside and you are wondering what to do next? How will you find the strength to continue? I'm not Dr. Phil, but I do know Americans have been there before. Let me give you an example.

In the summer of 1778 Detroit and the surrounding area was in the control of Colonel Henry Hamilton. He was in the service of the British Army and had orders to have his Indian allies help control the area and prevent the Americans from taking it.

Two years earlier the Declaration of Independence was voted on and approved by Congress. In it was a charge against the King of England that stated that the King had "excited domestic insurrections amongst us and has endeavored to bring inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes, and conditions."

That's a serious charge written by Thomas Jefferson and no doubt he had Colonel Hamilton on his mind when he wrote it. That would be because Colonel Henry Hamilton had used the American Indians as allies and he apparently had been paying them for every American scalp they could get on the frontier.

In those days a scalp proved that the Indian warrior killed an American but it didn't always prove whether it was a man, woman and in some cases child.

So entire families were killed on the frontier and Colo-

nel Hamilton received the nickname of the "hair buyer general."

These were the days of the Revolutionary War. These were difficult times and all hope seemed lost. Then Thomas Jefferson received a visit from George Rogers Clark.

Clark had been on the frontier working as a surveyor for Virginia. His diary is full of friends and people he knew that had been victims of Colonel Hamilton's hair buying. He mentions people disappearing in the woods and later found to have been cut up and scalped.

He wanted to receive funding from Virginia to take the frontier settlements of Detroit, Kaskaskia, Cahokia and Vincennes. The Virginia Legislature agreed and he was commissioned a Lt. Colonel of the Virginia Militia and sent on his way.

He gathered almost 200 frontiersmen for his quest. The American Indians called them Long Knives apparently because some of them carried swords.

They began their trek up the Tennessee River till they reached an old French fort called Massaic.

There they decided to leave the river and travel the 120 miles by land to Kaskaskia to prevent them from being seen.

This was no easy task for the terrain was all woods streams and rivers.

When they reached Kaskaskia they prepared for a battle but found that the people there were of French origin and didn't care about England and the war with her Colonies.

They wanted to be left alone. Lt. Colonel Clark promised them no hostility as long as they take an oath to Virginia and the new United States. They certainly wanted no trouble so they joyfully did.

Clark sent detachments 30 miles north up the Mississippi River to capture Cahokia and another detachment to capture Vincennes. The people in those places did the same as the people in Kaskaskia. So Clark managed to take all the little outposts without firing a shot. The only one left was Detroit.

His enemy, Colonel Hamilton knew he had trouble. He was in Detroit and knew that the outposts being captured was a problem because it would not be too long before Clark came to attack Detroit.

He didn't wait for Clark. He moved his 500 man force with another 300 Indian Warriors south in the month of December and retook Vincennes. This

was no easy feat considering the movement was made in the winter time.

Inside Vincennes is a fort called Fort Sackville. Inside this fort is where Hamilton and his men took their refuge for the winter. Clark was at Kaskaskia preparing for a siege he knew would come if he stayed there till spring.

Most armies in the 18th century didn't campaign in the winter due to the cold and lack of available food. Clark was a fighter and sitting and waiting for his enemy to surround him and destroy him was something he just wasn't going to do. So against all military protocol he planned to attack.

February 1779, Colonel George Rogers Clark and 170 of his Long Knives marched out of Kaskaskia to cross four rivers and marsh land, travel over 240 miles to attack a fort that had them outnumbered 4 to 1 in the middle of winter.

Most of the Long Knives thought they would never live to see the spring. Most folks would say it is impossible. Most military men would tell you it doesn't stand a chance of success. Most folks don't know George Rogers Clark.

Crossing over the mud and dirt through marshlands for many days, they kept going until they reached the Wabash River. They built canoes to cross their supplies.

The men say in their memoirs they felt superior to other men. Without fear Clark jumped into the river begging his men to follow and they did. Then they found a spot to spend the night on dry ground and they stayed the night there.

Everyone was wet, tired, cold and hungry. The next morning his scouts reported that they had to cross 8 more miles in freezing water to reach Vincennes.

The men began to lose heart. They began grumbling and complaining.

Colonel Clark stared out at the river. All hope seemed lost. How will he find the strength to continue? What should he do next? We now know he chose to be an American.

Without a word to his men, Clark dips both of his hands into the Wabash River, pours gunpowder on his hands and blackens his face. He then yells out a war cry and plunges into the shoulder deep river.

His men were shocked and surprised. Then they followed him. Amazingly enough they reached Vincennes. He quickly occupied the town and received supplies and ammo from the people.

He had his men march back and forth with different flags to make Hamilton believe there were more men in the field than Clark really had. His

men began shooting the British soldiers manning the cannons. British losses began to mount.

Clark and the Long Knives captured some American Indians coming to the aid of Hamilton. In Clark's memoirs he states he wanted to show the Indians in the Fort that Hamilton could not protect them. So he had his prisoners sit across the dirt road from the fort and he tomahawked the prisoners to death. It had the desired effect on Hamilton. He surrendered Fort Sackville to Colonel Clark.

Hamilton and his men were sent to Virginia as prisoners of war. The area of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois was now in the hands of the United States.

George Rogers Clark and his Long Knives achieved the impossible. It was nothing less than a military journey and campaign unmatched in history.

Most people would never know him or his Long Knives. Lost in time never to be mentioned or remembered. Military expedition was a family trait. His little brother was William Clark from the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804. Well, that's life and death on the frontier.

*Happy Valentine's Day to all the Ladies.*

*Spring is on the way. ###*

## Legion Post 310 Monthly Meeting

John H. Gertz American Legion Post 310 holds their monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the Post, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643 starting at 8 p.m.

New members are always welcomed at the meetings. Stop by anytime after 3 p.m. during the week and call for weekend hours at 201-641-9774 since they open earlier on those days.

They are an active post, if you can't make the meetings you can come down and participate in any of the many activities they have going on. Come on down and be part of the "Legion Family." ###

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## From the Porch...

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During the month of February and through March 10, in addition to food donations, we will be collecting items for Easter baskets. Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey will distribute these baskets to needy children in our state, sharing the joy of Easter with those whose lives are often stressful and difficult. Easter candy, plastic eggs, small toys

or craft items that can be fun for both boys and girls such as coloring books, small stuffed animals, yo-yos, etc., and anything else that seems appropriate for an Easter basket are needed to fill those baskets. We do ask that items such as guns, action figures or other toys with violent themes not be included.

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## Reflections

### *It Is Well With My Soul*

Rev. Veronica M. Pearson, Pastor  
Evangel Christian Church, Little Ferry

One of the great hymns of the Christian Church, "It is Well with My Soul," was penned by Horatio G. Spafford after the loss of his children in a shipwreck in the Atlantic Ocean in 1873.

Spafford was able to pen the words because he knew that in spite of his earthly loss, God still loved him. God had proven that love through sending His Son, Jesus the Christ, to save him. Therefore when all else seemed to have failed, Spafford still had the love of the Everlasting Father who as scripture tells us, "will never leave us nor forsake us." (*Hebrews 13:5*)

I have often sung the comforting words of this hymn and used the truths it declares to help me through the dark times of my own life.

As a Pastor, I am not immune to the trials and tribulations of the human condition, as proved when sitting above rising water in the lower level of one's home with furniture, possessions and car gradually disappearing in the dirty, salty water!

Yes, like many others I too

experienced "Sandy," the disaster with such a pretty name!

And just as many others, I experienced the normal human emotions that accompany such loss.

At first, I was in shock and denial that this was really happening. All my personal possessions downstairs gone; the lower level of the Church flooded out. I automatically prayed calling on my God to help and protect me and all to whom this was happening. Looking back I realized at first I was just feeling numb.

Like many, it seemed overwhelming at first to face the things that needed to be done. I just wanted things to return to as they were before "Sandy." It has been described by someone as "wanting a microwave solution to a crock-pot situation." Let's get things back to normal AND PLEASE GOD DO IT NOW!!

Yes, I am no stranger to our normal human emotions. I experience them all during times of severe trial and loss; shock, denial, anxiety, depression, etc.

So what makes the difference for me and many others as followers of Jesus Christ? I have learned that emotions are not bad of themselves. God created me with a full range of emotions, both for good times and bad times.

It's what I do with them that make the difference. If I let emotions control my life I will experience a roller-coaster existence, an up and down experience based on life's situations.

The word of God, the Bible, teaches me to rely on what God tells me, not what my emotions say to me. I learned a long time ago, as written in the second epistle of Timothy, that "God did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."

That means we have the power to not let our emotions cause us to live in fear and that we have the ability to keep things in perspective.

We are able through God's grace to see what we have, not what we have lost. We may have lost material possessions, but we have our lives. We may have lost material possessions but we still have our families, friends, our faith, our God.

As I daily put into practice God's word, "give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalo-

nians 5:18), I begin to see more and more to be thankful for and I honestly cannot remember all that I lost.

Jesus said it best in the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew and these words are my anchor in life's struggles – "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

I have learned for myself, and so teach and proclaim to others, that in the realities of life no matter what we may face God is good. He answers prayer based on faith in His goodness not on the state of our emotions. And so whatever 2013 may bring I will continue to believe in and rely on the goodness of God.

Like Spafford, I can declare, "it is well with my soul." ###

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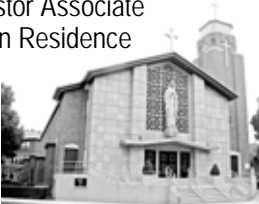
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We believe there are young adults and parents with children who feel distant, even alienated, from religious institutions. Maybe it's the timing or nature of Sunday morning worship. We believe there are many people of all ages who are seeking a relationship with others and with God but who are seeking a different way to worship. Dinner Church at Redeemer offers a worship experience for those who hunger for something different.

On the second Sunday of each month we gather at 5 p.m. for a meal, conversation, and

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Pastor Susan and Pastor Wayne, along with Redeemer's Dinner Church team members, are committed to seekers of all ages and want to reach out to them and to any who are drawn to this experience. It is part of the outreach of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in which we are committed to living faithfully, renewing hope, and sharing God's love.

You are invited! Join them for Dinner Church at Redeemer, 471 Maywood Avenue, Maywood (*use the door on the Taplin Street side, Fellowship Hall entrance, where you will be warmly welcomed*). If you have questions, visit [www.RedeemerMaywoodNJ.com](http://www.RedeemerMaywoodNJ.com), email [pastorsusannj@aol.com](mailto:pastorsusannj@aol.com) or call 201-845-4020. *Provided by Rev. Susan Nelson-Colaneri.*

## Rosary Society of Corpus Christi Church

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The next General Meeting of the Rosary Society is Thursday, February 7, 2013, in the school cafeteria following the recitation of the Rosary at 7:15 p.m. and Mass in the Chapel.

Members have already received in the mail an appeal letter for the “Bakeless Cake Sale” fundraiser for the two scholarships given to Corpus Christi Eighth Grade students in June.

They remind members that donations of cleaning supplies for The Friendly Neighbors of Hasbrouck Heights will be collected at the March meeting.

As they begin the new calendar year, note the planned winter/spring events.

The Lasagna Dinner is scheduled for Friday, March 1, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the 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. Ticket price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 (*toddlers free*). The evening will include a Tricky Tray and 50-50 raffle. For Tricky Tray

contributions or ticket information, please call Karen McDowell at 201-288-5738.

They are very excited to announce that their traditional Calendar Party is scheduled for Thursday evening, April 4, in the school cafeteria. The theme for this year's event is US States. Women of the community are welcome to join for an evening of fun and great food. Plans will be finalized and published shortly.

Two additional spring events are the Annual Baby Shower and their visit to Bergen Regional Medical Center for recitation of the Rosary with the residents.

They encourage the women of the parish to join the Rosary Society in prayer and service to the parish and community.

Members are required to say one decade of the Rosary daily, to attend monthly meetings, to pray the Rosary for deceased members, and to participate whenever possible in various service projects. Simply come to a General Meeting or call Membership Chairperson Dee Sullivan 201-288-7415 for further information. *Story by Carol Viceconte. ###*

## World Day of Prayer March 1

*“I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”*

On Friday, March 1, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Services will be held at Holy Lutheran Trinity Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Coffee hour will follow. The facilities are handicapped accessible. For more information, contact Ursula at 201-288-6042.

This year's theme, “I was a stranger and you welcomed me,” was prepared by the women of France. The World Day of Prayer Committee of France has looked closely at their society in order to truly see the least among them. They name a stranger, the migrant and the foreigner, and present these people's search to find a new home.

Invite your friends, families and communities of faith to join the women of France in prayer and song and support women's ecumenical ministries towards peace and justice.

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 -- all 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.”

This year's prayerful actions is: “Pray for God to make you open to welcoming strangers. Ask that God remove judgment from your heart and help you see each person as a human being, a child of God, worthy of respect and dignity. Pray for all without a home in their country of origin, all who have had to leave their home for one reason or another, all who live in a place that is strange or frightening to them. Lift up these prayers personally and add them to prayers read and spoken in your Church on Sunday.”

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

## Coffee Break Bible Study

Rev. Chastain hosts 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. ###

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Reverend Veronica M. Pearson, Pastor of Evangel Christian Church, Little Ferry, has recently published “Comfort For The Weary Heart,” a book of inspirational messages based on scripture.

Developed during times of severe trial in her own life, and being comforted by God's words of encouragement and love, Reverend Pearson desires to share these words of God's comfort with others.

The book is available on Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.com and may also be purchased directly from the author. She can be contacted by e-mail at [LFECC@inbox.com](mailto:LFECC@inbox.com) or by phone at 201-440-1345. ###

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The day's activities will include a leisurely ride to the Amish country, a brief morning stop at the Kitchen Kettle Village for shopping and snacks (*time and weather permitting*), a family style lunch at the famous “Good ‘n Plenty” Restaurant, and the performance of “Noah.”

Limited availability. All reservations are due no later than Friday, May 3, 2013! Cost: adults \$138 per person, teens, \$110 per person, and children, \$85 per person. Call Ginny at 201-715-2087 for information and reservations. ###

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# Filling You In

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

## Brushing Basics

Knowing how to brush your teeth is an important skill that children should learn at an early age. However, some children - and even adults - aren't always doing what they should when brushing their teeth. Be sure that your kids - and you - are brushing the right way.

### Should parents help children brush their teeth?

Yes! Children, especially young ones, are not able to brush their teeth properly and need assistance from their parents or caregivers. Always help children brush their teeth and hold the toothbrush for them.

The best way for them to learn how to brush properly is for their parents, siblings, and other family members to brush with them. Making brushing a fun "event" for kids can make it part of their daily routine and will help them to continue brushing properly as they grow up.

### How long should we brush?

Remember your 2s: 2 minutes 2 times a day. Everyone in your family should be brushing their teeth for at least 2 minutes every time they brush - and they should be brushing their teeth twice per day. There are easy ways to make brushing fun and ensure that your children are brushing for at least 2 minutes. Turn a song on for them to listen to while they brush. Most songs on the radio are at least two minutes long-sometimes longer.

Adults should use these tips, too, since many think they're brushing long enough, but most actually spend less than 1 minute brushing!

### When should I brush?

It's always best to get food particles off teeth right away, because brushing stops sugary snacks from turning into damaging acids and catches starchy

foods like potato chips before they turn into cavity-causing sugar. But children don't always have time to brush their teeth at school after they eat lunch or have a snack. At the very least, make sure your family brushes their teeth with fluoride toothpaste in the morning and before going to bed.

By doing so, you will be helping them take the right steps to protect their teeth and gums.

### What is the best technique for brushing?

Dentists generally tell patients to use specific brushing techniques to ensure that they are cleaning their teeth and gums properly.

Here are some easy tips to model for your children, so they learn good brushing techniques.

- One effective, easy-to-remember technique involves using a circular or elliptical motion to brush a couple of teeth at a time, gradually covering the entire mouth.

- Place a toothbrush beside your teeth at a 45-degree angle and gently brush teeth in an elliptical motion. Brush the outside of the teeth, inside of the teeth, your tongue, the chewing surfaces of your teeth, and in between teeth.

Also, you should teach your children about improper brushing. Specifically, teach them that they should not use a back and forth motion and show them the proper way to brush! Using a back and forth motion causes the gum surface to recede or can expose the root surface or make the root surface tender. Be sure to ask your dentist or hygienist if you or your family members have any questions.

Also, note that no matter what tooth brush you use, it will not get in between your teeth. Flossing in between your teeth once per day is very important to remove plaque from these surfaces.

If children learn at an early age the proper way to brush, when they should brush, and for how long, they will be protecting their oral health for the rest of their lives. Modeling these brushing techniques for your children and family members will help them-and you-to understand the importance of oral health. *Ref Academy of General Dentistry, 2012.*

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# About the Flu

## How Flu Spreads

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

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

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

## The Flu Is Contagious

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

Children may pass the virus for longer than 7 days. Symptoms start 1 to 4 days after the virus enters the body.

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

## What Should I Do If I Get Sick?

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

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# Vic's Hoofers Auxiliary

The Vic's Hoofers Auxiliary is a women's social club that meets the first Thursday of the month at the Carlstadt Civic Center. Meetings are held at 7:30 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. Call Dolores 201-939-5163 for details. ###

# W-R Health Consultations

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

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

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

# Older is Better

The Older is Better program of Felician College resumes on Friday, January 25, 2013. Older is Better is an open membership program designed for men and women 55 and older.

The program meets on Friday afternoons at Felician College in the Lecture Hall of Obal Hall on the Lodi campus. Members and their guests convene for an informational program at 1 p.m., followed by coffee and conversation in the Goya Dining Hall. There is a \$3 fee to attend each individual program, or participants may elect an annual membership plan. Members and guests are cordially invited to celebrate Mass in the college chapel at 11:30 a.m. prior to the program. For additional information, please call the college at 201-559-6022. ###

# Lodi Seniors Club Seeks New Members

The Lodi Senior Citizens Club is open every Thursday for recreational purposes to anyone 55 or older who lives in Bergen County, including all neighboring towns. Refreshments are served. You do not have to be a member. For more information call Rosalie at 973-340-9091. ###



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## February 2013 Heights Senior Calendar

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### SENIOR ACTIVITIES

**Monday, February 4, 11, 25**

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

11:00 a.m. Mahjong

10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

**Tuesday, February 5, 12, 19, 26**

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

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

6:00 p.m. Card Game Night

**Wednesday, February 20, 27**

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

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

10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

**Thursday, February 7, 14, 21, 28**

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

11:00 a.m. Mahjong

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

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

**Friday, February 1, 15**

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

10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

1:00 p.m. Zumba Gold \$1, New fun & fit

**Friday, February 8, 22..... 10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo**

10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Senior Lounge open to all

*Check Center Bulletin Board for any changes*

### CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, February 6**

10:00 a.m. Executive Board meeting

**Wednesday, February 13**

12:30 p.m. Monthly meeting. Entertainment by author, photographer and lecturer, Kevin Woyce.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Trip to Brownstone**

**Thursday, March 21, 2013**

Jersey Dreamers present "St. Joseph's Feast."

Featuring the Chessmen and the Best More Italian Food Ever. More information will be available at the next meeting.

The Municipal Building will be closed on  
Monday, February 18: President's Day  
**No garbage pick up February 12 and 18**

## AARP Members Learn About Alzheimer's

Ms. Elaine M. Winter was the guest at the January 11, 2013 meeting of the Central Bergen Chapter 418, AARP. She is the Associate Director of the Greater New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Ms. Winter's remarks were concerning Alzheimer's. She emphasized that it is a disease of the brain. It destroys brain cells, causing problems with memory, thinking and behavior. It is the most common form of dementia. It is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States.

Symptoms usually develop slowly and get worse over time, becoming severe enough to interfere with daily tasks.

It is not a normal part of aging, although the greatest known risk factor is increasing age, and the majority of people with Alzheimer's are 65 and older.

But Alzheimer's is not just a disease of old age. Up to five percent of people with the disease have early onset Alzheimer's (*also known as younger-onset*), which often appears when someone is in their 30s, 40s or 50s.

Ms. Winter's presentation centered around the warning



(l-r) Elaine Winter, Marian Davidowicz and Estella Hackel

signs of the disease; the causes of the disease; how it affects the brain; diagnosing it; treatment and prevention; the impact on people living with Alzheimer's; the impact on caregivers and the impact on society.

Following her presentation, the members asked many questions. Ms. Winter reviewed the many opportunities available from her organization. The Alzheimer's Helpline is 1-800-272-3900.

The next meeting of the AARP Chapter will be Friday, February 8. The program will be presented by Ms. Nancy Ellison, an advanced practice nurse/nurse practitioner and coordinator for the Center for Healthy Living, the Community Education and Outreach

Program at Holy Name Hospital. Her topic will be "Give it Your Best Shot. Immunization Update for Seniors."

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. There is a brief meeting from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., followed by a program.

Membership is open to seniors who are members of AARP and who reside in Hackensack, Hasbrouck Heights, Maywood, Rochelle Park, Little Ferry, Moonachie or South Hackensack. New members are always welcome. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

## Leisure Club Likes Mike

On January 14, 2009, Mike Gintella entertained the members of the Leisure Club at their first meeting of the New Year.

Almost five years later to the day on January 9, 2013, Mike again was called upon to entertain the group. In fact, every year for the past five years he has been performing for the Leisure Club.

Why is he asked to return each year?

That is an easy question to answer. The members of the Leisure Club enjoy listening to him. His interpretation and phrasing of each of the songs he sings makes all believe that he owns the song. His emotions can be heard and his audience feels that the song is important to him.

When Mike begins to sing, there is not a sound in the room. He is in utter command of the audience. He is a baritone singer singing in the relaxed style of Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Tony Orlando and Perry Como. Mike charmed the group, relaxed them and involved them with his laidback seemingly effortless singing. Yes, next year the Leisure Club will again invite Mike Gintella to entertain them because "they



like Mike!"

During the business portion of the meeting, new President Peter Gallo introduced the members of his executive board and the chairpersons of all standing committees.

He also reviewed proposed changes to the club's by-laws

that were approved by the executive board. They will be voted upon at the February meeting.

The program scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, is Kevin Woyce who is an author, photographer, and lecturer, specializing in New Jersey and New York regional history. He will present a historical program about "The Statue of Liberty." His program will be a lecture accompanied by digital slide show including both original photography and historic images.

All seniors who live in Hasbrouck Heights are welcome to join the Leisure Club. The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month and start at 12:30 p.m. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

## Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club meets at 1 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Civic Center. All seniors are invited to attend.

At the February 6, 2013 meeting they will be entertained by Call Us Clowns.

There will be a Valentine buffet at 10 a.m. for members

only on Monday, February 11. Reservations are required. Call Walt at 201-438-5041.

At the second meeting of the month, there will be a jackpot bingo, following the regular bingo games.

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**Real Estate Insight**

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**Valentine Wishes  
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With Valentine's Day approaching, you would think I'd be focusing on issues that entwine love and real estate; head over heels with the home of your dreams sort of stuff.

Well, no. This season I'm playing Grinch-cupid. Let's talk instead about....REJECTION!

Rejected home purchase offers, that is. Hey, face it, rejected offers cause buyers a lot of disappointment and heartache! (Believe me, we Realtors feel their pain.) A seller doesn't have to tear the buyer's proposal in half for it to feel like their hearts have been ripped out. But why? Why do many home purchase offers face rejection? Here are the top reasons...

**Offer Rejection  
Reason #1:**

Offer Price Too Low. Sellers expect a fair price for their home. Don't be surprised that

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sometimes the emotional attachment to one's home reflects itself in the asking price.

If a buyer's offer is too far below the seller's conception of a fair price, they may take it as an insult.

But, if you are intent on submitting a low home purchase offer, you may avoid rejection by submitting a substantial earnest money deposit.

Something above 2% of the sales price should, hopefully, impress the seller that you are a serious buyer.

However, don't try to win the seller over with an emotional supplication. It doesn't matter how much you love the house if you cannot afford what the seller is asking for. If your income disqualifies you from paying list price, you should be aiming your offers at a lower price range property.

**Offer Rejection  
Reason #2:**

Buyer Does Not Meet Seller's Specific Needs. It's always recommended when making the offer that the Selling Agent call the Listing Agent beforehand to find out if the seller has any specific requirements or hot buttons to be dealt with.

If so, they should be written into the offer. Some of

these issues may include a larger earnest money deposit, a longer closing date or specific financing terms. The seller may not want to comply with the buyer's demands.

This may happen if, according to a home inspection, the property needs repairs. Sometimes you can negotiate with the seller about lowering the initial asking price or receiving a credit to take care of repairs. On the other hand, it's possible you may need to buy "as is" in your agreement in order to avoid rejection.

**Offer Rejection  
Reason #3:**

Selling Agent Is A Jerk. In order to find out what the seller's terms are, your agent needs to be in contact with the listing agent. If a selling agent annoys the listing agent, especially during a multiple offer situation, it reflects poorly on that agent's buyers.

Beware of any agent who displays bad character traits such as raising their voice, making demands and ultimatums, or demeans the listing agent in outright or subtle ways, etc. Don't let any agent sabotage your chances for finding true love & happiness.... or, at least, its equivalent in real estate.

*Mary Ellen Courtney is owner of Real Living Gateway Realtors, 201-288-0004. [www.GatewayToHomes.com](http://www.GatewayToHomes.com) ###*

**Super Bowl Extravaganza Tips**

No matter which teams are playing, get the gang together, stock your fridge with all the food and drinks that matter, and set up the television in order to appreciate America's most watched sports event.

- Without proper decorations, your football bash will be incomplete.

- Put up banners of the competing teams or hang streamers bearing the team colors.

- Next to the excitement of the game itself, your party will be most remembered for the food provided.

- Make it easy and cater your party.

- Set up the food in a buffet format in order to ease serving and eating.

- To make clean up easier, use disposable plastic cups,

plates and utensils.

- Keep the beer in a cooler close by so you don't have to run to the fridge. Aside from the suds, have plenty of soft drinks and water on hand for the designated drivers.

- It's always fun to mix in a little video game action during Super Bowl Sunday. If the halftime show is dull, set up your Playstation 2 or Xbox, and play football.

- Some people like to add to the entertainment by organizing betting pools.

- If it's a real manly, poker-type night, pass cigars around. Make sure there are enough chairs for everyone to sit on.

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# Operation Santa's Helpers

On December 16, 2012, members of the Carlstadt, East Rutherford and Hawthorne Fire Departments, along with a group of teachers from Hasbrouck Heights and Maria Party Planner, took part in a trip to Union Beach as part of "Operation Santa's Helpers" to deliver

toys and supplies to the town heavily affected by Hurricane Sandy. Faith Fill, a resident of Carlstadt, along with her friend Lauren Paci, were the organizers of the event, put together to bring some needed holiday cheer to the citizens of Union

Beach affected by the storm. The women organized a supply and toy donation drive at a local Church in Carlstadt and reached out to the Carlstadt and East Rutherford Fire Departments for assistance. Once word spread of what was being organized, the Hawthorne Fire Department and teachers from Hasbrouck Heights collected toys and supplies to be donated to the cause and Maria Party Planner jumped on board to donate their entertainment services.

On December 16, the entire group loaded a tractor trailer filled with toys and supplies and headed down to Union Beach. Upon their arrival, they were greeted by a group of an estimated 500 citizens of the town who had been waiting in the rain for the group to arrive. Santa and his helpers were brought in on a sleigh provided by the East Rutherford Fire Department and a tent was set up outside the Union Beach Firehouse there the town's children could come meet Santa and receive a toy. Maria Party Planner from Hasbrouck Heights provided clowns who entertained the children with balloon animals and face painting.

All toys and supplies not distributed during the event were delivered to a local Church in Union Beach to be distributed to citizens of the town who could not make this event. Story by Daniel J. Eckert. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###

## Keep Fire Hydrants Cleared of Snow

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



The Moonachie Fire Department took Santa around town. The MFD would like to thank Wood-Ridge PBA, Englewood Fire Department, Wayne Fire Company #4 and all others who made toy donations to make this year's Santa ride a success. Photo provided by Justin Derevyanik. ###



On the afternoon of December 23, 2012, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department opened their Firehouse for children to meet with Santa and receive a gift. The Department then took Santa around town, as the Ladies' Auxiliary prepared refreshments for Department members' return. Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



## Alert Discovery Avoids Major Fire

On January 6, 2013, at about 3 p.m., a police officer leaving the Candlewyck Diner in East Rutherford noticed smoke stemming from the basement window well.

The diner was evacuated as the Carlstadt Fire Department was called and the fire was quickly extinguished. In checking for extensions, firefighters noticed that the fire began inside the exterior wall. Firefighters cut into the wall confirming that the fire did begin to crawl up the wall. No injuries were reported. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



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

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- Little Ferry First Aid Corps, PO Box 147, Little Ferry, NJ 07643
- Little Ferry Fire Department, 215-217 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643
- Moonachie EMS/Rescue, 121 Moonachie Road, Moonachie, NJ 07074
- Moonachie Fire Department, 70 Moonachie Road, Moonachie, NJ 07074

- American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643
- VFW Post 809, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643

Moonachie/Little Ferry Relief Fund, PO Box 77, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075  
(This fund is an independent charity chartered under the auspices of the First Presbyterian Church of Wood-Ridge. 100% of donations are used for direct service to people in need.)





### 3 Alarm Fire in Rutherford Business District

Rutherford firefighters responded to a fire at Ames Avenue at about 8:44 p.m. on January 4, 2013.

First arriving companies found heavy smoke and fire showing in the front windows.

The initial attack was delayed due to electrical arcing in the rear of the building and PSE&G was called.

A second alarm was transmitted, the tower ladder was set up, lines were stretched and the building vented. A third alarm was sounded for additional resources and coverage.

Crews began conducting exterior operations while gaining entry into adjacent buildings to prevent extensions.

Heavy smoke pushed from all parts of the structure before flames broke through the roof.

The fire was in the ceiling voids, with the collapsed portions of the cockloft preventing suppression. It took an hour for most of the roof to burn off.

It was decided to pull the front facade down so water streams could hit the fire. Once down, crews were able

to quickly knock down the remaining fire.

It appeared that the fire began at the iconic Ames Barber Shop and spread to the recently opened nail salon.

Firefighters attempted to keep the fire from spreading to stores exposed on Park Avenue near Poppie's Florist and Bank of America.

The fire was placed under control in about an hour and 45 minutes, with the last company leaving the scene at round 3:50 a.m. Firefighters from East Rutherford, Lyndhurst, Wallington, North Arlington, Nutley, Secaucus, Wood-Ridge and East Newark were all on scene to aid Borough firefighters. East Rutherford and North Arlington provided ladder trucks, as Rutherford's had currently been out of commission due to a mechanical failure.

A Rutherford firefighter suffered a minor foot injury and an East Rutherford EMS squad member sustained a hand injury. The Bergen County Arson Squad is investigating. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*

## New Year's Eve Fire Displaces Heights Families

At about 2:53 a.m., on December 31, 2012, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department responded to a call at a Harrison Avenue home.

Upon arrival, the Department found heavy fire on the upper stories of a two-family home.

Fire Chief Richard Giaratana assumed command and First Assistant Fire Chief Pat Hayes assigned operations.

HH Engine 616 connected to the hydrant at Harrison and Terrace, and WR 905 connected to the hydrant at Summit and Harrison. Heights raised its ladder.

The attack began by stretching two 1 3/4" lines into

the front door, and a third line around back -- with water on the fire by 3:02 a.m.

Although upon arrival, the HH Police reported that there were no occupants in the structure, HHFD sent in a search and rescue team with the initial attack.

Firefighters were making progress, but the attic was out of control and firefighters withdrew to a defensive attack.

Using the deck gun on Engine 2, they knocked down the heavy fire and crews returned to put out the fire.

Time from arrival to knock down was 14 minutes. The fire, to include checking for extensions, was under control in 1

hour and 15 minutes.

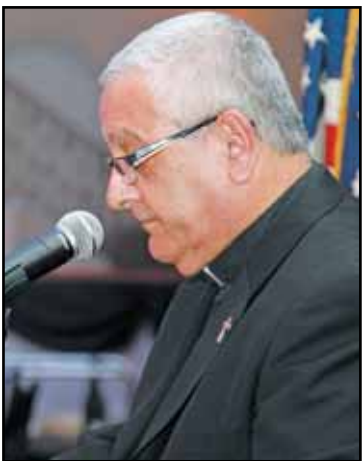
Mutual aid response included: Wood-Ridge pumper, Moonachie FD and EMS, Wallington FAST Team and pumper, Little Ferry ladder and Lodi ladder. Also Hackensack Mass Service Unit was present to fill air packs.

The HH DPW was notified to respond for ice conditions on the roadway near the fire scene.

Two families were displaced: four adults and two dogs made it out of the house okay.

No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. *Damien Danis Photos. ###*





# Wood-Ridge Fire Department 2013 Installation Dinner

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department held their Annual Installation Dinner on January 12, 2013, at the **Fiesta**. The Master of Ceremonies was Wood-Ridge Firefighter Philip Miuccio who made welcoming remarks. The Ceremony began with the introduction of Officers for 2013, with Chief Scott Russo being led in by a bagpiper. The Pledge of Allegiance by First Assistant Chief Ronald Phillips Jr., and Invocation by WRFD Chaplain, Deacon Nick Valdez, followed. The Fire Department Offi-

cers were sworn in by NJ Senator and Wood-Ridge Mayor, Paul Sarlo, with the Bible held by Chief Russo's mother Anna, and his son, Michael. The 2013 Officers are: Chief of Department Scott Russo, First Assistant Chief Ronald Phillips Jr., Second Assistant Chief Kenneth Schulz, Captain Elizabeth Ferry (*the Department's first woman officer*), Lieutenant Michael Cribben, Lieutenant Steven Allegretta, Lieutenant Dennis Kronyak Jr., Corresponding Secretary Gregory Gorab, Recording Secretary Thomas Bischoff Jr.

and Treasurer Ronald Phillips. The Emergency Squad Officers were sworn in by Mayor Paul Sarlo, with the Bible held by Kelly Cribben. 2013 WRFD Emergency Squad Officers - Captain Eric Yapple, Lieutenant Justin Berta, Corresponding Secretary Corey Sherman, Recording Secretary Elizabeth Ferry and Treasurer Steve Sarracino. Remarks were made by Ex-Chief Paul Clemente followed by presentations from mutual aid departments, and members of the Wood-Ridge Fire Department.

A presentation was made to Thomas Gonnella in recognition and appreciation of his 12 years as Fire Commissioner. Presentations were made by WRFD to Mutual Aid Departments for their support when WRFD was without a Ladder. Chief Russo spoke expressing his gratitude for the continuing support from the Mayor and Council, The Department, his family and his vision for the new year. Former WRFD firefighter Eric Velez provided a video tribute.

Borough Administrator Chris Eilert, Mayor Sarlo and Fire Commissioner Dominick Azzolini made remarks. Emergency Squad Captain Eric Yapple presented Gregory Gorab with his Ex-Captain badge and expressed the Squad's gratitude for his many years of service. The traditional toast was given by firefighter Philip Miuccio. The concluding Benediction was given by Fr. Richard Mucowski, Pastor of Assumption Church. ###





## Lodi Fire Department New Officers for 2013 Take Oath

On Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 7 p.m., the new officers of the Lodi Fire Department for the year 2013 were sworn into office by the Mayor and Council at the regular monthly meeting. Lieutenants were sworn in by Councilwoman Patricia Licata, Captains by Councilman Bruce Masopust, Assistant Chiefs by Deputy Mayor Laura Cima, and Chief Matt Lombardi was sworn in by Mayor Marc Shrieks. Department Officers for 2013: Rescue Truck Company #1 Chief Matt Lombardi, Captain Joseph DeFalco, Lieutenant Edward Garbarino, Hose Company #1, 1st Assistant Chief Keith Bruining, Captain Louis Ruffel Jr., Lieutenant Nelson Garzon, Fire Company #1, 2nd Assistant Chief Adam Bene, Captain Ryan Walters, Lieutenant Patrick Licata, Hose Company #2, 3rd Assistant Chief Darren Yuhass, Captain Steven Cassiello, Lieutenant William Scandiffio. ###



Outgoing 2012 Chief Floyd Novak, 2013 Chief John Ruff, Deputy Chief Marty Loesner, Battalion Chief Tony DiBlasio, Captains Joe Monteleone and Michael Mickendrow, Lieutenants Rob Cordasco and Tina Cappadonna. Photo by Erik Velez.

## Little Ferry Fire Department 2013 Officers Take Oath

On Friday, December 21, 2012, the Little Ferry Mayor and Council held a special meeting for the annual reorganization of the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Floyd Novak 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 2013, and upon motion, was accepted.

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

Henriquez presented a plaque and Ex-Chief badge to

Floyd Novak, then presented the white helmet to new Fire Chief John Ruff. Additionally, Henriquez swore in Hose Company #1's first female line officer, Tina Cappadonna.

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



## Carlstadt Fire Department 2013 Officers Take Oath of Office

On the evening of January 4, 2013, the Carlstadt Fire Department installed its 2013 Officers in a ceremony held in the Borough's council chambers.

The evening opened with 2012 Fire Chief Daniel J. Eckert being presented his Ex-Chief's badge by Carlstadt Mayor William Roseman, who also congratulated the Chief on a job well done during his term as Chief.

The ceremonies then moved to the 2013 officers taking their oaths of office with the Chief of the Department for 2013 Jarrett Milligan receiving his Chief's badge from his wife, Jen, daughter, Quinn and Rhode Island firefighter Sean Donahue, Assistant Chief Robbie Popejoy receiving his badge from his wife, Terry and son, Michael, Deputy Chief Thomas Sabia receiving his badge from his wife, Karen, and daughter, Melissa, and Battalion Chief Tony D'Amico receiving his badge from his wife, Alyssa, mother, Carmela and brother, Felix.

Following the Department Chiefs taking their oath, the

officers of each Company of the Carlstadt Fire Department took their oath of office with Mayor William Roseman presiding.

This year's officers are: President of the Board Daniel J. Eckert, from Engine Company One, Captain Dennis Kronyak Jr., 1st Lieutenant Steve Capuano and 2nd Lieutenant Steven Lahullier, Engine Company Two Captain John Harr, 1st Lieutenant TJ Ondrof and 2nd Lieutenant Walter Stankiewicz, Engine Company Three, Captain Matt Moran, 1st Lieutenant Gene Popejoy, and 2nd Lieutenant Gary Colombo, Truck Company One, Captain Daniel J. Eckert, 1st Lieutenant Thomas Llewellyn and 2nd Lieutenant Steve Sass Jr., Rescue Company, Captain Henry Riveros, 1st Lieutenant Jason Colombo and 2nd Lieutenant Joseph Biggy.

At the conclusion of all officers receiving their oath of office, 2013 Fire Chief Jarrett Milligan presented Battalion Chief Tony D'Amico with his Chief's white helmet. Story by Daniel J. Eckert. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



## HHFD 2013 Officers Take Oath of Office

During the Hasbrouck Heights reorganization meeting on January 1, 2013, Mayor Rose Heck administered the Oath of Office to the Fire Department Officers. Mayor Heck swore in Fire Chief Richard Giarratana, First Assistant Chief Patrick Hayes and Second As-

sistant Chief Angelo Roccamo, and the Department officers as a group. The 2013 Officers are:

- Engine Company One: Captain Robert Pietz, Lt. Kevin Todd.

- Engine Company 2: Captain Robert Knobloch, Lt. David Gumbrecht.

- Hook and Ladder Company One: Captain Peter Kolodziej, Lt. Jeffrey Rubino.

- Rescue Squad: Captain Bernardo Valente, Lt. James Halloran.

- Ambulance Squad: Captain John Riordan, Lt. Elizabeth Waring. ###





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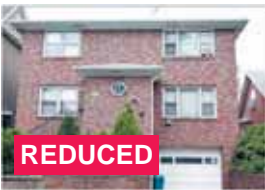
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